

On duty next week at the 09h00 service (10 February 2019)

Welcome Table : Fred and Tumi Selolwane
Tea : Lindi Kekana
Readers : Maseri Seretlo (1st) & Catherine Dryden (2nd)

In Church This week (4—10 February 2019)

Monday: No Services or Meetings
Tuesday: Office Meeting 09h30—10h30
Centering Prayer 16h00
NA Weekly Meeting (Outside/Narthex) 19h00
Wednesday: NAC Service (Church) 19h00—21h00
Thursday: no meetings or services 19h00
Friday : No Meetings or Services 19h00
Saturday: SDA 09h30—12h30
Bell Ringing 12h45
Sunday: Sunday Eucharist 07h30
Sunday Eucharist & Children's Church 09h00
NAC 12h00—14h00
Messy Church 15h00—17h00

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at
All SAINTS FOURWAYS GARDENS

3 February 2019
Education Sunday
4th Sunday of the year

**We welcome all who are worshipping with us today to our service,
Particularly our newcomers and visitors.
May God bless your encounter with Him.**

Collect for Today

O God, the strength and refuge of all who serve you:
When we are brought to the time of trial,
Stand with us in our conflict
And strengthen our resolve
To bear with joy the cost of our discipleship;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen

Today's Readings

1st Reading : Jeremiah 1 : 4-10
Psalm : Psalm 71 : 1-6 (Pg. 689)
2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 12 : 31b—13 : 13
Gospel : Luke 4 : 21-30



Next weeks Readings : 10 February 2019)

1st Reading : Isaiah 6 : 1-8
Psalm : Psalm 138 (Pg. 779)
2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 15 : 1-11
Gospel : Luke 5 : 1-11

Years Mind: Thora Tripp, Erik Gustav Sandstrom

Prayers of the Church : Renette Johnson, Louisa Snyman; Craig Stacey (cancer), Fr. Mike, Maureen Kear, Graham Taylor; Mariette (Mara) Oosthuizen , Palesa Seretlo, Edna Francis, Onicah Mathibe, Dennis Hammond , West Family, Dolly Tsitsi, Colleen Butler



Thank you to Zanele for tea after the 07h30 service and Heather for tea after the 09h00 service.



Mums-in-waiting: Dominique Madlener, Kimone Ingram
Recent Arrivals: Cloé Bell King, Blaine Alexander Porter, Onerena Maunye

Please contact Heather (0837897311 / hmaccserv@mweb.co.za) or the Church office for any additions.

NOTICES

- **Church Maintenance** : We are starting a maintenance team that will meet every 2nd Saturday of the month from 08h30 to 12h00. The first meeting will take place **next Saturday, 09 February 2019**. We will spend the first meeting planning over bacon and egg rolls & coffee, making a list of all the projects that need attention, both big and small, and from there we will work together to get things done. Everyone is invited. You do not need to have any special maintenance or gardening skills, just the willingness to work together to maintain our church property. The dates to save for the next 3 months would be 9 February (planning meeting), 9 March & 13 April.
- The **Tea Roster** is on the notice board at the Welcome table. Please consider giving tea after either of the services (07h30 or 09h00).
- **Soup for Thursday Soup Kitchen** : We still require soup for the Thursday Soup Kitchen. Please bring soup already frozen.
- Invite your families and friends to **MESSY CHURCH next Sunday 10th February** from 3-5pm. Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of creative learning and engaging discussion around gospel truths (3-4pm). This is followed by worship (4-4:30pm) and a light supper (4:30-5pm). Suitable for ALL ages, including those who don't regularly come to church! Request donation of R30 per person to cover costs. For more information, contact Jean 083234 3371
- Save the date : **9 March 2019 from 09h00—13h00**. A **quiet morning** is being planned for Parish Ministers and all others who would like to attend. Venue details still to be confirmed.

NOTICE OF VESTRY

Our Annual Vestry will take place on 03 March, during the 09h00 service. Nomination list and 2018 minutes are on the noticeboard. Please pray for our Vestry and the Parish Council both current and future.

Dear Friends

I don't know whether you are feeling as overwhelmed as I am, at the moment, with the chaos, confusion and corruption that is rife. There are more and more shocking revelations about the extent of corruption in our country, with vast sums of money given to important and influential people to buy their compliance or persuade them to keep quiet about secret, shady, underhand deals. Politicians do their best to attack other politicians, and to run down other parties, protesting their own innocence and integrity. And, for a large number of South Africans, nothing that is made public regarding instances of corruption and dirty-dealing will make them shift the allegiance they give to someone they almost worship. It seems to me that just about everyone who has had any power is implicated, in some way or ways, in unethical practices. Greed for personal gain has replaced a longing for truth and justice. It sickens me to think that what we hear about is probably the tip of the iceberg. How much dirty business is hidden, still - and might never come to light?

Then, there is Zimbabwe. The extent of the suffering of the ordinary people is beyond imagining. If the stories that trickle out of Zimbabwe are true, there are gross violations of human rights: violence, rape, vicious silencing of protest. It's so awful to think that millions of people are trapped in a situation where they are denied the possibility of a decent quality of life. The struggle for survival, and the impossible task of trying to provide for one's family, must be overwhelming. Will people with power in Zimbabwe, and people with power in South Africa, ever be brought to account for what they perpetrate?

We're going into a period of gearing up for the elections in May, and we must expect a barrage of promises from politicians, and an avalanche of abuse, as they try to score cheap political points over each other. Who does one vote for? Is there anyone in whom we can place our confidence, assured of their integrity, and convinced of their sincere desire to see South Africa and South Africans, prosper?

Then, there is the DRC. And the Middle East. And Brexit. And Trump's attempts to build a wall. And the increase of right-wing movements, in different places. And Venezuela.... The world is in a mess. And, apart from the mess out there, a lot of people are coping with domestic problems, financial strain, stress of work, depression. We need God's grace (defined by someone as God's 'empowering presence'). We need to be strengthened, encouraged, sustained, given hope. We need to believe. We need to keep our heads up. We need to persevere. We need to know that something better is possible. We need to be resolved that we will not settle for anything that is inferior to what God wants, for us, and for everyone.

May God give us grace, so that we can live through a difficult, chaotic, confusing time, empowered by His love, guided by His truth, with eyes that still see beauty around us, committed to the values of God's Kingdom.

With love, in Christ
Nigel