



The Baptism of Christ

At the Jordan River, heaven and earth converge in a moment of profound revelation. As Jesus emerges from the waters, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice echoes across creation: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This declaration fulfills Isaiah's ancient prophecy of the chosen servant upon whom God would place his Spirit. In this theophany, the Trinity is unveiled, not as abstract doctrine but as divine love made visible. Jesus' baptism reveals both solidarity and purpose. Though he bears no sin, he stands with sinners in the waters of repentance, inaugurating his mission to bring justice gently, to open blind eyes, and to be a covenant for the people. For us, Christ's baptism illuminates our own. We are invited into the same identity: beloved children of God, sealed with the Spirit, called to participate in Christ's mission of justice and mercy. The waters that claimed Jesus now claim us, drowning our old selves and raising us to new life. As we remember this moment at the Jordan, we hear the Father's voice speaking not only over Jesus but over all who are baptized into him: "You are my beloved child. In you I am well pleased." This is the truth that anchors our identity and propels our mission into a world still waiting for justice, light, and love.

Serving Christ together,
Ven. Sizwe Ngcobo

Sunday

11 January 2026

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Matthew 3:13-17

07h30 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev'd Martin Easson

Synaxist

Michelle Carless

Readers

Nick John & Penny McGregor

Welcomers

7h30 Team

09h00 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev'd Martin Easson

Worship Leader(s)

Mike Rothquel

Readers

Rosemary Clark &

Margie Clarence

Welcomer(s)

Samantha Standing &

Margie Clarence

11h00 Zulu

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev'd Sizwe Ngcobo

Synaxist

Sanele Mbatha

Gospel

Makhosi Cain

Reader(s) & Welcomers

Bernard Mizeki Guild



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BACK TO SCHOOL

As our learners prepare to return to school this week on the 12th and 14th, we want you to know that you are held in our thoughts and prayers. A new school term brings with it a mixture of emotions — excitement for reconnecting with friends, perhaps some nervousness about new challenges, and the anticipation of fresh beginnings. Remember that each new day at school is an opportunity for growth, not just in knowledge but in character, wisdom, and understanding. You carry within you

unique gifts and abilities that the world needs. Whether you find learning easy or difficult, whether you feel confident or uncertain, you are valued beyond measure. Be kind to yourself and to others. Learn with curiosity. Ask questions without fear. Help a classmate who is struggling. Stand up for what is right. And remember that your worth is not measured by grades alone, but by the kindness you show, the effort you give, and the person you are becoming.

Wednesday

14 Jan 2026 @10am

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 40:1-11

Mark 1:29-39

Celebrant

Rev'd Jonathan van Niekerk

Preacher

Edward Pines

Synaxist

Mark Carless

Happy Birthday 

10/01 Andrew Cottrell
10/01 William Hatfield
10/01 Iona Wood
12/01 Elizabeth Bowen
12/01 Nkazimulo Nzimande
13/01 Bongani Luthuli
13/01 Melokuhle Masoka
14/01 Ian Bayley
15/01 Luthabile Cele
15/01 Gillian Horsley
16/01 Merlyn Hutton



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CHILDREN'S CHURCH



To continue nurturing our children in faith, love, and joy, we are inviting volunteers to join the Kids Church team. If you have a heart for children and a desire to help them grow in their relationship with Christ — whether through, teach-

ing, assisting or practical support — we would love to hear from you. No prior experience is required; training, resources, and ongoing support will be provided. If you feel called to help, please contact Debi on 082 933 5088.

For our prayers

Janet Deavall, Che-rene Pines, Katherine Roberts, Shakira, Angus & Milla Martyn, Nick John, Alastair Martyn, 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.

BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THIS WEEK

- 10-Jan Genesis 28-30
- 11-Jan Genesis 31-33
- 12-Jan Genesis 34-36
- 13-Jan Genesis 37-39
- 14-Jan Genesis 40-42
- 15-Jan Genesis 43-46
- 16-Jan Genesis 47-50

Bible in 365 Days





WHATS ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose
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Got a Question? We'd love to talk about It.

Alpha Youth Series starts January 16!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our Alpha Youth Series — a space designed especially for youth and young adults to explore life, faith, and meaning in an open, welcoming, and relaxed environment.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where young people can ask the big questions — about purpose, faith, and life—in a setting free of pressure or judgment. Each evening includes:

- ➔ **A meal together** — because good conversations start around the table.
- ➔ **A short, engaging video** — touching on topics like “Is there more to life than this?”
- ➔ **Small group discussion** — where every voice is heard and every question is welcome.

Who is it for?

Alpha is for anyone curious—whether they're new to faith, exploring, skeptical, or simply looking for a place to belong. Invite the teens and young adults in your life: your children, grandchildren, neighbors, or friends!

 **FRI, 16 JAN 2026 @18H30**

 **St Agnes Church, 53 Abelia Road, Kloof**

No cost. No judgment.
Just real talk.

Secure your spot!
REGISTER HERE



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**Come as you are. Leave with new friends,
fuller hearts, and maybe even a few answers.**

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.

Feeding those in need in the Upper Highway area!

Please consider donating the following items to our pantry:

Tea
Coffee
Sugar
Long-life milk
Maize meal
Oats
Pasta
Rice

Packets of:
Soup
Stock cubes
Curry powder
Salt

Tins of the following:
Beans
Vegetables
Fish
Corned beef
Samp & Beans

Soya mince
Peanut butter
Bath soap
Small boxes of washing powder

Homemade soup or samp and gravy placed in 2l ice-cream containers welcome.

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.





St Agnes Ministry Calendar!

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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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CALENDAR



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JANUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
welcome Whether you've just moved to the Upper Highway area, or have lived here all your life we'd love to welcome you at St Agnes and get to know you.	Let your Sunday be the best day of your week 7:30 Eucharist 8:00 Family Service 11:00 Zulu Service Wed Eucharist: 10:00 Fri Youth: 18:00	OFFICE OPEN		New Year's Day		
07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 11h00 Zulu Service Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Matthew 2:1-12 Epiphany of Jesus			10h00 Eucharist Service 1 John 3:18-4:6 Psalm 2 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 11h00 Homegroup Bible Study		18h00 New Member Orientation	
07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 11h00 Zulu Service Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Matthew 3:13-17 Baptism of Christ		08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 12h00 Homegroup Bible Study 13h30 Homegroup Bible Study	10h00 Eucharist Service 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 40:1-11 Mark 1:29-39 Richard Benson of Cowley, 1915		18h00 Youth Alpha	15h00 Confirmation & New Lay Ministry Classes
07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 11h00 Zulu Service Ezekiel 3:4-11 Psalm 23 Matthew 16:13-19 Confession of St Peter		08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 12h00 Homegroup Bible Study 13h30 Homegroup Bible Study	10h00 Eucharist Service 1 Samuel 17:32-51 Psalm 144:1-10 Martyr at Rome, c.304 Thomas Aquinas, 1274		18h00 Youth Alpha	15h00 All Lay Ministers Workshop
07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 11h00 Zulu Service Acts 26:9-23 Psalm 67 Mark 10:46-52 Conversion of St Paul		08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 12h00 Homegroup Bible Study 13h30 Homegroup Bible Study	10h00 Eucharist Service 2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:1-4 Mark 4:10-20	19h00 Parish Council Meeting	18h00 Youth Alpha	
The Diocese of Natal VISION Christ-centred and moved by the Holy Spirit to fulfil God's life-giving mission in our time.			The Parish of St Agnes Vision St Agnes' vision "To know Jesus and make Him known" directly supports the Diocesan call to form Christ-centred, outward-looking communities by nurturing personal faith in Christ and extending his love outward through mission, evangelism, and service.			VISION To know Jesus and make Him known

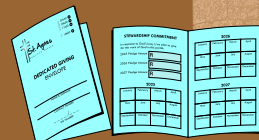
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Rector's Diary

11/01 11h00 Service
12/01 Day-off
13/01 Staff Meeting & Prayer, 08h30
Archdeaconry Clergy Meeting, 09h30
14/01 Mid-week Eucharist, 10h00
16/01 Youth Alpha Series

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Lectionary
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