

13 December 2020

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



All Saints Anglican Church

Encountering the love of God in our relationships, sharing our journey as we discover God in the plan and learning to trust God in and for every situation.

THE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Readings: Isaiah 61 : 1 - 4, 8 - 11
1 Thessalonians 5 : 16 - 24
Psalm: 126 (pg.771)
Gospel: John 1 : 1-6, 19 - 28



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of hope and joy,
You sent John the Baptist
to announce the coming of your Son:
Inspire all who serve in your Church
to prepare for his coming again
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.
Amen

MESSAGE FROM REVD ANASTASIA

Beautiful Saints planted by grace in this community, peace be with you. As the work and school year begin to wind down, we continue our preparation to receive the Christ Child anew. This paradox—that God's rhythms are often very different to the rhythms of life our world has created—is one of the mysteries that we as believers are called to live into. Particularly how do we make dedicated time to remain rooted and grounded in Christ, while dealing with the stress and busyness of ordinary life. This is the purpose of our Advent Season, to support us in finding this space of silence, reflection and repentance. Allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us and speak in the silence into our deepest desires and concerns.

We are also preparing for a new year of walking with Jesus. A fresh opportunity to deepen our life of faithfulness and responsiveness to all that God seeks to do in, and with and through us. This morning's Gospel reading points us to consider the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus the Christ. In many ways a prototype of our own relationship with Jesus. A relationship defined by Jesus' love and grace towards us, and an invitation to call others into that relationship. We are offered an opportunity this week to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus, as well as how we bring that relationship to those around us.

Please continue to pray for me and be assured that I am praying for you. With love and light on all you will experience in the week ahead.



NOTICES

The office will be closed on Wednesday 16th December for any emergencies please contact the church wardens.

We have launched our new website! Please go take a look and give any feedback to Owen on owen.rodgers@live.co.uk

Dedicated Giving—is our way to show gratitude to God for all his mercy, love and faithfulness. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS!

We have sent out our wish-list. Thank you for all those who have already begun responding! This week we are focused on the request for paint. If you are able to assist please contact the office for details.

Daily Prayers/Reflections : As we are in the season of Advent, a time for a personal journey, we have not continued with the morning and evening reflections. The readings for morning and evening prayer can be found in the lectionaries, and we still have a few available at R30 each.

Annual Leave : Mdu and Nomusa will be away from 22 December up to and including 08 January. Rev Anastasia will be on leave from Sunday 27 December up to and including 10 January 2021

Please continue to pray for those writing exams.

Please pray for

Louisa Snyman, Graham Taylor, Colleen Butler, Ernie Mutch, The Lamb Family, Ronel Briers, Barbara Morrison, Gwen Alexander, Elaine Elliott, Shona Flemming, Peter McMurray, Talfryn & Liz Davies, Tish White, Esness Motsa, Thelma Muir, Luleka Mekane, Thembi Ndlovu, Jane Chithila Kapanga, Ada Rebelo, Judith & Colin Sims, Dorothy Carey, Adrian Krige, Mike & Carol Zingel, Nigel & Nadene Twidale, Tony & Sue Poriazis, Rev. Bruce Smith, The residents of Evergreen Village, Arch Bishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Dilia DeCaires, John DeVilliers & Gerald and Margaret Ebertson



We remember in love those who have died

(13 - 19 December)

Oupa Maunye
Esan Kgomo

RIP : Sandy McEwen

We pray for the McEwen family & continue to hold in the light Bruce Kau and Rev. Anastasia and their family's during this time of bereavement



December /January service times

24 December :
22h00

25 December :
08h30

27 December :
08h30

03 January : 08h30

10 January : 08h30

Parents-In-Waiting

We welcome into our All Saints family,

Joelle Akuzike Kibundila Mugeni.

Congratulations to Jordy and Judith

Contact Heather:-(083-789-7311/
hmaccserv@mweb.co.za) for any additions.

Sign up for our services

(Please note that the forms are only available from Monday morning until they are full)

Sunday, 13 December 7: 30 service

<https://forms.gle/JLnU4uRv2ZriZZjU8>

Sunday, 13 December 9:30 service

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cbGRvs2U4hS-P_4pKzTyniKcn-fSiA1JUiyZoLKxayo/edit?usp=sharing

Sunday, 13 December 18h00 carol service

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THE WEDNESDAY SERVICES WILL RESUME
ON 13 JANUARY 2021

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