

COFFEE SHOP

The volunteers who run the coffee shop would like to thank all who supported us through the year. It has enabled us to make a donation of R1500 to the Stew Kitchen for their Christmas function.

We look forward to seeing MORE of you visiting the coffee shop in the new year.

Think about this

We are the feet and hands of the body of Christ and the body only functions properly when every part is doing its bit!

There are so many ways to contribute to this smooth functioning. What about being a sides-person, a pray-er, a tea pourer, a helper in the Stew Kitchen, a contributor of meals for the sick and housebound?

There are many more areas to get involved ... please chat to one of the staff and we can fill you in.

The office is looking forward to hearing from you!!!



FAMILY CROSS



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

This week's families (13 Nov)

07h30 Elsbeth Galloway
09h30 Dudley, Noni, Nono, Keno & Radistshego Ditshego
18h00 Gilbert, Wendy, Jeremy, Timothy & Megan Miller

Next week's families (20 Nov)

07h30 Jennifer Gamble
09h30 Bruce & Carol Dixon
18h00 Innocent & Zinhle Mkhonto

Following week's families (27 Nov)

07h30 Jenni Gous
09h30 Heather Dixon-Seager
18h00 Thabang Modiba

Thursday's family (1 December)

09h30 Joan Coombe

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 November 2016

Overcome evil with Good

The world tells us to fight fire with fire, but Paul tells us to overcome evil with good. That sounds very counterintuitive! And yet, history shows that when the Church copies the world's way of doing things, it comes off second best. We see again and again that "the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." (1 Cor. 1: 25)

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God." (2 Cor. 10: 3-5).

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The Word of God

0h30 & 09h30— Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards
Preacher: Allan Williams

1st reading	2 Kings 6: 8–19
Psalms	Psalms 27: 1–6
2nd Reading	Ephesians 6:10–20
Gospel	Matthew 12: 22–29

16h45—Power Hour

A Celebration with the Family including Holy Communion

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Rector: Revd David Edwards
Senior Assistant Priest: Revd Allan Williams
Assistant Priest: Revd Janette Ross
NexGen Pastor: Jordan Theron
Church Wardens: Charles Sarjoo, Camilla Leeds, Isaac Takawira (alt) and Mondo Mazwai (alt)
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PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- Our Clergy: David Edwards, Allan Williams, Janette Ross and Jerry Bailey
- The rain last week
- The Confirmation service yesterday

Our Parish

- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Kathleen Vincent (had a fall), Beryl Bailey, Fiona Hopkins, June Smith, Anthea Cereseto, Jill Lawson, Margie Hoffe, Shirley Long, Douglas Gibson, Penny Mackrory, Margaret Mulgrew, Pam Gibson
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives
- All matrics writing finals, especially Dambu Dube, Tshepo Malinga, Thapelo Mothibe, Katie Shepherd and Shannon Whitlock

Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Liziwe

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 all policemen and women,
- For all who use our roads to do so responsibly
- For all educators, for them to remember the reason they 'teach', and learners to respect them
- For those affected by the flash floods
- Rain! Especially in the catchment areas—and protection on those living in low areas from floods



Birthdays this week



13	Ros Armstrong Carolyn Lee	Heather Dalglish
14	Rhys Buchanan Doris Goodenough	Joshua Bull
15	Julie Faber	Patricia Fourie
16	Dylan Atkinson	
17	George Kempis	Elijah Koloti
18	Hilda Namu	
19	Mammen Chacko	Neville Melville



Anniversaries this week



14	John & Jane Symons	2001
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We remember in love those who have died 13-19 Nov

14 Nov 2015	Margaret Lamb
15 Nov 2013	Justin van Wyngaardt
19 Nov 2014	Norah Damas

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

Pledges!

Thank you to all those who have submitted pledges—if you have not yet done so please let us have them back as soon as possible.

Corporate Prayer @ St. Luke's

Monday—Friday:

08h30—09h00: Morning Devotions

16h30—17h00: Evening Prayer

Monday

17h30—18h30: Prayers for St. Luke's

Thursday:

12h00—13h00: Prayers for our Country

Saturday (2nd Sat of each month)

09h00—10h00: Prayers for St. Luke's

All Welcome

Becoming awake and aware to the possibilities and Promise of Advent

We invite you to join us for our **Advent Quiet Morning**. Enjoy the peace and quiet of the space and become aware of God's Invitation to you for this Advent. This is the season of anticipation foretold by prophets of old. Let us thrill once again to these prophecies which speak to the deepest longings of our hearts

Date: Sat 26 Nov 2016 ... 07:30-10:30

Venue: Lighthouse Hall

Leader: Sue Tinsley

Tea/coffee and a light breakfast will be served. Please bring blanket or cushion, journal or notebook & bible.

Please call (011-728-7015) to book.

Donations welcome to cover costs.

Sue Tinsley is a trained Spiritual and Retreat Director through the Jesuit Institute of SA.

Sue is also a Counselling Psychologist

Join us for the fourth "The Power Hour":

A service for families with young children to encounter God together.

All welcome. Kids encouraged.

**16h45 - 17h45
this afternoon**

In the Lighthouse Hall

Holy Spirit Refreshment

As we move into Advent and the Christmas 'rush'— set aside time to put God first and let Him refresh you.

In the Lighthouse Hall,

Wednesday 16 Nov @ 7 p.m.

All Welcome!

"Welcoming the Light"

- An Advent retreat led by Sue Tinsley
- Afternoon 1 December to after lunch 5 December
- A time of sacred restoration and silence with individually led guidance.
- At St Benedict's House, Rosettenville

For further info or to book contact Sue directly suetinsleypsych@gmail.com

Are you a Visitor? A Newcomer?

Thank you for joining us today: please introduce yourself to one of the clergy

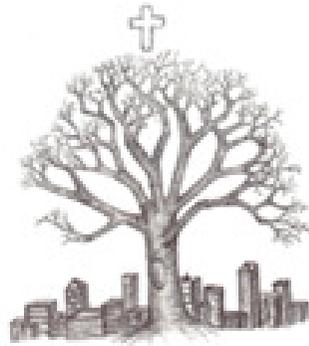
Simon Reed's visit ... Creating Community...

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)

Waymark: Intercession – overcoming prayer

Jesus understood his ministry to be a conflict between the kingdom of God and the spiritual powers of darkness (John 12: 31; Luke 11: 14-20). We recognise the reality of this unseen dimension and the ongoing warfare between the spiritual forces of good and evil (Ephesians 6: 1-13). Prayer is a key weapon in this struggle (Ephesians 6: 18) as we pray both for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, and to be delivered from evil (Matthew 6: 9-13). To pray in this way for people, places and situations is intercession.

Examples from a Way of Life:

I will pray daily for peacemakers in the Middle East.

I will pray at midday for those I know who are ill or struggling.

Add your own:

e.g. I will pray for the president and his cabinet every day.

I will pray every morning for an end to corruption in our land.

Intercession is always related to positive action because our ultimate goal is to 'overcome evil with good' (Romans 12: 21).

Suggestions for further reading:

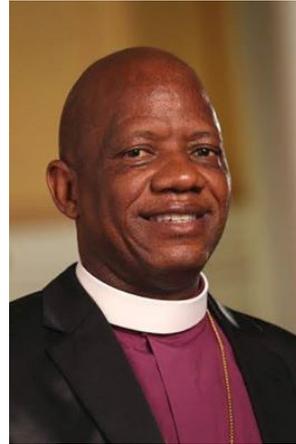
Use the index at the back of your bible (or the concordance), if your bible has one, to look up references to prayer to see how God uses prayer to accomplish God's purposes. You could use any of the search engines on your computer to do something similar; there are bible sites that will make this easier for you in addition to also giving you more information. Examples are:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/>

[www.e-sword.net](http://www.e-sword.net;);

<http://biblehub.com/commentaries/john/21-22.htm>;

[http://www.newlivingtranslation.com/05discoverthenlt/ssresults.asp?txtSearchString=pray&forceKey=yes&find.x=9&find.y=7](http://www.newlivingtranslation.com/05discoverthenlt/ssresults.asp?txtSearchString=pray&forceKey=yes&find.x=9&find.y=7;);



Bishop Steve Moreo of Johannesburg decries 'vitriolic attack' on white South Africans

MEDIA RELEASE BY THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF JOHANNESBURG, THE RIGHT REVD DR STEVE MOREO, ON THE RACIST UTTERANCES BY JULIUS MALEMA IN NEWCASTLE

All freedom loving South Africans of whatever faith will have been shocked by the latest hateful utterances of the leader of the Economic Freedom Fighters, Julius Malema. Speaking in Newcastle, KwaZuluNatal, yesterday (7 November 2016), Malema included these words in an emotionally charged address to his followers: "We are not calling for the slaughtering of white people – at least for now".

Such language, and indeed a lot of his divisive address yesterday, has no place in a free democracy. It has no place in our beloved country which our former archbishop, Desmond Tutu, so rightly dubbed "the rainbow nation" when we celebrated our liberation from our institutional racist past in 1994.

Malema is on record as saying that he may not be a churchgoer, but he believes in Jesus Christ and God. Like Mr Malema, I also believe in Jesus Christ and God. I too, like him, am black.

But unlike him, it seems, I know that in Christ there is no east or west, no north or south, but one great fellowship of love.

Malema's vitriolic attack on his fellow white South Africans is sad and a stark reminder that the naked sin of racism is alive and well in South Africa. It is a reminder that racism is as damaging whether articulated by black or white and is no

different to the corruption and greed of many in our country - all of which is decaying our land right now. It is particularly shameful to see it manifest in a person such as Malema.

Christians can have no truck with this hateful, anti-Christian rhetoric. All South Africans can trace the history of their lives to the influence of many people, from different races, various Creeds and backgrounds. None of us exists in a vacuum, for all of us are made in the image of God and are dependent on the community of the faiths to which we each belong.

The manner in which Jesus Christ carried out his ministry, reaching out to minorities and the marginalised in his day, tells us that true liberation entails an acceptance of everyone, irrespective of our cultures, our history or the baggage we bring that may tempt us to hate. The apostle, Paul, emphasises this with great clarity: "...there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free..." (Colossians 3:11).

The hateful and hurtful words that assailed us yesterday vividly contradict the spirit of love with which this country overflowed in the 1990s, and subsequently during the soccer World Cup in 2010. It is such a spirit that is needed now more than ever.

My call on all South Africans, and in particular those living in the economic hub of our land where I have been called to be bishop, is to show that love to one another. It is to move away from short-term, selfish goals that alienate us all as people who have shown in the past that we can live in a spirit of reconciliation and love for the greater good of all.