

16 May 2021

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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: Acts 1 : 15 - 17, 21 - 26
1 John 5 : 9 - 13
Psalm: 1 (pg.607)
Gospel: John 17 : 6 - 19



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Triune God,
Jesus prayed that we might be one :
Help us to transcend our differences
and find our unity in Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen

MESSAGE FROM REVD ANASTASIA

Beautiful saints of God, planted by grace in this community, peace be with you.

Jerusha Neal writes about our Acts reading for today, focusing us on how it explores the implications of the Ascension of Jesus (which we celebrated this past Thursday). She points us to how no longer having Jesus' physical presence leaves the early church grappling with the questions of the **what, why and how** of communal life seeking to follow a Risen Lord. In reflecting on this, we as the contemporary church who are called to grapple with these same questions, are given some keys. First to the **what** of our common life— we are called to be **witnesses to His resurrection**. This is a key that we have been exploring through this Eastertide season—the way in which our lives are to reflect the power of the resurrection. Secondly the **why** of our common life—**so that God's promises may be fulfilled**. This connects us to Jesus' words last week "you did not choose Me, but I chose you". There is a Divine calling on our common life to be witnesses to how God fulfils His promises in us. Finally, **how** are we to discern God's calling, leading and fulfilment in our community life? Rather than giving us a method, the early church gives us an example to follow. We discern the how- simply by **leaning into our trust in the goodness of God**. When placed together we are offered a process to continue living into our calling as believers. And Jesus himself prays for us in today's Gospel. Knowing fully that we will need every grace as we are sent out into the world, Jesus makes two petitions on our behalf. First that God protect us, from all assaults of the evil one, and from the vicissitudes of life. Secondly, that God sanctify us in the truth by His word (Jesus). These two powerful requests give us both the protection we may need in carrying out the work of God, in a world that is not always open to God's love AND set us apart of God's purpose. May this week give you time to reflect on the what, why and how of our communal life so we are ready for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit next week at Pentecost Sunday. Pray for me, I am praying for you. With love and light on you all.



NOTICES

Next week (23 May) is Pentecost Sunday!

Please join us for a special service, mostly outdoors. We will be exploring how the Holy Spirit equips us for ministry in the world. Details for the sign up forms are below.

Children's Church : Our Children's Church this week will be in person. Please join the teacher at the Youth Centre. Please note that all Covid protocols are strictly adhered to.

Youth VIBE: If you are in high school please consider joining this ministry by sending a WhatsApp to Lani (071 064 3977). The next virtual chat is scheduled for Friday 28 May from 18h00-19h00 (zoom). We will have guest speakers on the topic of "peer pressure". Invite your friends!

Outdoor Worship Area : Thank you Janette Joubert for the generous donation toward the building of the altar and seating area, done **in memory of JJ** (Johan C Joubert : 1958 - 2019). We have broken ground on the stage/altar already. Please contact Jerome on 082 892 2889 to get involved with your time. Thank you also to the **NA group** for working on completing the fire-break around the firepit.

100 Club : **OUR 100 CLUB has begun and will run from APRIL TO NOV 2021** Congratulations to the **winners** of our 1st 100 Club draw. Our next draw will take place on Sunday, 30 May. Contact Ernie – 066 2012 103 or mutchie@mweb.co.za or Heather on 083 789 7311 to purchase a number or for more information.

Please pray for

Louisa Snyman, Colleen Butler, Ernie & Heather Mutch, Ronel Briers, Barbara Morrison, Gwen Alexander, Elaine Elliott, Shona Flemming, Peter McMurray, Talfryn & Liz Davies, Godfrey & Wendy Henwood, Tish White, Thelma Muir, Luleka Mekane, Thembi Ndlovu, Jane Chithila Kapanga, Ada Rebelo, Judith & Colin Sims, Dorothy Carey, Adrian Krige, Mike & Carol Zingel, Tony & Sue Poriazis, Rev. Bruce Smith, The residents of Evergreen Village, Arch Bishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Dilia DeCaires, Gerald and Margaret Ebertson, Rajan & Devendra Gounden, Clyde Van Zyl, Maseri Seretlo, Caitlyn Oliver, Kurt Ellis, Agnes Msane, Craig Martins, Carol Falck, Beth Elliot, Barbara Sutter & Drew Holman - Fitzpatrick

We remember in love those who have died

(16 - 22 May)

Peter Ashworth
Roy Harold Mutch
Theophilus Mali Zondo

RIP : Martha Makgoba-Nkoana
We pray for Archbishop Thabo and his family during this time of bereavement.



Today's flowers are donated by Maseri Seretlo in memory and honour of her late husband Prof. J.R. Seretlo



Parents-In-Waiting

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



Sign up for our services

Sunday, 23 May , 08h30 (in person service)

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19 May, 09h30 (Wednesday in person service)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Cerl7KwX4zGE0h_AFnG589XdbhKoTpAuQwOA2rm2nrM/edit?usp=drivesdk

Please note that all forms close at 5pm the day before the service. Our in person services are limited to 80 people per service

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