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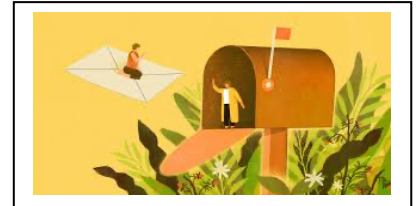
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Letter from the church council



Someone I know (an adult) recently dropped out of a staff camping trip because, for them, it wasn't ok to have fun during lent. Then I met the person again a few days after Easter Sunday and they told me they would join the next camping trip because lent was over. And whilst nobody would suggest, I think, that camping trips are innately evil or sinful, I do find this attitude very interesting for a variety of reasons. I find it fascinating that simply 'giving something up' is considered to be of inherent value in itself. And I am fascinated that, even if we do accept the value of this, many of us only make these sacrifices for a short time, during Lent, and that we then revert back to life as it was before.

I think people get confused here sometimes in terms of what is actually important. And the very idea of giving something up ends up becoming more important than grasping the opportunity to spend more time praying and reading God's word which is presented by having more time. One brilliant article I read recently by Kelsey Pelzer summarized this succinctly in the following words: "Craving that snack you gave up? That's a great reminder to pray! Battling boredom without using social media? Open up your Bible!" How many of us actually did this during Lent?

I recently spent time around people who were fasting and I noticed that everything evolved around food for them. The entire day seemed to evolve around people's discomfort and looking forward to the breaking of the fast in the evening. I was reminded of Matthew 6:16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting." Christ's sacrifice for us was so much greater than our often-superficial 'fasting' from food and things and I believe we do him a big disservice by getting our priorities so muddled up.

There are a wide variety of things which people stop doing during Lent. Chocolates, alcohol, social media usage, food, computer games, are all examples of things in which we might over indulge at times, and which we may wish to scale back or eliminate during Lent. But I believe there are two key principles we need to abide by in order to make this worthwhile. The first, as mentioned above, is that we must use the time gained from giving things up to further develop our relationship with God. And the second is to use the opportunity for self-reflection during lent to begin the journey of giving up the things which get in the way of our relationship with God for the long term. For me, some of my greatest victories in conquering sin have been achieved during Lent. But it was not because I abstained from things for 40 days. It was because I followed through and gave these things up permanently, replacing them with more time with God. Although I do still have a long way to go!

So, as we move forward after the Lenten season, refreshed once again by Christ's resurrection, let us look deep into our hearts and answer a simple question: did Lent 2022 bring about a *lasting* change in us?

- Michael Murray, ACC Council Chair



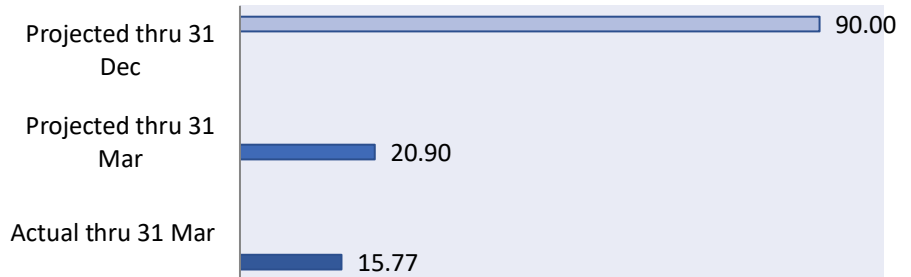


MUSIC LEADING TRAINING

May 7th - 9.30 a.m to 12.30

Calling all singers, drummers and other instrument players to take part in an informative morning session.

Arusha Community Church 2022 Income through 31 March (in TSh millions)



Due to income shortfall so far (TSh 5.13 M), ACC has not yet spent significantly on internal ministries or external ministries this year.

Alcoholics Anonymous AA meets at ACC:

Monday: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Tuesday: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00am – 11:00am

Narcotics Anonymous NA meets at ACC:

Tuesday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



We are continuing our in-person worship services at 10:30 am every Sunday. However, we have a limited number of chairs available in the sanctuary to follow appropriate social distance guidelines. We encourage anyone with risk factors to stay at home and participate in worship by Zoom.

To prepare yourself: Download Zoom on a computer or mobile device by going to zoom.us. Click on these links to watch a tutorial on how to download the Zoom App and how to join a meeting from a computer or a phone.

Joining on mobile

phone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8JaUEORjSo>

Joining on

computer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUxzrgZvZQ>



Do you have a word of encouragement, favorite bible verse, inspiring or even funny story, song, poem or picture that you would like share with us ACC?

If so, we would love to hear from you!

Please send on to:

arushacommunitychurch.office@gmail.com



ACC PRAYER CHAIN

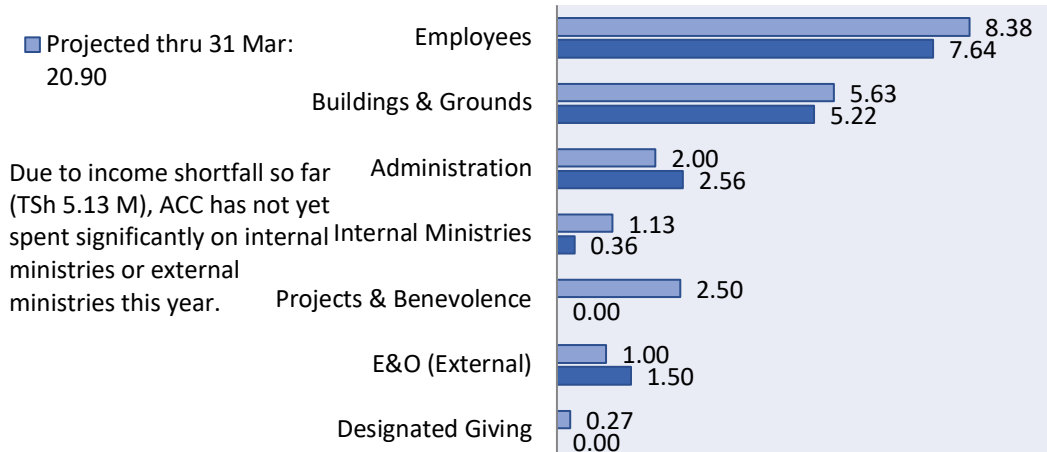
If you have a prayer request and would like members of our community to support you in prayer, contact the four key persons – if possible by SMS- and they will inform the others from the prayer chain.

Erwin Kinsey	0754 480 184
Margaret Kenyi	0754 090 078
Susan Simonson	0754 266 559
Stella Karumuna	0754 281 337

Mission Statement: Arusha Community Church seeks to bring Christian praise and witness to God through worship, service and study. The congregation provides opportunity for Christian fellowship, service and witness, community outreach, personal growth and family growth. Recognizing the close link between worship and culture, Arusha Community Church has an inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.

Arusha Community Church 2022 Expenditure through 31 March

(in TSh millions)



TITHES AND OFFERINGS AT ACC: Your OFFERINGS are important. It is easier for accounting purposes, and without charges, if offerings are deposited directly into our Exim Bank Account (please see details below). While the MPESA number remains available for receiving offerings, please consider making a deposit directly into our bank.

ACC BANK DETAILS:

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via bank deposit to ACC please find the following details here:

EXIM BANK

TSH:ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 23 252

USD:ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 35 020

ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT DETAILS:

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via mobile money to ACC please find the following details here:

MPESA

M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER: +255755992394

NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)

**“Test me, Lord, and give me strength to meet each test unflinching, unafraid;
Not striving nervously to do my best, not self-assured, or careless as in jest, but with your aid.**

**Purge me, Lord, and give me grace to beat the heat of cleansing flame;
Not bitter at my lowly lot, but meet to bear my share of suffering and keep sweet, in Jesus’ Name.”**

- **Ruth Bell Graham**





TIME and ABILITY form (TAA)

How can you serve the congregation?

There is a TAA form available to fill in (you can ask the Duty Elder or get one from the church office). This lets you know what are the activities and programs of the church that you can be involved with, and where your service can be used. It also helps the church office be updated on any contact information changes; and you can sign up to receive Glad Tidings, our monthly newsletter, on the same form.

May 2022 Worship Schedule

	May 1, 2022	May 8, 2022	May 15, 2022	May 22, 2022	May 29, 2022
Church Calendar	3rd Sunday after Easter	4th Sunday after Easter	5th Sunday after Easter	6th Sunday after Easter	Ascension Sunday (Appreciation day)
Service Type	Communion	Morning Service	Communion	Morning Service	Family Service
Service Leader	Moira Brehony	Penina Oredsson	Monica John	Elizabeth Munisi	Sion Miraa
Preacher	Pat Patton	Eamonn Brehony	Philip Bach-Svendsen	Michael Murray	TBD
Musician(s)	Sion Miraa	Neil Miller	Randy Stubbs	Erwin Kinsey	Mary Severe
Duty Elder	Wilson Mziray	Moira Brehony	Irene Joel	Sion Miraa	TBD
Zoom Host	Jessica Shayo	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jessica Shayo
Sound Projector	Andrea Thomas	Tumsifu Mushi	Goodluck Kaaya	Andrea Thomas	Tumsifu Mushii
Ushers	Jacqueline Njau Thomas Desta	Jacqueline Njau David Frank	Jacqueline Njau Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau Jacqueline Njama	Jacqueline Njau Innocent Massawe
Flowers	Nancy Maksud	Rebecca Ndorrosy	Christy Miller	Irene Mchomvu	Jane Mashingia
Scripture Readings 	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 OR John 5:1-9	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53