

26 September 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation



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: Esther 7 : 1 - 6, 9 - 10, 9 : 20-22
James 5 : 13 - 20
Psalm: 124 (pg.770)
Gospel: Mark 9 : 38 - 50



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God, creator of the universe:
Fill us with Your love for the whole of creation.
Awake in us the desire to work for your world
with passion and boldness.
Lift us up on eagles' wings, so that we may not be
overwhelmed by the task ahead.
In the power of the Holy Spirit who renews the face of
the earth. Amen

MESSAGE FROM REVD ANASTASIA

Beautiful saints of God, planted by grace in this community, peace be with you. I have spent most of this past week attending Provincial Synod, which for those who are unfamiliar is the highest decision making body in our church. Most of the order of business was around cleaning up our Canons and Constitutions, but there was also significant time spent on the impact of COVID-19 on our church. As part of this we had speakers address us on the question of vaccines and the role they play in the science of this pandemic. Many of you will by now have seen that a motion was passed making it compulsory for all clergy to vaccinate. The spirit behind this was to encourage members of our church to vaccinate, and lead by example. Included in this resolution was also a call for a theological response to be crafted. Providing our members with a way to grapple with their own decision around vaccination in light of our faith. I pray that this will create a climate for us to continue journeying with one another on this issue.

Leading by example can be a powerful testimony to our faith. And this morning we read in the letter of James about the importance of a deeply prayerful community, coming together in all the joys and sorrows of life. Leading one another by their example of prayer, confession, forgiveness and healing. When we do this, we ground our lives in the powerful presence of God who is always at work. Jesus challenges us in the Gospel today to take seriously those things that may be hindering our relationship with God, or ways in which we hinder others in their relationship with God. This speaks to our common life as believers, and our responsibility towards one another to deepen in relationship. So, I want to encourage each of us to spend time this week reflecting on the role we play in this community of faith where God has planted us. In what ways can you contribute to this common life we share? What heritage would you like to leave for the generation that comes after us? How might God be leading you into new relationship with God and one another? Pray for me, I am praying for you. With much love and light on the week ahead.



NOTICES

Children's Church: Children's Church is in person today and will close for the school holidays and will re-open on 17 October.

St Francis of Assisi Sunday 3 October will be an Outdoor service: Traditionally we bless our pets at this service, so either bring them along or have a photograph!

100 Club: Next draw Sunday, 3 October 2021 during the 8h30 service! We still have 27 numbers available at cost of R150. Contact Ernie at church or phone 066 2012 103 if you would like to purchase one or another one.

Messy Church: Our next service is on **Sunday, 10 October 2021 from 15h00 - 17h00.** Bring your family and friends and enjoy an outdoor time of fellowship and learning together.

Outdoor Baptism Service: Join us in welcoming our newest members of All Saints on Sunday 10 October at 8h30! **We pray for Olivia Samuel and Joelle Mugeni** in preparation for their welcome.

Our August financials can be found on the notice board and on our website.

Please pray for

Louisa Snyman, Colleen Butler, Ernie Mutch, Gwen Alexander, Elaine Elliott, Shona Flemming, Peter McMurray, Talfryn & Liz Davies, 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, Clyde Van Zyl, Maseri Seretlo, Caitlyn Oliver, Kurt Ellis, Craig Martins, Carol Falck, Beth Elliot, Drew Holman -Fitzpatrick, Dieneke Boom, Thandiwe Ngculu, Revd. Dennis Francis and family & Catherine Duncan

We remember in love those who have died

(26 September - 2 October)

**Eugenie May Mackay
Shirley Flint**

We continue to pray for Fr Gerald Steward and Anne May and their families during this time of bereavement



Parents-In-Waiting

Contact Heather:-(083-789-7311/
hmacserv@mweb.co.za) if you or a friend or family member are expecting and would like to be added to the prayer list.

Mario & Carla Lawrence

Lennard & Eileen Schunemann

Shaleen and Ronan MacGillivray

Gareth and Sam Levinsohn

Lance and Monique Milosevich



Mdu is available to work privately doing general maintenance and gardening from 12h30 Friday to Wednesdays. He is available for a full day on Thursdays. Please contact him directly on 076 125 9619

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