

Dear Friends

What a wonderful Easter weekend of worship we had! After two years of remote services, it was great to celebrate together. On Good Friday we had a Tenebrae service. This was an opportunity to pause and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and suffering. Perhaps like me you found it hard to dwell in these painful feelings, but very moving and worthwhile. Jesus' loving sacrifice is beyond comprehension. We then had a wonderful afternoon in Wythenshawe Park on Saturday, getting to witness to many people. Thank you to Joanne especially for her hard work: her creativity is such a blessing to us. On Sunday we celebrated new life- Jesus' resurrection, and how he gives us new lives as Christians. We welcomed ten new members into our church family. We also celebrated the baptisms of Anna and Sharon. We give thanks to God for these amazing blessings. We pray that these wonderful people will feel loved and accepted in our community, and able to flourish as Christians-loving and serving God.

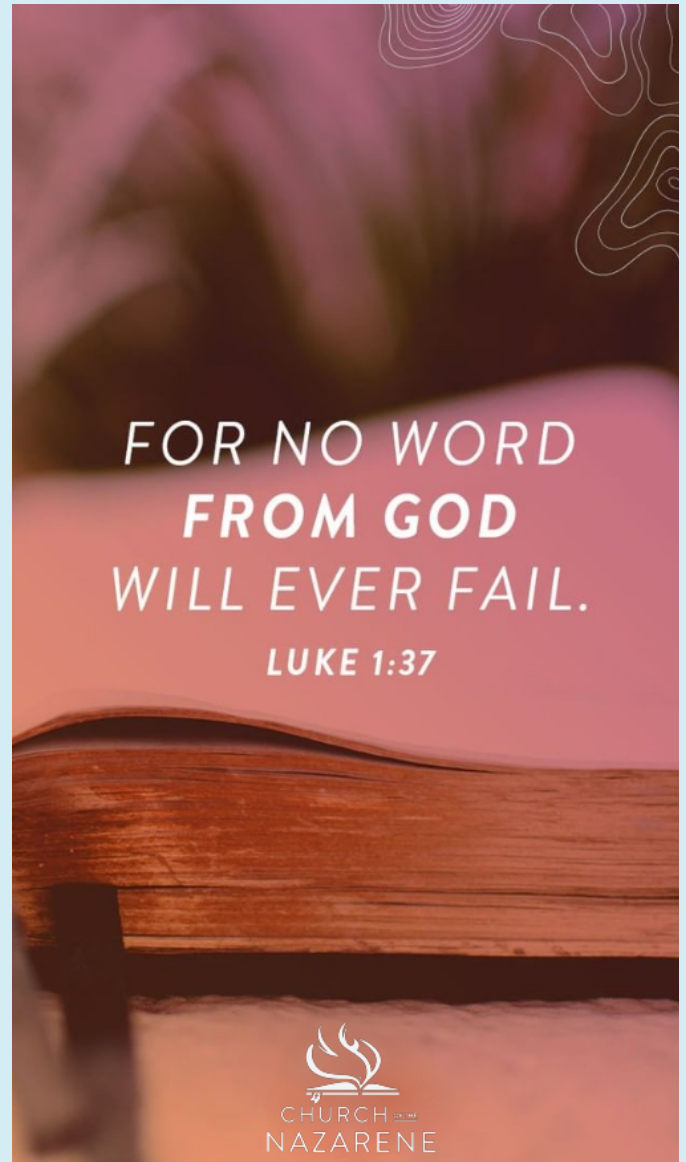
A big thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our Ukraine appeal. With more bags of donations arriving during the week and three trays full from the Bideford centre, we had enough to fill two cars! Kevin and Ruth McCann have set off with our donations, (and more from other churches) to the Ukraine/Poland border. They set off on Easter Monday. Once they arrive, they will spend around a week doing some building and maintenance work. We last heard they were in Germany with their van having broken down.

Undeterred, they remain full of joy and excitement. We are praying for no further setbacks and that they have a safe and successful week.

We are continuing to pray for Pastor Mick, Debbie and Mikey, and the wider family. Mick's stepdad Jim passed away early last week, and his dad Michael remains in hospice care. We pray that God will comfort, strengthen and uplift them.

Our sermon today takes us to the aftermath of the Easter story. After the death of Jesus, his followers were devastated. Then the bewildering news came that his tomb was empty! As two of his followers walked to Emmaus, discussing all this, the risen Jesus came alongside them...

God Bless,
Lucy



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Coming Up

Date	Event
Sunday 24 April 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am
Wednesday 27 April 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 27 April 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 27 April 2022	Food Pantry, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 27 April 2022	FoodCycle free community meal 5:00 pm
Thursday 28 April 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 28 April 2022	Bible study with Lucy at 2:00 pm
Sunday 1 May 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

Looking Ahead

Date	Event
Thursday 5 May 2022	Local elections. Church used as polling station all day
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 www.breakthruholidays.com

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.

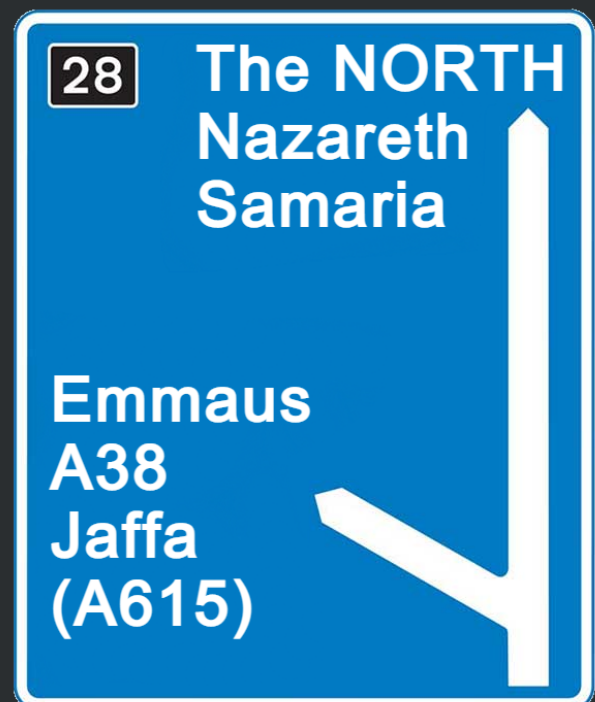
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This Sunday
@ Brooklands

Lucy will be preaching from
Luke chapter 24, where Jesus
appears on the road to
Emmaus.



[YouTube](#)



Prayer and Readings

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 25 April	Exodus 29:21-46	Annette and Mike Jones and family
Tue 26 April	Exodus 30:1-16	Huw Jones
Wed 27 April	Exodus 30:17-38	Vivien Kenyon
Thu 28 April	Exodus 31	Mrs Marino
Fri 29 April	Exodus 32	Sue and John Churchman and Michelle and Family
Sat 30 April	Exodus 33	Dr. Herbert McGonigle and family
Sun 1 May	Exodus 34:1-9	Sigrid Nwator and family



COMMUNITY MEALS





free, nutritious meal
Wednesdays from 5.00-6.00pm
Brooklands Church of the Nazarene
Wendover Road, Wythenshawe



Church Prayers

- Pray for Pastor Mick, and for Debbie and Mikey. Pray also for family members in Scotland as they grieve the loss of Jim, Mick's step-dad. The funeral is on Tuesday 26th April.
- Continue to pray for Mick's dad, also Mick, who is also unwell with cancer.
- Nathaniel Herbert is still in Trafford General Hospital in Davyhulme. He is steadily improving, but he is not well enough to go home. He isn't allowed to have visitors, but would welcome a phone call. Mark Bolton can pass on his phone number.
- Norma is still in a Covid ward in Wythenshawe Hospital. She has had an operation on her leg, but is feeling pretty lonely and fed up after her prolonged time in hospital. Pray for healing, so that she can soon be with us again.
- Philomena Evans is recuperating from an operation and would appreciate prayer at the moment.
- Continue to pray for Dana Dowdy, who has had a third operation 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.
- 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, and that they will overcome any challenges they might face.
- 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.

Luke 24:13-35

On the Road to Emmaus

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

19 “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.