

# 21 February 2021

## First Sunday in Lent

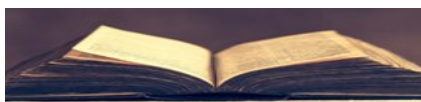


### All Saints Anglican Church

*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: Genesis 9 : 8 - 17  
1 Peter 3 : 18 - 22  
Psalm: 25 : 1 -10 (pg.631)  
Gospel: Mark 1 : 9 - 15



#### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of our salvation,  
Your bow in the clouds  
Proclaims your covenant with every living creature:  
Grant us your Spirit,  
Renew us in our baptism,  
And make us faithful stewards of your creation;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever. 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. Today we celebrate our 1st Sunday IN Lent. If you have not yet begun your Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving, I encourage you to begin today! Our readings today focus on the necessity of this Lenten season. A season of preparation, in hope, to receive the great gift of grace that is revealed through Jesus at Easter. It is a time to receive anew the call to Covenant made by God with our forebearers. As the Holy Spirit drives us into this wilderness experience, God is able strip away all that is hindering our liberty as the children of God, which is our true heritage. As I mentioned in my Ash Wednesday sermon, the purpose of each of these Lenten disciplines is to allow God to amend our lives, so that "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". Prayer encourages us to remain aware of the constant presence of God, so that we may "give thanks in all situations". Fasting allows us to begin the process of changing our disordered attachments to the things of this world. And Alms Giving allows us to practice our belief that all we have comes from God, is not our own, and is to be used for the building up of the Kingdom. Yet at the heart of each of these is also our relationships. With God, with ourselves and with others. For in the end it is the dual commandment of love that shapes our lives as believers. This is a life long journey into the mystery that is God's deep and unconditional love and faithfulness to us. God's desire to transform and renew us. To give us life in all abundance. May this mystery embrace you this week, as you practice your Lenten Disciplines. I am praying for you, please continue to pray for me. With love and light on you and yours.



## NOTICES

**Live Streaming of services:** Today we begin our first **live streaming (via zoom)**. A warm welcome to our on-line participants & deep gratitude to the technical team make this possible!

**Online Service Support needed :** As we begin streaming services live, we need behind people to assist with admin support. At least 3 people are needed per service. Please consider joining this ministry.

**In person Sunday School:** The Sunday School Ministry has met to discern how best to offer this ministry within the resource and time constraints we face. It has been agreed to host one week in person and one week virtual alternating through the month. We are pleased to announce that we will be holding **in person Sunday school next week Sunday 28 February**. Please ensure that you sign up for the virtual session (Sunday 7 March) so you can receive the zoom link. Sign up forms will be available next week on our website.

**Lent Course:** We are very excited to launch this course on-line "The Heart of God". We begin on Tuesday 23 February @ 18h00. Please do sign up so we can send you the zoom link on Monday.

**We are looking for a new Treasurer to assist Exco in managing the financials. Please let us know of someone who has the skills & availability**

### 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 & Bill Jearey, Rajan & Devendra Gounden, Clyde Van Zyl, Malcolm Samuel, Maseri Seretlo, Caitlyn Oliver, Kurt Ellis & Christopher Botha

### Sign up for our services

Sunday, 21 February, 08h30 (in person service)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cbGRvs2U4hS-P\\_4pKzTyniKcn-fSiA1JUiyoZoLKxayo/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cbGRvs2U4hS-P_4pKzTyniKcn-fSiA1JUiyoZoLKxayo/edit?usp=drivesdk)

Sunday, 21 February, 08h30 (online service)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TYpMJitVNRVrczoRw7sUpqw1gxX2AqQXH4gFnpOwRO8/edit?usp=sharing>

24 February, 09h30 (in person service)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CerI7KwX4zGEoh\\_AFnG589XdbhKoTpAuQwO\\_A2rm2nrM/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CerI7KwX4zGEoh_AFnG589XdbhKoTpAuQwO_A2rm2nrM/edit?usp=drivesdk)

Just a reminder that in person services are limited to 50 people per service. All forms (in person and online) close at 5pm the day before. For those registered for online services, the link will be sent to you via email and/or WhatsApp.

We remember in love those who have died  
(21 - 27 February)

George Charles William Post  
Christine & Henry Stucke  
John Andrew Couldridge

We continue to pray for the Choeu family during this time bereavement.



### Parents-In-Waiting

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