

## Confirmation in 2016/7

The confirmation process at St. Luke's is a 2-year course, so if you are turning 16 in 2017 and wish to be confirmed, then you need to start the course in 2016, and you will be confirmed in 2017.

Parents, if you would like your teen to join the classes for this year—please contact Michael on 011-728-7015, or email [michael@stluke.co.za](mailto:michael@stluke.co.za)

This is a very important component of the teen's development, so there will be a degree of commitment required from the teen to attend the classes and church—and to get involved in church activities.

## Holy Week @ St. Luke's

**Mon 21 Mar** – no services.

**Tues 22 Mar @ 19h00**~Taizé Service

**Wed 23 Mar @ 19h00** Meditative Service

**Thurs 24 Mar ~ Maundy Thursday:**

Holy Communion @ 09h30 & 19h00

**Fri 25 Mar – Good Friday @ 12h00**

Three-hour Service: Pilgrim Journeys

**Holy Saturday 26 March @ 19h00**

Easter Vigil Service

**27 March – Easter Day**

Holy Communion @ 07h30 & 09h30

## FAMILY CROSS



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

### This week's families (13 Mar)

07h30 Johann & Ronell Venter

09h30 Freddy, Pauline & Caitlyn Why

18h00 Trish, Nick & Hayden Schmidt

### Next week's families (20 Mar)

07h30 Ray & Sandy Tricker

09h30 Janette Ross

18h00 Sphamandla Sithole

### Following week (27 Mar)

Easter Sunday: No Family Cross

### Thursday's family (7 Apr)

09h30 Bruce & Janet McMurray



## Appeal from SLAM

St. Luke's Music Academy

If you have unused acoustic (preferably steel string) guitars for the youth music lessons that you are able to donate, please contact Mervyn 082-573-5626

# 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

**13 March 2016**

## How Are we Saved?

We are saved by faith, grace and the encompassing love of God.

Could it be that Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God and not the mind of God about humanity?

Some thoughts:

"The cross is the giving up of God's self in order not to give up on humanity; it is the consequence of God's desire to break the power of human enmity without violence and receive human beings into divine communion." Miroslav Volf (in Heaton 2013:105)

"So why did Christ come? Sin and forgiveness are surely part of the answer, but the cross of Jesus was more than simply God's response to the predicament of sinful humanity: rather it was in some way part of the eternal purpose of God....it was the ultimate self-revelation of a loving God to the world." (Tim Heaton:102)

O God, keep us walking in your Grace, seeking your Love and choosing Your healing Light.

Diana

## The Word of God

### Morning— Holy Communion

07h30: Celebrant : Janette Ross  
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

09h30: Celebrant : Allan Williams  
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading Genesis 49:33 -50:3

Psalm Psalm 61:1-5 (MSG)

2nd reading 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Gospel John 11: 17 - 43

### 18h00— Holy Communion

Celebrant : Allan Williams  
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading Genesis 49:33 -50:3

2nd reading 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Gospel John 11: 17 - 43

### Thursday—Holy Communion

Celebrant : Allan Williams  
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading Genesis 49:33 -50:3

2nd reading 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Gospel John 11: 17 - 43

**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)

**Office Hours:** 9.00 am to 1.00 p.m., 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.

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## PRAYER FOCUS:

### Thanksgivings:

- Terence Lawrenson and his team on the Mission & Mercy Portfolio
- The wonderful soaking rains

### Our Parish

- David on Sabbatical
- 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, Michael Matthews, Normelle Harker, Barbara Altaris, Maureen Gibb, Gordon Grange

### 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 Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, Minister of Defence and Military Veterans
- For all leaders in civil society
- All who use our roads to do so responsibly



## Birthdays this week



13	Franc Gray	William Macheke
14	Colleen Davis	Anthony Still
16	Jess Myhill	
17	Ava Davel	
18	Nigel Takawira	Sylvia Vice
19	Val Kuisis	



## Anniversaries this week



13	Mark & Dee Shepherd	1993
18	Derek & Julia-Anne Halstead-Cleak	1994

## We remember in love those who have died 13—19 Mar

16 Mar 2015	Lorraine Baker
17 Mar 2012	Harold Gibb

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

## Would you like to contribute to the cost of the Easter Flowers?

Please be in touch with Sally or Maria and let them know—in memory of a loved one? just because you are grateful to Jesus? For whatever reason you have ....

## Corporate Prayer @ St. Luke's

Corporate prayer is an important part of the life of the church. Corporate prayer edifies and unifies us as we share our common faith.

Please consider joining one or all of the Prayer Meetings that take place in our Church weekly. You are welcome to join for all or part of the meetings, so don't not come if you can't commit to the full hour.

### Monday—Friday:

**08h30—09h00**

Morning Devotions

**16h30—17h00**

Evening Prayer

### Monday

**17h30—18h30**

Prayers for St. Luke's

### Thursday:

**13h00—14h00**

Prayers for our Country

### Saturday (19 March)

**09h00—10h00**

Prayers for St. Luke's

**All Welcome**

## Palm Sunday ~ 20 March 2016

We need:

- Palm Branches—plenty of them! If you have a Palm Tree, or have access to one, please let us know.
- People (men and women of all ages, including children) to come and make the Palm Crosses on Saturday 19 March @ 09h00—free lessons provided! The more that come, the less time it will take ☺
- Strong men (and strong women!) to decorate the Church with the Palm Branches (also at 09h00).
- Afterwards we can all reward ourselves by joining the Coffee Shop for 'nice' coffee and a delicious baked something for a very reasonable price.



## 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**