

## Letter from the Council:

I recently gave a sermon at ACC where I spoke about keeping our eye on God. I was largely influenced by my own experience in preparing the sermon; I have noticed that I often allow my earthly work to dominate my day-to-day thinking. To say I can go days without connecting with God would be untrue – I keep a bible on my desk and spend time reading and praying each morning – but to say I could go a full day without really connecting between morning and evening might be fair, especially on days where I skip lunch! God loves us to work, but he also loves us to spend time with him, and we need to strike the right balance if we are to be a disciple.

Of course, discipleship in its purest form requires a purity of commitment. It requires an acknowledgement that we are, indeed, “foreigners and exiles” in this world (1Peter 2:11) and that “our citizenship is in heaven” (Philippians 3:20). It requires us to turn away from our earthly possessions, and maybe even our relationships, and to move *decisively* with Jesus. There is, after all, a marked difference between a biological unit on earth and a child of God. We need to make sure we are on the right side of this divide.

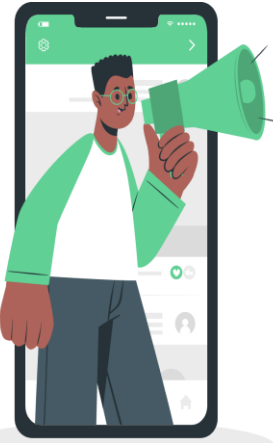
Jesus says in Luke 9:62 that “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God”. I ploughed a field once, in Babati in 2005. And I can tell you it’s hard work even when you look ahead. It took all my strength and nerve just to keep the tractor straight and I developed a new-found respect for farmers from that day (and subsequently, on reflection, for church leaders and pastors). I can’t even imagine the disaster that would have unfolded if I had looked back. This is, therefore, another brilliant analogy by Jesus – if we look back from Him, we cannot imagine the disaster which may unfold.

Getting bogged down in work is nothing new to the world - it has been happening to people for centuries. Even the disciples went back to their earthly occupation of fishing after the crucifixion and resurrection. Perhaps they were too desperate and confused to see, and indeed comprehend, what had truly happened. It took Pentecost, and the empowerment given to them by the Holy Spirit, for them to get up and really start spreading the word far and wide. What will it take for us? What do we need to see or experience to get us going? Or have we already seen and experienced what we need to hear and we are oppressing it in our minds in the interest of our comfortable existences and getting on with our day jobs? After all, we know what happened to the disciples: they became nomads on earth, travelling all over, with no fixed home, living in often frightening and hostile circumstances, as followers of our Lord. And they (except John) met gruesome martyr’s deaths, being variously skinned alive, hung for days, crucified, staked to the ground, beaten with clubs and more for their faith.

It is understandable that we don’t want that for ourselves or our families and there is absolutely no expectation that any of us put ourselves in that kind of situation. But the suffering of those who went before us (and that of modern Christians under persecution around the world) should certainly give us pause for thought. Let us consider what we can do on this earth. Let us consider how we might push ourselves out of our comfort zones. And let us consider how we might be better disciples. Whether we think of ourselves as foreigners, exiles, nomads, or pilgrims on this earth, we *do* follow Jesus, and that *should* take us into new ways of living!

~Michael Murray  
Council Chair.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our annual harvest festival is also a time of great thanksgiving to God for all He has done, and continues to do, in our lives. We always enjoy eating together and bringing the fruits of our labours to church to be auctioned off at the fun annual harvest festival auction, and at the various stalls outside. This year, our harvest festival will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022** and will be preceded by a wonderful music evening in church on **Friday evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Please see **Vivi** in the office if you would like to make a donation of items for the auction or if you require any more information about this event.

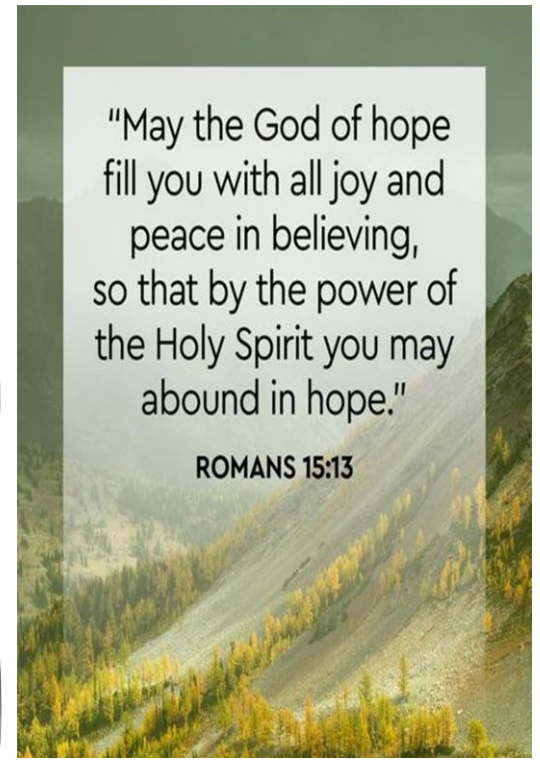
## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

**Worship Committee is calling in for volunteers to serve on the following areas of service.**

- Ushers
- Zoom Hosts
- Sound team members
- Music leaders
- Service leaders

**Anyone interested to volunteer in these areas please reach out to the ACC administrator, Duty elders after service or send a WhatsApp message to +255 769 600 962 you will be given more details and training needed afterwards.**

**1Peter 4:10-11**



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

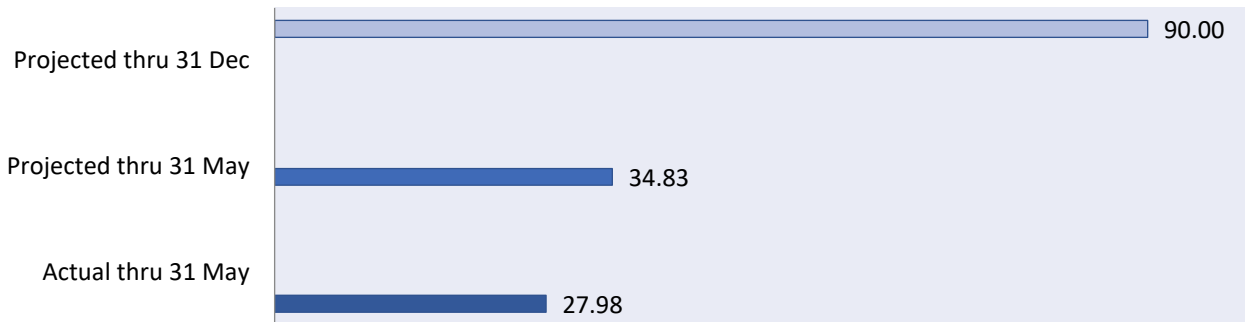
ROMANS 15:13



## 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 Income through 31 May**  
(in TSh millions)



Due to income shortfall so far (TSh 6.85 M), ACC has not yet spent significantly on internal or external ministries this year. Current annual operating deficit is TSh 0.18 M.

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—  
how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

**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 578 067 0116**

**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:

**M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER: +255755992394**

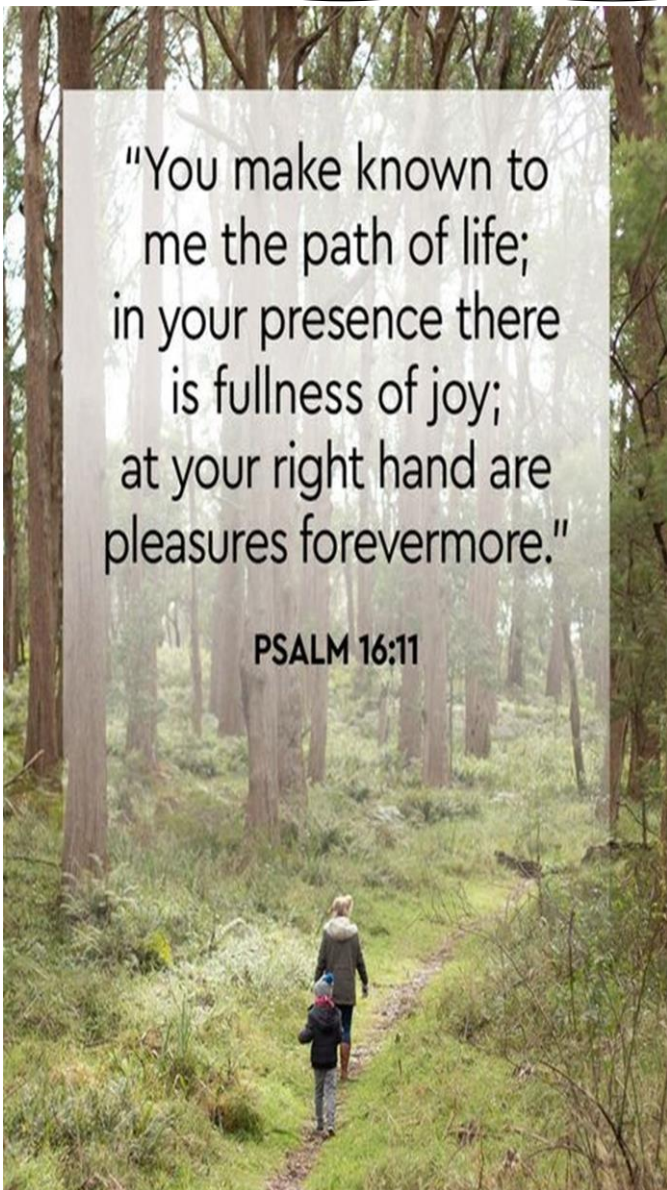
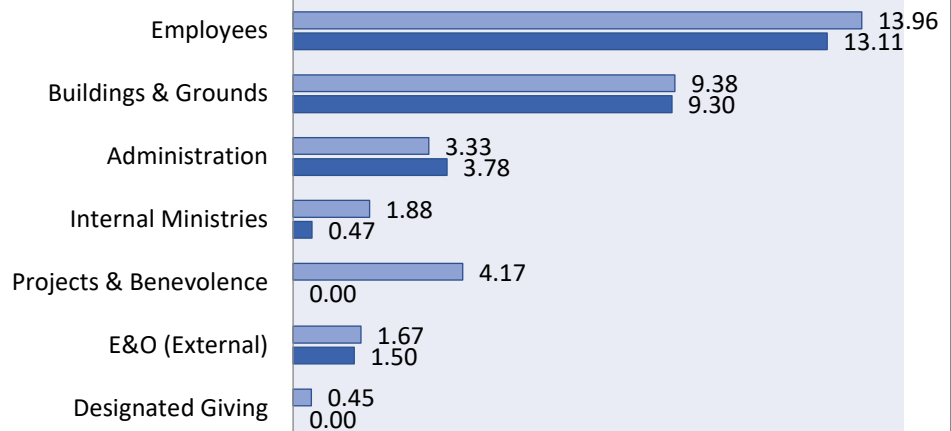
**NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)**

## Arusha Community Church 2022 Expenditure through 31 May (in TSh millions)

■ Projected thru 31 May: 34.83

■ Actual thru 31 May: 28.16

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"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

**PSALM 16:11**

### 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 Susan	0754 090 078
Simonson Stella	0754 266 559
Karumuna	0754 281 337

### Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :

NA (Narcotics

Anonymous) meets:

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

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



Check out our Facebook page: **"Arusha Community Church"** for updates and news. You can add your words of encouragement in the comments section.  
 Tupo Pamoja!



# July 2022 Worship Schedule

	July 3, 2022	July 10, 2022	July 17, 2022	July 24, 2022	July 31, 2022
Church Calendar	Proper 9, 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 10, 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 11, 6th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 12, 7th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 13, 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion	Morning Service	Communion	Morning Service	Family Service
Service Leader	<b>Monica John</b>	<b>Sion Miraa</b>	<b>Elizabeth Munisi</b>	<b>Christy Miller</b>	<b>Penina Oredsson</b>
Preacher	<b>Michael Murray</b>	<b>Pat Patton</b>	<b>Rev. Israel Meitamei</b>	<b>Eric Mbelle</b>	<b>Angelika and kids</b>
Musician(s)	JD Parks	Randall Stubbs	Erwin Kinsey	Neil Miller	Sion Miraa
Duty Elder	Eric Mbelle	Irene Mchomvu	Erwin Kinsey	Sion Miraa	
Zoom Host	Lawrence Menda	Jessica Shayo?			
Sound Projector	Tumsifu Mushi	Goodluck Kaaya	Andrea Thomas	Tumsifu Mushi	Andrea Thomas
Ushers	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe
Flowers	Rebecca Ndorossy	Yoka Bruisma	Christy Miller	Irene Joel	Jane Mashingia
Library					
Scripture Readings	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15,(16-19)Luke 11:1-13	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11  Luke 12:13-21