

**Meetings, Events and Services This Week (19 – 25 August)**

Mon: 19h00 NA Counselling/Planning  
 Tue: 16h00 Centering Prayer  
 19h00 NA Weekly Meeting  
 Wed: 09h30 Morning Eucharist  
 12h00 Staff Meeting  
 19h00 NAC Service (Church)  
 Sat: 08h30 Exco  
 09h30-16h30 SDA Service  
 12h45 Bell Ringing  
 14h00 Bible Study  
 Sun: 07h30 Eucharist  
 09h00 Eucharist & Children's Church  
 12h00 NAC Service  
 14h30 Private Function



**Dates to Diarise**

**Every Saturday** : Bible Study @14h00  
**24 Aug.** Worship Ministry Afternoon From 12h30 – 15h30  
**24 Aug.** Fundraising Mtg @ 10h30  
**25 Aug.** Time and Talent Expo

**SOUPER SUNDAYS AFTER THE 09h00 SERVICE. R5 for a cup of soup**

**On duty -25 August @ 09h00**

**Welcome Tbl:** Bongani & Lungile  
**Tea:** Tshepiso Motau  
**Readers:** Cheryl D (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 Zamazulu M (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**All Saints Anglican Church  
 Fourways Gardens**



*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.*

**18 August 2019**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*All Saints welcomes all who are worshipping with us today. Particularly our newcomers and visitors, may God bless your encounter with him.*

**Collect for Today**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 You are the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:  
 Set us on fire as your brave witnesses  
 Ready to bear the cost of our discipleship;  
 For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
 One God, for ever and ever.  
 Amen

**The Word of God**

08h30 - Eucharist  
 Readings: Jeremiah 23 : 23-29  
 Hebrews 11 : 29-12:2  
 Psalm: 82 (Pg. 708)  
 Gospel: Luke 12 : 49-56

**Wednesday Readings  
 21 August 2019**

Readings: Judge 9 : 6-15  
 Psalm: 21 : 1-6 (Pg. 627)  
 Gospel: Matthew 20 ; 1-16

**Next Week's Readings  
 (25 August 2019)**

Readings: Isaiah 58 : 9b - 14  
 Hebrews 12 : 18-29  
 Psalm: 103 : 1-8 (Pg. 731)  
 Gospel: Luke 13 : 10 - 17

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**We remember in love those who have died 18-24 August**

**Deidre Miller**  
**Zenani Mahlangu**  
**Simon Reynolds**  
**Pheneas Mphefo**  
**Denise Morton**  
**Gerhard Reiling**  
**George Sydney Fletcher**

*We continue to pray for the family of Dennis Hammond during this time of Bereavement.*

## ALL SAINTS LABYRINTH

*"You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy..." Ps 16:11*

You are invited to walk and pray on the All Saints Labyrinth. Labyrinths are ancient spiritual pathways found across the world: embraced in medieval times and since then, as a path for prayer, meditation and reflection. The imagery of the circle, combined with the spiral of the meandering but purposeful path symbolises wholeness. Today, labyrinths are used in a variety of settings to offer sacred and still space in our busy world. It can be a metaphor for the journey to the centre of your inner being, and back into the world with a broadened understanding of who you are.

A labyrinth is different from a maze. A maze has dead-ends and tricks. The only choice in a labyrinth is whether to enter or not – whether or not to walk a spiritual path. The labyrinth has a path that goes to the centre. You cannot get lost. Just keep on the path. Take your time and walk mindfully, enjoying the present moment of each step. It doesn't matter if you stop and think on the way.

Walking a labyrinth is similar to making a pilgrimage – a journey – with the opportunity to think about relationships or an issue where you are seeking resolution, healing or forgiveness, to remember a loved one, or as a celebration and thanksgiving.

After months of dreaming, the All Saints Labyrinth was created in August 2019 as a Trinitarian and Reconciliation Labyrinth. You can walk it alone, or with another. It has three distinct entrances/exits, and space in the centre, around the cross, to sit and reflect or discuss quietly with the person you are sharing the experience with. You can then choose to exit via a path of your choice – your own, the path your neighbour has travelled, or a new path, the third or mediated way. Welcome! May you be blessed in your journey.

### Prayers

Louisa Snyman, Craig Stacey,  
Graham Taylor, Palesa Seretlo,  
Onicah Mathibe, The West Family,  
Colleen Butler, Nick Havemann,  
Ernie Mutch, Gladys Nkhlana, The  
Lamble Family, Ronel Briers &  
Audrey Jamieson



**Mums-in-waiting**  
Lindelwe Nkala-Chiduzo

**Recent Arrivals** : Jordyn Ingham

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

**Confirmation Candidates:** We are looking at the feasibility of starting up confirmation class. If you know of interested candidates who will be 16 or over in 2020 please send their details to Rev. Anastasia on WhatsApp or email by TODAY.

The next **Fund Raising Team** meeting will take place next Saturday, 24 August at 10.30am at the Church. If you would like to be part of this fun team, and plan the next fun event, we would love you to join us. New ideas are always needed!! Contact Beth 072-172-5589.

### Time and Talent

The next Sunday for Time and Talent sales will be 25 August. Sales will take place between both services and after the 09h00. Everyone with tins, please email the office as we need to update details and send correspondences and don't have email addresses



**100 Club July winners** 1st R770 No 55 Anastasia, 2nd R460 No 33 Mary Wilson, 3rd R310 No 85 Danny Mathibe. Please ensure that you are up to date with your payments if you have not paid in full. Numbers still available to purchase. Cost R200 or R50 per month. Please see Ernie after the service.

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the tea today.



The flowers this week are donated by Anne Renaud in memory of her late mum Mary Alexander and by the Parish Ministers in thanksgiving for God's mercy.



### **Purification by Fire**

God compares the process of our conversion and overcoming to that of a metal being purified and refined in a fire. (Malachi 3:2-4) That process becomes evident in our lives when we face various trials and tests and then come to see that God is working with us to learn to trust Him and to take comfort in His goodness and love. God is a refiners fire which makes all the difference. He is not a forest fire which consumes and destroys. Rather he works like a refiner of silver. The fire burns away all impurities, it separates the silver from all that ruins its value. When we offer to him our brokenness, our wounds, our suffering God is able to burn away all the “dross” and leave us with the pure silver. We become pure and scripture tells us “blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”. Therefore we can say with confidence that the affliction in the family of God is always for refinement, never for destruction so that we may obtain the salvation of our souls. (1 Pet 1:6-9)

### **Cleansing with the Living Water**

Jesus is the living water. He invites us to wash ourselves in His love and mercy so that we may be cleansed from all unrighteousness, and live in right relationship with God. We come in trust to God, in the full knowledge that we are unable to heal our brokenness, that we are unable to be in right relationship without God effecting in us a transformation. Water cleanses, heals and revives us. Water is a symbol of the journey of liberation where God took his people through the red sea and brought them into the promised land. Water is the deep waters of death through which he brought his son Jesus to the mighty resurrection. In our baptism we claim all these promises and ask God to effect their fruits within us.

### **The Oil of Healing & Gladness**

Jesus opens his public ministry by reading from the scroll of Isaiah. (Luke 4:18-20) The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him to bind up the broken hearted, to be the balm of Gilead that will bring healing to the nations, to bring have God’s people experience gladness again. The oil of Jesus works to heal and bring joy, it anoints (sets apart) and empowers us. As we come to this station let us receive the healing that we need asking God to fulfil the promise of Isaiah 61: 3-5 “” so that we may “be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour.

## **TO WALK THE ALL SAINTS LABYRINTH**

You may want to find a stone (to represent the burden/joy you are carrying with you) which you can hold as you journey and place at the centre, or just carry with you as you walk.

Allow yourself to become still and settled, relax your mind and your body ....

Either focus on your breath or gently pray:

*Almighty God, I am always in your presence. You are my companion on my path. Your words are a light that guides my feet and your Spirit feeds my soul. May I be open to your voice and guidance as I love and serve you all the days of my life, Amen*

When you are ready, enter the labyrinth at one of the entrances:

- Open your heart and mind to God in prayer.
- Let your thoughts flow.
- Breathe in peace and tranquillity and breathe out anxiety and tension. Smile gently.

When you reach the centre, consider your thoughts. Welcome the peace, the space to be. Pause and spend some time in prayer and reflection, receiving God’s love and blessing. Or pause and be aware of your thoughts and feelings, receiving what is there for you in that moment.

When you are ready, choose a path to exit. It could be a different path. Hold onto your thoughts and feelings. Explore them a little more. Journey gratefully and prayerfully.

As you exit, turn back to face the labyrinth. Gently bow to acknowledge your experience – the journey of your mind and spirit. Give thanks and praise to God.

*Jesus says the graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, that is TRUST. The more a soul trust the more it will receive. Sooner would Heaven and Earth turn into nothingness than would My Mercy not embrace a trusting soul (V1.29).*



#### **The Mercy of God in the Gospel**

It was to announce His unconditional love for humanity that God chose the human road. This is the good news brought by Jesus: the encounter of Divine Love with our misery, our sickness and our brokenness.

He is a **Samaritan God** who comes from afar, who comes close and comforts the dying, He embraces us, washes us and cleanses our wounds, cares for us with the oil of His love, and cures us forever (Luke 10: 30-35). He is the **Shepherd God** who searches for the lost sheep (Matt 9:36) and who after leaving the other ninety-nine in the hills and in the desert, goes in search of the one lost sheep (Luke 15: 4-7). He is also the **Healing God** come to seek out and cure those in need, the sinners (Mark 2:17). He is the **Father** who awaits anxiously the son who has left home and on his return runs to him, embraces him and prepares a great feast (Luke 15: 11-24)

Jesus himself gives witness of His works saying "go and tell John what you have seen and heard the blind can see, the lame can walk those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases are made clean, the deaf can hear, the dead are raised to life and the good news is preached to the poor" (Luke 7:22)

#### **Living Stones of the Temple** Ephesians 2:19-22

As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-- **you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1Pet 2:4-9. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him **the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord**. And in him **you too are being built together to become a dwelling** in which God lives by his Spirit.

**Prayer Stations** : Things to Pray for One Another (*and ourselves too*):

1. **To Know God Better:** *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, It can be too easy to acquire knowledge in so many areas of our lives and only have superficial knowledge of who God is. We have a great privilege as Christians to not just know about God but to know Him personally.*
2. **To Know the Hope to Which We're Called:** *having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, When scripture speaks of the heart here it is meaning the center of our knowledge and understanding. Paul is praying that their eyes would be illuminated to God's truths to know how to respond to all of life's circumstances and difficulties with an eternal perspective.*
3. **We are His Inheritance:** *what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints He wants us to know that we are God's inheritance. We are His, we are sealed by His Holy Spirit and His precious portion. We belong to Somebody – forever! We as the saints are God's inheritance*
4. **To Know His Power:** *and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, The resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in every believer. Paul did not pray for power to be given to believers, He prayed that they would know the power they already possessed in Christ (Ephesians 1: 16-23)*