

# Mothering SUNDAY

## Brooklands Church Update

### 27 March 2022

Dear Friends,

We understand this day can be a day of mixed emotions. We'll begin our time of worship by saying this prayer together by Pete Greig:

Lord, for mothers today, we pray for joy.  
For orphans, comfort.  
For not yet mothers, hope.  
For single mothers, grace.  
For those who are lonely, family.  
We ask for grace today  
For the mothers of prodigals,  
And for those who have lost children,  
And for those who don't know where their children are.  
May the embrace of grace displace shame  
For mothers in prison,  
For those who can't feed a baby,  
For those who miscarried  
Or had an abortion.  
And Lord, may those who never held their own child,  
For whom today is sadder than it is happy,  
Know the love and joy of parenting  
In the family of God.  
Amen

We'll celebrate the mothers and spiritual mothers of our church today as part of an all age family worship service.

In response to the cost of living crisis we have launched a food pantry to assist those in our community. This is currently operating on Wednesdays 12-2 and Thursdays 11-2 (alongside the community cafe). Due to the high demand we are in need of donations. If you are in a place to help please donate 'shelf stable' items such as tins and dried foods (pasta, rice etc.). There is also a supply of toiletry items that needs topped up. Speak to Charmaine Hamnett, Holly Dale or pastor Lucy if you would like to contribute.

On Easter Saturday, 16th April, we are joining with other churches in Wythenshawe in organising an Easter trail in Wythenshawe park. As part of the event, families will be able to walk through the Easter story engaging with stations containing interactive activities telling different parts of the Easter story. We will be leading a station highlighting the story of the cross allowing children to nail (pin) prayers to a large cork board cross. If you would be interested in being part of this event please speak to Joanne Bolton or Pastor Mick.

Peace,

Mick

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PUTTING YOUR  
CLOCKS FORWARD.

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IT DOES IT  
WITH MAGIC.



DIGITAL WATCH

HOLD THE TOP  
RIGHT AND BOTTOM  
LEFT BUTTONS.  
NOW PRESS THE  
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SOMETHING.



ALARM CLOCK

THROW  
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COOKER

YOU'LL NEED A  
MASTERS IN  
ELECTRONIC  
ENGINEERING.  
AND A HAMMER.



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# Church Calendar

## This week

Date	Event
Sunday 27 March 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am—Pastor Mick
Wednesday 30 March 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 30 March 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 30 March 2022	Food Pantry, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 30 March 2022	FoodCycle free community meal at 5:00 pm
Thursday 31 March 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 31 March 2022	Bible study with Lucy at 2:00 pm
Sunday 3 April 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am, with Pastor Mick

## Coming up

Date	Event
Sunday 17 April 2022	Easter Praise Service, 6:00 pm, Sheffield (contact Mark for further details).
Friday 6 May 2022	NTC Graduation

## Job vacancy at Nazarene Theological College

Nazarene Theological College is looking to appoint a Housekeeper (28 hours per week) who will be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the Nazarene Theological campus and ensuring that the campus is a welcoming place of hospitality.

If you are interested, Pastor Mick can give you more details.

# Church Prayer and Daily Reading Diary

## Monday 28 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 10

Pray for: Enid and James Collins & family

## Tuesday 29 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 11

Pray for: Luis, Miriam and family

## Wednesday 30 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 12:1–28

Pray for: Heather Critchley and family

## Thursday 31 March 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 12:29–51

Pray for: Elouise Critchley

## Friday 1 April 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 13

Pray for: Holly, Nathan, Lauren and Darcie Dale

## Saturday 2 April 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 14:1–12

Pray for: Barbara Donnelly

## Sunday 3 April 2022

Bible reading: Exodus 14:13–31

Pray for: Bill and Sue Ellis

## Important Notifications















### Manchester Marathon

For those of you that live the Trafford area, or beyond, a reminder that the Manchester Marathon takes place next Sunday, 3 April. Be sure to set out early to church that day, and plan a journey that avoids the marathon route.

### Clocks Go Forward

A reminder that British Summer Time starts this weekend, and clocks go forward an hour. There is a handy guide to how to change your clocks on the front page of this bulletin. I hope this helps.

# Church Prayers

-  We want to pray for Norma, who remains in hospital with a broken leg. Doctors are hoping no operation will be required. She is receiving physiotherapy and is in good spirits.
-  Pray for Herbert McGonigle who is in Wythenshawe hospital following a fall at his home last week. He has also recently tested positive for Covid.
-  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.
-  Debbie is also feeling quite poorly with Covid.
-  Pray for Margaret Webb who has Covid.
-  We pray for Philomena, who is due to have an operation this week.
-  Continue to pray for Connor Duerdon, and for his sons Cole (6) and Carter (3), as they adjust to the loss of partner and mum, Charlotte.
-  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.
-  Pray for the food pantry was launched in the church recently, providing food for local families affected by the cost of living crisis.
-  Let us continue to pray for a cease in hostilities in Ukraine, and remember to pray those affected by the war. Pray for the safety of innocent people, and for relief workers, including those from our own denomination.

**Date:** Sunday 27 March 2022  
**Speaker:** Pastor Mick Kane  
**Title:** God as an all loving parent  
**Readings:** Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"