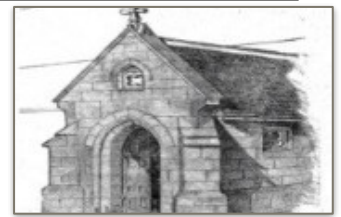




ST. SAVIOUR'S

Remaining connected whilst being apart...



Dear friends in Christ.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - the LIGHT of the World.

The past few days have been very grim, if the news channels are anything to go by. The COVID-19 numbers are constantly on the increase, in both infections and deaths. We are confronted with a humanitarian crisis on the borders of our country, and America has been exposed for its deplorable choices made 5 years ago. Yet, amidst it all, we are able to proclaim: **GOD IS LOVE**.

This week, we launched a ministry tool to our Parish WhatsApp group called #WednesdayWord. It is a means of remaining connected and offering a space for reflection and prayer, whilst we are physically distanced. This week's Word was PREPARATION. If you have any Word, please email or WhatsApp me.

We tested ZOOM on New Year's Eve as an online prayer service. We had 21 participants. Our Sunday morning service of word and reflection is done via video recording and posted on our website and our YouTube channel. These channels of staying connected with each other offers great joy and, when technology fails, frustration.

Nothing can replace being physically in community with one another, but for now, we need to remain separated for the greater good. As one social media post states: *"We remain separated now, so that when we gather, we will all be present"*.

I remain available for telephonic prayer and/or counselling and, in urgent circumstances, in-person meetings too. At this time the Church is only available for funerals. I continue to pray for you, parishioners and friends of St. Saviour's, and I trust you will continue to pray for me and my family.

God Bless.

Fr. Chesnay (Rector)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the sick or hospitalised

India Tyers, Mervyn Bost, Edith Abrahams, Sandra Fourie, Joyce Erasmus,, Crystal Bouwers, James April, Iris Hartnick, Mervyn Johnson, Frank Kennel, Monica Fry, Muriel Tshitshiba and Martin Dyers.

Housebound and elderly:

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

RIP: Bruce Voges, Rev. Isaac Heyns.

PRAYER DIARY FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: We pray for our country and her leaders. Praying for justice, and a swift end to corruption.

TUESDAY: We pray for our Parish and her leaders. We pray for our Rector; Fr. Chesnay and his family, members of Exco and Parish council.

WEDNESDAY: We pray for the sick of our Parish

THURSDAY: We pray for the aged and lonely. We remember in particular those in our Parish community who are aged, frail and lonely.

FRIDAY: We pray for Young People, we remember the Young people of our Parish especially amidst the uncertainty of the school calendar for 20210.

SATURDAY: Parish organisations. We pray for all organisations of our Parish, remembering the work they do and are unable to do, as a result fo the COVID 19 pandemic.

SUNDAY: Health care workers. We remember all health care workers, we pray for those attending to the terminally ill and those managing COVID 19 in our hospitals.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator God, our soul's delight,
your voice thunders over waters,
liberating the future from the past:
speak your affirming word
that we may share in the baptism of Jesus Christ,
drink from his cup
and serve the world in his name;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. AMEN

READINGS OF THE DAY

OT Reading: Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm: 29
NT Reading: Acts 19:1-7
Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

COVID 19 Prayer

God bless the world,
Give it wisdom at this time,
Grant us relief and release,
Be with those who are ill,
And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,
For Jesus Christ's sake,
Amen

LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK

MON 11 JAN (White)	TUE 12 JAN (White)	WED 13 JAN (White)
<p>Eucharist Hebrews 1:1-6 Psalm 97 Mark 1:14-20</p> <p>Morning Prayer Psalms 129,130,131 Isaiah 40:12-24 Ephesians 1:1-14</p> <p>Evening Prayer Psalms 132, 133, (134) Genesis: 2:4-9(10-15)16-25 John 6:15-27</p>	<p>Eucharist: Hebrews 2:5-12 Psalm 8 Mark 1:21-29</p> <p>Morning Prayer :Psalm 135 Isaiah 40:25-31 Ephesians 1:15-23</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 136 Genesis 3:1-24 Mark 1:14-28</p>	<p><i>Hilary Bishop of Poitiers and Teacher of the Faith, 368</i></p> <p>Eucharist: Hebrews 2:14-18 Psalm 105:1-15 Mark 1:29-39</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 137,138 Isaiah 41:1-16 Ephesians 2:1-10</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 139 Genesis 4:1-16 Mark 1:29-45</p>
<p><u>THU 14 JAN (White)</u></p> <p><i>Richard Benson of Cowley, Religious, 1915</i></p> <p>Eucharist: Hebrews 3:1-14 Psalm 95:6-11 Mark 1:40-45</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 140,141,142 Isaiah 41:17-29 Ephesians 2:11-22</p> <p>Evening Prayer :Psalms 143,144 Genesis 4:17-26 Mark 2:1-12</p>	<p><u>FRI 15 JAN (White)</u></p> <p>Eucharist: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Psalm 78:3-8 Mark 2:1-12</p> <p>Morning Prayer :Psalm 145 Isaiah 42: (1-9)10-17 Ephesians 3:1-13</p> <p>Evening Prayer:Psalms 146,147 Genesis 6:1-8 Mark 2:13-22</p>	<p><u>SAT 16 JAN (White)</u></p> <p>Eucharist: Hebrews 4:12-16 Psalm 19:7-14 Mark 2:13-17</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 148,149,150 Isaiah 43:1-13 Ephesians 3:14-21</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalms 1, 2, 3 Genesis 6:9-22 Mark 2:23—3:6</p>

NOTICES

- As the Church is currently closed for public worship, the Parish office is also closed. If you need to make contact with the Church, please contact the Churchwardens or the Rector.
- Please contact the Rector if you would like your name, or the name of a loved one added to the prayer list.
- The Church bell will toll daily at midday, while we are closed for public worship, reminding us to pray for all those infected and affected by COVID-19. Parishioners are encouraged to observe a moment of prayer daily at 12h00 midday.
- If you would like to be added to the Parish WhatsApp group, please send a message to the Rector(073 256 5200) or Nerine Meyer (072 180 0592).

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