On duty next week at the 09h00 service (17 March 2019)

Welcome Table: Rosemary Mhlangu & Samantha Petersen

Tea : Bongani & Lungile Ntenza

Readers : Lindi Kekana (1st) & Natasha Bailey (2nd)

In Church This week (11 - 17 March 2019)

Monday: NA Counselling/Planning Meetings 19h00

Tuesday: Office Meeting 09h30—10h30

Centering Prayer 16h00 NA Weekly Meeting (Outside/Narthex) 19h00

Wednesday: Morning Service and Lent Course 09h30

NAC Service (Church) 19h00—21h00

Thursday: No meetings or services Friday: No Meetings or Services

Saturday: SDA 09h30—12h30

Bell Ringing 12h45 Sunday Eucharist 07h30

Sunday Eucharist & Children's Church 09h00

NAC 12h00—14h00

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All SAINTS, FOURWAYS GARDENS

10 March 2019 First Sunday in Lent

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

God of Mercy,

Jesus found a sure defence in your word:
Strengthen us to persevere faithfully
As we confront the temptations of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever.

Amen

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26 : 1-11

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 (Pg. 719)

2nd Reading: Romans 10 : 8 - 13

Gospel: Luke 4 : 1-13

Next week's Readings: 17 March 2019

 1st Reading:
 Genesis 15: 1-2, 17-18

 Psalm:
 Psalm 27 (Pg. 719)

 2nd Reading:
 Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1

 Gospel:
 Luke 413: 31-35: 1-13

Years Mind: Bob Armstrong, Alicia Zondo, Anthony Michael Mathers,

Michael Bosworth, Timothy Jackson

Prayers of the Church: Renette Johnson, Louisa Snyman; Craig Stacey

Graham Taylor; Palesa Seretlo, Oniccah Mathibe, Dennis Hammond, West Family, Dolly Tsitsi, Colleen Butler, Nick Havemann (brain tumour). Wendy Clark, Monique Gray





Thank you to Heather Mutch for tea after the 07h30 service And to Bongani & Lungile Ntenza for tea after the 09h00 service

Mum-in-waiting: Kimone Ingram, Monique Gray

Recent Arrivals: Blaine Alexander Porter, Onerena Maunye,

Matthew Robin Mark Madlener

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

officefor any additions.

NOTICES

- Church Maintenance: Our next meeting will be held on 13 April 2019 at 08h30. Please join in as we clean, organize and fix things around the church. Everyone is invited as many hands make light work.
- The **Tea Roster** is on the notice board at the Welcome table. Please consider giving tea after either of the services (07h30 or 09h00).
- We are busy with the readers roster for April June. Please email allsaintsadmin@yebo.co.za if you would like to be a reader.
- Lent Course: Wednesday Mornings at 09h30. If you cannot attend and would like a copy of the course material, same will be available on our website soon.
- Messy Church—10 March @ 15h00. Join us for a fun learning afternoon and a light meal.
- Baptism Class dates for 2019: 23 March, 22 June, 28 September & 23
 November from 11h00—13h00. Please contact the office should you require more info.
- Being a sharing community: A parishioner has a great idea that we would like to implement. So often, we end up with a duplicate of veggies or some have fruit trees that sometimes the surplus gets wasted or thrown away. Instead of discarding bring it on a Sunday and we can swop and share goodies with one another. So don't let the lemons on your tree pile up if you can't use all or don't let that extra pack of carrots go bad. Let's share!



Dear Friends

A few people asked for a copy of the twelve ways we can experience 'resurrection now', according to Richard Rohr, in his book, 'Immortal Diamond'. I thought it might be help-ful to include this in today's pew leaflet, so that all of us can be reminded of what he has to say. But let me begin by giving you the gist of what I was saying....

Before resurrection, there must be crucifixion; before new life is possible, there has to be death. The idea that God is around to meet all our needs, to solve all our problems, to comfort us, to take away all our doubts, fears, anxiety and suffering, must be crucified: that's not the reason for God's existence! We have to live with, and be honest about, and work through, difficult issues: God doesn't magically rescue us, so that we are comfortable and happy, always. (This is according to Peter Rollins, in his book, 'Insurrection'.) We live as though resurrection, eternal life and heaven are all distant future events. We need, instead, to experience these events/processes NOW, to seek to make them real NOW.

Peter Rollins says that resurrection life is a way of living in the midst of death, suffering, darkness - and finding a way to affirm life. Eternal life is being transformed now. Resurrection life is a depth of being we experience now. In loving the world, and every-one and everything in the world, we discover God. It is in loving that we experience meaning, joy and fulfilment. Stop looking for God: in loving, we gain God. In loving another person - who, sometimes, is a frail, broken human being - we find something sacred, sublime, beautiful, glorious. In loving the world, we are loving God. When we love, God is present. When we lose ourselves in love for the other, we find God - and this is eternal life.

Rob Bell says that heaven is here, now: we can participate in the renewal, rebuilding, restoration, re-creation of the world - and, thereby, help to make heaven happen now. Richard Rohr speaks about how resurrection can be real for us, now. So, here are the twelve points:

- 1. Refuse to identify with negative, blaming, antagonistic, fearful thoughts
- 2. Apologize, when you hurt another person, or aggravate a situation
- 3. 'Undo' your mistakes by some positive action toward the offended person, or do something positive to improve the situation that you have made worse
- 4. Do not indulge or believe your False Self (the ego, what you pretend to be, the identity that is based on society's expectations)
- 5. Choose your True Self (who you are in God) continually, through the day
- 6. Always seek to change yourself, before trying to change others
- 7. Choose, as much as possible, to serve, rather than be served
- 8. Whenever possible, seek the common good over your personal good
- 9. Give preference to those in pain, those who are excluded, those disabled in some way
- 10. Seek just systems and policies not just charity
- 11. Make sure you practise what you preach, and there is no conflict between what you say and what you do
- 12. Never doubt that it is, always, all about love

May God continue to challenge and change us all, as we continue our journey. With love, in Christ Nigel