

Dates to Diarise

- 14 Oct** *Citchin Cook up (please note change of date!)*
16 Oct *St. Luke's Day*
23 Oct *Bible Sunday*
1 Nov *All Souls' Service (details next week!)*
6 Nov *Baptisms*
12 Nov *Confirmation (at St. Luke's)*
16 Nov *Holy Spirit Refreshment*

Young People's Church ~NexGen Ministries

All groups are closed today!

Next week is St Luke's Day and everyone, adults and children will meet in the Hall at 08h30 for a celebration service.

Please remember to bring a contribution to our bring and share tea.

FAMILY CROSS



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

This week's families (9 Oct)

07h30 Gary, Natalie & Jessica Fisher
09h30 Justin, Deidre, Isla & Ava Davel
18h00 Mervyn, Trudy, Catherine & Dana Low

Next week (16 Oct)

No Family Cross

Following week's families (23 Oct)

07h30 Brent & Patricia Fourie
09h30 Ross, Colleen, Bronwyn & Russell Davis
18h00 Ruth Marcus

Thursday's family (3 November)

09h30 Ron & Pat MacKenzie

Home Communion

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

Rector: Revd David Edwards

Senior Assistant Priest: Revd Allan Williams

Assistant Priest: Revd Janette Ross

NexGen Pastor: Jordan Theron

Church Wardens: Charles Sarjoo, Camilla Leeds, Isaac Takawira (alt) and Mondo Mazwai (alt)

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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

9 October 2016

The Word of God

07h30 & 09h30— Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards
Preacher: Allan Williams

1st reading Ezekiel 36: 22-28

Psalm Psalm 133

2nd Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel John 17: 20-26

18h00— Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards
Preacher: Allan Williams

Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Psalm Psalm 133

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Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Psalm Psalm 133

Gospel John 17: 20-26

Unity has had a bad press

Too often people have called for unity in order to hide unacceptable things. Then a call "to stand united" has been used to deflect close inspection of matters that should never have been allowed to happen. The implication is that we, as human beings, make unity happen and we guard what we have created.

When Christians speak about unity, we speak about something that God has created which we could never have created – out of a great diversity. Christian unity is a gift of God which we can only destroy or maintain.

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PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- Terence Lawrenson and his team on the Mission & Mercy Portfolio
- All of God's blessings
- The blessings received at Holiday Club

Our Parish

- RIP Marie Myhill, we pray for Eric & Felicity and the family
- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Kathleen Vincent, Beryl Bailey, Fiona Hopkins, June Smith, Anthea Cereseto, Jill Lawson, Margie Hoffe, Julie Faber, Carol Grauman, Shirley Long (hip replacement), Margaret Paton (pneumonia), Douglas Gibson (rotator cuff), Penny Mackrory (broken elbow)
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives

Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Liziwe
- For the power of the Holy Spirit to be evident in all our clergy

Our Country

- For our Government in these times especially all those in positions of authority
- For Herman Mashaba, Mayor of JHB
- The unrest on our University Campuses
- For integrity in all our leaders
- For peace as the new municipal councils begin operating
- For all policemen and women,
- For all who use our roads to do so responsibly
- Creativity in solving the drug crisis
- For all educators, for them to remember the reason they 'teach', and learners to respect them



Birthdays this week



9	Jean Beaver	Cameron Naidoo	
10	Wendy Berman	Lesley Clark Yazi Nkosi	Margie Southey
11	Tebogo Monkoe	Nthabiseng Tsaoana Liesl Williams	
12	Harlaine Chandler		
15	Clive Chetty	Thembe Kunene Lwanga Magula	



Anniversaries this week



10	Richard & Sue Cock	1984
	Ian & Maureen Crowther	1959
	John & Pauline Hanna	1959

Do you love the unity that God longs for – as much as the devil hates it?

Pray: May I thirst for the unity for which Jesus prayed. Amen.

The flowers today are from



Janet McMurray
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Suzanne Scott
5 June 1926 - 8 October 2003

St. Luke's Day Sunday 16 October 2016 08h30

(one service only)

Please join us for our Birthday Celebration followed by a bring and share tea on the lawns (weather permitting).

We need contributions of both sweet and savoury plates of eats. There are lists up at the back for you to indicate what you would like to contribute—so please fill them in.

If you would like to be involved in the logistics of the day—please let Shirley know.

All Welcome

"CITCHIN COOK-UP" Fri 14 Oct — @ 6pm

to cook for the Thursday stew kitchen

Bring: * R120 for stew ingredients
* Liquid refreshment (for you)

Come and enjoy supper, songs and good company. No experience necessary!

Prayer at St. Luke's Monday

17h30—18h30: Prayers for St. Luke's

Thursday:

12h00—13h00: Prayers for our Country

Saturday (2nd Sat of each month)

09h00—10h00: Prayers for St. Luke's

All Welcome

St. Luke's Day Worship Group

Any interested singers and instrumentalists



Rehearsals:

Thursday October 13, 7 - 8.30 pm

Saturday October 15, 2 - 4 pm

Service sound check;

Sunday 16 October 8.00am



Parking on St. Luke's Day

If you are elderly or infirm or feel that it might be too far to walk from the street to the hall, please contact Shirley for a parking ticket,

Only those with parking tickets will be able to park inside.

SAINTS in October! Archbishop Thabo

at the SAINTS workshop
on **Saturday 22 October**
at St Luke's from **09h00 to 12h00.**

He will be talking on:
"Christian Living in this World"

He will be addressing the burning issues of the day as a Christian looking at the Gospel; looking at the Gospel in the light of the world.

The cost is R30

We hope to see you here!

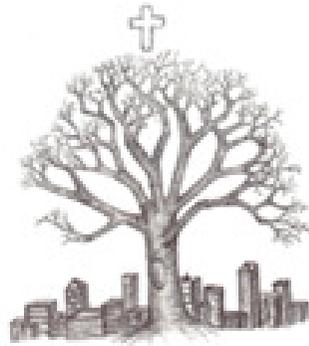
Simon Reed's visit ... Creating Community...

What next?

Series: A Way for Life

(looking at the 10 Waymarks)

As a community we are reflecting on what they might mean for us going forward. We may choose to change them slightly. There is a space beneath each point for you to think about what each means to you in your life each day. It is helpful to be specific and connect each to an action. You may well be doing these things already. These are not rules but ways of connecting more deeply with God and God more deeply with all of life.



Our Way of Life:

- Keep a rhythm of prayer, work and recreation (18 September)
- Celebrate and care for creation (25 September)
- Live as simply as possible (2 October)
- **Pursue Unity (9 October)**
- Be a life-long learner (23 October)
- Heal whatever is broken (30 October)
- Be open to the Holy Spirit and listen (6 November)
- Pray for good to overcome evil (13 November)
- Share Jesus and justice (20 November)
- Journey with a Soul Friend (27 November)

Waymark: Pursue Unity

While they were praying, the place where they were meeting trembled and shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak God's Word with fearless confidence. The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, "That's mine; you can't have it." They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them.

And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it. The apostles then distributed it according to each person's need. Acts 4: 32–35 (The Message)

What can I do?

Well, in his book **Creating Community** Simon Reed notes: "Our first expression of unity is by making it a priority to worship and meet regularly with other members of our own church fellowship. We also seek to welcome all Christians as fellow travellers with Christ, to express solidarity with them by actions as well as words, and to emphasise the things which unite us while we seek to overcome those which still divide us."

The Community of Aidan and Hilda says this about cultivating unity:

To live in unity

We are all one in Christ; there is no hierarchy or division. We honour the leaders and members of different Christian groups and churches. We do not speak ill of one another. We seek to worship and meet regularly with others from our church fellowship. We look upon all Christians 'not as strangers but fellow pilgrims on the journey'. We desire the healing of people divided; whether by class, religion, gender or colour; we repent of our part in such divisions.

e.g. from a Way of Life: I will work in the ecumenically run soup kitchen once a month. I will work to build relationships with my Muslim neighbours.