

WEEK OF PRAYER 2022

As we start the year we want to start the year in prayer, looking to God, seeking His face and His will and aligning ourselves with His purposes.

During this week we will be using some of the different meals Jesus had as told through Luke's Gospel. We will use these readings to help guide our prayers each day and I encourage you to take time during each day to pause and prayer and then to join in the evening gathering.

Each day please also take a moment to hear what God might be saying to you and to us as a church. We expect God to speak and guide us through this week and would love to hear the scriptures, words and prophecy he shares with you – write them in our Facebook Group, email to mark@thekingschurcharnold.org.uk, or share them in the evening gatherings.



SUNDAY 9th JANUARY. 8 – 9pm

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MEAL 1: Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Today let's all pray for each other and our TIME WITH JESUS. As I talked about this morning in the service, time with Jesus each day is so important – it sets us up for a good day ahead, with our "spiritual bellies" full of God's truth and His word.

- Pray for each other, that we may all know God more this year, experience his love more and fall more and more in love with Jesus.
- Pray for our gathered times on Sundays, for times of worship and encounter, for times of growth and experience, for times of breakthrough and encouragement
- Pray for the children and young people of the church, that they might know and meet with God this year in a real and living way.

MONDAY 10th JANUARY. 8 – 9.30pm at The King's Centre.

MEAL 2: Luke 9:10-17

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to Jesus and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

He replied, "You give them something to eat."

They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." The disciples did so, and everyone sat

down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

Today we will focus on praying for God's Provision. In this story God provided for ALL the people miraculously but notice he did it through the small provision the disciples had (or in other readings the meagre provisions of a boy). When we pray for God's provision we need to remember that we are often the answer to our own prayers – if we pray for finance for the church we need to be ready to give, if we pray for volunteers for the church we need to be ready to serve, if we pray for pastoral support for the church we need to be ready to care for others.

- Pray for the finances of the church. In 2022 we do need to see an increase in giving in order to maintain all we do and to invest into new ventures and opportunities.
- Pray for the volunteer teams across the church. Many are running well but some need more volunteers (for example: kid's and crèche, youth, toddlers, worship,...)
- Pray that God would provide us the opportunities this year to be his light into the community around us (individually and as a church)

TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 8 – 9pm

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MEAL 3: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Today's gospel reading is a wonderful story of transformation, a story that shows the power of Jesus to change lives. Today I want us to pray for breakthrough. That we may be a community of people living transformed lives, each with a story of the amazing things Jesus has done for us, and that we might then see this transformation spreading out to those around us.

- Pray for our Life Groups, our time together, as we encourage each other and grow in our love for Jesus
- Pray for our pastoral care team and others that help those who need support
- Pray for those across our church who need a breakthrough moment – healing, provision, changed circumstances, family salvation,...
- Pray for our groups and activities that look outward: KMAC, Toddlers, Café+, KFC, Alpha, and others. Pray that we might see breakthrough in these activities.

WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY. 8 – 9.30pm at The King’s Centre.

MEAL 4: Luke 22:14-27

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God.”

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!” They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves..

In this reading we see in action The Servant King. An amazing picture of what it means to lead through serving and laying down your life for others. I hope and pray that as a leadership we model servant leadership and we see it replicated in all the areas others serve in as a church.

- Today I would like us to pray for those in leadership, that we would have the strength and power of God to serve and lead well
- Pray for new leaders to emerge across our church (its one of those dangerous prayers again)
- Pray for those across our church who lead in the city and the workplace, that they might reflect Christ in all that they do
- Pray for new opportunities for us to serve our city and community.

THURSDAY 13th JANUARY. 8 – 9.30pm from The King’s Centre – prayer walk (if the weather allows, or in the building)

MEAL 5: Luke 24:13-35

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

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

They stood still, their faces downcast. 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?”

“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. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 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. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

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

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 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.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?”

In today’s reading we see how only Jesus can open our eyes to His truth and reality. Our job is to bring others to the feet of Jesus, into His presence, and His role is to open their eyes so they may see him fully for who he really is - the awesome and powerful son of God.

- Today lets pray for those around us, for their eyes to be opened.
- Pray for the Alpha course, for who we might invite to be part of it, and for eyes to be opened
- Pray for those across the church who have family members they are praying for
- Pray for the communities around us that they would see Christ in us and be transformed by Him.