

St. Luke's Newsletter

Have you had a touch of God on your life recently? Has God worked in a way that could ONLY be God? There are many 'little' ways that God works in our lives, please share these with others, it is so important to keep telling of the goodness God is doing in our lives.

Our deadline for our next newsletter is **Wednesday 5 October**, (but please don't wait until then to send in your contribution!), please either email it to shirley@stluke.co.za or bring your contribution to the office.

Dates to Diarise

- 3-7 Oct** *Holiday Club*
8 Oct *Church Cleaning*
14 Oct *Citchin Cook up (please note change of date!)*
16 Oct *St. Luke's Day*
23 Oct *Bible Sunday*
1 Nov *All Souls' Service*
6 Nov *Baptisms*
12 Nov *Confirmation*

FAMILY CROSS

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



This week's families (25-Sept)

- 07h30 Ernie & Pat Fisher
09h30 Jacinda Coulter & Derek Figg
18h00 Quentin & Camilla Leeds

Next week's families (2 Oct)

- 07h30 Jane Chocho
09h30 Glenda Collins
18h00 Tshepo Malinga

Thursday's family (6 Oct)

- 09h30 Alan & Jill Lawson

Following week's families (9 Oct)

- 07h30 Gary, Natalie & Jessica Fisher
09h30 Justin, Deidre, Isla & Ava Davel
18h00 Mervyn, Trudy, Catherine & Dana Low

Home Communion

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home because you are sick or house bound please let the office know.

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

25 Sept 2016

Celebrate and Care for Creation

We are all able to look at the landscape with both spiritual and physical eyes. This is a gift to be cultivated. As we consciously do this, we begin to appreciate the artistry of God's creation as it influences our understanding of who we are and what it is that God has created for us to celebrate with, learn from and care for. Our readings today affirm both the wisdom God shares with us in His creation and the bounty that comes in bringing ourselves as we are as part of His creation to the foot of His cross, knowing that in life and light Resurrection follows.

*Breath of God, permeating the heart
of creation,*

Lift our eyes to your glory which surrounds us:

Wind of God, vibrant in every moment,

*Open our minds to the mystery
of your presence:*

*Spirit of God, source of transformation
and life,*

*Propel us to be a people of light
Amen*

(A Celtic Prayer adapted by Peter Millar)

As we connect more deeply with God and with ourselves as part of His Creation, may our care be inevitable.

Diana

The Word of God

Morning— Holy Communion

07h30: Celebrant: Allan Williams
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

09h30: Celebrant: David Edwards
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading Job 12: 7-13

Psalms (07h30) Proverbs 3:19-26

2nd Reading (07h30) Colossians 1: 15 - 20

Gospel John 15: 5-8

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Rector: Revd David Edwards
Senior Assistant Priest: Revd Allan Williams
Assistant Priest: Revd Janette Ross
NexGen Pastor: Jordan Theron
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PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- Jenni Gous and her team on the Home Group Portfolio

Our Parish

- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Kathleen Vincent, Beryl Bailey, Fiona Hopkins, June Smith, Anthea Cereseto, Jill Lawson, Margie Hoffe, Marie Myhill, Julie Faber, Carol Grauman (hip replacement)
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives
- Some of our Confirmation candidates on camp this weekend: Zanna Goodenough, Austin Harris, Dineo Malepane, Tshepo Malinga, Thabi Mhlangu, Chris Ngosheng, Tiffany Orji, Lilitha Sibanyoni and Zinhle Zimu; and their leaders: Michael, Spha, Vicky & Janette
- Confirmation candidates unable to attend the camp: Allistair Kunene, Courtney Lacy, Innocent & Zinhle Mkhonta, Tebogo Mtleni, Pamela Ncube, Kabelo Tsoanyane and Megan

Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Liziwe
- For the power of the Holy Spirit to be evident in all our clergy

Our Country

- For our Government in these times especially all those in positions of authority
- For Herman Mashaba, Mayor of JHB
- The unrest on our University Campuses
- For integrity in all our leaders
- For peace as the new municipal councils begin operating
- For all policemen and women,
- For all who use our roads



Birthdays this week



- 26 Sifiso Khoza
Wendy Teubes
- 28 Justin Fleurs
Bruce Nourse
Pat Truscott
- 30 Jimmy Myerscough
Thabile Nkosi
Kenneth Ramakgopa

October

- 1 Simon Matsoso



Anniversaries this week



- 26 Graham & Janine Edwards 1981
Basil & Wendy Teubes 1969
- 27 Ryan & Mairead Edwards 2008
- 30 Michael & Sally Matthews 1972
- October
- 1 Glenn & Lesley Lechet 2005

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. These requests are forwarded to the Intercessors.

Church Spring Cleaning

**Saturday 8 October
from 08h00**

Please join us as we clean the church. The more people, the sooner we finish! Cleaning materials & refreshments will be provided!

Everyone welcome—there are jobs suited to all ages and abilities!
(list at the back!)



St. Luke's Day Sunday 16 October 2016 08h30

(one service only)

Please join us for our Birthday Celebration followed by a bring and share tea on the lawns (weather permitting).

We need contributions of both sweet and savoury plates of eats. There will be lists up at the back of the Church next week for you to indicate what you would like to contribute.

If you would like to be involved in the logistics of the day—please let Shirley know.

All Welcome

Citchin Cook Up

Please note that the date has changed! It will NOT be on 7 October but on 14 October.

Watering of our Gardens

We use Borehole water to water our gardens at St. Luke's—and this has been



our practice for many years. But we want to use our water responsibly so we will water early (before 09h00) in the morning and late (between 15h00 & 17h00) in the afternoon. If you see us using water irresponsibly please be in touch.

Join us for the 6 week pilot of
“The Power Hour”:

A service for families to encounter God together.

All welcome. Kids encouraged.

**4:45 - 5:45pm,
every Sunday from 23 October to
27 November 2016**

In the Lighthouse Hall

Contact St Luke's office (011-728-7015) for more information or Jimmy (082-600-1812) or Sarah (082-374-5535) Myerscough, otherwise see you there.

ALL WELCOME:

Are you a Visitor?

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.

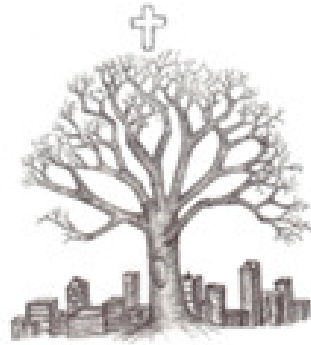
Simon Reed's visit ... Creating Community...

What next?

Series: A Way for Life

(looking at the 10 Waymarks)

As a community we are reflecting on what they might mean for us going forward. We may choose to change them slightly. There is a space beneath each point for you to think about what each means to you in your life each day. It is helpful to be specific and connect each to an action. You may well be doing these things already. These are not rules but ways of connecting more deeply with God and God more deeply with all of life.



Our Way of Life:

- Keep a rhythm of prayer, work and recreation (18 September)
- Celebrate and care for creation (25 September)
- Live as simply as possible (2 October)
- Pursue Unity (9 October)
- Be a life-long learner (23 October)
- Heal whatever is broken (30 October)
- Be open to the Holy Spirit and listen (6 November)
- Pray for good to overcome evil (13 November)
- Share Jesus and justice (20 November)
- Journey with a Soul Friend (27 November)

Celebration and Care for Creation

Jesus called himself 'the light of the world [literally, the *kosmos*]' (John 8:12), and John declares that 'all things came into being through him' (John 1:3). There are many stories of the Celtic saints and other holy people living in harmony with wild creatures. We affirm that God's creation is essentially good, but is corrupted and damaged by the effects of human sin and the influence of the spiritual powers of evil. We believe that creation reveals the glory of God (Psalm 19:1) so we celebrate creation and seek ways to meet with and learn from God through it. We likewise seek to be environmentally aware, living in a way which respects and cares for God's creation and which stands against those values and practices that continue to damage it.

From *Creating Community* by Simon Reed p 53