

"CITCHIN COOK-UP"

Friday 4 Mar— @ 6pm

to cook for the Thursday stew kitchen

Bring: * R120 for stew ingredients

* Liquid refreshment (for you)

Come and enjoy supper, songs and good company; ~no experience necessary!

SAINTS Workshop

Date: Saturday 5 March 2016

Time: 09h00—12h00

Place: St. Luke's Church

Speaker: Bishop Peter Lee

Topic: "Conflict to Confidence"

Cost: R 30

All Welcome

Does your life as a Christian make you feel "conflicted" with the values of the world? Come and be encouraged.

FAMILY CROSS



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

This week's families (28 Feb)

07h30 Jennifer Thornton-Smith

09h30 John & Hilary Vice

18h00 Kenneth Ramakgopa

Thursday's family (3 Mar)

09h30 Pat Truscott

Next week's families (6 Mar)

07h30 Roger & Sue Tinsley

09h30 Dale, Leza, Sylvia & Rowan Vice

18h00 Trevor Read

Following week's families (13 Mar)

07h30 Ray & Sandy Tricker

09h30 Freddy, Pauline & Caitlyn Why

18h00 Trish, Nick & Hayden Schmidt

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

28 February 2016

Salvation for all who follow Christ

Our Lent course this year is looking at salvation. "What are we saved from?" was the title of the first week, while "what are we saved for?" was addressed last week. Next week we find the answer to "What do we have to do to be saved?" and the last episode is entitled "How are we saved?"

Today we ask "Who can be saved?" This is not about whether "bad" people will go to heaven (wait for next week for that!). What about followers of other faiths or none?

The answer of course is that people of every race and nationality and culture and class are welcomed in heaven. Eternal life, salvation from sin, requires only that we turn from sin and follow Christ.

David

The Word of God

07h30 — Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading	Acts 17: 16-31
Psalm	Psalm 19
2nd reading	Ephesians 4: 17-24
Gospel	John 4: 4-14

09h30— Holy Communion

Celebrant : Allan Williams
Preacher: David Edwards

Reading	Ephesians 4: 17-24
Gospel	John 4: 4-14

18h00— Holy Communion

Celebrant : Janette Ross
Preacher: David Edwards

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Gospel	John 4: 4-14

Thursday—Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Janette Ross

Reading

Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever.

The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair.

They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold.

They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb.

Psalm 19 vs 9, 10 (NLT)

Rector: Revd David Edwards

Senior Assistant Priest: Revd Allan Williams

Assistant Priest: Revd Janette Ross

Youth Co-ordinator: Vacant

Church Wardens: Charles Sarjoo, Camilla Leeds, Isaac Takawira (alt) and Mondo Mazwai (alt)

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PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- John Browne and his team on the Church Growth Portfolio
- The knowledge that whether we see evidence of it or not—God is ever present

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, Thapelo Mothibe, Penny Metcalf, Jerry Bailey, Rodney van Wyk, Mano Govender, Jacinda Coulter, Beryl Bailey, Eve Mothibe, Tessa Thornton-Smith, John Edwards, Natalie Lacy, Michael Matthews, Normelle Harker, Barbara Altaris, Maureen Gibb

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

Our Country

- For our Government: especially President Jacob Zuma and Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa and this week we pray for Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Energy
- For all leaders in civil society
- Rain in the catchment areas and in the farming areas



Birthdays this week



28 Graham Ewing Melanie Maltez

March

1 David Butcher Dambu Dube

1 Mathew Lawrenson
Virginia Mudede Rob Steer
Tessa Thornton Smith

2 Tamlyn Harker

3 Lorna Dodkins Jordin Haywood

4 Daphne Payne
Anastasia Sekhonyana



Anniversaries this week



3 Peter & Kirsty Thomson 2003

We remember in love those who have died 28 Feb—5 Mar

1 Mar 2011 David Lamb

1 Mar 2011 Alec Robb

2 Mar 2010 Ellen Isobel Fuglseth

2 Mar 2010 Jean Joseph Humble

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

Are you a Visitor? A Newcomer?

Please introduce yourself to one of the clergy, and fill in one of the cards in the holder in the pews and hand it to one of the sidespeople.

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.

Prayers for St. Luke's

Matthew 18:19-20: 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

We invite you to join us for corporate prayer on the following Saturdays: 19 March, 16 April and 14 May from 09h00 to 10h00 to pray for the Parish and seek where God is leading us. You are welcome to join for all or part of the Prayer Meeting.

The Marriage Course

This is for anyone of any age and stage who would like to enrich their marriage. Enjoy a date once a week for seven weeks!

Where: Anderson's Nursery Restaurant

When: Mon 4 Apr – 23 May (7 wks)

Time: 6.30 – about 9

Cost: R1400 per couple which includes a delicious meal and work book which accompanies the course. Safe parking is available.

For further info contact Diana Lawrenson on 072-258-5537

To book contact the office 011-728-7015

It is an opportunity not to be missed.



Alpha

- LOVE – we care for people and create an atmosphere where your best friends will feel comfortable
- LEARN – you can ask any questions and discuss them freely
- LIVE – experience the Christian life yourself.

Check out this course by joining us for supper on **Wednesday 6 April at 7 p.m.** – Lighthouse Hall and then just do it . . . for 10 weeks starting **Wednesday 13 April.**

We would love you to join us!

Please call the church office for details.

All Welcome

Sermon Outline – 28 February 2016

What should we learn from the woman at the well?

The story of the nameless Samaritan woman at the well, recorded only in the Gospel of John, is a revealing one, full of many truths and powerful lessons for us today. The story of the woman at the well follows on the heels of the account of Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and prominent member of the Jewish Sanhedrin (John 3:1–21). In John 4:4–42 we read about Jesus' conversation with a lone Samaritan woman who had come to get water from a well (known as Jacob's well) located about a half mile from the city of Sychar (now Nablus) in Samaria.

This was an extraordinary woman. She was a Samaritan, a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God, and she was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people. This is evidenced by the fact that she came alone to draw water from the community well when, during biblical times, drawing water and chatting at the well was the social highpoint of a woman's day. However, this woman was ostracized and marked as immoral, an unmarried woman living openly with the sixth in a series of men.

The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves us in spite of our bankrupt lives. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy, and to rejoice in our worship. As a result of Jesus' conversation, only a person like the Samaritan woman, an outcast from her own people, could understand what this means. To be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her—this is grace indeed.

But there are many other valuable truths we glean from this story. We learn that:

1. Only through Jesus can we receive eternal life: "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life'" (John 4:13–14; cf. John 14:6).
2. Jesus' ministering to those outcasts of society (the Samaritans) reveals that all people are valuable to God and that Jesus desires that we demonstrate love to everyone . . . including even our enemies (John 4:7–9; Matthew 5:44).

Bonhoeffer's Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ

You were poor and in distress.

a captive, and forsaken. As I am.

You know all man's troubles;

yet you abide with me

when all men fail me;

You remember me and seek me;

It is Your will that I should know You

And turn to you.

Lord, I hear your call and follow. Help me.

Amen