

Dear Friends

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15.

A "Happy New Year" to you all! I've uttered this phrase somewhat awkwardly as I've engaged with people in our community this week following some time off. I'm never quite certain at what point of the New Year it becomes 'uncouth' to continue greeting people with those words but since it remains fact that I've not seen most you in 2022 – Happy New Year!

A New Year often presents new opportunities for us as individuals – how are those resolutions going? – but also us as a Church. The leadership of the church, board and pastors, gathered yesterday (Saturday) to pray and seek God's will and vision for Brooklands Chruch of the Nazarene. We want to find a way forward that honours the past, anticipates the future, and above all, glorifies God in our community and communities. We're working towards our end of business year and will present an opportunity to the congregation to pray with and into things at the AGM (date to be confirmed but will be in February sometime).

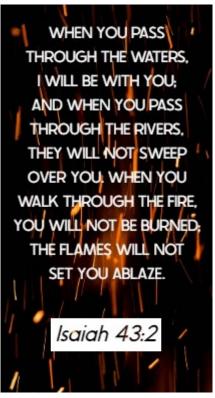
Speaking of the AGM – now is around the time that we need people to be praying into whether they could serve the church as a board member/trustee. If you would like to know more then speak to one of the current board members – I'm happy to point some out to you. You need to be a church member to be elected to the church board.

Speaking of membership, we'll again be looking to bring others into the fellowship of the church in this way. Let me know if you are interested. The same goes for baptism and we'll look to set a date early this year.

On 30th January we'll be gathering with other Churches of the Nazarene via Zoom as part of our morning worship and take communion together. This is a lovely way for us to be reminded of our fellowship with our Nazarene brothers and sisters and celebrate the wider unity we have in Christ. As part of that service we will be uplifting a special offering for the work of the Church of the Nazarene in both Lebanon and Cyprus – we'll be hearing more about what the work looks like in these place both this week and next week.

Blessings,

Mick



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Church Calendar

This week

Date	Event
Sunday 16 January 2022	Morning worship, 10:30 am, Pastor Mick Kane
Wednesday 19 January 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 19 January 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 19 January 2022	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 5:00pm
Thursday 20 January 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 20 January 2022	Bible Study, 2:00 pm at church led by Lucy
Sunday 23 January 2022	Sunday Worship. Pastor Mick will be our speaker

Coming up

Date	Event
28-30 January 2022	Regional weekend of prayer. Information to follow
Saturday 29 January 2022	Illustrating Scripture workshop
Sunday 30 January 2022	British Isles South District joint communion service, 11:30am
11-13 February 2022	Ladies' Weekend - Created to Create

Church Prayers

- Continue to pray for John and Anne Beattie as John's palliative care for cancer continues.
- Pray for the family of Colin Dunbar, a member of our church, who died recently. His funeral will be on Wednesday this week and Pastor Karl will lead with Pastor Mick contributing.
- Pray for others who continue to need healing in these days: Isobel Cave, Jon Fisher and others.
- Pray for the continued work of the Church here in the community of Brooklands, Wythenshawe as new faces continue to engage with us in a number of ways.

Church Prayer and Daily Reading Diary

Monday 17 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 13:1-14:16

Pray for: Jamie, Maida, Jimson & Jewell Filoteo

Tuesday 18 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 14:17-24

Pray for: Sylvia Findlay

Wednesday 19 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 15

Pray for: Tim Geddes

Thursday 20 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 16

Pray for: Peter Grady

Friday 21 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 17

Pray for: Karina Philips and family

Saturday 22 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 18:1-21

Pray for: Jean and David Hall

Sunday 23 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 18:22-33

Pray for: Charmaine Hamnett

Church News

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The second event is the **Creative to Create** ladies weekend away in Northampton, from **Friday 11 February to Sunday 13 February**. This is being hosted by the general Nazarene church, for ladies from all churches across the district.

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Sunday 16 January 2022

Pastor Mick Kane

Jesus changes water into wine

John 2:1-11

- 1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
- 4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."
- 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
- 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.
- 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.
- 8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."
- 11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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Illustrating Scripture Workshop

JOIN US FOR A 2 HOUR WORKSHOP, WHERE WE'LL BE CREATING DIFFERENT EFFECTS WITH HAND-WRITTEN SCRIPTURE, BEFORE ILLUSTRATING WITH SIMPLE, WATERCOLOUR FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE.

SATURDAY JANUARY 29TH, 6PM, CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, BROOKLANDS, M23 9FN: £3 INCL HOT DRINK AND CAKE. BRING YOUR OWN PAINTS AND PENS, AND SHARE OURS TOO IF YOU NEED TO!

EMAIL GILLY FOR MORE INFO: gillianp123@hotmail.co.uk





28 January 2022—24 hours of prayer

The Eurasia Region of the church is asking Nazarenes across the Eurasia Region to join in 24hrs of prayer to start the year, seeking the Lord!

On January 28, 2022, there will be approximately 22 hours of daylight across the region. Prayer will start a hour before the sun rises on Eastern Russia and stop a hour after the sun sets on the Azores.

Please help us spread the word. Local churches, districts and groups will arrange their own 24hr prayer teams. We will all be praying together as the sun rises in the east of our region on January 30th until it sets on the west of our region. What an amazing day of seeking the Lord together it will be.

https://www.eurasiaregion.org/resources/24-hours-prayer/



You are invited to join us for a District

COMMUNION SERVICE

with special Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) emphasis on Lebanon and to hear about the ministry centre to support the Middle East in Cyprus

Sunday 30th January at 11:30am*

During the service, there will be special presentations and an opportunity to give an offering to support the NCM work in Lebanon where there is a severe economic crisis due to Covid, the refugee crisis and the explosion in Beirut a year ago – and the ministry centre in Cyprus.

*Churches will join live from their morning services.



