Brooklands Church

#37 – Sunday 11 October 2026

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."
Mark 2:27

Dear friends

What a brilliant family service we enjoyed last week. As has been mentioned, we will continue in this new rhythm of including one family service every month where the children and young people will be part of our whole time of worship. We understand that age-appropriate teaching and discipleship is important but we don't want to do this at the expense of practicing what it means to be the full family of God.

Next month, on the 1st November, our family service will include baptisms and membership. If you would be interested in either of these please speak to me as there is still time for you to be included. Please also be in prayer for this very important gathering.

This morning we are returning to our series in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus will remind us that at the heart of Law is love of God and people and will use this to challenge the legalistic approach his accusers put to him.

I am hoping next week to include the plans for Advent and Christmas. Again, this is an important season in the life of the church so please be in prayer for us during this season.

Speaking of prayer, this week marks the international week of prayer. To mark this, Jon Fisher has arranged a special prayer gathering in the church this Saturday morning. Jon has worked hard on this and each participant will receive a comprehensive resource book to help with your prayers. Speak to Jon if you would like more information about this.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Terence Strong, following a short illness. Our hearts go out to Sheila and all the family as they mourn the loss of someone so dear to them. As a church family, we want to surround them with our love and prayers, asking that they will know the gentle comfort, strength and peace of our loving Heavenly Father in the days and weeks ahead.

Every Blessing,

Mick

COMING UP AT BROOKLANDS

Saturday, 10 October 2026
09:30 AM | Men's fellowship.

Sunday, 11 October 2026
10:30 AM | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Mick Kane.

Tuesday, 13 October 2026
10:00 AM | Computer Support Group.
07:00 PM | Mick's Bible study at church.

Wednesday, 14 October 2026
10:00 AM | Toddle-In.
05:00 PM | FoodCycle. Free community meal.

Thursday, 15 October 2026
11:00 AM | Community Café and Food Pantry.
02:00 PM | Lucy's Bible study at church.
07:30 PM | Choir practice.

Saturday, 17 October 2026
09:00 AM | Prayer Breakfast. See Jon Fisher for details.

Sunday, 18 October 2026
10:30 AM | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Mick Kane.

Saturday, 24 October 2026
09:00 AM | Grief Support. See Jon Fisher for details.

Friday, 27 November 2026
06:00 PM | Women's Wreath Making Evening.

Friday, 5 February 2027
Beautifully Bold - BISD Women's Retreat. 5-7 Feb 2027, Northampton. https://www.bisdwomensretreat.org.uk.

Daily Readings and Prayers

DATE	PRAY FOR	READING
Mon, 12 Oct 2026	Marion Tewksbury	Ephesians 6:10–24
Tue, 13 Oct 2026	John Torkington and Catherine Langley	Philippians 1:1–26
Wed, 14 Oct 2026	Jade and Chris Vasilios and Family	Philippians 1:27–2:11
Thu, 15 Oct 2026	Jean and David Walker	Philippians 2:12–30
Fri, 16 Oct 2026	Margaret Webb	Philippians 3
Sat, 17 Oct 2026	Simon Whitworth	Philippians 4
Sun, 18 Oct 2026	Siobhan Wilson	Colossians 1:1–23







Church Prayers

- Remember Sheila Strong and the family, pray that God's presence will sustain them through this difficult time.
- Pray for Val Batty's brother, John, who has lung cancer is receiving palliative care.
- Pray for the sons of Hilary May, Scott and Craig, who are both experiencing health challenges at the moment.
- John Wittams had cataract surgery on 9th October. Please be in prayer for him as he recovers.
- Pray for Tim Crompton's wife, Sarah, who had an ECG recently and has been experiencing palpitations.
- Pray for Paula Davenport who has been in hospital recently.
- We give thanks that Rebekah McLachlan's most recent check-up was clear again. Rebekah has now been moved to 6 monthly check-ups.
- Continue to pray for Lorraine Graham and Bill in these days.
- Pray for Bill and Sue Ellis as they navigate a range of recent challenges pertaining to health and other related things.
- Pray for Michelle Bean who broke her hip and needed replacement surgery.
- Pray for Brenda, a friend of Peter Grady, who is receiving end of life care at the moment.
- Pray for Herbert McGonigle who is receiving care at home.
- We have been praying for Henry, aged 8. Following investigations it was decided that his heart valve can be repaired as opposed to replaced. This is good news. Continue to pray.
- Please pray for Linda Thomas, who attends our digital group. Linda is experiencing severe pain from a back problem.
- Pray for Darcie, a young girl from Scotland we have been praying for. Darcie had an appointment recently following a concern from a recent scan. Please continue to pray.
- Pray for David Hoolihan who continues his treatment for Myeloma.
- Pray for Peter Evans who is sadly no longer well enough to be with us at church on Sundays.
- Pray for Grace, the granddaughter of Sue Cooley, who is going though a very difficult time at the moment.
- Pray for Roman, who is connected to us through Jean Walker, as he continues to recover from a serious brain injury.

If you have any prayer requests for inclusion in this weekly list, please contact Pastor Mick, Pastor Lucy, or Mark Bolton.

Sunday 11 October 2026

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
We belong to God.
When we feel overwhelmed,
God is on our side.
When we are afraid,
God will keep us safe.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Lord!

And Can It Be

Verse 1
And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God should die for me?
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That Thou my God should die for me?

Verse 2
'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love Divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
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Let angel minds inquire no more.

Verse 3
He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me

Verse 4
Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth and followed Thee
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth and followed Thee

Verse 5
No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown
through Christ my own
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And claim the crown
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In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Verse 1
What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus 1
O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2
What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3
Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Reading: Mark 2:18–3:6

18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were
fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus,
'How is it that John's disciples and the
disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours
are not?'
19 Jesus answered, 'How can the guests of the
bridegroom fast while he is with them? They
cannot, so long as they have him with them.
20 But the time will come when the
bridegroom will be taken from them, and on
that day they will fast.
21 'No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on
an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will
pull away from the old, making the tear worse.
22 And no one pours new wine into old
wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the
skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will
be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new
wineskins.'
23 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the
cornfields, and as his disciples walked along,
they began to pick some ears of corn.
24 The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are
they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?'
25 He answered, 'Have you never read what
David did when he and his companions were
hungry and in need?
26 In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he
entered the house of God and ate the
consecrated bread, which is lawful only for
priests to eat. And he also gave some to his
companions.'
27 Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was
made for man, not man for the Sabbath.
28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the
Sabbath.'
3:1 Another time Jesus went into the
synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand
was there.
2 Some of them were looking for a reason to
accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to
see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.
3 Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled
hand, 'Stand up in front of everyone.'
4 Then Jesus asked them, 'Which is lawful on
the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save
life or to kill?' But they remained silent.
5 He looked around at them in anger and,
deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts,
said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He
stretched it out, and his hand was completely
restored.
6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to
plot with the Herodians how they might kill
Jesus.

How Great Is Our God

Verse 1
The splendour of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus
How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2
And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Tag
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
(Repeat)