

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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**THE ANGEL SAID TO THE WOMEN,
“DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW
THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS
NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS
HE SAID. COME AND SEE THE PLACE
WHERE HE LAY.”**

MATTHEW 28: 5-6

Greetings to you on this Resurrection Sunday. Today we celebrate the single most important event in the history of humanity. Christ is risen from the grave! Sin and death has been defeated! He is risen, risen indeed! Hallelujah!

We gather this morning as a whole church family and allow this awesome truth to pervade everything we do – we will greet one another with this truth, we will sing songs, we will welcome new church members, we will worship alongside children (to whom this gospel truth and its Kingdom already belong), we will baptise, and we will gather around the table of communion.

Be in prayer for those who commit to the church in the covenant of membership – Cameron, Robert, Helen, and Sue – and also for Sue as she goes through the waters of Baptism.

We will also look to the hope of resurrection on Thursday of this week, as we celebrate the life of David Hall, at

12 noon here in the church. There will be no café and pantry this week. Continue to pray for Jean and Lucy in these days. We also stand in prayer and solidarity with Sylvia Findlay, whose brother, Ron, went to be with the Lord this week.

Our prayer list below is shaped around the hope of resurrection. We will return to specific prayers next week. Speak to me or Mark Bolton if you would like something added to our prayer list.

Looking forward into the month, I know that Easter is often a time of rest and holiday, so I pray that for those of you going away, that you know the restoring presence of Christ with you and your families. For those still around, a reminder that the prayer breakfast will take place on Saturday 22nd and not 15th as was initially announced. Speak to Jon Fisher for more information.

Finally, the Church of the Nazarene district holiday, Breakthru, will take place this year in at Cliff College in Derbyshire on 16th-20th August. For more information see the website: <http://www.breakthruholidays.com/>. Places are filling up fast!

Peace,
Mick



RESURRECTION PRAYERS

- For those we know who grieve, that that truth of the resurrection would be their hope and comfort.
- For those we know who are sick, that the life of Christ may be known to them.
- For those we know who are lonely, poor, and hungry, may the resurrected Christ be made known to them as we reach out in support to connect, provide and feed.
- For those who are persecuted, that they might be comforted in knowing that to share in the suffering of Christ is also to be promised to share in his glory.
- For those who are far from God, that they might encounter the risen Christ and know him as Saviour, Messiah, and Friend!

EASTER TEXT – LUKE 24: 1-6A

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen!

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 10 Apr 2023	Luke 9:7–36	Jean and Steve Boyd
Tue 11 Apr 2023	Luke 9:37–62	Lisa Bruce-McArdle and Connie-Grace
Wed 12 Apr 2023	Luke 10:1–24	Isobel Cave
Thu 13 Apr 2023	Luke 10:25–11:13	Sue and John Churchman
Fri 14 Apr 2023	Luke 11:14–36	Christine Clarke
Sat 15 Apr 2023	Catch Up	Sue Cooley
Sun 16 Apr 2023	Luke 11:37–12:7	David, Coral, Ben, Isaac and Emelia Cosgriff

CHURCH CALENDAR

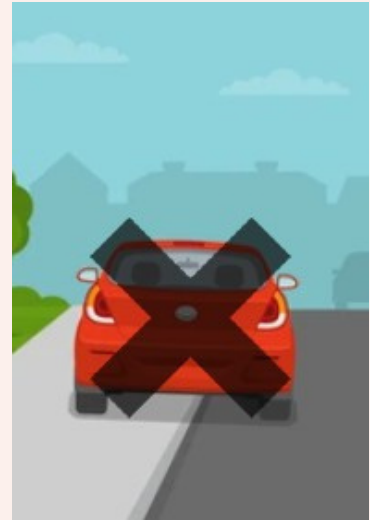
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 9 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Family Service
Wed 12 Apr 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 12 Apr 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle Free Community Meal
Thu 13 Apr 2023	12:00 PM	Funeral of David Hall
Sun 16 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
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Sat 22 Apr 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

CHURCH NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CAR PARKING

We recently received some feedback about car parking on Sundays. Please be respectful of our neighbours when you park your car to come to church. Things to be mindful of:-

- Try to avoid parking on grass verges
- Please do not park near road junctions, particularly the junction of Wendover Road and Ferndown Road, opposite church
- Do not park at the shops as these spaces should be available to be used by shoppers



HOPE FOR ALL MAGAZINE

There are a few copies of **Hope for All** magazine at the back of church, and in the magazine carousel. They are free, so why not take one, read it, and then pass it on to a friend?

This edition contains features about Louis Theroux, Bear Grylls, Dame Katherine Jenkins, Stormzy and others, and explores the theme of wellbeing.



BREAKTHRU HOLIDAY

Hurry up and book your place at **Breakthru 2023**. This is the annual family holiday organised for all Nazarene churches within the South District of the Church of the Nazarene in England and Wales.

The holiday runs from 16 to 20 August 2023, and will be at Cliff College in the Derbyshire Dales.

<http://www.breakthruholidays.com/>

