

# 27 December 2020

## First Sunday After Christmas



### 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 : 10 - 62 : 3  
Galatians 4 : 4 - 7  
Psalm: 148 (pg.790)  
Gospel: Luke 2 : 22 - 40



#### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
You wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us:  
As Jesus Christ came to share our humanity;  
so may we share the life of his divinity;  
Who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen

#### MESSAGE FROM REV'D NIGEL

Dear Friends

I am glad to be greeting you again, today, and seeing some of you, in person. The world has changed considerably, since I was last with you. I imagine that your Christmas celebrations this year were fairly different from celebrations in previous years. In the light of the pandemic and the chaos and suffering it has brought to the world, we need to be reminded of the need to be grateful for our safety, thus far; and we need to be reminded of the hope and light the birth of the Saviour ushers in to our lives, and into the darkness of the world. No intensity of darkness is able to extinguish the light. Christ is "the light of the world", and He came to dispel the darkness. We pray that, at this special time, the world will be flooded with the light, and the life, and the love of God. This has been an extraordinarily different and difficult year; and, to all appearances, there is a long way to go, before all people will have access to a vaccine. We have to persevere; we have to be careful, and vigilant; we have to be determined to get through; we have to believe, and trust, and hope, and see God's glory, and reflect God's glory, and be the good news.....

Galatians 4 verse 4: "But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law". Jesus came at just the right time. Why not hundreds of years earlier? Why not a decade, or a century, later? The answer is in the mind of God, and it is mystery: but we celebrate the amazing, glorious, wonderful, life-changing, world-changing, intervention of God. And we continue to welcome, and worship, the One Who came humbly amongst us; the One Who is our reason to hope, and rejoice.



## NOTICES

We trust that you are enjoying our new website [www.allsaints.co.za](http://www.allsaints.co.za). There you will be able to fill out your Dedicated Giving Pledge as well as our wish list. Please give any feedback on the website look and feel to Owen on [owen.rodgers@live.co.uk](mailto:owen.rodgers@live.co.uk)

**Annual Leave :** Mdu will be away and will return on 09 January.  
Rev Anastasia is on leave and will return on 11 January 2021. We welcome Revd. Nigel who is assisting during this period.

**Lectionaries :** We still have lectionaries available at R30 each. Please take a copy from the table in the Narthex and the money can be placed in the envelope provide and put into the collection or the honesty box.

Please note the office will be closed for the week—Monday 28 December to Friday 1 January. For all emergencies please contact one of our Church Wardens.

Just a reminder that our 07h30 & 09h30 Sunday services resume on 17 January.



### Please pray for

Louisa Snyman, Graham Taylor, Colleen Butler, Ernie Mutch, 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, Dr. Richard, Gerald and Margaret Ebertson, Cheryl Donaldson, Cheryl & Bill Jearey, Rajan & Devendra Gounden & Clyde Van Zyl

We remember in love those who have died

(27 December - 2 January)

David McKay

Julian Graham

Andre Susan Boekhuizen

Maureen Ntombifuthi

RIP : Barbara Gibbs

We pray for Natasha Bailey and her family during this time of bereavement.

We continue to pray for Angie and the Lamble family & Gillian and the McEwen family during this time of bereavement

### Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always  
at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon  
your face; the rains fall soft  
upon your fields and until  
we meet again, may God  
hold you in the palm of His hand.

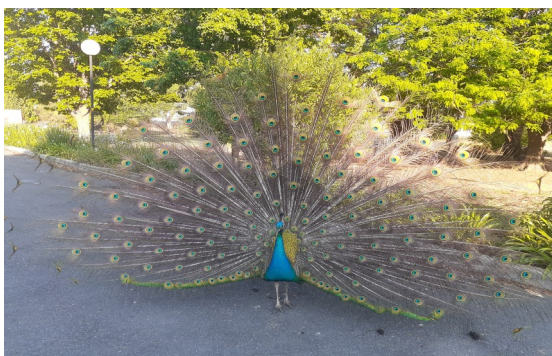
### Parents-In-Waiting

We welcome into our All Saints family,

**Joelle Akuzike Kibundila Mugeni.**

Congratulations to Jordy and Judith

Contact Heather:-(083-789-7311/  
[hmacserv@mweb.co.za](mailto:hmacserv@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, 03 January 2021 8:30 service

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cbGRvs2U4hS-P\\_4pKzTyniKcn-fSiA1UiyZoLkxayo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cbGRvs2U4hS-P_4pKzTyniKcn-fSiA1UiyZoLkxayo/edit?usp=sharing)

THE WEDNESDAY SERVICES WILL RESUME ON 13 JANUARY 2021

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### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS!

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