

***This Christmas Season please pray:***

- ☛ For God’s protection on all our parishioners using the roads—whether traveling on holiday or just driving around the area
- ☛ For a responsibility regarding spending
- ☛ For us to be aware of lonely people, and to let them know that they are loved and appreciated
- ☛ For people to remember, and make proper arrangements for their pets if they go away
- ☛ For the SAPS, especially at this time of year—for patience wisdom and the ability to cope with all emergencies and problems
- ☛ For people not to be distracted by all the hype and commercialism—but to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season!

**Anglicare at St. Luke’s**

We have 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**

**FAMILY CROSS**



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

**This week’s families (18 Dec)**

07h30 Derek Joustra  
09h30 Gill Gallagher

**Families on 8 Jan 2017**

07h30 Richard & Pat Hatfield  
09h30 John, Nomkhozi & Umi Gamedze  
18h00 Peter & Amanda  
Nurcombe-Thorne

**Financial Report**

These are our financial results to the end of October 2016.  
“Praise God for all He allows us to do with HIS finances.”

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	3 660 235.00	3 689 476.00
Expenses	(3 779 826.00)	(3 937 872.00)
Net Income	(119 591.00)	(248 396.00)

**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)

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

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**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

**18 December 2016**

**The Word of God**

**07h30 & 09h30— Holy Communion**

Celebrant: David Edwards  
Preacher: Jerry Bailey

1st reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Psalm Psalm 100

2nd Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

**Thursday-09h30—Holy Communion**

Celebrant & Preacher: Janette Ross

**Holy Birth**  
Silently, with soft’ning stillness,  
Nothing embraced something  
In the gently breathing light.  
A holy secret. Unknown to all  
Save He – who watched and smiled.  
He loves this moment – His alone,  
To bless, to treasure and enjoy,  
and then to share.

Someone. Suddenly a someone.  
Deeply loved before creation.  
More than a miracle.  
Fulfilment of God’s desire.  
Still the imprint of His image.  
Sacred holiness. Angels quiet.  
Breathless wonder.  
Delight.  
(Anon)

Jerry



**Tonight! 18 December @ 19h00**

Please join us on the lawns outside the Church—or in the hall if it rains.

## PRAYER FOCUS:

### Thanksgivings:

- John Hoffe and his team on the Social Responsibility Portfolio
- Jacinda (Coulter) and David Rayners married in Cape Town on Friday
- The blessing the Advent meditations are

### Our Parish

- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Beryl Bailey, Fiona Hopkins, June Smith, Anthea Cereseto, Jill Lawson, Margie Hoffe, Shirley Long, Douglas Gibson, Penny Mackrory, Margaret Mulgrew, Pam Gibson, Shirley Difford, Doris Willows Munroe (Sue Tinsley's mum—double pneumonia)
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives

### Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Liziwe
- God's wisdom and discernment for all clergy

### Our Country

- For our Government in these times especially all those in positions of authority
- For Herman Mashaba, Mayor of JHB
- For integrity in all our leaders
- For all policemen and women,
- For all who use our roads to do so responsibly
- Rain! Especially in the catchment areas—and protection on those living in low areas from floods
- For our Country to move from anger to grace

### Our World

- All those living in the Middle East
- Victims of violence & terror



## Birthdays this week



18	Nonku Britton	
19	Carol Beadle	
20	Janet Axelson	Angie Garrad
21	Graham Beadle	Joy Green
22	Mimi Zulu	
24	Kerri-Ann Chepape	
	Derek Joustra	Franklin Sekonya



## Anniversaries this week



18	Freddy & Pauline Why	1994
20	Shaldon & Lin Kopman	2003
	Neil & Judy Krige	2009
22	John & Zoe Kotzee	1990

## We remember in love those who have died 18—24 Dec

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*"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.

## Holy Living

### How then shall we live?



Join us for a time of quiet reflection as we wait...  
Wednesday evenings  
19h00—19h45 in the church

**21 December - Holy Birth**

## Children's Christmas Service

Calling all families with young children... Come and join us on 24 December @ 16h00 as we celebrate the "Ultimate Gift" this Christmas season.



## Parish Consultation Saturday 14 January

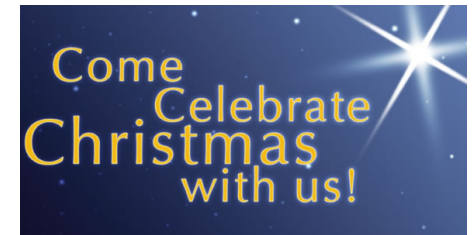
All members of St Luke's are invited to a parish consultation in the Lighthouse Hall between 09h00 and 12h00 on Saturday 14 January.

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!**

## Christmas and end of year services



### Sunday 18 (today)

07h30 Holy Communion  
09h30 Holy Communion  
19h00 Carol Service

### Thursday 22 December

09h30 Holy Communion (said)

### Saturday 24

16h00 Children's Service  
23h30 Holy Communion (with Carols)

### Sunday 25

07h30 Holy Communion (with Carols)  
09h30 Holy Communion (with Carols)

### Thursday 29 December

NO SERVICE

### Sunday 1 January

08h30 Holy Communion (said)

### Thursday 5 January

09h30 Holy Communion (said)

### NOTE:

The Church office will be closed from 16h30 on Friday 23 December, and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January at 09h00.

Should you have an emergency, please call 011-728-7015—there will be an emergency contact number on the answering machine.