# Brooklands Church Update—Sunday 6 March 2022





Dear friends

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Above is a variation of the famous prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. This prayer will serve as our call to worship for the season of Lent as we seek to be shaped (again) on the journey to the cross with Christ. As well as this you will receive a resource this morning with suggestions of other ways you can pray and fast along with so many others in the Global church during this meaningful season. It feels like it serves as an appropriate follow-on from our 'Deeper' series.

There are a few things for your attention again this morning. Please speak to me if you need further details on anything:

Easter Sunday will be a special day of celebration. As we worship the resurrected Christ we will also be having a baptism and membership service. Further information on both of these are available from me. It is important that you read the information and have a follow-up conversation with me about them. Membership in the Church of the Nazarene requires the participant to have understood the vow they are taking. This is equally important for Baptism so please speak to me if you would like further information.

A reminder of the Church of the Nazarene District Assembly services next Friday and Saturday. Location and times can be found below. There has been a request for a lift for the Saturday service, during which Lucy will receive her District License and our praise team will be leading. In addition, Jez Smith is being ordained. Many of you will remember Jez and Susanna from their time at Brooklands when Jez studied at NTC. Please let me know if you are able to help with offering a lift to the Saturday service, which starts at 5:30 pm.

We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine. The Church of the Nazarene remains active on the ground and you can find live updates from people connected to us on our Facebook page. Lord, have mercy!

Peace.

Mick

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# **Church Calendar**

### This week

Date	
Sunday 6 March 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick is our speaker
Wednesday 9 March 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 9 March 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 9 March 2022	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 5:00 pm
Thursday 10 March 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 10 March 2022	No Bible study this week
Sunday 13 March 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick will be our speaker
Coming up	
Date	Event

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11-12 March 2022	British Isles South District Assembly, Dukinfield
Friday 6 May 2022	NTC Graduation

#### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

GOD OF PEACE AND JUSTICE, WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY.

WE PRAY FOR PEACE, AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE THAT FEAR FOR TOMORROW, THAT YOUR SPIRIT OF COMFORT WOULD DRAW NEAR TO THEM.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH POWER OVER WAR OR PEACE, FOR WISDOM, DISCERNMENT AND COMPASSION TO GUIDE THEIR DECISIONS.

ABOVE ALL, WE PRAY FOR ALL YOUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN, AT RISK AND IN FEAR, THAT YOU WOULD HOLD AND PROTECT THEM.

WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

AMEN.

(ARCHBISHOPS JUSTIN WELBY AND STEPHEN COTTRELL).

# **Church Prayer and Daily Reading Diary**

### Monday 7 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 44

Pray for: Andraes and Kate

#### **Tuesday 8 March 2022**

Bible reading: Genesis 45

Pray for: Efrain, Nertilla and Samuel

#### Wednesday 9 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 46:1-27

Pray for: Katie and Scott Cameron

#### **Thursday 10 March 2022**

Bible reading: Genesis 46:28-47:12

Pray for: Margaret Webb

#### Friday 11 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 47:13-31

Pray for: Nate, Siye and Elijah Spinaci

#### Saturday 12 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 48

Pray for: Julian and Subo

### Sunday 13 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 49:1–27

Pray for: Nikki and Mathew Armett, Antony, Jessica and family

### **Church News**

#### **British Isles South District Assembly**

A final reminder that the church is holding its district assembly on Friday 11 March and Saturday 12 March 2022, at St. John's Church in Dukinfield. This is the equivalent of our church Annual General Meeting, but it is for the Nazarene churches in our organisational district, which covers most of England and Wales. Steve Boyd, Lucy Frost and Jean Hall were elected at our own AGM will represent Brooklands Church at the event.

There are two worship services as part of the Assembly that all are welcome to attend. Rev Jim Ritchie will be the speaker at the service starting at 7pm on Friday, and Dr Rev David Busic is the speaker for the ordination service at 5pm on Saturday. Our own band will be leading worship in this service, and Lucy will receive her District License. Jez Smith will be ordained at this meeting also. Try to attend either of the services if you are able:

If you need a lift or if you could offer a lift to someone, please let Mick, Lucy or Mark know.

# **Church Prayers**

- We give thanks for Lucy who will receive her District Minister's license next Saturday.
- We pray for Jez and Susanna Smith. Jez is being ordained next Saturday. We pray for many fruitful years of ministry.
- Pray for Mark Bolton who has been ill this week with Covid. Pray that his symptoms pass and that Joanne and Tom remain well.
- Pray for Babs and Pete Hewitt following the death of Babs' son Dave. He was only51. The funeral takes place this Thursday and Pete will be leading.
- Pray for the Strong Family following the death of Terry's mother.
- Pray for Connor Duerdon, and for his sons Cole (6) and Carter (3), as they adjust to the loss of partner and mum, Charlotte.
- We continue to pray for Lisa and baby Connie Grace.
- Pray for Pastor Mick's family. Mick's dad, also Mick, has received a prognosis of 6 months to a year. We pray also for Mick's step-dad, Jim. Jim has lung cancer and went into a hospice this week. And we also pray for Pastor Mick. Lord, give him strength to deal with these difficult family situations.
- Continue to pray for John and Anne Beattie as John's palliative care for cancer continues.
- Pray for others who continue to need healing and comfort in these days: Isobel Cave, Jon Fisher, Viv Best, Nathaniel Herbert and others.
- Pray for David and Chris Hoolihan's son Philip, in Vietnam, and for his wife, Hua also.
- We pray for healing for Marie Vickers, family to David and Chris though marriage.
- 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. This week a small food pantry was launched in the church. Pray for this venture and for families affected by the cost of living crisis.

# Sunday 20 February 2022

Pastor Mick Kane

Lent 1

Luke 4:1-13

- 1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.
- 3 The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'
- 4 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."
- 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.'
- 8 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."
- 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:
- "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;
- 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."
- 12 Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.""
- 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

## Can you help?

We are looking for help in two areas. We have been asked by NTC to help with the stewarding at the **college graduation on Friday 6 May 2022**. This involves a lot of walking around, showing people to seats, giving out brochures, moving chairs, and tidying up afterwards.

We are also looking for a volunteer to help us with some database checking for church workers and volunteers. Ideally, this will be someone who has access to the internet, and is reasonably competent in using online forms and systems. We estimate that this will take maybe one hour per month, spread over one to four short sessions.

If you are interested in helping with either of these jobs, please talk to our Church Secretary, Mark Bolton, or email him at <a href="mark676039@gmail.com">mark676039@gmail.com</a> for further information.