Brooklands Church

#38 – Sunday 18 October 2026

"Who are my mother and my brothers?"
Mark 3: 33

Dear friends

As we continue on in our series through the Gospel of Mark we see above that Jesus asks a very challenging question. By asking, "who are my mother and my brothers?" Jesus is redefining family in the Kingdom of God to include the family of God. This challenges us to widen our circle of trust as we journey in Christ together. Join us as we wrestle with this together.

This Sunday and Next Sunday we will be uplifting our annual Harvest Offering in the form of non perishable food items for our local food ministries in Brooklands. The items will be split between our own Food Pantry and the local Food Bank. See the notice below for a list of desired items.

On Sunday November 1st we will be having a baptism and membership service. If you are interested in either of these please speak to me and I will explain the process to you.

The funeral of Terry Strong will take place on Friday 30th October at 10.45am at Macclesfield Crematorium. Please continue to be in prayer for Sheila and the family in these days

On the horizon is Advent and Christmas. I have included a graphic below with the plans including some special events during the season. Please be in prayer for this important time in the life of the church.

Every Blessing,

Mick

Daily Readings and Prayers

DATE	PRAY FOR	READING
Mon, 19 Oct 2026	John and Ann Wittams	Colossians 1:24–2:15
Tue, 20 Oct 2026	Steven Woods	Colossians 2:16–3:17
Wed, 21 Oct 2026	Carol Wray	Colossians 3:18–4:18
Thu, 22 Oct 2026	McDonald Amopho	1 Thessalonians 1:1–2:16
Fri, 23 Oct 2026	Arthur Basnett	1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:13
Sat, 24 Oct 2026	Val Batty	1 Thessalonians 4
Sun, 25 Oct 2026	Sarah Bayliss	1 Thessalonians 5

COMING UP AT BROOKLANDS

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.

Tuesday, 20 October 2026
10:00 AM | Computer Support Group.
07:00 PM | Mick's Bible study at church.

Wednesday, 21 October 2026
10:00 AM | Toddle-In.
05:00 PM | FoodCycle. Free community meal.

Thursday, 22 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, 24 October 2026
09:00 AM | Grief Support. See Jon Fisher for details.

Sunday, 25 October 2026
10:30 AM | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Mick Kane.

Friday, 30 October 2026
10:45 AM | Funeral of Terence Strong. Macclesfield Crematorium.

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.

Harvest Appeal

FOR BROOKLANDS CHURCH

We are collecting non-perishable food and household items to support local people in need.



Thank you

- Tinned meat/Veg
- Tinned veg/Fruit
- Biscuits
- **Coffee**
- **Tea Bags**
- **Sugar**
- Milk (UHT)
- Jam
- Custard/Rice Pudding
- Crisps/Chocolate
- Washing Powder
- Washing up Liquid
- **Toiletries**

We have a particular need for these items.

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Advent and Christmas 2026

Sunday 29th November
10.30am Morning Service / Advent 1
6.30pm Remembering Service

Sunday 6th December
10.30am Morning Service / Communion / Advent 2
1.00pm Carols in the Park @ Wythenshawe Hall (TBC)

Sunday 13th December
10.30am Family Service / Kids Church Nativity / Advent 3
After the Service Christmas Party

Sunday 20th December
10.30am Morning Service / Advent 4
6.30pm Carol Service

Friday 25th December
10.30am Christmas Morning Family Service

Sunday 27th December
10.30am Morning Service

Sunday 3rd January
10.30am Morning Service

Christmas WREATH Workshop

Ladies Fellowship

Friday 27 November
6pm - 8pm
Brooklands Church
£10
All materials provided

Everyone welcome!

BISD

Women's RETREAT

A weekend of fellowship, worship and renewal

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th February 2027



Highgate House
Christian Conference Centre
Highgate House, Grooms Ln, Creaton, Northampton NN6 8NN

Deposit	Single room	Shared room	Teenagers 13+
£65	£230	£215	£90

All are welcome!

Church Prayers

- Pray for Sheila Strong and family following the sudden death of Sheila's husband, Terry. Terry's funeral will take place on Friday 30th October, 10.45am at Macclesfield Crematorium.
- Pray for Bill Ellis whose brother has entered end of life care.
- 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.
- We give thanks that Adam Bolton and his family have found new accommodation following a recent house fire in which they lost all of their possessions. This is answer to prayer.
- Continue to pray for Paula Davenport.
- 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 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.
- Pray for Ada Savu who remains unwell.
- Pray for Phoebe, who is a granddaughter of a friend of Lesley, Brenda and Helen. Phoebe had a liver transplant recently.

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

Sunday 18 October 2026

Call to Worship

Oh How Good It Is

Verse 1
Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us

Chorus 1
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

Verse 2
Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging

Verse 3
Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

For The Fruits Of His Creation

Verse 1
For the fruits of His creation
Thanks be to God
For His gifts to every nation
Thanks be to God
For the ploughing sowing reaping
Silent growth while we are sleeping
Future needs in earth's safe keeping
Thanks be to God

Verse 2
In the just reward of labour
God's will is done
In the help we give our neighbour
God's will is done
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing
In the harvests we are sharing
God's will is done

Verse 3
For the harvests of His Spirit
Thanks be to God
For the good we all inherit
Thanks be to God
For the wonders that astound us
For the truths that still confound us
Most of all that love has found us
Thanks be to God

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1
What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2
The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3
No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4
With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Verse 1
Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Mortals give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore

Chorus 1
Lift up your heart lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Verse 2
Jesus the Saviour reigns
The God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above

Verse 3
His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given

Verse 4
He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit
And bow to His command
And fall beneath His feet

Verse 5
Rejoice in glorious hope
Jesus the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home

Chorus 2
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice
The trump of God shall sound rejoice

Reading: Mark 3:13–35

13 Jesus went up on a mountainside and called
to him those he wanted, and they came to
him.
14 He appointed twelve that they might be
with him and that he might send them out to
preach
15 and to have authority to drive out demons.
16 These are the twelve he appointed: Simon
(to whom he gave the name Peter);
17 James son of Zebedee and his brother John
(to them he gave the name Boanerges, which
means 'sons of thunder'),
18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew,
Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus,
Simon the Zealot
19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.
20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a
crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples
were not even able to eat.
21 When his family heard about this, they went
to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out
of his mind.'
22 And the teachers of the law who came
down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by
Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is
driving out demons.'
23 So Jesus called them over to him and
began to speak to them in parables: 'How can
Satan drive out Satan?
24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that
kingdom cannot stand.
25 If a house is divided against itself, that
house cannot stand.
26 And if Satan opposes himself and is
divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.
27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's
house without first tying him up. Then he can
plunder the strong man's house.
28 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all
their sins and every slander they utter,
29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy
Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of
an eternal sin.'
30 He said this because they were saying, 'He
has an impure spirit.'
31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived.
Standing outside, they sent someone in to call
him.
32 A crowd was sitting round him, and they
told him, 'Your mother and brothers are
outside looking for you.'
33 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he
asked.
34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle
round him and said, 'Here are my mother and
my brothers!
35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and
sister and mother.'

If Christ Is Mine

Verse 1
If Christ is mine I need no more
He is the greatest gift of all
The one who angel hosts adore
Now has me safely in His hold
His life my life His death my death
All mine His every righteous breath
My precious child the Father cries
When all of Christ is all of mine

Verse 2
If Christ is mine my guilt is gone
It died with Him upon the tree
The weight of sin I held so long
Was laid on Jesus there for me
O sweet forgiveness precious peace
Condemned no more my soul is free
My weary burden cast aside
When all of Christ is all of mine

Verse 3
If Christ is mine I will not fear
Though many stand against His name
Above their noise His voice is clear
Behold I've overcome the grave
My living Lord my risen king
What's left to fear if I'm with Him
For death is swallowed up in life
When all of Christ is all of mine

Verse 4
What joy to know that Christ is mine
Who holds me ever in His love
The sure foundation of my life
Whose grace will always be enough
Though all I have is stripped away
Still I rejoice for Christ remains
And when He comes He'll lift me high
For all of Christ is all of mine