



Jesus is our Living Hope

The road to Emmaus teaches us a profound truth: Christ walks with us in our confusion and doubt. The disciples' hearts burned within them as the risen Jesus opened the scriptures, transforming their despair into recognition. This encounter reminds us that living hope is not mere optimism—it is the living presence of Christ revealed in word and sacrament. Our fear is transformed through reverence for God the Father, and our redemption was accomplished through Christ's precious blood—a price far beyond measure. This is hope rooted not in circumstances but in the eternal reality of salvation already won. Jesus is not a distant hope but a living hope—present in scripture, sacrament, and the fellowship of believers. He meets us where we are, kindling recognition in our hearts when we feel most lost. As we journey through Easter's grace, we are invited to the table of thanksgiving. Our hope is not in earthly security but in Christ's presence and the promise of his eternal kingdom. In a world of uncertainty, we proclaim with ancient faith: the Lord has redeemed us. Christ is risen, and in him, we too shall rise. We lift our cup of salvation and call upon the Lord's name, joining the great chorus of the redeemed.

Serving Christ together,
Archdeacon Sizwe Ngcobo

Sunday

19 April 2026

1 Peter 1:17-23
Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18
Luke 24:13-35

07h30 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher
Rev'd Sizwe Ngcobo

Synaxist
Michelle Carless

Reader(s)
*Penny McGregor &
Gavin Bester*

Welcomers
7h30 Team

09h00 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher
Rev'd Sizwe Ngcobo

Worship Leader(s)
Paul Hotchkiss

Readers
*Bev St Clair &
Rosemary Clark*

Welcomer(s)
*Margie Clarence &
Samantha Standing*

11h00 Zulu

Celebrant & Preacher
Rev'd Sizwe Ngcobo

Gospel
Sanele Mbatha

Synaxist
Zimasa Nzimande

Reader(s) & Welcomer(s)
Young Adults





Wednesday

22 April 2026 @10h00

Acts 8:1b-8

Psalm 66:1-6

John 6:35-40

Celebrant & Preacher

Revd Merryl James

Synaxist

Mark Carless

Reader(s)

Chris Brown

Standing Together in Faith and Renewal

The parish of St John the Divine on Clark Road was deeply moved by a recent visit to the fire-damaged church, where clergy and members of the Mothers' Union gathered in faith and solidarity. In the midst of visible loss, our Rector, Archdeacon Sizwe shared the Word of God, reminding all present that Christ

remains near to the broken-hearted, and joyfully celebrated the Holy Eucharist, a powerful sign of hope and resurrection even among the ashes. It was a sacred and uplifting moment, affirming that the Church lives on in its people, strengthened by faith, fellowship, and the abiding presence of God.

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Two inspiring devotionals by our dearly missed Gill Murie. Be nourished in faith and reflection through her timeless words.

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BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THIS WEEK

- 18-Apr 2 Kings 16-18
- 19-Apr 2 Kings 19-21
- 20-Apr 2 Kings 22-25
- 21-Apr 1 Chronicles 1-6
- 22-Apr 1 Chronicles 7-9
- 23-Apr 1 Chronicles 10-12
- 24-Apr 1 Chronicles 13-15

Bible in 365 Days



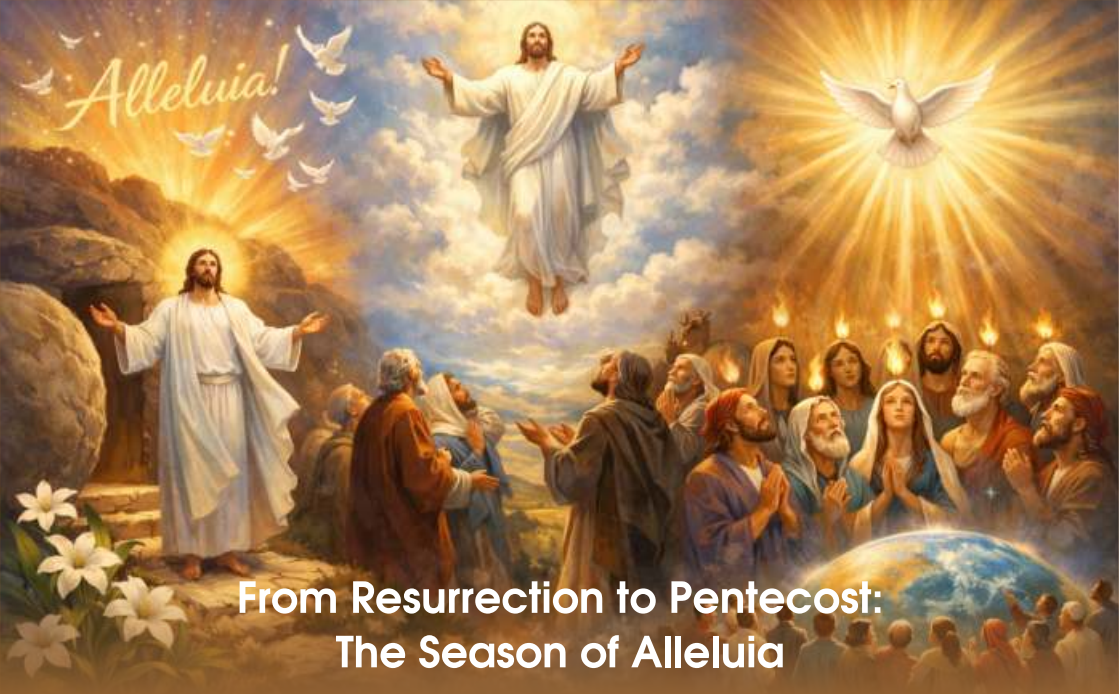
For our prayers

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.

Happy Birthday

18/04 Uwe Brammer
18/04 Thandolwethu Khumalo
18/04 Simangele Zulu
20/04 Roz Bentley
20/04 Naomi Easson
20/04 Eli Mhlongo
21/04 Gugu Sisilana
23/04 Nokusa Chili
23/04 Sifundiswa Majola
23/04 Kgwedi Melato
23/04 Denise Smith
24/04 Rajendren Naidoo
24/04 Nomsa Nkosi





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.



Home Bible Study Invitation

Elaine Fourie will be starting a **Bible study** at her home in Hillcrest. All are warmly welcome to join for a time of fellowship, reflection, and growing in faith. If you're interested, please contact her on **082 601 5242**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 08h00 Sunrise 07h30 Eucharist 11h00 Zulu Acts 19:24-45 Psalm 118:1-24 Matthew 28:1-10 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 15:1-10	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 Hebrews 12:1-5 Psalm 70 John 13:27-32 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 13:16-21 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 Passion Play Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 11-18 John 13:1-17, 11:27-27 9 09h00 MU Eucharist Service Acts 3:11-26 Psalm 8 Luke 24:36-48 16 09h00 AWF Morning Prayer Psalms 61, 62 Exodus 16:10-21 1 Peter 2:11-25 23 18h00 Youth 30 19h00 Parish Council Meeting	3 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



Passover Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday
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 fulfilment of the Passover Lamb, who offers liberation and new life. By sharing symbolic foods, Scripture, and fellowship, the parish experience Maundy Thursday with a renewed sense of gratitude, unity, and sacred remembrance.



Sunday 11h00 Zulu Eucharist
Conducted entirely in Zulu, this service embodies the richness of Anglican tradition expressed through liturgical language. It follows a classical liturgical style, using chants for prayers, creeds, canticles, and psalms. The service offers a deeply reverent worship experience that honours heritage, rhythm, and communal devotion.

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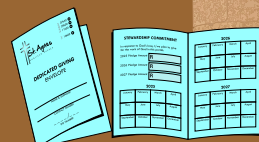
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Rector's DIARY



18/04 Diocesan Council Meeting, PMB
19/04 07h30, 09h00, 11h00 Services
20/04 Day-off
21/04 Staff Meeting & Prayer
22/04 Mid-week Eucharist, 10h00
Christ the King, Mariannridge
23/04 Finance & Property Meeting

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