



Jesus our Living Hope

In the wake of resurrection, the disciples encountered what we all eventually face: doubt and fear. Locked behind closed doors, they struggled to believe what they had heard but not yet seen. Into this moment came Jesus with a greeting of peace and an invitation to touch the wounds that proved His victory. Thomas, forever remembered for his skepticism, voices what many of us secretly feel - the longing for tangible proof before we commit our hearts. Yet his encounter with the risen Christ transforms him from a doubter into a believer who confesses, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus's response to Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). This is where our living hope resides. Through Christ's resurrection, we have been "born anew to a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3). This hope is not a passive wish; it is an active, dynamic trust in a living Christ who continues to meet us in our moments of weakness and uncertainty. Even as we face trials that test our faith, we are held secure by God's power (1 Peter 1:5). Our hope is not based on what we see or feel in a given moment, but on the reality of a Christ who has conquered death itself. In every locked room of our lives - whether fear, doubt, or grief - the risen Christ comes with His peace.

Serving Christ together,
Archdeacon Sizwe Ngcobo

Sunday

12 April 2026

1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 16

John 20:19-31

07h30 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev'd Martin Easson

Synaxist

Mark Carless

Reader(s)

Elizabeth Stern

Welcomers

7h30 Team

09h00 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev'd Martin Easson

Worship Leader(s)

Shardenay Thompson

Readers

*Robin Joubert &
William Hatfield*

Welcomer(s)

*Jenny Booth &
Jeanette van Niekerk*

11h00 Zulu

Celebrant

Rev'd Jonathan van Niekerk

Preacher & Gospel

Thembi Mseleku

Synaxist

Ntandose Masalla

Reader(s) & Welcomer(s)

Young Adults





A sign remains: Faith amid the fire

We share with deep sorrow the news of a devastating fire that has consumed the roof of the Parish of St John the Divine, Clark Road, Durban. The flames moved relentlessly through the wooden ceiling and pews, leaving the sanctuary scarred and broken. Yet, amid the destruction, a profound sign remains: the wooden tabernacle still stands. In

the midst of loss, this stands as a quiet testimony of God's enduring presence - unshaken, abiding, and faithful. We hold the clergy and congregation of St John the Divine in our prayers during this difficult time. As a parish, St Agnes Church stands in solidarity with them, trusting that from these ashes, renewal and restoration will come.

Prayer

Gracious and faithful God, in times of loss and devastation, You remain our refuge and strength. We lift before You the people of St John the Divine, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who rebuild, and surround them with Your peace. In the midst of destruction, You have left a sign of hope; may the standing tabernacle remind us that You dwell among Your people. Grant courage, unity, and provision for the days ahead, that this community may rise again in faith and witness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THIS WEEK

- 11-Apr 1 Kings 16-18
- 12-Apr 1 Kings 19-22
- 13-Apr 2 Kings 1-3
- 14-Apr 2 Kings 4-6
- 15-Apr 2 Kings 7-9
- 16-Apr 2 Kings 10-12
- 17-Apr 2 Kings 13-15

**Bible in
365 Days**



Diocesan Vision & Revitalisation Workshop

(PTN & DBN Archdeaconries)



16 April 2026 @17H30



**St Elizabeth, Westville
45 Salisbury Avenue**

All are warmly welcome to attend.

Happy Birthday

- 12/04 Kenneth Brown
- 12/04 Arlene Buttigieg
- 12/04 Xhanti Tongo
- 12/04 Jayne Zuidewind
- 13/04 Londwa Mhlongo
- 13/04 Alf Murie
- 14/04 Lungelwa Madela
- 14/04 Nichola Martyn
- 14/04 Karen Monk-Klijnstra
- 14/04 Bongli Ndlela
- 15/04 Clinton Smith
- 16/04 Kenneth Capes
- 16/04 Mike Cottrell
- 16/04 Siso Khuzwayo
- 16/04 Dennis Paxton
- 17/04 Jayla Anderson
- 17/04 Luzelwande Mbatha



Wednesday

15 April 2026 @10h00

Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:1-8
John 3:16-21

Celebrant & Preacher
Revd Sizwe Ngcobo

Synaxist
Elaine Fourie

AWF Thursday MP

16 April 2026 @09h00

Psalm 61, 62
Exodus 16:10-21
1 Peter 2:11-25

Officiant & Homily
Louise Beghin

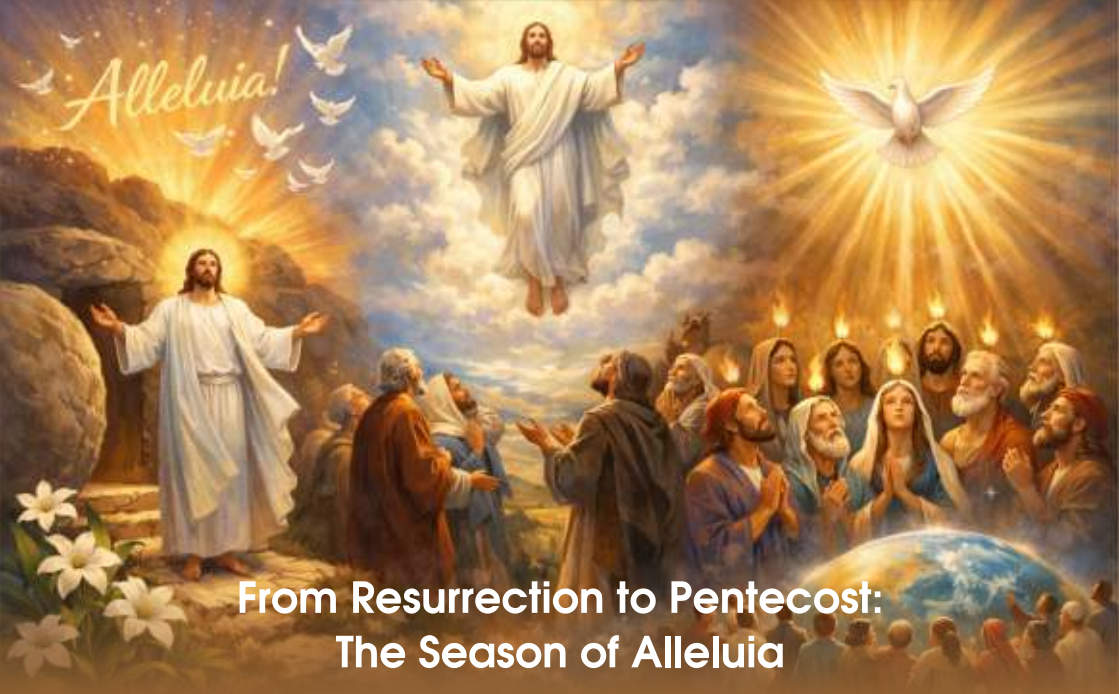
For our prayers

John Cotterell, Bev Edkins, Doris Jones, Robert King, Alf Murie, Janet Deavall, Katherine Roberts, Shakira, Angus & Mila 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, Edkins & Malinga families.



VISION

**To know Jesus
and make Him
known**



From Resurrection to Pentecost: The Season of Alleluia

Eastertide is the joyful season of fifty days from Easter Day to Pentecost, in which the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life it brings. During this season, the word “Alleluia” returns to our worship after being set aside in Lent. “Alleluia,” meaning “Praise the Lord,” expresses the Church’s renewed joy in the risen Christ (Luke 24:34). The Ascension, celebrated forty days after Easter (Acts 1:9–11), marks Christ’s return to the Father. It is not an absence, but a transformation of presence - Christ reigns in glory and intercedes for us, opening the way for

humanity to share in God’s life (Ephesians 1:20–23). Pentecost, the fiftieth day (Acts 2:1–4), commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowers the disciples to proclaim the gospel in many languages, symbolising the birth of the Church and its mission to all nations. Together, these feasts proclaim a single mystery: the risen Christ is alive, exalted, and present through the Spirit. Eastertide invites us not only to celebrate this truth, but to live as witnesses of resurrection hope in the world (1 Peter 1:3).

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Thursdays @06h30 am

THANDANANI
SEWERS GUILD
Thursdays 12:00-14:00

THE CONNECTION GROUP
Thursdays at 18h30
in The Reading Room

FRIDAY
Morning Prayer
6:00-6:30 AM
Psalm 5:3



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CALENDAR



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APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 06h00 Sunrise 07h00 Eucharist Acts 10:24-43 Psalm 118:24-24:24 Matthew 28:1-10 09h00 Family 11h00 Zulu 12 07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 11h00 Zulu Service 1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 16 John 20:19-31 19 07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 11h00 Zulu Service 1 Peter 1:17-23 Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18 Luke 24:13-35 26 07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 11h00 Zulu Service 1 Peter 2:19-25 Psalm 23 John 10:1-10	6 Family Day 13 08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 10h00 Homegroup Bible Study 11h30 Homegroup Bible Study 20 08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 10h00 Homegroup Bible Study 11h30 Homegroup Bible Study 27 Freedom Day	7 08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 10h00 Homegroup Bible Study 11h30 Homegroup Bible Study 14 08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 10h00 Homegroup Bible Study 11h30 Homegroup Bible Study 21 08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 10h00 Homegroup Bible Study 11h30 Homegroup Bible Study 28 08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 10h00 Homegroup Bible Study 11h30 Homegroup Bible Study	1 Wednesday of Holy Week 10h00 Eucharist Service 18h00 Stations of the Cross 8 10h00 Eucharist Service Acts 3:1-10 Psalm 105:1-9 Luke 24:13-35 11h00 Homegroup Bible Study 15 10h00 Eucharist Service Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34:1-8 John 1:16-21 11h00 Homegroup Bible Study 22 10h00 Eucharist Service Acts 8:18-8 Psalm 66:1-6 John 6:35-40 11h00 Homegroup Bible Study 29 10h00 Eucharist Service Acts 12:24-13:5a Psalm 67 John 12:44-50 Catherine of Siena, 1380	2 Maundy Thursday 10h00 Eucharist Service 18h00 Stations of the Cross 9 09h00 MU Eucharist Service Acts 3:11-26 Psalm 8 Luke 24:36-48 16 09h00 AMWF Morning Prayer Psalms 61, 62 Exodus 16:10-21 1 Peter 2:11-25 23 19h00 Parish Council Meeting	3 Good Friday 12h00 Good Friday Devotion 10 18h00 Youth 17 18h00 Youth 24 18h00 Youth	4 CHURCH CLEAN-UP 11 GriefShare @09h00-11h30 Self-care 18 GriefShare @09h00-11h30 Fearful & Overwhelmed 25 GriefShare @09h00-11h30 Anger

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At St Agnes, we honour a meaningful tradition of celebrating a Passover Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday as a way of entering more deeply into the story of Jesus' final hours with His disciples. The meal helps us remember the roots of our faith in the Exodus narrative while highlighting Christ as the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb, who offers liberation and new life. By sharing symbolic foods, Scripture, and fellowship, the parish experiences Maundy Thursday with a renewed sense of gratitude, unity, and sacred remembrance.

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RECTOR'S DIARY

12/04 Admission - St Andrew's Clermont

13/04 Day-off

14/04 Archdeaconry Clergy Meeting

15/04 Mid-week Eucharist, 10h00

Diocesan Revitalisation Workshop

16/04 Visit to St John the Divine, Durban

17/04 Synod Advisory Committee Meeting

18/04 Diocesan Council Meeting, PMB

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