

# Grace Christian Fellowship

## August 22 - Newsletter



### Welcome to August

Well, it was great seeing Nicky, Samuel and the children in the last few months. We all managed to enjoy times of fellowship with them and enjoyed their ministry. I hope everyone enjoyed the roast dinner we had on our last Sunday together at church.

Celebrating a meal together was a popular event in scripture as well. Jesus often used meals to engage with people and teach important lessons. And he continues to call us to his table to feast on who he is and learn more about him through his Word.

In the book of Luke alone, there are 10 stories of Jesus dining with various people. One of those was Luke 22:14-38 Jesus' last supper. The Passover meal with his disciples is filled with meaning. The scene that is set reveals that Jesus is the Lamb of God, that in Christ there is a new covenant, and that we are to remember his sacrifice through communion

Yet Jesus didn't host this dinner for himself. He was thinking of his disciples, who had very little time left with him to understand the significance of what was about to happen. He could have talked about his terrible suffering to come, but instead focused on what they would need to remember from that night.

Along with the fellowship and food we had with Nicky and Samuel, there was also some amazing teaching, which helped us to focus on what we need to know for the times that lay ahead. Can you remember the messages we heard from them....? Serena xx

## **Review of Nicky and Samuel's Teaching**

### **Sunday 29th May - Samuel's Sermon: Luke 13v10-17**

*A woman was bowed over for eighteen years. Jesus calls her a daughter of Abraham. Jesus saw her faith. He wants to see our faith – what kind of faith do we have? Faith needs to grow - from small problems to big problems. What kind of faith does she have? She's prepared to wait because she believes he knows everything. Great faith is when we wait for Him to decide.*

### **Sunday 26th June - Nicky's Sermon: Genesis 29v20-25**

Leah is the unwanted wife of Jacob. How does she get through her hard life? She makes various statements: 'God has seen my affliction.' 'The Lord has heard me!' 'Now I will praise Him.' In our times of trouble, we need to be like Leah and say 'God has seen my affliction. He has heard me. Now I will praise Him.' This is how we need to be when we are waiting for God to answer in our difficulties and trials.

### **Sunday 10th July - Nicky's Sermon: Psalm 121v1-4**

'I lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help.' What do we see when we look at the hills? In Israel there were idols on the hills. When we are in trouble, what do we look to for help. It's easy to look to our own resources, instead of looking to God.

### **Friday 15th July - Nicky's Bible Study: John 11v1-44**

Lazarus is sick and dies, and is in the grave for four days. In this story there is a picture of the Second Coming. 1. Jesus was absent when Lazarus died - He is absent now, as he is in heaven. 2. The sisters call for him to come quickly - today the church is calling for Jesus to return - 'Come quickly Lord!' 3. His disciples come with him to Lazarus' grave. At the Second Coming, the Lord shall come with 10,000 of his saints. 4. Jesus arrives at the grave at daybreak. Other pictures in scripture suggest he will return to earth at dawn. 5. When Jesus arrives, he raises Lazarus from the dead. At his return, the dead in Christ shall rise. 6. Lazarus and friends/family have a meal/party, which symbolises the marriage supper of the Lamb!

### **Sunday 17th July - Samuel's Sermon: Matthew 15v21-28**

In Matthew 15 Jesus tells a woman she has great faith. What is great faith? What do we do when things aren't going well and God doesn't answer our prayer? Do we give up, or do we continue even when we don't hear an answer. Many times people give up. The woman doesn't give up and she receives the answer to her prayer.

*Recordings of the church services with the sermons and the Bible Study can be found on the GCF website, either on the homepage, (<https://www.gcfnorwich.co.uk/>) or on the online service page under the 'About' dropdown menu, (<https://www.gcfnorwich.co.uk/onlines-services>)*

## Prayers

John Clements from the Old Meeting House Congregational Church in Colegate has cancer and is going through chemo for 8 weeks. He then has 5 weeks rest before having an 8 hour operation. Please pray that God blesses him and heals him and that he is restored to health. Serena is preaching at John's church on Sunday 31st July.

Please pray that Serena's mother's house sells quickly now and that exchange and completion happens soon!

Let's continue to pray for Anne's recovery from her hip operation and for Georgie who is hoping to become more independent again and use her car again. Please remember Jayne and her return to full time work and pray that she is blessed and strengthened to cope with her job.



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## Meetings/Events

**Church Service** - every Sunday 11am at Saints Event Venue

**Communion Service** - first Sunday in the month

**Charity Offering** - third Sunday in the month

**Revival Prayer Session** - every Thursday evening 7.30pm

## Forthcoming Events for 2022

- Sunday 14th Aug - Church Day Out / BBQ at Cherry and Robert's 11am  
**Sunday 14th Aug - NO CHURCH SERVICE at SAINTS EVENT VENUE**  
Sunday 25th Sep - Harvest Festival  
Sunday 16th Oct - Church Birthday  
Sunday 6th Nov - Service with Fireworks and Food  
Sunday 13th Nov - Remembrance Sunday  
Sunday 18th Dec - Carol Service/Christmas Lunch

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If you would like to donate to the church, you can give during the service, donate by bacs online, or go to the 'donate' button on the 'Contact' page of the website and make a payment there. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make the cheque out to Hope Community Trust.

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Sunday Services are held at **Saints Event Venue**,  
217 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0SQ from 11-12.30pm