

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS,
ANNIVERSARIES & READINGS:**

TODAY

Grant & Kim-Lynn Bastian
Andrienna De Maar

MONDAY 18th

Luvuyo & Nyameka Dyakalasho, Charl & Odette Howburg,
Nico & Lyn Steenkamp
Mark Hughes

Psalms 59,60 Genesis 3:8-15 Revelation 12:1-10

TUESDAY 19th

Benedict & Andrienna De Maar, Bafobekhaya & Lungile Momoti,
Rod & Lana Sacco
Angela Julies, Jack Minne, Peggy Whitman, Aaron Williams

Psalms 63,64,65 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Titus 1:1-16

WEDNESDAY 20th

Neil & Ananda Richards
Tamzane Dradier, Cebile Miya, Stephen Roman, Jane Taylor

Psalms 68 1 Samuel 2:1b-10 Titus 2:1-10

THURSDAY 21st

Vuyo Bubu, Shirley Johnson, Natasha Myburgh,
Kristie Nkemdilim, Jean Wade

Psalms 70,71 2 Samuel 7:1-17 Titus 2:11-3:8a

FRIDAY 22nd

Kristin De Maar, Marsha Page

Psalms 73 2 Samuel 7:18-29 Galatians 3:1-14

SATURDAY 23rd

Kelsy Ezenwa

Psalms 75,76 Isaiah 33:17-22 Galatians 3:15-22

IN OUR PARISH: Sacristans and Altar Linen Changers

IN OUR DIOCESE: St Stephen, Paarl

OUR COMMUNITY: Preachers preparing for Christmas

IN AFRICA: Libya

FLOWERS:

There are no flowers during Advent, but a box has been placed at the back of the church for **donations toward Christmas Flowers**. The new Flower Roster for 2018 is on the Notice Board.



NOTICES:

The **signup sheet for church duties for 2018** is on the Notice Board. We need your help as there are many areas in which **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

The final **Diocesan Quiet Day at Churchhaven for 2017** is on Thursday 21st December from 10h00 to 15h00.

Envelopes are available for the **Christmas gift to the Clergy**. Please pop them, with your donation, into the offertory bags.

The **Lost Property Box** in the office is full. Please claim any items you may have left behind before the office closure over Christmas. Any **unclaimed items will be removed**.

Pledge Banking Details: Standard Bank, Account No: 271104406

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

THE CARE GROUP THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEAR AND WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

REMINDERS:

Eucharist Service - Last	Wednesday 20 th	09:30
Diocesan Quiet Day	Thursday 21 st	10.00
Office Closure	Thursday 21 st	13:00
St Chad's Mother's Prayer Group	Saturday 23 rd	14.00
Christmas Eve Service	Sunday 24 th	23:00
Christmas Day Service	Monday 25 th	08:30
Eucharist – One Service Only	Sunday 31 st	08:30
Office Reopens	Wednesday 3 rd	09:00
Eucharist – One Service Only	Sunday 07 th	08:30

DUTIES NEXT WEEK: 24th December 2017

07 45am Service Sides persons Russel & Cynthia Fuller
Reader Peggy Whitman
PC Operator Ros Monk

09h30am Service Sides persons Manas & Mapula Bapela
Reader Ronnis Daniels
PC Operator Chelsea Nwadigo

N.B: Please notify the Office Secretary if you are leaving St Chad's Church or your contact details have changed.

**ST CHAD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TABLE VIEW**

17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME



**"To know Christ
and to make Him
known"**

We welcome you to our service. Our prayer is that as we worship together you will be blessed by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

SUNDAY 07h45 and 09h30
WEDNESDAY 09h30
RIVER GLADE
Wednesday 17th Jan. 15h00
VUE DU CAP
Thursday 18th Jan. 10h00



SUNDAY SCHOOL / BIBLE CHURCH:

School Terms only Sundays at 09h30

NB. Please notify Fr Tobias, the Church Wardens or the Office should there be bereavement, family crisis, any illness or hospitalisation.

ST CHAD'S AT PRAYER:

Monday – Centering Prayer – Mary Sleggs 20:00 – 21:15
Tuesday – Bible Study – Hilary Franck 10:00
Thursday – Bible Study – Jeanette Marais 09:15
Thursday – Bible Study – Irene Mugglestone 10:00
Saturday – Centering Prayer 08:00 – 09:00

Prayer Request forms are supplied in the foyer. The envelope can then be put in the collection bag, for the Prayer Team.

COLLECT:

God of hope and joy,
you sent John the Baptist
to announce the coming of your Son:
inspire all who serve in your Church
to prepare for his coming again;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

READINGS FOR TODAY:

ISAIAH 61:1-4,8-11 Page 724
PSALM 126 APB page 771
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24 Page 256
JOHN 1:6-8,19-28 Page 118

DEVOTION: John 1:6-8,19-28

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" ²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



ST CHAD'S AT PRAYER:

Monday, 18 December 2017

Let us pray: Loving Father, the holiday season can be quite stressful; and many of us get ourselves tied up in doing as the world does; we "follow the crowd", trudging along without real focus or meaning. Jesus, teach us to make choices about our time, to remember what is important this season and to say "no" whenever our yes would take us away from Your peace; prevent us from getting so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all our day-by-day obligations that we lose track of time and doze off, oblivious to God. This Christmas, dear Lord, help us to act wisely and prayerfully as we go about our daily business. We pray for wisdom; wisdom to take the necessary time to rest and to refresh our souls. Lord God, we pray that we do not burden ourselves with worldly ways of doing and pushing hard. Lord Jesus, when we do feel rushed and stressed, may we seek You for a time of restoration of body, soul and spirit; quicken our desire to turn to You for Your quiet, peaceful strength. Help us to remember to draw upon Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

Tuesday, 19 December 2017

Let us pray: Father of glory, our lives show little evidence of a people who have power with God because of continual prayer. We confess that the ordering and scheduling of our time is not secure. Forgive us for not prioritising and scheduling the best time of our day for prayer and communion with You. Lord God, teach us more and more to understand and esteem the heavenly priesthood of Jesus; to put Christ first in our lives and to seek His Face in all our confusions. Father, release us into a new anointing power where we fulfil that which got started in You. Remove any pride or ego that still exists, set us aside so we can worship at Your feet and be renewed. Amen.

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for the Church and for all Believers. We pray for forgiveness for our lack of commitment to the faith and our need to keep our options open instead of letting Christ take over our lives. Father, may we recommit to the faith that stemmed from repentant hearts, filled with gratitude for having been apprehended by Christ while we were yet sinners and totally ignorant of Him. Almighty and eternal God, we ask for a pouring out of divine understanding of the holiness of Your Name upon all Believers and even upon Christians blaspheming and displaying disrespect for Your Name. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and uphold us by Your generous Spirit. This Christmas, may we as Believers truly see the heart of the Father. Thank you God, for the gift of faith. Amen.

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Thursday, 21 December 2017

Let us pray: We pray for all who are in need and give thanks for care-givers to those in need. We pray for Holy Spirit, who is our Provider sent by Jesus, to be their helper. Lord Jesus, we cry out to God for the children of our time, for those living on the streets, those addicted to drugs, those who live in poverty, those who suffer from debilitating hunger, those who have been orphaned as a result of AIDS, child soldiers in armed conflicts around the world and those who live every day with the humiliation and pain of parent/parents who suffer from some or other form of addiction. Almighty and eternal God, meet their needs and bind up their broken hearts. Lord, we pray that children will come to know the Lord Jesus as the One who cares for them. Jesus, be their helper and give us an anointing of compassion for the sick, the lost, and the poor. Amen.

Friday, 22 December 2017

Let us pray: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Your world. We think of those places and situations in our world where people suffer from unrighteousness. Father, we pray that all people will realise the call of the Lord Jesus. We pray that many will come to You, Christ our King. Lord, may many intimately experience Christ's love for them. We pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit upon all nations. Lord God, we pray for protection over pastors, all ministry workers and believers in places across the world where Christians are persecuted. We pray they stand firm in their faith. We remember and pray for all Christians in Egypt and Israel, and throughout the Middle East. We pray that a spiritual revival will sweep through nations hostile to the gospel. Almighty God, we also pray for those opposed to Christ, those who persecute and commit senseless acts that they would repent and come to know the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Saturday, 23 December 2017

Let us pray: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:10-12). Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to be with us, for saving us from our sins. Help us to celebrate Your birth in a meaningful way, whether alone or with others, whether in pain or at peace, whether happy or sad. Help us to know that You haven't left us alone, but that You always have been and always will be Emmanuel, "God with us." Thank you Father God, for sending Your Son, Jesus, who brings peace, joy, spiritual hope, true love and purpose into our lives and the offer of eternity with You in heaven. Amen.

