



ST. SAVIOUR'S

SEPARATED, WE REMAIN CONNECTED

And so, the dreaded third wave is upon to us. The President on Sunday night announced that we will revert to Alert Level 4. The Rand took a dip and share prices nose-dived. The Delta variant of the virus is taking its toll in many countries and South Africa is no exception. Share prices of Woolworths, Shoprite, Makro and others all plummeted along with Standard Bank, Capitec, Nedbank and other well-known financial institutions who all took a beating on the JSE. We will all feel the pinch as businesses close and the already shocking unemployment rate escalates. The poor are, understandably negative about the future and have no hope of their financial position improving within the next year.

Here are some responses as promised: "Factors which apparently contribute to the negativity, especially among poorer people, are the ever-increasing food and petrol prices, the third wave of infections and job losses."

"The slow pace of South Africa's vaccination programme and the chaos that emerged from the government's poor planning are some of the reasons we still have a long way to go before we can hope to reach herd immunity and attend church services in our numbers."

"Some of us were unhappy about the first come, first served arrangement, while others complained about the booking via phone to secure a seat at church services. And now the church doors are locked for at least two weeks. And now... Let us count our blessings and be grateful to the people who work behind the scenes to accommodate us all during lockdown regulations."

"The Good Lord has endowed us with an immune system, our natural defense against diseases. We must enhance our immune system by eating healthy food and doing regular exercises. As much as we love touching, hugging, kissing and closeness, they only serve to spread germs. Gatherings of all kinds have been banned under Level 4 regulations as most of them are regarded as super spreaders, Vaccination is the only sure way we now have to defeat the virus. We should all be vaccinated as soon as our turn comes."

"Out of necessary withdrawal and enforced physical aloneness has emerged a rich experience of engagement with and immersion in other worshipping communities. The horror of locked church doors has given way to wonderment at the opening wide of countless other doors, thanks to God-given internet. We may be separated but we remain connected."

Martin Dyers

READINGS OF THE DAY

OT Reading	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm:	48
NT Reading:	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Gospel:	Mark 6: 1-13

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we are often blind to the miracles you work among us:
conform our minds to yours and sustain us by your mighty power;
For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, in the Unity of
the Blessed Trinity, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

NOTICES

- ❖ **The Parish office hours: Monday-Friday; 09h00-12H00.**
- ❖ Rector on leave: The rector is on leave until Sunday 11 July. There will be no services because of lockdown regulations.
- ❖ Communication: If you would like to be added to the Parish WhatsApp group, please send a message to Nerine Meyer (072 180 0592).
- ❖ Readers' Roster: Please collect your roster for the next quarter from the back of the church.
- ❖ Faith for Daily Living: The July/August issue is available at the back of the church.
- ❖ 2020 Pledges: Contributions for 2020 are displayed on the church notice board.

- ❖ Memorial stones in relation to interment of ashes in the unmarked open area: Please contact the parish office before ordering a memorial stone for this area as there are limitations on the size permitted.

LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
<p>MONDAY 5 JULY</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 75, 76 1 Samuel 15: 1-23 Acts 9: 19b-31</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 77 Numbers 32: 1-6, 16-27 Luke 23: 44-56a</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 7 JULY</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 79, 80 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Acts 10: 1-16</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalms 81, 82 Deuteronomy 1: 1-18 Luke 24: 13-35</p>	<p>FRIDAY 9 JULY</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 87, 88 1 Samuel 17: 17-30 Acts 10: 34-48</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 89: 1-38 Deuteronomy 31: 7-13, 24 – 32: 4 Mark 1: 1-13</p>
<p>TUESDAY 6 JULY</p> <p>✠ Thomas More, Martyr, 1535</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 78: 1-38 1 Samuel 15: 24-35 Acts 9: 32-43</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 78: 39-70 Numbers 35: 1-3, 9-15, 30-34 Luke 23: 56b-24: 12</p>	<p>THURSDAY 8 JULY</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 83, 84 1 Samuel 16: 14 – 17: 11 Acts 10: 17-33</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalms 85, 86 Deuteronomy 3: 18-38 Luke 24: 36-53</p>	<p>SATURDAY 10 JULY</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 89: 39-53 1 Samuel 17: 31-49 Acts 11: 1-18</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 90 Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Mark 1: 14-28</p>

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the sick or hospitalized:

India Tyers, Mervyn Bost, Edith Abrahams, Sandra Fourie, Joyce Erasmus, Crystal Bouwers, James April, Iris Hartnick, Mervyn Johnson, Frank Kennel, Monica Fry, Muriel Tshitshiba, Martin Dyers, Avril Steyn, Derek Jacobs, Jo Tyers, Ellen Constant, Edward Davids

Housebound and elderly:

Christabel Nokumbuza, Rachel Vermeulen, Breval Brown, Aletta Cloete, Freda Connelly, Brenda de Vos, Linda de Vos, Joyce Hiebner, Edith Lekay, Daniel & Magdalene Meyer, Lionel & Muriel Woldson, Joanne White, Ronald Smedley and May Rushin.

R.I.P.: Bernadette Davids

PRAYER DIARY

MONDAY: We pray for Fr Chesnay, his family and St Saviours family – Almighty God, please lead, guide us and protect us.

TUESDAY: We pray for the government and ministers, please give them strength and wisdom, guide them in the decisions they make.

WEDNESDAY: We pray that we will not be overwhelmed or discouraged by the challenges we are facing.

THURSDAY: We pray God's abundant blessings on our families and friends and help us to be a blessing to others.

FRIDAY: Lord, please sustain and support the anxious, the sick and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low.

SATURDAY: Lord, please keep us under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.

SUNDAY: Thank you for this day. May we rest in Your Presence, be filled with Your goodness and celebrate Your eternal life, this day and always.

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12: 9

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