

06 December 2020

2nd 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 40 : 1 - 11
2 Peter 3 : 8 - 15a
Psalm: 85 : 1 - 2, 8 - 13 (pg.711)
Gospel: Mark 1 : 1 - 8



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of timeless grace,
You fill us with joyful expectation:
Make us ready for the message that
prepares the way
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
we may eagerly await the kingdom of you Son, Jesus
Christ
Who lives and reigns with 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. Over the week we have given you an opportunity to sign a PLEDGE as part of our participation in the 16 Days of Activism for NO violence against women and children. Today in our service we will use that same pledge as part of our call to repentance echoing the Gospel reading.

We are all aware that the state of our gender relationships reflect a deeper brokenness in our society. And often I feel overwhelmed by how large a healing task this is, wondering how to play my part in the restoration God seeks to bring. Signing the PLEDGE is one small act of commitment to take responsibility for our individual attitudes and actions. Believing that as we are faithful in the small things, God is able to do something significant with the whole. We believe this in the light of our Advent Season. A season dedicated to growing in "hopeful expectation" even as we are faced with stark realities that may undermine this hope. Our hope is grounded in the knowledge that God seeks to be present in and with and through us. That God has not deserted us, God is not absent, but rather deeply concerned with the human experience.

And so, like John, we are called this week to reflect more deeply on how God seeks us to participate in His plan of salvation. A plan to bring the whole created order into right relationship. A plan to bless us and give us hope and a future. May God speak into your heart this week.

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

October Financials available on our website & notice board

Auction has been postponed to early 2021. Details to be communicated on WhatsApp and on our website.

Dedicated Giving—is our way to show gratitude to God for all his mercy, love and faithfulness. If you have not yet signed a DG form please be sure to pick up a copy at church or see our website for a virtual link.

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. Please contact the office if you would like a copy or you can get one on a Sunday after the services.

Our next Messy Church is Today @ 15h00—please join us for a time of all-age worship in a relaxed atmosphere

Please continue to pray for those writing exams.

Please pray for

Louisa Snyman, Graham Taylor, Colleen Butler, Ernie Mutch, The Lamble Family, Ronel Briers, Barbara Morrison, Gwen Alexander, Elaine Elliott, Shona Flemming, Peter McMurray, Talryn & 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

(6 - 12 December)

Mark Graham Boswell
Thelma May Hall

RIP : Seipati Irene Kau &
Maria Gilbert

We pray for 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

Judith & Jordy Mugeni



Contact Heather:-(083-789-7311/
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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

Wednesday 09 December 9: 30 service

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Cerl7KwX4zGEoh_AFnG589XdbhKoTpAuQwO_A2rm2nrM/edit?usp=sharing

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