

### A message from Anthea Cereseto

God is gracious and merciful. After fourteen months of treatment and surgeries, recent tests show no signs of the cancer. I give thanks to the Lord for giving me the opportunity to still serve Him. I also extend grateful thanks to the very many faithful believers who have prayed and encouraged me over this time.

John and I await the Lord's direction as we become involved in our new church. We thank the St Luke's community for embracing us for the last nineteen years. May your work continue to be blessed and a blessing to all those whom you touch in some way.

Many thanks  
Anthea Cereseto

### FAMILY CROSS



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

#### This week's families (2 Apr)

07h30 Charles & Penny Metcalf  
09h30 Mandla and Anna Gugushe  
18h00 Judy Ward

#### Next week's families (9 Apr)

07h30 Bruce & Rose Nourse  
09h30 Normelle Harker  
18h00 Rob, Julie, Kirsten & Shannon Whitlock

#### Following week (16 Apr)

Easter Sunday—no Family Cross

### Donations of old but usable bath towels and mats required.

The Church is providing a shower facility for the homeless—and they will not have their own towels, etc.

Please leave donations at the back of the church or bring them to the office marked very clearly “homeless shower”

### Would you like to contribute to the cost of the Easter Flowers?

Please be in touch with Helen or Maria and let them know—in memory of a loved one? just because you are grateful to Jesus? For whatever reason you have ....

**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

**2 April 2017**

### The Influence of Passion

“Passion” like “love” is an undervalued and over used word. If as Christians we realise how much God loves us - his passion for us - we will be blessed in exploring who we are and what part of God's passion for blessing the world has imparted to us. We sing “what is on your heart - show us what to do” - the “good things” God long ago planned for us to do (Ephesians 2:10)

Finding and fulfilling our passion in God's service is a blessing, a freedom in being here we are and doing what we are meant to do. Bringing us that fullness of joy that Jesus speaks of.

Eric Liddell - the Olympic Runner said, “God made me fast”.

How has he made you - find out and enjoy. Our “passion” in life stems from who we are in Christ, and knowing it, enables us to serve God and His Church and the world with minimum stress and maximum fulfilment.

Janette

### The Word of God

#### 07h30 & 09h30— Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards  
Preacher: Janette Ross

1st reading Genesis 1:25 – 27; 3:8 – 9

Psalm Psalm 37:1 – 7

2nd Reading Ephesians 2:4 – 10

Gospel John 15:5 – 16

#### 16h45—Power Hour

A Celebration with the Family  
including Holy Communion

#### 18h00— Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards  
Preacher: Janette Ross

1st reading Ephesians 2:4 – 10

Psalm Psalm 37:1 – 7

Gospel John 15:5 – 16

#### Thursday~09h30—Holy Communion

Celebrant: & Preacher Janette Ross

1st reading Ephesians 2:4 – 10

Gospel John 15:5 – 16

## PRAYER FOCUS:

### Thanksgivings:

- Terence Lawrenson and his team on the Mission & Mercy Portfolio
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### Our Parish

- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Beryl Bailey; Lyn Bull; Lorraine Gaillard; Douglas Gibson; Pam Gibson; Zanna Goodenough, Pauline Hanna; Margie Hoffe; Penny Mackrory (breathlessness), Sally Matthews; Pamela Muchinguri; Margaret Mulgrew; June Smith; Glynis Steer and Sue Tinsley
- 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
- For all policemen and women
- For all who use our roads to do so responsibly

### Our World

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



2	Monica Kang	Lesego Monkoe
3	Beth Ferrett	
4	Kenneth Clemitson	Danny Gumbi
5	Neale Axelson	Tutty Faber
	Peter Hall	William Joseph
	Barbara Nicholson	
6	Jacques Bouillon-Hurst	
8	Dickson Mudede	



## Anniversaries this week



6	Ashley & Madeleine du Plooy	2001
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## We remember in love those who have died 2—8 Apr

4 Apr 2016	David Low Ah Kee
5 Apr 2013	Sheelagh Bibb
7 Apr 2010	John Howse

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

## Corporate Prayer @ St. Luke's

Please consider joining one or all of the meetings that take place at Church weekly. You are also welcome to join in 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 (2nd Saturday of each month)**

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

## 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).
- Afterwards we can all reward ourselves by joining the Coffee Shop for 'nice' coffee and a delicious baked something for a very reasonable price.



## Dates to Diarise

<b>9 Apr</b>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
<b>14 Apr</b>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<b>16 Apr</b>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
<b>23 Apr</b>	<i>Baptisms</i>
<b>3 May</b>	<i>Evening of Refreshing</i>
<b>25 May</b>	<i>Ascension Day with John Atkinson</i>
<b>4 Jun</b>	<i>Pentecost</i>

## “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.