

Celebrating

What have we done to your birthday, Lord?

You came in the dark silence of night, with softly muffled stable sounds. We “remember” with stereos on high volume, jingling bells, and loud parties.

You came to us surrounded by brown - animals, mud floor, straw and wooden manger.

We “remember” with brilliant reds, greens and glittery tinsel.

With our sounds and colours of celebration, do we truly remember, or simply refashion and thus reduce the glory?

Susan Lenzkes

Adriaan Vlok

Sunday 15 January all services Forgiveness and Reconciliation

As Minister of Police in the apartheid government in the 1980's Adriaan Vlok earned an unenviable reputation. He was the political head of the police, the primary instrument of oppression by a system that was declared a crime against humanity by the United Nations.

Adriaan Vlok however met Christ and is now a changed man. Ten years ago he famously washed the feet of the Revd Frank Chikane, a man his police had once tried to kill by poisoning. Adriaan now spends his days distributing food to the poor in an informal settlement near Centurion and speaking at churches, together with a Soweto pastor who was also once victimised by the apartheid police.

The two of them will be at St Luke's to speak about Christ and reconciliation at all three services on Sunday 15 January 2016.

All Welcome

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

24/25 December 2016

Welcome to our Christmas Worship

The Word became flesh

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14, NIV).

This is one of the key verses in the entire Bible. It contains the profound fact that God intervened radically in human history all those years ago. And he still does. We call this the incarnation. It is key to understanding everything else the Scriptures teach about God, about us, about life and about eternity.

The very idea of God becoming human while still being God was almost incomprehensible then, and it still is for many. “The darkness has not understood [the Word]”. But for those who do understand and receive Jesus, who have seen and accepted the glory of the one and only son, have received and continue to receive the greatest gift the world has ever known.

Blessed Christmas to you and your families

David

The Word of God

22h30— Holy Communion

Celebrant : Janette Ross
Preacher: Allan Williams

1st reading	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Psalm	Psalm 98
2nd reading	Hebrews 1: 1- 4
Gospel	John 1: 1-14

07h30 — Holy Communion

Celebrant : Jerry Bailey
Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Psalm	Psalm 98
2nd reading	Hebrews 1: 1- 4
Gospel	John 1: 1-14

09h30—Holy Communion

Celebrant : Allan Williams
Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Gospel	John 1: 1-14

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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Young People's Church

We are open every Sunday during Government School Terms at 09h30. We will be reopen 15 January 2017.

We'd love to have you join us!

Little Candles (3 - 6 years) meet on the left of the Robin Crawford Centre

Lighthouse (Grades 1 – 6) meet in the Lighthouse Hall

Crossings (Grades 7 – 8) meet in the Parish Centre

One Life: (Grade 9 upwards!) meet in the Hall.

Teens: (Grade 7 upwards!) meet on Friday evenings in the Hall, for Teaching, Games, 'Chill evenings' and loads more. Join us on Friday 13 January for our first meeting.

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Birthdays this week



25	Tessa Browne	Jackie Makie
	Anthony Spinazzola	
26	Thandiswa Hlatshwako	
27	Dennis Sinclair	Allan Williams
28	Glenn Lechet	Helen Wilson
29	Megan Miller	Kaitlin Why
31	Maureen Crowther	Zanna Goodenough



Anniversaries this week



31	Justin & Deidre Davel	2008
	Scott & Jenna McHendrie	2013

We remember in love those who have died 25—31 Dec

27 Dec 2014 Kia Smith

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

This Christmas Season please pray:

- ☛ For God's protection on all our parishioners using the roads—
- ☛ For us to be aware of lonely people, and to let them know that they are loved and appreciated
- ☛ For the SAPS, especially at this time of year—for patience wisdom and the ability to cope with all emergencies and problems

What's happening

PRESS-ON Ironing Service **Mondays & Wednesdays**

Drop off your ironing between 07h00 & 10h00

R20.00 per kilogram

CLOSED between Christmas and New Year!

OPEN on Wednesday 4 January

Regular Services:

SUNDAYS:

07h30	Holy Communion
09h30	Holy Communion
16h45	Power Hour (restarting 12 Feb)
18h00	Worship & Holy Communion

THURSDAYS:

09h30	Holy Communion
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Parish Consultation

Saturday 14 January

All members of St Luke's are invited to a parish consultation in the Lighthouse Hall between 09h00 and 12h00 on Saturday 14 January.

Some important decisions regarding the life of the Parish will be discussed.

This consultation is very important in the life of St Luke's. Please make every effort to attend, and as importantly, please pray for it.

We hope to see you here!

Anglicare

at St Luke's

St Luke's has trained counsellors available to meet with you if you need to talk to someone about anything that might be troubling you. There is no charge for this service and complete confidentiality is guaranteed.

Call 011-728-8888

For the Community

Tough Love

(Parents Support Group)

(parents, siblings, spouses, friends)

Every Tuesday @ 18h45
in the Parish Centre

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday @ 19h30
in the Lighthouse Hall

Overeaters Anonymous

recovery from compulsive eating

Every Tuesday @ 19h30
in the Crawford Centre

Narcotics Anonymous

Every Monday @ 19h30
in the Lighthouse Hall

All Welcome

themarriagecourse

The Marriage Course is open to all couples (married or unmarried). It covers many of the most challenging areas of marriage – money, communication, forgiveness, in-laws and sex. This Course is an excellent tool for couples, providing practical advice to help improve and strengthen their relationship. Dates have not been finalised yet, but if you would like a romantic dinner with your partner or spouse why not think about attending this seven week course.

Further information will be published soon—so keep your eye on the bulletin.