

03 January 2021

Second Sunday After Christmas

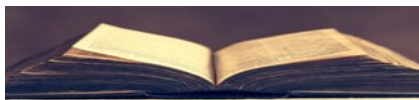


All Saints Anglican Church

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: Jeremiah 31 : 7 - 14
Ephesians 1 : 3 - 14
Psalm: 147 : 12 - 20 (pg.789)
Gospel: John 12 : 44 - 50



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us
The new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,
May shine forth in our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and
forever. Amen

MESSAGE FROM REV'D NIGEL

Dear Friends

John 12 verse 46 reads: "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness". In this context, light means knowledge, and darkness means ignorance. The Greeks described people as being 'in the dark', in the same way as we do: meaning unenlightened. They prized knowledge and wisdom very highly. Jesus is suggesting that those who believe in Him need not, or should not, or should not have to, remain ignorant, because He brings light, or understanding, into the world. We often use the expression 'seeing the light's, which means coming to an understanding of the truth of a specific issue. It seems as though faith precedes understanding: if we believe, we are able to receive revelation. Conversely, without faith it is impossible to perceive spiritual truth. This is why it is normally impossible to persuade anyone to believe, using the intellect and reasoning only. Faith, or at least an openness to believing, is a prerequisite. Faith leads to understanding, which leads to increased faith, then that leads to greater understanding - the opposite phenomenon of a vicious circle!

Today, we thank God for the gift of faith, for the light that Jesus brings into the world, and for the Spirit's work, in helping us to understand spiritual truth. May more and more people be open to receiving the gift of faith; and may more and more people seek to understand the spiritual truth of our Gospel.

With love, in Christ

Nigel



NOTICES

We trust that you are enjoying our new website 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

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.

Due to the new lockdown regulations there will be no meetings, gatherings or services at the Church until 15 January.

Notice of Annual Vestry Meeting

**Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday,
14 February 2021**



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, Malcolm Samuel & Sonique Whitebooi

**We remember in love those who
have died**

(03 - 09 January)
Mark Harding Carey
Yaseen Meth

RIP : Leo Strydom
We pray for Pippa and the family during this time of bereavement and continue to pray for Natasha Bailey and the Gibbs family during their time of bereavement.



Parents-In-Waiting

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, 17 January 7: 30 service

<https://forms.gle/JLnU4uRv2ZriZZjU8>

Sunday, 17 January 9:30 service

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cbGRvs2U4hSP_4pKzTyniKcn-fSiA1JUiYzoLKxayo/edit?usp=sharing

Wednesday 20 January 9: 30 service

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CerI7KwX4zGEoh_AFnG589XdbhKoTpAuQwOA2rm2nrM/edit?usp=sharing

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