

31 January 2021

4th Sunday After The Epiphany



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: Deuteronomy 18 : 15 - 20
1 Corinthians 8 : 1 - 13
Psalm: 111 (pg.749)
Gospel: Mark 1 : 21 - 28



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

**Merciful Lord,
Your word brings healing and life:
Cleanse us from our sins
that we may serve you with a quiet mind;
for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, in glory everlasting.
Amen**

MESSAGE FROM REV'D ANASTASIA

"LIVING IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE"

Beautiful saints, planted by grace in this place, peace be with you.

Our Gospel today affirms the authority of Christ over every time, circumstance and situation. This is a reassuring word to hear amidst such uncertainty. And the hope of our calling as children of God. There are other signs of hope that God is also reassuring us with. As you know, Vestry has been postponed indefinitely and our current Parish Council has been requested to continue serving. I am pleased to share that overall most members will remain in their portfolio's. Last week I asked each of you to pray about the new adventures God may be calling you into. I continue with this request, as there will be a number of opportunities to serve in 2021. This may not be as an official member of Parish Council, but can also be as support of the different virtual ministry offerings we are planning beginning during our Lenten Season which is almost upon us.

Paul reminds us in his letter today, that to serve is to build up the body of Christ. And in this serving it is not knowledge which builds up (edifies) but rather it is love. Only love has the power to build, to heal, to grow, to encourage, to meet us in every point of need. So as you open your life to God's call in this place, remember that all God needs from you is an exercising of your love for our brothers and sisters (both inside and outside our community). May this act as an invitation and an encouragement to become more active in the work of God through this place.

At this point, it is uncertain when in person services will resume. Again, this uncertainty can become an opportunity! In this case an opportunity to "be church differently". As leadership, this is the question we are wrestling with and seeking the guidance of the One to Whom we belong. And it is my firm belief that the answer will reveal itself as we live in response to God's love. Practicing a life of gratitude even in the midst of all we are experiencing.

I am praying for you, please continue to pray for me.

With love and light always.



NOTICES

The Province has suspended all Annual Vestry Meetings until further notice.

Annual Vestry: As leadership we are working hard to finalize our Vestry pack of reports and financials. We plan to have this available to the parish on Sunday 14 February.

18h00 Ash Wednesday Service We are hard at work to ensure that Ash Wednesday will be live streamed on zoom as well as recorded. IF you would like to attend please sign up on the booking form below so that we can email you the link to service.

Staff: Please note that over this lockdown period Revd. Anastasia is available only by appointment. Lorelle is working from home.

Access to the Church: Our property and prayer space remains open for your personal prayer and reflection time. Please feel free to contact Lorelle for access if you would like to spend time on site.



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, Nadene Twidale, Tony & Sue Poriazis, Rev. Bruce Smith, The residents of Evergreen Village, Arch Bishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Dilia DeCaires, Gerald and Margaret Ebertson, Cheryl Donaldson, Cheryl & Bill Jearey, Rajan & Devendra Gounden, Clyde Van Zyl, Malcolm Samuel, Deon Plaaitjies, Maseri Seretlo & Caitlyn Oliver

We remember in love those who have died

(31 January - 6 February)

Les Routledge

Ntebaleng Modise

Thora Tripp

Erik Gustav Sandstrom

RIP : John DeVilliers

We pray for Lindsay and the DeVilliers family at this time and continue to pray for the Richards (and Love) family, Nadene and the Twidale Family and for the Mathabathe family during this time of bereavement.



Mark 1, 21-28

Parents-In-Waiting

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



Sign up for our services

(Please note that all in person services are suspended until further notice)

Please sign up for our **Ash Wednesday Service** which will be conducted over zoom and recorded for those who are unable to join.

Ash Wednesday, 17 February 18h00 service

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/166Bwrh6wPozJBPXAFQsr9468O2T98x47LkQnDyd3z-8/edit?usp=sharing>



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