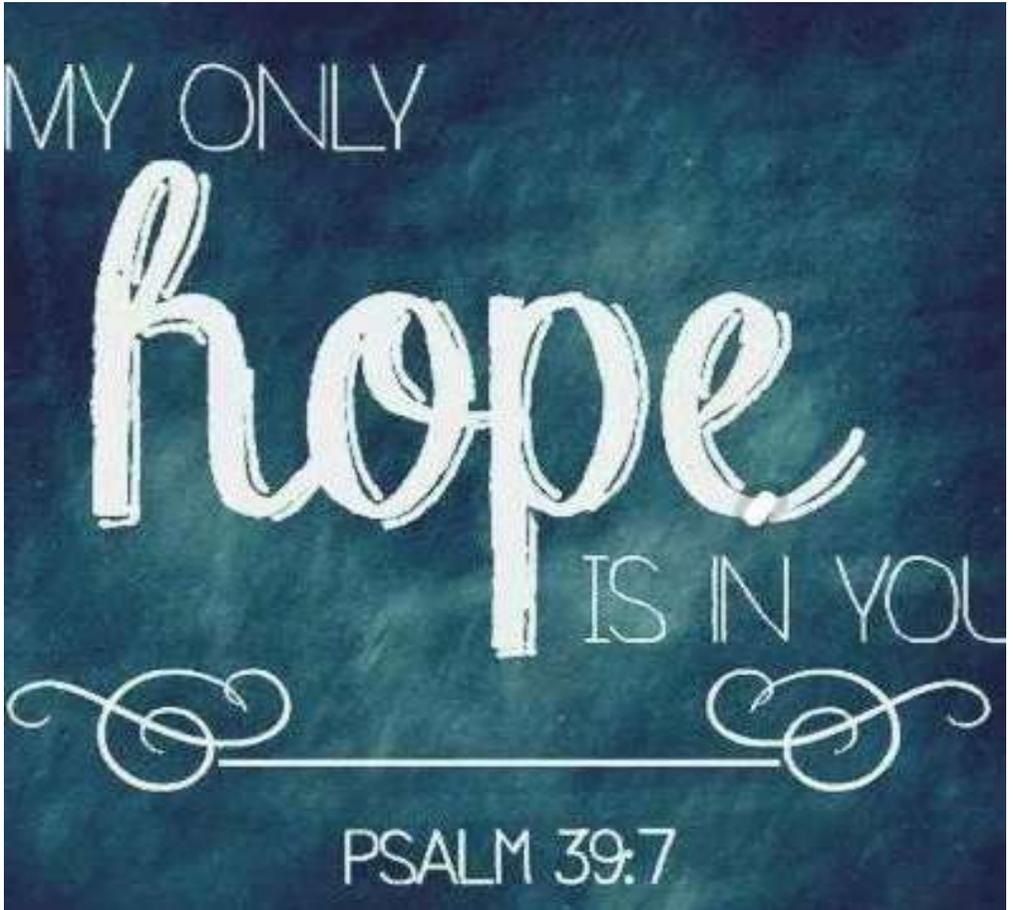


Brookside News

Sunday 23rd April 2017

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Meeting Leader: Jo Gordon

Life Stories: Palmira Davey-Marin & Rob Cooke

Band Leader: Indy Nottage

What's On This Week...

Sun 23 rd	19:30	Pentecost Session	See opposite
Mon 24 th	13:30	Ladies Bible study	Speak to Beth Munday for further details
Tues 25 th	16:00	Chat Room	Discipleship group for years 9+
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details)
Wed 26 th	9:45	Busy Bees	Toddler Group
	14:00	Open Door	Coffee and cake. Contact: Joyce Goodwin for details
	19:30	Forging Stronger Families	Evening for parents—see below
	Evening	Small Groups	In various locations. (Contact Lynn Chetcuti for more details).
Thurs 27 th	18:00	Emerge	See Chris Doughty for further details
	19:30	Youth Home Night	See Chris Doughty for further details
Fri 28 th	07:00	Brookside Morning Prayer	An hour for prayer at Brookside—see below.
Sun 30 th	9:30	Prayer Meeting	In the Church Office
	10:30	Morning Meeting	Meeting Leader: Stuart Mitchell
			Band Leader: Isaac Robinson
			PA: Keith Penn
			Visuals : Stu Gordon

Brookside Morning Prayer: Fridays, 7 - 8am at Brookside

Come and join us as we gather to pray. We've already seen some dramatic answers to prayer in the few weeks since we've started meeting. Coffee will be ready and waiting! If you'd like to know more, speak to Chris Mitchell.

Charity Concert In aid of Jubilee Sailing Trust: Saturday May 20th at 2.30 pm, Brookside Church

Jubilee Sailing Trust uses tall ship sailing to give greater confidence and experience to disabled people. Currently it has two tall ships – Lord Nelson and Tenacious – which sail the deep oceans with mixed ability crews. This fundraising concert will feature Hand-bell ringers, a choir and David Goodwin playing violin. Tickets are £5 if purchased in advance, or £6 on the door—refreshments will be available.



Would you like to explore the basics of the Christian Faith ?

An **Alpha Course** will be starting at Brookside on Wednesday 3rd May and will run each Wednesday through until 12th July. This course gives a great opportunity to explore questions about life, faith & God. Invitations and further information are available at the back of the church or from Andy Morris or Terese Sturdy. Please also speak to Andy or Terese if you can help by providing food or assisting to serve.



Pentecost Session tonight 7.30pm

Pentecost Session 3 with special guest band from **Open Heaven Church**, Loughborough takes place tonight. Come and experience the presence of God as we wait, worship and pray. Please bring family and friends of all ages.

All was lost, The spirit came. They turned the world upside down.



A Way of Life, A Way of Love: Brookside Church For Children and Youth

We love providing a context for children and young people from the church and local community to get to know one another better, and to explore spirituality. Some groups and activities run weekly, some are fortnightly, and others are less frequent—check out our website for specific dates for each group—www.brooksidechurch.org.uk:

- **Chat Room:** for Years 9+, 4pm on Tuesdays, fortnightly.
- **Hey Tuesday:** for Years 1-5, 6-7pm on Tuesdays.
- **Fun Club:** for Year 6, 6pm on Tuesdays, fortnightly.
- **Emerge:** for Year 11+, 6pm on Thursdays, weekly.
- **GGBB:** for Year 9+ girls, 6.30pm on Thursdays, fortnightly.
- **Home Night:** for Year 7+, 7.30pm on Thursdays, weekly.
- **The Next Big Thing:** for Year 7+, during our Sunday morning meetings
- **Church Camp AM:** a monthly fun and interactive morning of craft, games, worship (third Sunday) for Years 1-6, 10.30am at Brookside. Under 5s are welcome but must be accompanied.
- **Church Camp:** A residential camp at the beautiful Rushall Farm for years 7+, including fun days for primary aged children. More info to follow, but dates this year are Saturday 19th—Thursday 24th August.

Learn for Life Open Night: 3rd May, 7:30pm

This evening provides a chance for people with an interest and a heart for schools to come and experience Learn4Life in action. There will be an opportunity to see some of the activities and lessons that are taken into schools, and a chance to pray for local schools, students and staff. It takes place at Kennet Valley Free Church, Carters Rise, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7YT. Speak to Beth Munday for more information.



Forging Stronger Families: Wednesday 26th April, 7:45pm

How are you doing as a parent? Come and explore some great teaching on topics such as open communication, respect and rituals & traditions. We will start promptly at 8.00pm and finish no later than 9.15pm. For further details please speak to Rebecca Robinson



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Prayer diary 24-30th April 2017 : God's Amazing Plan

On Easter Sunday Steve gave out new £1 coins with some verses to match each side of the coin, and asked us to look them up at home. Here are the verses, which set out God's wonderful plan of salvation for us through Jesus Christ. Let us read the passage slowly each day, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us as we take time to consider what we are reading, then thank God for his wonderful gift to us.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will (Ephesians 1:3-6) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.' (Galatians 3:13) This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. (Acts 2:23) God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. (Romans 3:25) God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. (Colossians 1:13) Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54-57) So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith (Galatians 3:26) If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17) You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

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.