

Forgive me

Lord
so often I am
fearful
unbelieving
and apologetic about my faith.

I analyse
whittle down
and tear apart
Your very words.

I conjure foolish reasons
for my lack of trust
as though You couldn't possibly
mean
what you so clearly said.

Yet, all the while You wait for me
to believe *exactly* what You said—
without exception
without alteration.

Forgive me for treating You
like someone who would lie.

Ruth Harms Calkin

FAMILY CROSS

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



This week's families (27 May)

07h30 Don MacRobert
09h30 Charles & Leona Sarjoo & family
18h00 Ivan Ragophala

Next week's families (3 June)

07h30 Simon & Fumane Matsoso
09h30 Monica Scherf
18h00 Kenneth Ramakgopa

Thursday's family (7 June)

09h30 Elizabeth Lane

Following week's families (10 June)

07h30 Arthur & Ingrid McHendrie
09h30 Carol Sekonya
18h00 Trevor Read

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

27 May 2018

The Word of God

07:30 & 09:30 — Holy Communion

Celebrant: Allan Williams
Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading (07:30)	Job 1: 6-8
Psalm (07:30)	Psalm 27: 9-14
2nd reading	James 1:2 -18
Gospel	Luke 3:21-22

16h30—Power Hour

A Celebration with the Family
including Holy Communion

18h00 — Holy Communion

Celebrant: Allan Williams
Preacher: DVD: Money Matters

09h30 Thursday—Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: David Edwards

Reading	James 1:2 -18
Gospel	Luke 3:21-22

Christian Identity

“Who am I really?” is a question that so
many people struggle with, and not only
in this age of identity politics – the Bible
shows us that identity has been an
ancient challenge for many.

God gave the answer to this question in
his affirmation of Jesus and all who
follow him, “you are my child, whom I
love. With you I am well pleased”
(Luke 3:21, 22),

If we, the followers of Jesus, could truly
grasp and cling to these beautiful
affirming words, the challenges of life
and the negative voices that so often
assail us would never hurt us.

David

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: Mario Kuisis, Angela Mhlanga, Charles Sarjoo (alt) and Anthony Still (alt)

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PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- Autumn in Johannesburg
- The wonderful sense of the Holy Spirit at last week's services

Our Parish

- RIP Barbara Altaras, we pray for her brother John and her friends
- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Jill Ansara (Shoulder op), Beryl Bailey, Caitlin Black, Lyn Bull, Stanley Chocho, Pam Gibson, Joy Green, Margie Hoffe, Fiona Hopkins, Rowena Knodell, Jules Kruger, Yvonne Loizou, Poppie Mushwana, Sonja Read, Teboho Selele, June Smith; Sandra Tricker, Allie Vellacott, Rob Whitlock, Liz Zylstra
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives
- For us to seek God's will in our lives

Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Liziwe
- God's wisdom and discernment for all clergy

Our Country and World

- For our Government in these times especially President Cyril Ramaphosa and all those in positions of authority
- For Herman Mashaba, Mayor of JHB
- For integrity in all our leaders
- Rain! Especially in the Western and Eastern 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



Birthdays this week



- 27 Mandla Gugushe
28 Angie Wright
29 Louise Buchanan
30 George Bibb Norman Fowler
 Monica Scherf
31 Tanya Newman
- June
- 1 Emily Gray
2 Trisha Mudede

We remember in love those who have died 27 May—2 June

30 May 2014 Selma Rowan

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

Contacting the office . .

Please let us know if you (or someone else in the congregation) are ill or going into hospital. Please do not assume that we know, sometimes we don't..

Home Communion

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home because you are sick or house bound please let the office know.

Prayer @ St. Luke's

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

Roots & Shoots Conference *Miracles and the Messiah* with John Atkinson

Looking at the Jewish background of the New Testament

Saturday 16 June

09h00—1300

In the Lighthouse Hall

CITCHIN COOK-UP Friday 1 June — @ 6pm

to cook for the Thursday stew kitchen

Bring: R120 for stew ingredients, & Liquid refreshment (for you)

If you can't make it your donation towards ingredients would still be welcome!

Come and enjoy supper, songs and good company; ~no experience necessary!

Dates to Diarise

- 1 June** *Citchin Cook up*
2 June *Quiet Morning*
16 June *John Atkinson w/shop*
17 June *John Atkinson preaching at morning services*
1 July *Baptisms*
4 July *Newsletter Deadline*
15 Aug *Holy Spirit Refreshing*
8 Sept *Confirmation*
21 Oct *St. Luke's Day*

Winter Quiet Morning Encountering God on sacred ground in our daily lives

Led by Jenni Gous

Date: Sat 2 June 2018

Time: 07:30 to 10:30

Venue: Lighthouse Hall

Tea/coffee and a light breakfast will be served.

Please bring blanket or cushion, journal or notebook—& bible.

Please call (011-728-7015) to book.

Donations welcome to cover costs.

All Welcome

Are you a Visitor? A Newcomer?

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

Who am I in Christ

I am Accepted

- John 1:12 I am God's child.
- John 15:15 I am Christ's friend.
- Romans 5:1 I have been justified.
- 1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him.
- 1 Corinthians 6:20 I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.
- Ephesians 1:1 I am a member of Christ's Body.
- Ephesians 1:5 I am a saint.
- Ephesians 2:18 I have been adopted as God's child.
- Colossians 1:14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
- Colossians 2:10 I am complete in Christ.

I am Secure

- Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation.
- Romans 8:28 I am assured all things work together for good.
- Romans 8:31-34 I am free from condemning charges against me.
- Romans 8:35-39 I cannot be separated from the love of God.
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.
- Philippians 1:6 I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected.
- Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.
- Colossians 3:3 I am hidden with Christ in God.
- 2 Timothy 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.
- Hebrews 4:16 I can find grace and mercy in time of need.
- 1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.