

Dates to Diarise

8 Mar *Newsletter Deadline*

20 Mar *Palm Sunday*

21 Mar *Public Holiday/
Holy Week Starts*

*Please see Bookmark insert for
details*

27 Mar *Easter Sunday*

3 Apr *Baptisms (09h30)*

4 Apr *Marriage Course Starts
(see insert)*

6 Apr *Alpha Dinner*

13 Apr *Alpha Starts*

FAMILY CROSS



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

This week's families (6 Mar)

07h30 Roger & Sue Tinsley
09h30 Dale, Leza, Sylvia & Rowan Vice
18h00 Trevor Read

Next week's families (13 Mar)

07h30 Johann & Ronell Venter
09h30 Freddy, Pauline & Caitlyn Why
18h00 Trish, Nick & Hayden Schmidt

Following week's families (20 Mar)

07h30 Ray & Sandy Tricker
09h30 Janette Ross
18h00 Sphamandla Sithole

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

6 March 2016

What must I do to be saved?

Some years ago I saw a piece of graffiti that read, "If Jesus is the answer, what was the question?" Essentially that is what this Lent's journey is about. Discovering, that despite this being a church run program, Jesus isn't the answer to all the questions, though His is the answer to many.

This week's question is "What must we do to be saved?" The world around us is itself consumed with, "what", "how" and "why" questions and the market has responded admirably with a torrent of information. We have "The dummies guide to...." just about anything, the "10 easy steps to....", "the 3 laws of...." etc etc. Each promising that if carefully followed, their recipe, will scratch your itch.

Our question, therefore immediately, establishes a set of rather unhelpful expectations. We come looking for a recipe of 10 Steps to getting Saved. However all those with that expectation will find themselves leaving unfulfilled and disappointed, because God and His Kingdom will never allow us to reduce it to a recipe.

Dylan

The Word of God

07h30 — Holy Communion

Celebrant : Allan Williams
Preacher: Dylan Atkinson

1st reading Exodus 6.5-8
2nd reading Romans 3:21-30
Gospel John 9:24-33

09h30— Holy Communion

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18h00— Holy Communion

Celebrant : Janette Ross
Preacher: Dylan Atkinson

1st reading Exodus 6.5-8
Gospel John 9:24-33

Thursday—Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Allan Williams

1st reading Exodus 6.5-8
Gospel John 9:24-33

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.
When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—
what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?
Psalm 8:1,2-3 (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:

- Jenni Gous and her team on the Home Group Portfolio
- The assurance that even when we question, and appear to doubt—You are big enough to allow it

Our Parish

- David on Sabbatical (overseas at present)
- 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 Lizivi
- 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 David Mahlobo, Minister of State Security
- For all leaders in civil society



Birthdays this week



6	Barbara Halley Siphokazi Sishi	Idah Mwapaura
7	Eric Myhill	Adara Spink
8	Trish Ewing	Quentin Leeds
9	Kirshan Ruthunsamy Barabara van Wyk	
10	Grant Hansel Jenny Marcus	Lin Kopman
11	Lerato Gasane Zoe Kotzee Teboho Selele	Samuel Harris Meks Mohajane

We remember in love those who have died 6—12 Mar

7 Mar 2014	George Coppin
9 Mar 2015	Vernon Desmond White
10 Mar 2009	Denis Begbie
12 Mar 2015	Joy Powell

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

Prayer at St. Luke's - All requests are treated with confidentiality.

Should you have any prayer requests, please contact the Office, or fill in the form in the pews, which you can place in the box at the back.

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.

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