

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

Advent Booklet

Limited booklets were printed to keep costs down, but the whole booklet is on our Website in pdf format.

If you go onto our home page (ie the page you land on when you type www.stluke.co.za, there is a picture of

Advent Candles with the word 'Advent' on it, in the top right hand corner (on a computer), or scrolling down (on a smart phone).

Click on the picture and the booklet will load automatically.



FAMILY CROSS

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



This week's families (17 Dec)

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

Note:

There will be no Family Cross handed out on 24 December or 31 December

Following week's families (7 Jan)

07h30 Brent & Patricia Fourie
09h30 Eric & Felicity Myhill
18h00 James, Cathy & Maddy Ashton

Thursday's family (1 Feb)

09h30 Bruce & Janet McMurray

YPC end of year ...

All the YPC groups will be closed until 21 January 2018

Children's Christmas Service
Sunday 24 December @ 4pm

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

17 December 2017

Advent 3 -

A Light Shining in the Darkness

Lord Jesus Christ,
who is, who was, and is to come,
we pray that you would fill us with hope,
that amidst the challenges
and difficulties
of this world we will keep
our hearts fixed
upon you, who reigns over the whole
universe.
Enliven us, strengthen us
and defend us, dear Lord,
as we await your coming in glory.

Amen

David

The Word of God

Morning— Holy Communion

07h30: Celebrant: Janette Ross
Preacher: David Edwards

09h30: Celebrant: Jerry Bailey
Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalm	Psalm 126
2nd reading	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gospel	John 1: 6-8, 19-28

19h00 — Carol Service
(see note below)

Thursday~09h30—Holy Communion

Celebrant: & Preacher: Janette Ross

Carol Service this evening @ 19h00 (7pm)

Please join us on the lawns outside the church (weather permitting) - bring chairs/blankets—donations to cover the cost of mince pies, electrical candles and song books will be received (suggested minimum R 10)

All profits will go to Joseph Project (YWAM)

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:

- Friends and family

Our Parish

- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Beryl Bailey, Stanley Chocho, Sally Gallagher, Pam Gibson, Joy Green, Margie Hoffe, Fiona Hopkins, Marian Kruger, Yvonne Loizou, Penny Mackrory, Poppie Mushwana, Eric Myhill, Sonja Read, Ashleigh Shepherd, Shelley Shorten, Penny Sinclair, June Smith; Glynis Steer, Jennifer Thornton-Smith, Liz Zylstra

- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives
- For all in our congregation going on leave

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

Funerals:

John Hanna's Funeral will be at **St. Luke's on Monday 18 December @ 11h00**

Tim Hart's Memorial Service (Tim donated his body to medical research) will be **at Randjes Chapel on Monday 18 December at 15h00**



Birthdays this week



17	Donovan Chellew	Thabang Modiba
19	Carol Beadle	
20	Janet Axelson	Angie Garrad
	Graham Beadle	Regina Bryant
22	Joy Green	Daphne Selele
	Mimi Zulu	



Anniversaries this week



17	Digby & Christa Young	1994
18	Freddy & Pauline Why	1994
20	Shaldon & Lin Kopman	2003
22	John & Zoe Kotzee	1990

We remember in love those who have died 17—23 Dec

17 Dec 2015	Eunice Rouse
19 Dec 2015	H A S Liddi

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

Press-on times

Open: Mon 18 & Wed 20 Dec

Closed: Mon 25, Wed 27, & Mon Jan 1.

Reopening: Wed 3 January 2018

Corporate Prayer @ St. Luke's

Monday—Friday:

08h30—09h00: Morning Devotions

16h30—17h00: Evening Prayer

Monday: 17h30—18h30: for St. Luke's

Thursday:

Taking a break till the new year:

Please pray at home for our Country

Saturday (2nd Saturday of each month)

09h00—10h00: Prayers for St. Luke's

All Welcome

Office will be closed

The Church office will be closed from 13h00 on Friday 22 December to Tuesday 2 January 2018.

If you have an emergency over this period, please call the office 011-728-7015 and there will be contact numbers on the answering machine.

Parish Consultation Saturday 13 January

All members of St Luke's are invited to a parish consultation in the Lighthouse Hall between 09h00 and 12h00 on Saturday 13 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.

Dates to Diarise

20 Dec 3rd Advent Meditation

22 Dec Office closes at 13h00

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.

- 20 December: Gratitude

All Welcome!

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