

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Brooklands Nazarene Church

Update

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Drawing people closer to God:  
Loving, Growing, Serving



**Well – this is different!** We warmly welcome you to reading 'Update' - as part of our enforced 'scattered church' gathering, and we observe 'social distancing' in order to keep ourselves - and our community - safer from coronavirus harm.

It's a new thing for all of us. We have often heard people pray asking that '*God would do a new thing*' amongst us, but we never envisioned something like this. This past week many churches have started to offer a Digital Church service.

So, **welcome to all who are able to join our new Brooklands Digital Morning Service!**

**On this Mothering Sunday**, Revd Kat Wood has kindly recorded her Mothers' Day message and it will be streamed to all those with access to social media, especially addressing the mums, and children too. After a short introduction, Kat will be speaking to our Brooklands Church family, including mums, dads & children! So if your children are around, make sure they are with you!

**For those without access to social media**, we suggest this Sunday you might tune in to **Songs of Praise** [BBC1 1.15pm] and join in with the worship service there. Next week's *Update* sheet **will include a meditation** based on the message Karl will be giving online then. We hope to have audio recordings available later.

**Please be assured of our prayers for one another this week.** Our prayer Update for the coming week, with readings and people to pray for, is found on the other side as usual. If you have an email address please let us know, because if you prefer we could send you the Update sheet and news and notices by email. If you have a phone we could contact you on, please let us know. If we can help you in any way (perhaps with shopping), **please do call us.**

This may all seem a little strange, but isn't it true that **God is with us all** – ALL of the time, even when we are the church scattered?

Scattered though we may be, whether all over Manchester or country or even the whole world, God is with us. He is with you, confined as you may be in your home now. We trust you will feel his presence as you watch Songs of Praise later with other believers.

**May the Lord Himself bless you all!** Until next week then, God bless.

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### Prayers & Readings for this week

- We pray today that despite our solitude that we may sense the closer presence of God, more than ever before
- We pray for John B, & Jon F, & Jon's son Drew who has been made redundant. We think of others struggling to retain a wage to pay bills etc.
- Is there someone on their own we could pray for and phone today?
- We pray for the whole world, presently engulfed with the same challenges; our neighbours, family & friends. Lord God, come to our aid and help us we pray. Amen.

<b>Monday</b>	Reading Luke 1:26–45 Pray for Peter Evans & family
<b>Tuesday</b>	Reading Luke 1:46–80 Pray for Jon ( <b>Drew</b> & Stephanie, Alex & Mark) Fisher
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reading Luke 2:1–21 Pray for Jamie, Maida, Jimson & Jewell Filoteo
<b>Thursday</b>	Reading Luke 2:22–52 Pray for Sylvia Findlay
<b>Friday</b>	Reading Luke 3:1–22 Pray for <b>Karina</b> Philips and baby Kiyarah
<b>Saturday</b>	Reading: 'Catch up' Pray for Jean & David Hall
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reading Luke 3:23–38 Pray for Lucy Frost

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