

## 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.

So whether it is a good book you've read, or a good film you've seen, or a Scripture that has leapt out at you, or an 'occasion' involving other members of St. Luke's, please let us know about it – and if possible include some photos!

Deadline **Wednesday 15 March**, please email it to [shirley@stluke.co.za](mailto:shirley@stluke.co.za)

## Palm Sunday ~ 9 April 2017

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 8 Apr @ 09h00—
- Strong men (and strong women!) to decorate the Church with the Palm Branches (also at 09h00).

## FAMILY CROSS



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

### This week's families (12 Mar)

07h30 Simon & Fumane Matsoso  
09h30 Kuben, Nicole & Zach Gounden  
18h00 Jordan & Helen Theron

### Next week's families (19 Mar)

07h30 Shirley Long  
09h30 Mano & Jade Govender  
18h00 Martin & Marli Terblanche

### Following week's families (26 Mar)

07h30 Arthur & Ingrid McHendrie  
09h30 Carol Grauman  
18h00 Ed & Margie Southey

### Thursday's family (6 Apr)

09h30 Bruce & Janet McMurray

## 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.

**Rector:** Revd David Edwards

**Senior Assistant Priest:** Revd Allan Williams

**Assistant Priest:** Revd Janette Ross

**Deacon:** Revd. Diana Lawrenson

**NexGen Pastor:** Jordan Theron

**Senior Lay Minister:** Richard Hatfield

**Church Wardens:** Camilla Leeds, Mario Kuisis, Gerhard Harris (alt) and Pamela Muchinguri (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

**12 March 2017**

## The Purpose of Gifts

We all like to receive gifts. We like to give them, too, for the pleasure they bring to others. Well-chosen gifts fill us with joy: they acknowledge who we are, what we like, what we mean to others, and the potential others see in us.

Spiritual gifts are a bit like that. They don't come wrapped up in pretty paper and ribbon. They are not objects we can see and touch. They are better. They are long lasting, ever present, adaptable and patiently waiting to be fully explored and enjoyed. Like all good gifts they mean the most when they are well used, shared and enjoyed: with God, others and ourselves. They are treasures awaiting our exploration in all aspects of our life. They are feely given, available without exception, and get better with age.

Part of connecting more deeply with God, is knowing yourself better as part of His creation, and an aspect of that is discovering, developing and enjoying the gifts He has given you. His gifts like His grace extend to all of us. We are each uniquely blessed.

Diana

## The Word of God

### 07h30 & 09h30— Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards  
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading Exodus 31: 1-11

Psalm Psalm 150

2nd Reading Romans 12: 1-13

Gospel John 13: 31-38

### 16h45—Power Hour

A Celebration with the Family  
including Holy Communion

### 18h00— Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards  
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading Exodus 31: 1-11

Gospel John 13: 31-38

### Thursday~09h30—Holy Communion

Celebrant: Janette Ross  
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading Exodus 31: 1-11

Gospel John 13: 31-38

## PRAYER FOCUS:

### Thanksgivings:

- Jenni Gous and her team on the Education Outreach Portfolio
- The rising dam levels
- God's presence with us at all times

### Our Parish

- RIP Michael Maskell we pray for Fiona and the rest of the family
- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Anthea Cereseto; Beryl Bailey; Douglas Gibson; Glynis Steer (foot op); Jill Lawson; June Smith; Lorraine Gaillard; Lyn Bull; Margaret Mulgrew; Margie Hoffe; Pam Gibson; Pamela Muchinguri; Penny Mackrory (breathlessness), Zanna Goodenough, Sue Tinsley, Tessa Thornton-Smith,
- 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
- Rain! Especially in the Cape
- For our Country to move from anger to grace
- For teachers and educators to be passionate about their work

### Our World

- All those living in the Middle East
- Victims of violence & terror
- Creativity in solving the drug crisis



### Birthdays this week



12	Sam van Wyk	
13	Franc Gray	William Macheke Judy Ward
14	Colleen Davis	Anthony Still
16	Jessica Myhill	
17	Ava Davel	
18	Nigel Takawira	Sylvia Vice



### Anniversaries this week



13	Mark & Dee Shepherd	1993
18	Derek & Julia-Anne Halstead-Cleak	1994

### We remember in love those who have died 12—18 Mar

12 Mar 2015	Joy Powell
13 Mar 2016	Gordon Grange
16 Mar 2015	Lorraine Baker
17 Mar 2012	Harold Gibb

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

Dear St Luke's Prayer Team

Thank you all most sincerely for all the prayers and messages of support I received during the last few weeks. I am much better now and avoided another stint in hospital.

Bless you all.  
Donald Halley

## Corporate Prayer @ St. Luke's

Please consider joining one or all of the meetings that take place Church weekly. You are also welcome to join for just part of the prayer time.

### 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 (11 Mar)

**09h00—10h00:** Prayers for St. Luke's

## SAINTS

### Saturday 25 March

**09h00—12h00**

Heartlines presents:

## What is YOUR Story?

This is a 'National storytelling campaign developed by Heartlines to create connection between people, break down barriers and help South Africans find our common humanity. One of the most powerful ways to develop empathy, build trust and enhance relationships by listening to each other's stories.'

The cost is R30

We hope to see you here!

## Dates to Diarise

**25 Mar** SAINTS

**9 Apr** Palm Sunday

**14 Apr** Good Friday

**16 Apr** Easter Sunday

**23 Apr** Baptisms

**3 May** Evening of Refreshing

**21 May** Missions' Week with  
John Atkinson

**25 May** Ascension Day

## "The Power Hour"

service for families to  
encounter God together.

Kids encouraged!

16:45 - 17:45 every Sunday  
in the Lighthouse Hall

Contact St. Luke's office (011-728-7015)  
for more information, otherwise ...  
see you there.

## Lent 2017

**Find out what YOUR Spiritual  
Gifts are and offer them to God.**

Have you signed up for our Network  
Course yet?

If you are not in a home group you are  
still very welcome to join us on  
Wednesdays (starting 8 March).

There will be two groups running—a  
morning group @ 10h00 and  
an evening group @ 19h00

**All Welcome!**

## **Expanded Ten Commandments**

Our Lord Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments; happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

Hear then these commandments which God has given to His people, and take them to heart.

*I am the Lord Your God who brought you out of Egypt: you shall have no other gods but me.*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

**We will hear and we will obey**

*You shall not make for yourself any idol.*

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

**The law of the Lord is perfect.**

*You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.*

You shall worship Him with awe and reverence.

**The precepts of the Lord are right.**

*Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.*

You shall call the Sabbath a delight and the Day of the Lord honourable.

**The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy.**

*Honour your father and mother that it may go well with you.*

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**Teach us knowledge and good judgement.**

*You shall not commit murder.*

Be reconciled to your neighbour; overcome evil with good.

**Turn my heart to Your decrees!**

*You shall not commit adultery.*

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

**I delight in Your commands.**

*You shall not steal.*

Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need.

**How I long for your precepts.**

*You shall not be a false witness.*

Let everyone speak the truth.

**Keep me from deceitful ways.**

*You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Oh, how I love Your law – I will meditate on it all day long**