

# Easter Day

Good morning! It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to church on this Day of Days, Resurrection Sunday. We will begin our time of worship with a greeting that will be spoken in congregations the world over today,

*"Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"*

Our gathering will seek to celebrate in a number of different ways: singing (there will be much singing!); sharing of testimony and witness to the ongoing power of resurrection today; welcoming new members into the body of the church (Christ is alive and his church is very much alive!); and celebrating in the baptism of believers (resurrection is very much captured in the symbolism of this important act).

Personally, it's been another hectic week for me with another journey up to Scotland. Unfortunately, my step-dad, Jim died on Monday afternoon. Again I'm so grateful for your prayers and flexibility as a church family to free me to go be with family in these days. I'll return for the funeral on Tuesday 26th April. My dad remains poorly also...

Jim's death has had me reflect on the truth of this season. I've spoken before about the complex nature of my family but despite all of this - the good and the painful - Jim's faith in the faithfulness of Christ, particularly in recent weeks, meant that he faced death comforted with the promise of resurrection.

## MATTHEW 28:5-6

*You are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.*



Those of us left behind still mourn, of course, but we do not grieve like the rest of humanity (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn Jim's absence for now but we look forward to being reunited with him. All of this captures the essence of the Easter truth as we proclaim with the Apostle Paul:

*"Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?"*  
1 Corinthians 15:55

Death still stings, but the sting has been removed in the knowledge that, because of Christ, and because of the events of that glorious Easter morning, death will not have the last laugh!

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Mick

# Coming Up

Date	Event
Saturday 16 April 2022	Easter Trail, 12pm to 4pm, Wythenshawe Park (near Cromwell statue)
Sunday 17 April 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am
Wednesday 20 April 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 20 April 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 20 April 2022	Food Pantry, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 20 April 2022	FoodCycle free community meal 5:00 pm
Thursday 21 April 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 21 April 2022	Bible study with Lucy at 2:00 pm
Sunday 24 April 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

# Looking Ahead

Date	Event
Friday 6 May 2022	NTC Graduation, 10:00 am
Tuesday 16 August - Sunday 21 August 2022	Breakthru Holiday - All age family holiday at Ampleforth Abbey, York <a href="http://www.breakthruholidays.com">www.breakthruholidays.com</a>

# Upcoming Events



## ALL-AGE HOLIDAY

In the beautiful setting of Ampleforth Abbey, York, with great facilities for both the energetic and relaxed alike. For all ages and tastes; crafts, quizzes, children's activities, sports, pool, cafe... something for everyone. All complimented with inspiring worship and teaching.

[WWW.BREAKTHRUHOLIDAYS.COM](http://WWW.BREAKTHRUHOLIDAYS.COM)

## SUNDAY @ BROOKLANDS

Celebrate the risen Saviour with us, 10:30 am, Sunday 17 April 2022, in church or online.



[YouTube](#)





# Prayer and Readings

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 18th	Exodus 25:31–40	Nat Herbert and family
Tuesday 19th	Exodus 26	Peter and Babs Hewitt
Wednesday 20th	Exodus 27:1–8	Anna Holme
Thursday 21st	Exodus 27:9–21	Dave, Chris and Gladys Hoolihan and family
Friday 22nd	Exodus 28:1–18	Pauline and Peter Howells
Saturday 23rd	Exodus 28:19–43	Sebastian, Claudia and Nathan Ianos
Sunday 24th	Exodus 29:1–20	Tim and Alison Ingram



## COMMUNITY MEALS

free, nutritious meal  
Tuesdays from 5.00 6.00PM  
Brooklands Church of the Nazarene  
Wythenshawe



# Church Prayers

- Pastor Mick's step-dad, Jim, died on Monday of this week following a short battle with lung cancer. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 26th April. Please continue to pray for Mick's family in these days. His own dad, Mick, remains very unwell also.
- Pray for Nathaniel Herbert who has been transferred to Trafford General Hospital, in Davyhulme
- Continue to pray for Dana Dowdy, who has had two operations to remove cancer. Pray for healing, and for her friends and family at this time.
- We continue to pray for David and Chris Hoolihan's family in Vietnam. Son Philip, daughter-in-law Hua, and their new born baby boy.
- Pray for Norma, who is still in hospital after breaking her leg.
- Philomena Evans is recuperating from an operation and would appreciate prayer at the moment.
- 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 and others.
- 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, as new faces continue to engage with us in a number of ways.
- Pray for the important work of the food pantry, which started in church recently, providing food for local families affected by the cost of living crisis.
- Pray for Kevin and Ruth McCann from our Ashton church. They are driving to Poland to deliver humanitarian aid to refugees from the war in Ukraine. Ask for safety for their journey.
- 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.

Please send your prayer requests to Mick, Lucy or Mark Bolton, so that we can include them here.

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