

## YPC end of year ...

*Little Candles, Lighthouse and Crossings*—last Sunday and party today: **3 December during the 09h30 service.**

All the YPC groups will be closed until 21 January 2018

*Children's Christmas Service*  
Sunday **24 December @ 4pm**

## FAMILY CROSS

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



### This week's families (3 Dec)

07h30 Beth Ferrett  
09h30 Yvonne Mudede  
18h00 Liz Zylstra

### Next week's families (10 Dec)

07h30 Ernie & Pat Fisher  
09h30 Shavana, Poppie & Nyeleti  
Mushwana  
18h00 Mike Allin

### Following week's families (17 Dec)

07h30 Gary, Natalie & Jessica Fisher  
09h30 Idah Mwapaura

### Thursday's family (7 Dec)

09h30 Shelley Shorten

# 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

**3 December 2017**

## The Word of God

### Morning— Holy Communion

07h30: Celebrant: Allan Williams  
Preacher: Peter Lee  
09h30: Celebrant: David Edwards  
Preacher: Peter Lee

1st reading	Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalms	Psalms 80: 1-7; 17-19
2nd reading	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel	Mark 13: 24-37


**18h00 — Holy Communion**  
**Alpha 7: : How does God guide us?**  
Celebrant: Allan Williams

### Thursday~09h30—Holy Communion

Celebrant: & Preacher: Janette Ross

Gospel Mark 13: 24-37

**BISHOP PETER  
THANK YOU FOR  
SHARING THIS SERIES  
WITH US!**



## Thursday Prayer for South Africa

Will not meet during December and will reconnect in the New Year.

**We will pray wherever we are during this time**

## Are you a Visitor? A Newcomer?

Thank you for joining us today: please introduce yourself to one of the clergy

## The once and coming king

Do Anglicans really believe in the doctrine of the absent God? Or if not, how does our life of prayer bring us close to God in daily transformation and equipping for life?

Peter

## Welcome to Bishop Peter Lee

Who will be speaking at our Morning Services today for the last time

- 3 December:  
**Resurrection, victory,  
future glory  
(Advent 1)**

**All welcome!**

**Rector:** Revd David Edwards  
**Senior Assistant Priest:** Revd Allan Williams  
**Assistant Priest:** Revd Janette Ross  
**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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## PRAYER FOCUS:

### Thanksgivings:

- For God's goodness
- For the rain that has fallen in our country

### Our Parish

- RIP Pat Hatfield, we pray for Richard, Barry, Greg, Allison & their families.
- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Beryl Bailey, Stanley Chocho, Sally Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Joy Green, John Hanna, Margie Hoffe, Fiona Hopkins, Marian Kruger, Yvonne Loizou, Penny Mackrory, Poppie Mushwana, Eric Myhill, Sonja Read, Shelley Shorten, Penny Sinclair, June Smith; Jennifer Thornton-Smith
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives
- For all in our congregation writing exams

### 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 Western Cape and other catchment areas
- For all of us to move from anger to grace, repentance & forgiveness
- For teachers, educators and learners
- For all policemen and women
- For all who use our roads to do so responsibly
- All those living in Zimbabwe



## Birthdays this week



4	Isla Davel	
5	Katelin Agar	Doug Taylor
	Kwanzalokuhle Ndzabandzaba	
6	Jennie Gous	
7	Shirley Long	Dale Vice
	Russell Davis	Duncan Lee
8	Melanie Steeneveldt	
	Michelle Hall	Lyndsay Legg
9	Dee Shepherd	Carol Sekonya
	Mickey Wyngaard	



## Anniversaries this week



5	Les & Wendy Berman	1981
6	Ray & Sandra Tricker	1969
8	Sanele & Nthabi Sibanda	2001
9	Clive & Pritha Chetty	1973
	Ross & Colleen Davis	1995

## We remember in love those who have died 3—9 Dec

6 Dec 2015 Monica Theunissen

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

## Corporate Prayer @ St. Luke's

### Monday—Friday:

**08h30—09h00:** Morning Devotions

**16h30—17h00:** Evening Prayer

**Monday: 17h30—18h30:** for St. Luke's

**Saturday (2nd Saturday of each month)**

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

**All Welcome**

## Advent Meditations

### Wednesdays in Advent

**18h00**

Join us for a time of quiet reflection as we wait...

Wednesday evenings 18h00—18h45 in the church

Come straight from work .... you can still be home for supper.

- 6 December: Getting Ready
- 13 December: Known and Cared for
- 20 December: Gratitude

**All Welcome!**

## St. Luke's Newsletter

Our deadline for our next newsletter is **Friday 8 December**, (but please don't wait until then to send in your contribution!), please either email it to [shirley@stluke.co.za](mailto:shirley@stluke.co.za) or bring your contribution to the office.

## Dates to Diarise

- 6 Dec** *Advent Meditations start*
- 11 Dec** *Newsletter Deadline*
- 14 Dec** *Parish Exec*
- 17 Dec** *Carol Service (19h00)*
- 24 Dec** *08h30—Holy Communion*  
*16h00—Children's Christmas Service*  
*23h00—Midnight Service*
- 25 Dec** *Christmas Services*

## Please Note:

- On Sunday 24 Dec there will be one morning service only, at 08h30
- The 'Midnight' service will start at 23h00
- The Carol Service is on 17 Dec

## Christmas & End of Year services

- 17 Dec** 07h30—Holy Communion  
09h30—Holy Communion  
19h00—Carol Service
- 24 Dec** 08h30—Holy Communion  
16h00—Children's Service  
23h00—'Midnight' Service
- 25 Dec** 07h30—Holy Communion  
09h30—Holy Communion
- 31 Dec** 08h30—Holy Communion (said)
- 7 Jan** 07h30—Holy Communion  
09h30—Holy Communion  
18h00—Holy Communion

## Christmas Grocery Bucket Outreach.

Words always seem so inadequate when attempting to express the true depth of our most sincere, heartfelt thanks to you, our Christian family at St. Luke's. Your faithful, generous, support of Rose Of Sharon's annual Christmas bucket ministry to the poorest and destitute among our people reminds of God's assurance in Proverbs 19:17. Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. ESV.

The support received from St. Luke's towards the Christmas Outreach in 2016 went a long way towards our having been able to provide about a hundred large buckets of groceries to as many desperately needy old folks in the course of our Christmas gospel outreaches across seven provinces. In each case the recipients were not just needy folks, but folks with acute needs, many homeless and living at the roadside, in forests and under bridges.

When these old people are encountered, the gospel is shared with them, they are given a bucket of groceries and a gift of money. In many cases, these old folks will never be seen by us again. The gift of the bucket and money is always received with much joy, excitement and gratitude and the blessing of Christmas is truly evident. These gifts, given in the name of The Lord Jesus, together with the gospel message, ensure that the recipients have heard the gospel, which to us is vital, and can survive for a couple of weeks after we leave them.

Your partnership with Rose Of Sharon in this blessed outreach to the poorest of our poor has taken place each Christmas for the past twenty five years and has brought the blessing of Christmas, through this practical demonstration of the love of Jesus, to several thousand, often forgotten, needy souls.

From all here at The Rose Of Sharon Ministries, please accept our most sincere thanks for your faithful, generous support, as we look forward together to the Christmas Outreach for 2017.