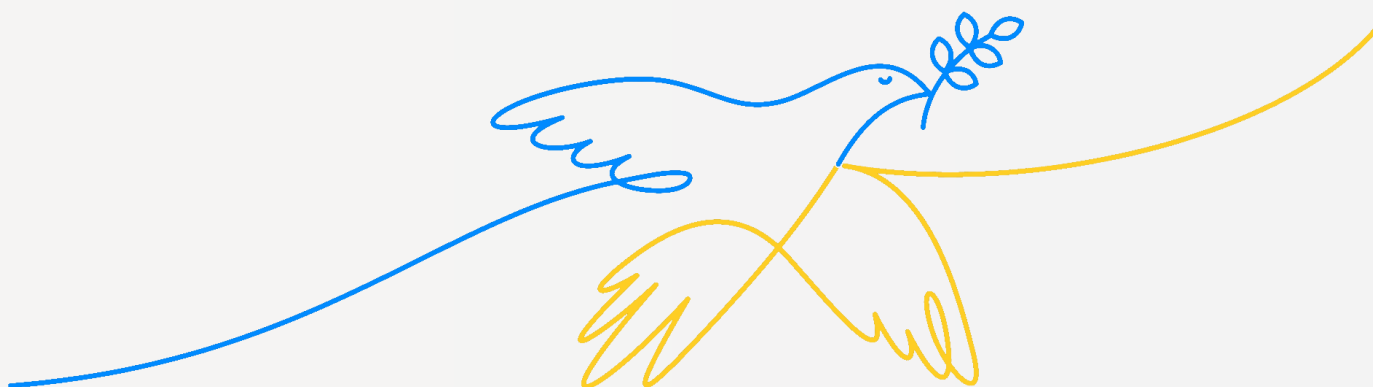


# Brooklands Church Update—Sunday 13 March 2022



Dear friends,

A big thank you to you for all your support and prayers on my journey to obtaining a District Minister's licence. After an interview with the Board of Ministry I was thrilled to learn I had been accepted. It has been a long, convoluted path to get to this point. Although I have always been a Christian my faith deepened over time. During secondary school I developed a love of theology and I decided to study it at university. I gained a place at a secular University to study Comparative Religion. However, when I arrived, I realised it was not the right course for me and I dropped out. This was devastating for me, and I felt quite lost for a long time. Sometime later I found out about the Nazarene Theological College. This sounded perfect for me but unfortunately at the time it was a private college, and no government funding was available. So, I ended up working in retail for several years, but I felt very unfulfilled.

I had felt sure that God wanted me to work for Him and to study theology in a Christian college but there didn't seem to be any way forward. During this time my faith wavered. I went to different churches but never felt as if I fully belonged. Around 2009 I stopped going to church altogether, but God got me back in the most wonderful way. Two ladies were evangelising around Northern Moor, but my road was not on their list to visit. One of the ladies felt God tell her to deviate from their plan and venture down my road and knock on my door. I ended up going to church with those ladies. Eventually I found my way to this church and it was here that my faith grew much deeper and I finally felt part of a church family.

It was not till 2013 that I was able to attend Nazarene Theological College. Having waited so long to get there I loved my studies. I learnt so much about God's amazing love for us and His plans to restore us into right relationship with Him. I increasingly longed to share what I was learning but I was so shy that the idea of preaching seemed terrifying. Gradually I grew in confidence, and I am grateful to Karl and Mick for all the encouragement and advice they have given me over the years. I love serving all of you and I am continuing my studies, working towards my ordination.

When I look back, I can see that God used my time in the 'wilderness' to build my character and perseverance. Although we don't always see it, God's timing is always perfect.

Ukraine continues to be in our prayers. The Nazarene Church is active there and it seems provisions are getting through. Please do keep up to date with developments on our Facebook page and via Nazarene Compassionate Ministries ([www.ncm.org](http://www.ncm.org)).

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

God Bless,

Lucy

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# Church Calendar

## This week

Date	Event
Sunday 13 March 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick is our speaker
Wednesday 16 March 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 16 March 2022	<a href="#">Church Zoom Prayer Meeting</a> , 10:30 am
Wednesday 16 March 2022	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 5:00 pm
Thursday 17 March 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 17 March 2022	Bible study with Lucy at 2:00 pm
Sunday 20 March 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick will be our speaker

## Coming up

Date	Event
Friday 6 May 2022	NTC Graduation

## Can you help?

We are still looking for volunteers to help out in two areas of church work.

### 1. NTC Graduation on Friday 6 May 2022.

We have been asked by NTC to help with the stewarding at the graduation in May this year. We need two or three people for regular stewarding duties such as showing people to their seats, directing people to toilets, distributing brochures and material, tidying up afterwards. It is about two hours work, and we will arrange transport if necessary.

### 2. Internet database checking.

We are 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 no more than fifteen minutes per application, and we might have around ten applications per year.

If you are interested in helping with either of these jobs, please talk to our Church Secretary, Mark Bolton, or email him at [mark676039@gmail.com](mailto:mark676039@gmail.com) for further information.

# Church Prayer and Daily Reading Diary

## Monday 14 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 49:28–50:14

Pray for: Maud Batchelor

## Tuesday 15 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 50:15–26

Pray for: Arthur Basnett and family

## Wednesday 16 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 1

Pray for: Theresa Baker and family, and remember also Oliver

## Thursday 17 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 2

Pray for: Val Batty and Family

## Friday 18 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 3

Pray for: John and Ann Beattie and family

## Saturday 19 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 4:1–17

Pray for: Vivienne Best and family

## Sunday 20 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 4:18–31

Pray for: Mark, Joanne and Tom Bolton

## Sunday 13 March 2022—Lent 2—Pastor Mick Kane

Luke 13:31-35

31 That same day some of the proud religious law-keepers came to Jesus. They said, “Go away from here! Herod wants to kill You.” 32 Jesus said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘See. I put out demons and heal the sick. I will do these things today and tomorrow. And the third day My work will be finished.’ 33 But I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day after. One who speaks for God cannot die except at Jerusalem.

34 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the early preachers and throw stones on those sent to you. How many times I wanted to gather your children around me, as a bird gathers her young under her wings, but you would not let Me. 35 See! Your house is empty. And I tell you, you will not see Me again until the time comes when you will say, ‘Great and honored is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

## Church News

### Dr. Elouise Davies

This is Elouise when she submitted her 88,000 word dissertation in January this year. We have just heard that Elouise has passed her PhD, and is now officially Dr. Elouise Davies.

Huge congratulations to Elouise, from all your friends at Brooklands Church.



## Church Prayers

- ✚ We give thanks for Lucy who received her District Minister's license last night.
- ✚ We pray for Jez and Susanna Smith. Jez was ordained last night. We pray for many fruitful years of ministry.
- ✚ Pray for Babs and Pete Hewitt following the death of Babs' son Dave. He was only 51. The funeral took place on Thursday.
- ✚ Pray for the Strong Family following the death of Terry's mother. Terry returned from South Africa this weekend.
- ✚ 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. A small food pantry was launched in the church recently. Pray for this venture and for families affected by the cost of living crisis.