



Letter From the Council:



At the recent AGM in early February, ACC was, again, blessed with a new Council. This year saw the entry to Council of some wonderful talent, with members from across the church stepping up to help guide our direction through 2023 and beyond. The new members are: **Andrea Thomas** who has been a committed sound room technician and WoCo member for a number of years, **Jessica Shayo** who has been a dedicated WoCo chair for just as long and a regular zoom host, and **Eliel Gideon** who is a former council member and Treasurer. **Irene Joel, Wilson Mziray** and **Erwin Kinsey** were all re-elected too. Alongside **Susan Simonson, Neil Rowe-Miller, Sion Miraa** and myself (**Michael Murray**), this is your ACC Council for 2023.

One of the first items of business for the new council is the election of the 'executive' positions. I am delighted to let you all know that this was completed prayerfully at our February Council meeting, with the following being the executive committee for 2023:

Michael Murray (Chair, continuing)
Sion Miraa (Vice-chair)
Eliel Gideon (Treasurer)
Neil Rowe-Miller (Secretary, continuing)

All our Council meetings begin with a prayer and a devotional. Recently we were reminded, during one of these devotionals, of the dangers which church leaders sometimes face in being swept up in admin and not always remembering God. It is critical that we remember God's presence in all we do, but it is also so important for a Church Council to have faith that God hears our prayers and will meet us at our points of need.

I believe that we have a committed group at ACC who are able to do just that. An example of this is from the end of 2021 when ACC Council decided that we would resume external giving and work towards a full resumption of the community support we had offered pre-pandemic. We put no proviso on this and we acted in faith. As a result, our external giving was able to increase from 1.7M Tsh in 2021 to 18.7M in 2022! Whilst this contributed to a (very) small deficit overall, our financial situation has been nothing short of miraculous and we are well-positioned to kick on in 2023 and beyond. We thank all of you for your generous giving, but most of all we thank our Lord for his faithfulness to us as a congregation.

With this in mind, our new Council takes on a critical role in the history of ACC. Opportunity abounds but there are dangers too. We live in a generation full of false prophets and misinformation. We must keep ACC focused in on what is important – the word of God and the opportunity to be disciples of Christ. We must be a church of spreading God's word but we must also be a church which stands up for the oppressed and marginalised in society, as Jesus himself did. But we must embrace the future too. Having become members of Techsoup Tanzania this year and being in the process of registering for the Google suite, we are embracing this and looking at new, innovative ways to spread God's word. There are opportunities for sanctuary redevelopment too, and if it is the will of God then it will happen. God has been faithful to us thus far.

In closing I thank our committees: Worship, Christian Education, Projects and Benevolence, Evangelism and Outreach, and Finance. They are the engine room of our church and I pray that God continues to bless us with good people to serve.

~ Michael Murray
Council Chair

TEACHERS and ASSISTANTS NEEDED



Teachers and assistants really are needed for the Sunday School program. Things to remember:

- As a teacher, you stand in an important tradition. One of the commonly used names for Jesus was *rabbi*, which means teacher of master.
- Your teaching carries with it all the power of God's good news and is done through the strength of the Holy Spirit.
- Your gifts, skills and talents ARE more than adequate. Your resources are rich and overflowing.
- You don't have to pattern your teaching after anyone else. You have had many good teachers. Take what you admire from each one, but relax and be yourself.
- Other people can help you. Ask for help from church leaders, more experienced teachers and those you feel are good teachers.
- You will be surprised and delighted to discover how much YOUR faith will grow as you teach.

John 3:14

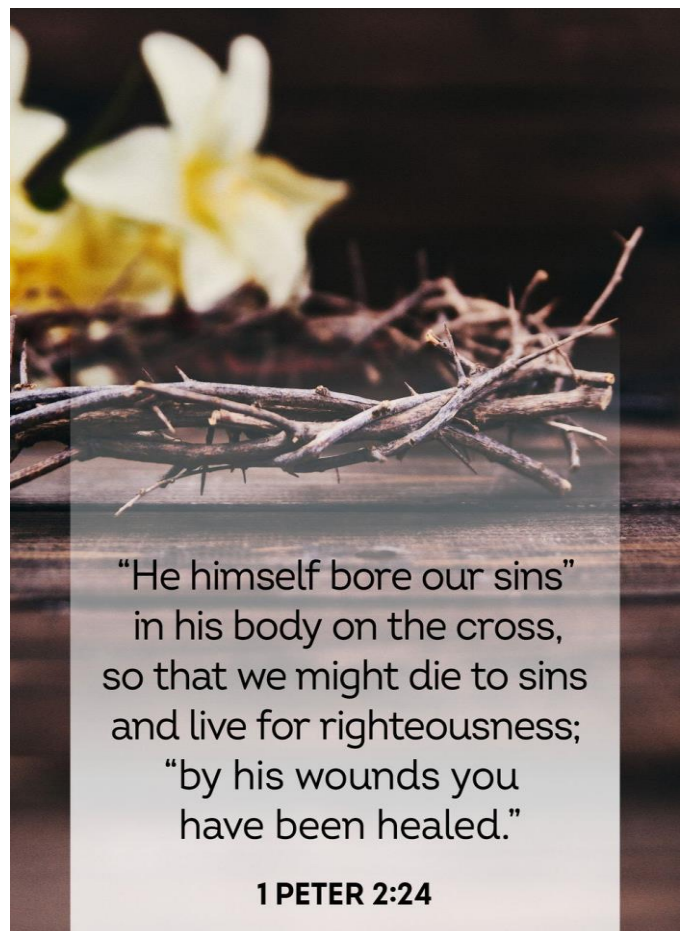
"¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **¹⁵** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."





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.



“He himself bore our sins”
in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sins
and live for righteousness;
“by his wounds you
have been healed.”

1 PETER 2:24

“He humbled himself
by becoming obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:8



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



NEW CHURCH COUNCIL

Matthew 5:

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”



Back right to left: Michael Murray- Chair, Andrea Thomas, Wilson Mzirai, Erwin Kinsey, Neil Miller- Secretary. Front right to left: Susan Simonson, Sion Miraa - Vice Chair, Jessica Shayo. Not in the Photo: Eliel Gideon- Treasurer, Irene Joel

Arusha Community Church 2023 Income through 31 January (in TSh millions)



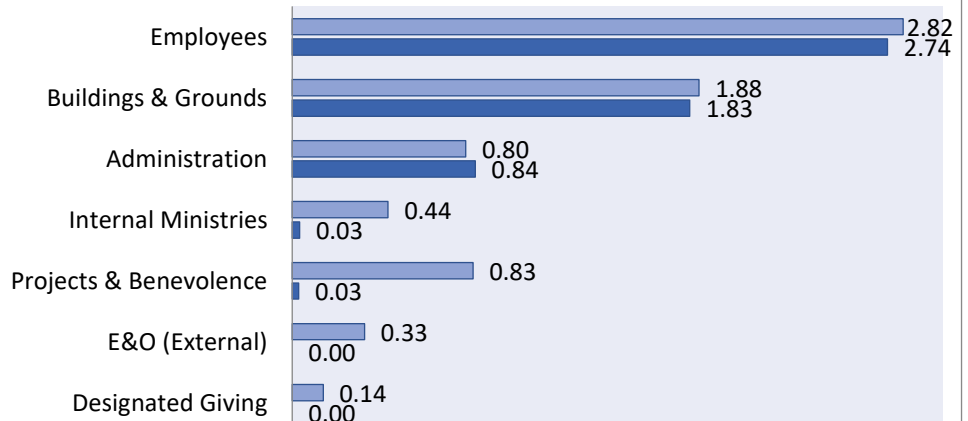
2023 income thru January was TSh 4.52 million higher than the same period last year, and TSh 1.77 million above this year's first-month target. A great start!

Arusha Community Church 2023 Expenditure through 31 January (in TSh millions)

Projected thru 31 Jan: 7.24

Actual thru 31 Jan: 5.49

2023 expenditure thru January was TSh 0.46 million higher than the same period last year, but TSh 1.76 million below this year's first-month target. Our committees typically start spending in February.





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 0030035020

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)

John 3:16-17

“¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”



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!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:

Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Wednesday 5:00pm

Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

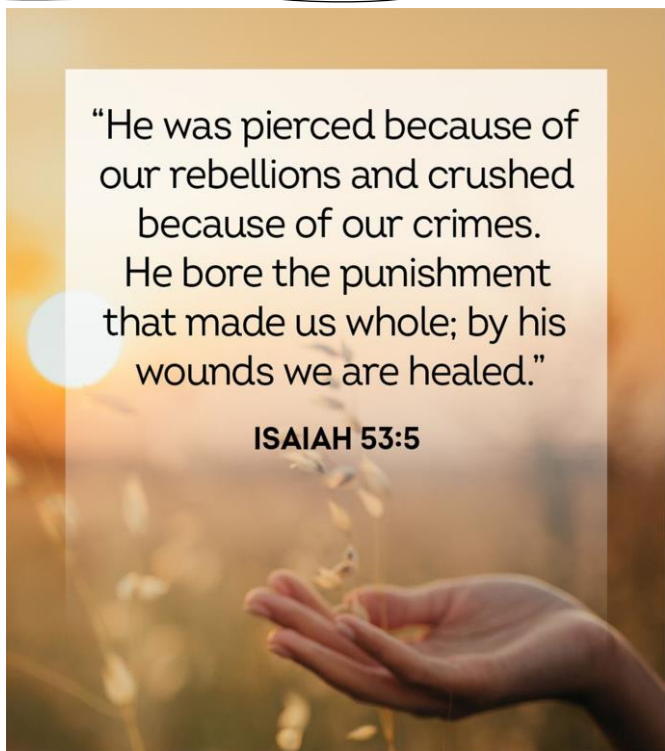
Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Friday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am (New Comers meeting) – 10:00am (General

“He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds we are healed.”

ISAIAH 53:5





March 2023

Worship Schedule

	March 5, 2023	March 12, 2023	March 19, 2023	March 26, 2023
Church Calendar	2nd Sunday in Lent	3rd Sunday in Lent	4th Sunday in Lent	5th Sunday in Lent
Service Type	Communion	Morning	Communion	Family
Service Leader	Michael Murray	Monica John	Sion Miraa	Moira Brehony
Preacher	Philip Bach-Svendsen	Eamonn Brehony	Eric Mbelle	Pat Patton
Musician(s)	Sion Miraa	Megan Ndale	Neil Miller	Erwin Kinsey
Duty Elder	Wilson Mziray	Michael Murray	TBD	Eliel Gideon
Zoom Host	TBD	Sion Miraa	Jessica Shayo	TBD
Sound Projector	Andrea Thomas	Tumsifu Mushi	Goodluck Kaaya	Andrea Thomas
Ushers	Jacque Njau	Jacque Njau	Jacque Njau	Jacque Njau
Flowers	Irene Mchomvu	Doreen Marandu	Christy Rowe-Miller	Rebecca Ndorossy
Scripture Readings	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5,13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45

Ephesians 2:4–7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.