

Brookside News

Sunday 17th September 2017



Meeting Leader: Chris Doughty and Friends

Band Leader: Isaac Robinson

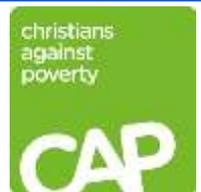
To be a transformational community empowered to courageously reveal Jesus
and His Kingdom wherever we go

What's On This Week...

Tues 19 th	18:00	Hey Tuesday!	Group for children in years 1 –5 .
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Wed 20 th	9:45	Busy Bees	Toddler group. Parents and Carers welcome
	14:00	Open Door	Coffee and Cake Contact: Joyce Goodwin for details
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Thur 21 st	19:30	CAP Money Course	For further details see below
	18:00	Emerge	Discipleship group for years 11+
	19:30	Youth Home Night	Speak to Chris doughty for further details
Fri 22 nd	07:00	Morning Prayer	An hour for prayer at Brookside: speak to Chris Mitchell or Isobelle Doughty for more details
	10:30	FitFish	Fitness & Nutirion group see over.
Sun 24 th	9:30	Prayer meeting	
	10:30	Encounter Meeting	The meeting will be led by a team Band Leader: Rob Cooke PA: Keith Penn Visuals: Stu Gordon

Cap Course—Wednesday 20th September

Just a reminder that if you are interested in booking onto the CAP money course starting this week, please contact Michelle McInnes on 0778 722 4663.



Brookside Buildings & Fundraising

Welcome to our newly refurbished worship area. We are so grateful to John Kemp and the team who have been working incredibly hard over recent weeks to complete as much of the refurbishment as possible so we could move back in today. There are still a number of things to finish off, but we hope you'll agree it's looking fantastic.

Over the summer we received a grant of £15,000 from the Laing Trust (specifically designated for refurbishment of the building). We're so grateful for their generosity.

We now need to raise the funds for the next phase of this project. So please continue to prayerfully consider if you can give towards this, or if you know anyone who may like to contribute financially towards this project. Please put designated gifts in the offering (marked 'Building Fund') or email names to fundraising@brooksidechurch.org.uk and we will consider the best approach to people. If you'd like to know more about this project, please pick up a copy of our fundraising brochure.



One Encounter With God Changes Everything

In response to a prompting from God we are doing things differently when we gather together for four weeks—this is our second week. Our goal is to create more time and space to encounter Father God in fresh ways together, gathering with an expectation to give praise and worship to Him, and to minister to one another as we all listen to the Holy Spirit.

During this time we will gather initially as a whole church family for the first part of our time together. After the children go to their groups, we will continue in praise and worship (or however the Holy Spirit leads). We won't have any pre-arranged speakers: our goal will be to simply give time and space for the Holy Spirit to move among us, and for us to love Jesus and encounter the Father's love in fresh ways – without any limits created by planned items. Other notices and communications will be kept to an absolute minimum so we will all need to make an extra effort to absorb important information that will be communicated in different ways.

Although there will be clear leadership from an oversight team and the band, we want to empower and release you to be led primarily by the Holy Spirit. Each week there are various 'stations' (creative materials, communion, prayer ministry, journaling, etc) and we encourage you to be proactive in using these. There is also a 'What is God saying' board where we want to capture anything you feel God is saying to us (words, pictures, words of knowledge) rather than bringing these to the front.



FitFish at Brookside with Still The Hunger

Fitfish is a unique and exciting initiative inspiring, motivating and enabling people to get the balance right between physical, spiritual and emotional health. They will be running fitness and nutrition sessions for Still The Hunger clients on Fridays 10.30—11.30am (starting 22nd September), but open to anyone. There's a minimal charge for each session. Speak to Bev Hutton for more details.



Still the Hunger is a Christian mental health recovery programme for people suffering with emotional difficulties, such as depression, anxiety, eating disorders, self harm, and other dysfunctional coping mechanisms. For more details, please contact to Bev Hutton—beverley@stillthehunger.co.uk

Prayer Diary 18th-24th September 2017

Monday: Pray for those affected by Hurricane Irma, especially in the poorest islands of the Caribbean.

- That necessary supplies and help with reconstruction may reach devastated areas quickly and continue as long as needed. That God will comfort those bereaved or traumatised by events.

Tuesday: Pray for the Rohingya refugees.

- That sufficient supplies of food and water reach them quickly. That they may be able to return to their homeland with peace and safety guaranteed.

Wednesday: Pray for peace to be maintained despite the North Korean nuclear threat.

- That the United Nations will remain solid in support of sanctions. That God will restrain the leadership of the countries involved.

Thursday: Pray for the relief efforts after the catastrophic flooding in India, Nepal and Bangladesh

- That God will touch the hearts of nations, charities and individuals to give generously.
- That He will comfort the bereaved, homeless and destitute.

Friday: Pray for the areas in Sierra Leone which have experienced severe flooding and landslides, killing many hundreds of people.

- That this disaster will not be overlooked in the cascade of news about other areas and will receive the help it needs. That God will help those who are caring for their neighbours in his name.

Saturday: Pray for those in East Africa, still affected by the drought which forced many to eat their seed grain and their cattle and leave home to find food.

- Pray that God will send the necessary rain this month for seeds to grow food for next year.
- Pray that wealthy nations will support these desperate people.

Sunday: Pray for the thousands of people displaced by war in Syria and Iraq, now living as refugees in Lebanon, which has its own problems.

- Pray for all those working to bring adequate housing, health, food, education to such people.
- Pray for the miracle of peace in this region.

E-prayer chain: If you would like our e-prayer group to pray for you, a friend, neighbour or family member, please contact Pat Bevan on 0118 9611937 or e-mail; nigelandpat.bevan@btinternet.com

Pastoral Care and Support

Most pastoral care and support happens naturally through small groups and relationships across the church. However, sometimes extra support is needed, and we have a pastoral team who can help you find this if the need arises. Please contact Peter Munday, Anita Prince, Malcolm or Rose Godbeer or the church office.

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