

SEEKING A SOUL FRIEND?

“One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own.”

John O Donohue (author of *Anam Cara* (Soul Friend))

If you would like someone to accompany you on your spiritual journey in this one on one way, please contact Diana at diana.lawrenson@gmail.com or through the office on (011) 728 7015.



Flat available in Kew

Immediate occupancy Please contact Senzo Mbhele for details 072-913-5380

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

FAMILY CROSS



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

This week's families (30 July)

07h30 Maule & Angie Wright
09h30 Yvonne Loizou
18h00 Ruth Marcus

Thursday's family (3 Aug)

09h30 Ron & Pat MacKenzie

Next week's families (6 Aug)

07h30 Liz Zylstra
09h30 Vrede Louw
18h00 Neville & Glen Melville

Following week's families (13 Aug)

07h30 Chris & Luanne Adams
09h30 Mervyn, Trudy, Catherine & Dana Low
18h00 Gilbert, Wendy, Jeremy, Timothy & Megan Miller

If you don't receive our Newsletter via email

Please collect your Winter newsletter (July) from the back of the Church.

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)

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St. Luke's Church 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.



30 July 2017

The Word of God

07h30 & 09h30 — Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards
Preacher: Diana Lawrenson

1st reading (07:30) Deuteronomy - 6: 4-9
Psalm Psalm 46
2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
Gospel John 6: 43 - 51

16h30—Power Hour

A Celebration with the Family
including Holy Communion

18h00 — Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards

Thursday~09h30—Holy Communion

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Psalm Psalm 46
Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

The Spirit of Purpose

How is that we determine God's purpose and desiring within and for us, our community and our world? This speaks into how we live every day and interact with ourselves, others and a faith that comes with gifts, fruit, unique ongoing creation and ever unfolding mystery. As we live with Divine expectation, so our conversations with God, our understanding of His Word and our way of seeing opens up to His desire and purpose for each of us. What do you need to let go of in order to make space for God's love and purpose in your every day?

Eugene Petersen expresses Micah 6:8 in The Message like this, "But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously-take God seriously."

May God bless your seeing, doing, longing and listening this week.

Diana

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- For our clergy: David Edwards, Allan Williams, Janette Ross, Diana Lawrenson & Jerry Bailey

Our Parish

- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Beryl Bailey; (for complete healing), Stephen Black (chemo), Lorraine Gaillard; John Hanna, Margie Hoffe, Penny Mackrory, Pamela Muchinguri; Margaret Mulgrew; Eric Myhill (shoulder op 3 Aug), Margaret Paton (pacemaker), Penny Sinclair, June Smith; Tessa Thornton-Smith (shoulder op 31/7), Nicky Walsh
- RIP Joan Nourse, we pray for Bruce, Rose, Jenny, Kirsty and Rosemary & Hugh.
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives

Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Lizivi
- 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 catchment areas
- For all of us to move from anger to grace, repentance & forgiveness
- For teachers, educators and learners
- For all policemen and women
- The homeless as the temperature drops
- For all who use our roads to do so responsibly



Birthdays this week



30 Jean Butcher

31 Eileen MacIver

August

1 Rose Nourse

3 Pauline Moshobane
Krish Naidoo

4 Clive Beaver
Stuart Phipson



Anniversaries this week



1 Brian & Sandra Whitely 2009

5 Nqobile & Thandie Zulu 2008

We remember in love those who have died 30 July—5 Aug

1 Aug 2012 Matthew Wankel

5 Aug 2006 Raymond Mulgrew

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

Have you tried our cushions?

They are being stored in the Baptistry—and if you would like to make use of them, please collect from there and return at the end of the service.

The contoured cushions are for your back, please ensure that the zip is at the bottom and the curve faces your back.

Prayer @ St. Luke's

Corporate prayer is an important part of the life of the church. Corporate prayer edifies and unifies us as we share our common faith.

Please consider joining one or all of the Prayer Meetings that take place in our 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 (2nd Sat of the month)

09h00—10h00: Prayers for St. Luke's

All Welcome



Do you have a passion for gardening?

Is God calling you to be part of the team that cares for the St Luke's Gardens?

The Property Portfolio has divided the Gardens into different Garden Areas. We now need an Advisor for each Garden Area to guide our Gardeners in their ongoing garden care and maintenance.

If you would like to be part of the team, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office.



Dates to Diarise

31 Aug *Marriage Course (pt 2)*

16 Aug *Evening of Refreshing*

1 Sep *CD launch - Roger Tinsley*

2 Sep *Confirmation @ St. Martin's*

16 Sep *SAINTS*

17 Sep *Baptisms @ 09h30*

25 Sep *Public Holiday*

4 Oct *St. Luke's Day Newsletter Deadline*

15 Oct *St. Luke's Day*

Stones from the foot of the Cross

The Stones that were placed at the foot of the cross during the Evening services for the past 3 weeks have been moved to the foot of the old baptism font in the Garden of Remembrance.

If you feel led to place a stone there as a symbol of any unforgiveness, anger or bitterness, please feel free to collect a stone from the basket and place it there.

CONGRATULATIONS



to Franc & Robyn Gray on the arrival of their son John Francis on Wednesday 26 July, and to Emily who is now a 'big' sister.

The Spirit of Purpose – 30 July 2017

Deuteronomy 6: 4-5 New Living Translation (NLT)

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Psalms 46: 4-5

A river brings joy to the city of our God,
the sacred home of the Most High.

God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.

From the very break of day, God will protect it.

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-7a

For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. As a result, you have become an example to all the believers...

John 6: 51

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever”

Read these verses a few times. Pray. What is the purpose of each passage? What does this mean when you think of your journey with God, your part in this community and the nature of God: the Father Son and Holy Spirit?

A Prayer of Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

Monk, writer, poet and activist, Merton spent his life wrestling with God’s purpose and how to live it out with love, action and sincerity.

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”