

On duty next week at the 09h00 service (13 January 2019)

Welcome Table : Bongani & Lungile Ntenza
Tea : Volunteer Needed
Readers : Ada Rebelo (1st) & Tadisa Jakachira (2nd)

In Church This week (7 January—13 January 2019)

Monday: No Services or Meetings
Tuesday: NA Weekly Meeting (Outside/Narthex) 19h00
Wednesday: NAC Service (Church) 19h00—21h00
Thursday: no meetings or services 19h00
Friday : no meetings or services 10h00
Saturday: SDA 09h30—12h30
Bell Ringing 12h45
Sunday: Sunday Eucharist 07h30
Sunday Eucharist 09h00
NAC 12h00—14h00

Lorelle is on leave and will return to office on 15 January 2019

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at
All SAINTS FOURWAYS GARDENS
6 January 2019
The Epiphany of our Lord

**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, by the leading of a star
You revealed your Son Jesus Christ to the gentiles:
Grant that your Church may be a light to the nations,
So that the whole world may come to see
The splendour of your glory;
Through Jesus Christ, the Morning Star;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen

Today's Readings

1st Reading : Isaiah 60 : 1-6
Psalm : Psalm 72 : 1-7, 10-14
2nd Reading : Ephesians 3 : 1-12
Gospel : Matthew 2 : 1-12



Next weeks Readings (13January 2019)

1st Reading : Isaiah 43 : 1-7
Psalm : Psalm 29
2nd Reading : Acts 8 : 14-17
Gospel : Luke 3 : 15-17, 21-22

Years Mind: Myra Moore

Prayers of the Church : Renette Johnson, Louisa Snyman; Craig Stacey (cancer), Fr. Mike, Maureen Kear, Graham Taylor; Mariette (Mara) Oosthuizen , Palesa Seretlo, Edna Francis, Anne Marumahoko, Onicah Mathibe



A new **tea roster** is on the Roster board. Please consider giving tea after either of the services (07h30 or 09h00). If the date you would like to give tea is not yet on the roster, please email the office so that that date can be saved for you.



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

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

NOTICES

- The 07h30 service will resume on 13 January 2019 (next Sunday)
- **Farewell Lunch for Fr. Mike** : Please save the date and spread the word. We will be having a Bring and Share Farewell Lunch for Fr. Mike after the 09h00 service on Sunday, 20 January 2019. Please indicate on the list on the noticeboard if you and your family are attending (for set up purposes), or you can email the office.
- **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 on **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.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Nigel Andrews who will be filling in for us as the appointed Minister for January and February.



Matthew 2: 10-11

“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”

According to tradition, we understand these gifts of the Magi as telling us something about the nature of Christ: the gold representing his kingship, the incense his place as our High Priest, and myrrh foreshadowing his death. But at the time of receiving the gifts, what did Mary think? I wonder if she understood the symbolism? These are not the normal gifts one would expect at the birth of a child.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, notes that “A gift given with the expectation of something in return is not a gift. The giver of a true gift opens themselves to the possibility of being rejected. The response to being given a true gift is not to attempt to better the giver by giving back a bigger or more expensive gift but, first and foremost, to give thanks.”

Sometimes when we receive gifts we aren't too sure what to do with them. Thankfully, the Giver has the bigger picture – understanding both our wants and needs. And our first response should be one of thanks. Of gratitude, because we know that the nature of the Giver is to give good gifts (Matt 7:11, Luke 11:13).

God has given us the gifts of Christ and community. Christ is the obvious gift, but it is important to also remember that we have also received the gift of each other as the family of God. While we might not understand exactly how all these gifts are to be useful to us, it is important to be open to exploring them – past, present and yet-to-come. Let us be thankful for these gifts, not bemoaning that which has changed, but be open to receiving the new insights, blessings and love.

Meditation:

What gifts have surprised us?

How can we be thankful for that which we do not yet fully understand?