

A Prayer for this week:

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Frances R. Havergal

FAMILY CROSS



Please pray for the recipients of
the family cross every day
during the week

This week's families (26 July)

07h30 Ernie & Pat Fisher
09h30 John & Carolyn Morrison
18h00 James Galloway

Next week's families (2 Aug)

07h30 Gary, Natalie & Jessica Fisher
09h30 Ivy & Tebogo Mphahlele
18h00 Cindy & Tom Geffen

Thursday's family (6 Aug)

09h30 Sue Beattie

Following week's families (9 Aug)

07h30 Brent & Patricia Fourie
09h30 Mandla, Batlalefeng & Sakhile
Mtshali
18h00 Franc, Robyn & Emily Gray

St. Luke's Church, Orchards



St Luke's seeks to build God's Kingdom by helping
believers to develop a *covenant relationship* with
God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—that will enrich
our daily lives and equip us for service to others

26 July 2015

The Word of God

07h30 — Holy Communion

Celebrant : Allan Williams
Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading	Isaiah 9:2-5
Psalm	Psalm 119: 105-112
2nd reading	Ephesians 5: 8-21
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16

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Children of the Light

As our study of Ephesians draws towards
its end some of you might feel relieved!
Although I think we have all learned
much, Paul's words are as challenging as
they are encouraging.

In today's passage Paul contrasts the
darkness of the world with the light that
Christian life brings. He continues to
challenge those who believe in Christ to
live lives worthy of our Saviour, and he
advises us to be filled with the Spirit and
to be thankful.

We are children of the light,
commissioned to spread that light in a
dark world. The light of Christ brings
peace and healing to a broken world.

David

Rector: Revd David Edwards
Senior Assistant Priest: Revd Allan Williams
Assistant Priest: Revd Janette Ross
Youth Co-ordinator: Vacant
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PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- David Edwards, Allan Williams, Janette Ross & Jerry Bailey our clergy

Our Parish

- For God's guidance in finding a new Youth Pastor
- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Kathleen Vincent, Duncan Crombie, Colleen Davis, Penny Metcalf, Thapelo Mothibe, Barbara Nicholson, Brenda Sparks, Anthony Thornton-Smith (hands), Carol Clark (chemo), Sally Matthews (op), Tessa Thornton-Smith (op on Tues)

- For Your direction in everything we do

Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Liziwe
- That God's Spirit of wisdom and understanding would be with the clergy of our Diocese
- For all preachers of God's Word to do so with integrity, and to portray the 'real' Jesus to their congregations
- For the power of the Holy Spirit to be present in all our clergy
- For the Anglican Church in Diepsloot and its rector, Nancy Tshabalala

Our Country & World

- For our Government: especially President Jacob Zuma, Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, and this week we pray for Nathi Nhleko, Minister of Police
- All Christians persecuted for their faith
- For all who use our roads to do so with caution and responsibly
- For those who are homeless



Birthdays this week



- 26 Mondo Mazwai
27 Jill Ansara
29 Khumo Makgato
30 Jean Butcher
31 Avril Read
- August
- 1 Rose Nourse



Anniversaries this week



- 28 Tim & Lisl Less 2001

We remember in love those who have died 26 July—1 Aug

- 26 July 2014 Olga Rolt
28 July 1992 Helen Thornton-Smith
29 July 2013 Brian Cassidy
30 July 2009 Edward Silk

"The God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles" 2 Cor 1:4

God is preparing you today for what you need tomorrow.

PRAYER & QUIET TIME

Weekday Prayer

Monday to Friday

08h30—09h00: Morning Devotions

16h30—17h00: Evening Prayer

Monday evenings

17h30 to 18h30

A time of quiet and meditation as we listen to God's voice!

Prayers for our Country

2 Chronicles 7 v 14: "if my people, who are called by my name, will . . . pray . . . I will heal their land"

Thursday Lunchtime

13h00—14h00

Please pray for our country—even if you are unable to attend this meeting.

Messiahmas

Come celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord, as we rediscover the Roots and Reality of Christmas

Enjoy a three course Gala Christmas Dinner with friends and family

R 180 per person/R 1280 per table of eight

Tickets are available from the Office

Please feel free to bring your own drinks: cooldrink, wine, beers and good spirit!!

**22 August 2015
6.30 for 7.00 pm**

Dates to Diarise

7 Aug *Citchin Cook up*

10 Aug *Public Holiday*

13 Aug *Parish Exec*

19 Aug *Evening of Refreshing*

22 Aug *Messiahmas Dinner*
(see advert below)

23 Aug *Baptisms*

4 Sep *Citchin Cook up*

5 Sep *Quiet Morning*

18 Oct *St. Luke's Day*

Lift required on Sundays

A member of our parish who lives in Linskfield requires a lift to church on Sundays. She currently attends the 09h30 service, but will be happy to attend whatever service she can get a lift to.

Please contact the office if you can help.

Our Winter Newsletter

The latest newsletter has been emailed to those who get it by email, and posted to those who don't attend church regularly.

To cut costs, we have not put the newsletters for collection into envelopes, so if you don't receive one by email or in the post, please collect your copy from the back of the church today.

Sermon Outline – 26 July 2015

Ephesians 5:8-21

“8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said:

- Non-Christian life is in the dark; Christian life in the light
- 1. The light produces good fruit – Goodness (generosity); righteousness (giving men and God what is their due). Truth is moral truth – not just what is to be known but what is to be done. The light of Christ makes us strong to do what we know is true
- 2. The light enables us to discriminate between what is pleasing and what is not pleasing to God. All motives and action should be tested in the light of Christ
- 3. The light exposes whatever is evil. The best way to rid the world of any evil is to drag it into the light.
- 4. “Everything which is illuminated becomes light’ (Paul). It has a cleansing quality.

“15 Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

- Paul urges the converts to live like the wise.
- He contrasts a typical gathering of Greco-Romans (‘getting drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery’) and Christians (‘be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs’). People have to be filled with something
- Christian gatherings in those early days:
 1. A singing church. It had a happiness which made people sing.
 2. A thankful church. Instinct was to give thanks in all places and at all times. Members will still be dazzled by the wonder that God’s love had stooped to save them. Thankful because they were aware of being in the hands of God.
 3. A church in which people honoured and respected each other. This was because of their mutual reverence for Christ (v 21). Saw each other not in the light of each other’s wealth or education or social standing, but in the light of Christ. They therefore recognised the dignity of everyone.