



Advent

PEACE



Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

The second week of Advent invites us to contemplate peace — not merely as the absence of conflict, but as the profound harmony God promises through the coming Messiah. Isaiah paints a vision that captivates the imagination: the wolf dwelling with the lamb, the leopard lying down with the young goat, natural enemies transformed into companions. This isn't naive optimism but prophetic hope grounded in the shoot from Jesse's stump — a king who will judge with righteousness and decide with equity for the meek. True peace, Isaiah reveals, flows from justice. It cannot exist where the poor are oppressed or the vulnerable ignored. Peace requires our participation, our turning away from what divides and destroys. As we light the peace candle this week, we acknowledge a tension: we long for Isaiah's peaceable kingdom while living in John's wilderness of brokenness. But we wait with active hope, knowing that the One who comes brings both comfort and challenge, promising peace to all who genuinely seek justice and prepare their hearts for his transforming presence. The Prince of Peace invites us not merely to hope for peace, but to become peacemakers in a fractured world.

Serving Christ together,
Rev. Sizwe Ngcobo



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TO CHURCH
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Sunday

7 December 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 20-21
Matthew 3:1-12

07h30 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher
Rev. Sizwe Ngcobo

Synaxist
Debi Gardner

Readers
Del & Duncan McLaren

Welcomers
7h30 Team

09h00 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher
Rev. Sizwe Ngcobo

Worship Leader(s)
Mike Rothquel

Readers
*William Hatfield &
Robin Joubert*

Welcomer(s)
*Jenny Willans &
Samantha Standing*

11h00 Zulu

Celebrant & Preacher
Rev. Sizwe Ngcobo

Synaxist
Makhosi Cain

Gospel
Ntandose Masalla

Reader(s) & Welcomers
Youth

Advent is not just about preparing for the baby in the manger, but for the return of Christ who was present, active, and prophesied in the very first words of Scripture.

Advent

SERIES @18H30
JESUS IN THE BEGINNING
Genesis 11

Week 1: Dec 1

The Promise
בראשית
Bereshit

Week 2: Dec 8

The Character
ברא אלהים
bara Elohim

Week 3: Dec 15

The Rescue
השמים
Ha' shamayim

Week 4: Dec 22

The Covenant
ואת הארץ
V'et Ha'aretz



Advent Series: Jesus in the Beginning

It was a joy to explore the profound depths of the very first word of the Bible, "Bereshit," and to see how the gospel message was woven into creation from the start. This week, we will uncover what the name

Elohim reveals about the relational, Triune nature of God, and discover how the word for "create" itself points directly to the Son of God as the agent of all creation. Join us as we continue to see **Jesus in the beginning**.



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AND THE DURBAN CITY ORCHESTRA
CONDUCTED BY CHAD HENDRICKS
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A VERY ORCHESTRAL CHRISTMAS

SUN, 7 DEC 2025 @17H30

St Agnes Church, 53 Abelia Road, Kloof

Tickets

Join us for a magical evening filled with beloved Christmas classics, traditional carols, and beautifully uplifting arrangements that will delight all ages. Bring your family and friends to experience the splendour of a full symphonic sound. Tickets are **available exclusively on Quicket**, with pricing for adults, pensioners, and children under 12. Don't miss this extraordinary musical celebration of the season!

Please note that the church office will be closed from Dec 18th until Jan 6th 2026. For urgent pastoral care needs during this time, please contact Revd Sizwe Ngcobo

BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THIS WEEK

- 6-Dec Colossians 1-4
- 7-Dec 1 Thessalonians 1-5
- 8-Dec 2 Thessalonians 1-3
- 9-Dec 1 Timothy 1-3
- 10-Dec 1 Timothy 4-6
- 11-Dec 2 Timothy 1-4
- 12-Dec Titus 1-3



Bible in 365 Days



For our prayers

Janet Deavall, Che-rene Pines, Celia Wright, Katherine Roberts, Pippa Bromley-Gans, Shakira, Angus & Mila Martyn, Nick John, Alpha Zulu, Ingrid Pines, Alastair Martyn, Alf Murie, Wandile Malinga, Noah Atkins, Brian & Lorraine Acker, Mlekeleli Majola, Andy Parker, Brenna Stoffberg, Dawn Peters, Neil Brown, Sheila Walker, Dawn Botha, Jonathan McDonagh, Hayden Jackson, Norma Bashford, Hugo Misselhorn as well as the Glen, Jackson, Chaplin, Masoka, Brammer, Stuart, Dlamuka, Smith & Malinga families.

Wednesday

10 Dec 2025 @10am

Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-10
Matthew 11:28-30

Celebrant & Preacher
Rev'd Gary Thompson

Synaxist Louise Beghin



Blue Christmas

Honour your loss...
embrace God's hope.

10 Dec 2025 @6pm

Happy Birthday

- 06/12 Kemani Mhlongo
- 07/12 Melissa Glen
- 07/12 Lynne Groenewald
- 07/12 Nathalie Massa
- 07/12 Lwandle Mseleku
- 08/12 Luthando Sisilana
- 08/12 Nick Thurston
- 08/12 Sanele Zama
- 09/12 Pholoba Ngcobo
- 09/12 Kwanele Ngubane
- 09/12 Olwethu Tongo
- 10/12 Michelle Carless
- 10/12 Angel Hargreaves
- 10/12 Sinqobile Luthuli
- 12/12 Liselihle Belesesi
- 12/12 Luyolo Dazana
- 12/12 Jeanette van Niekerk



THANDANANI
SEWERS GUILD

Thursdays 12:00-14:00
WE NEED
SEWING TEACHERS
Dallas Kirby on 084 206 3962

MEN'S
BREAKFAST

Thursdays @06h30 am

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Malcolm St Clair

The Parish of St. Agnes continues to cover its operating costs through income received through our Junction initiative and the generous support of its parishioners. Total income from all sources for the ten months is R 237 000 or 6,7% ahead of budget forecast. However, when one looks a little closer, our income from Dedicated Giving is in fact below budget by R 270 000 or 10,2% which is of concern to your Parish Council. The blessing of giving is a universal Truth, and as your treasurer, I can only encourage each and every member of this Parish to 'test the Lord in these things.' Our aim and intention of birthing the Junction initiative was never to replace the blessing of giving, but to generate funds making full and responsible use of our magnificent campus to pay for ongoing repairs and maintenance, utilities and other improvements to further improve what those before us have entrusted to our care. December and January are historically lean

months financially, and I ask that you remember to budget your planned giving accordingly.

A quick review of expenditure for the 10 months shows that we have been good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Expenditure is 0.2% above budget which is negligible. The taxonomy of our costs reveal that funds have been utilised to keep the momentum going with much needed repairs and maintenance, worship equipment replacements, and Alpha. Your Parish Council have resolved to revisit our Alpha offering to the 'unchurched' citizens in our area of influence, thus responding to our mission which is ...and make Him known. Our Spiritual leaders are doing an awfully good job of the 'Knowing Jesus...' part!!

The surplus for the 10 months prior to transfers to Special Funds is therefore R 172 000. A wonderful achievement St. Agnes, but we still have work to do!!

JOIN US FOR SOME MUSICAL FUN

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Donation of **R50** or more.

WED, 10 DEC @11H00
(after the 10am service)

53 Abelia Road, Kloof

THE
CAROLS AND NINE LESSONS
OF

CHRISTMAS



 **SUN, 14 DEC 2025 @15H00**

 St Agnes Church, 53 Abelia Road, Kloof

COMBINED

Baptism

SERVICE



 **SUN, 21 DEC 2025 @08H00**

 St Agnes Church, 53 Abelia Road, Kloof

Christmas Eve

 **WEDNESDAY, 24 DEC 2025 @18H00**



MERRY CHRISTMAS



 **THU, 25 DEC 2025 @08H00**

 St Agnes Church, 53 Abelia Road, Kloof

FoodPantry

Please drop off your donations at the church office or place them in the food basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and support of this vital ministry.



Used bread bags for packaging mealie meal, samp, rice, and other dry goods



Half-size bags (approx. 30 x 15cm, with no holes) for sugar, tea, salt, and similar items



Plastic screw-top bottles particularly peanut butter & mayonnaise jars, as well as half-size bottles of any kind



All items should be clean and in good condition. These simple donations make an enormous difference in our ability to serve families with dignity and care.

FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

Our church food pantry is in need of clean, reusable containers to pack and distribute food to those in our community who need it most. We are requesting donations of:

Let's journey together with purpose, faith, and joy as we seek
to know Jesus and make Him known throughout 2026!



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Parish Ministry Calendar



**TO KNOW JESUS
AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**

The Church of the Holy Spirit

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Worship Service 11h00 Zulu Service  30 Isaiah 2:3-5 Psalm 127 Matthew 24:39-44 17h00 Eveninging	18h30 Monday Advent Series 1 	10h00 Eucharist Service 3 Isaiah 25:6-7 Psalm 133 Matthew 15:29-39 <i>© Pastor Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele</i>	10h00 Eucharist Service 4 Isaiah 25:6-7 Psalm 133 Matthew 15:29-39 <i>© Pastor Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele</i>	11h00 AWF Christmas Tea 11 Term 4 Public Schools Close	06h00 Friday Morning Prayer 12 Term 4 Public Schools Close	10h00 Eucharist Service 6 Isaiah 25:6-7 Psalm 133 Matthew 15:29-39 <i>© Pastor Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele</i>
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08h00 Combined Baptism Service  21 Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 60:1-7, 15-19 Matthew 11:6-12	18h30 Monday Advent Series 22 	10h00 Eucharist Service 23 Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 60:1-7, 15-19 Matthew 11:6-12 10h00 Christmas Eve Service 24 Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 60:1-7, 15-19 Matthew 11:6-12	10h00 Eucharist Service 24 Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 60:1-7, 15-19 Matthew 11:6-12 10h00 Christmas Eve Service 24 Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 60:1-7, 15-19 Matthew 11:6-12	08h00 Christmas Day 25 Isaiah 52:1-10 Psalm 96 John 1:1-14 Christmas	06h00 Friday Morning Prayer 26	10h00 Eucharist Service 3 Isaiah 25:6-7 Psalm 133 Matthew 15:29-39 <i>© Pastor Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele, Pastor B. Mphahlele</i>
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The Church Calendar

The Church Calendar tells the story of Jesus – from Advent's expectation to Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time – guiding believers through seasons of preparation, celebration, repentance, and growth. It uses colours (purple, white/gold, red, green) to mark the spiritual focus of each season and to shape the rhythm of worship.

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Serving Generously and Giving Sacrificially

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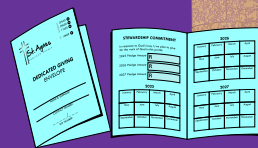
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Rector's Diary

06/12 Wedding, Nseleni, Richard's Bay
07/11 07h30, 09h00 & 11h00 Services
08/12 Day-off
09/12 Staff Meeting & Prayer
10/12 Mid-week Eucharist, 10h00
11/12 AWF Christmas Lunch
HOPE Africa Board Meeting
13/12 Ordination, Cathedral PMB

2026 Lectonaries

are available
from the front
office at **R40** each



Lectionary

January 2024 – December 2024

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