



Jesus
our
LIVING HOPE

A Season of Hope and Expectation

There is a temptation, in seasons of suffering, to mistake hardship for abandonment. Peter writes to scattered, persecuted communities who might have wondered: Where is God in all of this? His answer is startling - do not be surprised by the fiery ordeal, as though something strange were happening to you. Suffering is not the sign that hope has failed. It is often the very place where hope is refined. This Sunday, nestled between Ascension and Pentecost, we find ourselves in a similar in-between space - Jesus has risen, but the Spirit has not yet come. The disciples wait. We, too, know this threshold feeling: the promise is real, but the fullness is not yet here. And yet, even here, Jesus prays. In John 17, on the very eve of his Passion, Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and intercedes - not for himself, but for those he is about to leave behind. "Holy Father, protect them," he prays. This is the heartbeat of our living hope: that Christ, even now glorified at the Father's right hand, continues to pray for us. We are never outside his intercession. Our hope is not a vague optimism. It is a Person - risen, ascended, interceding, returning. The same Jesus who prayed for his disciples in that upper room prays for us still. That is the ground beneath our feet when everything else shakes..

Serving Christ together,
Archdeacon Sizwe Ngcobo

Sunday

17 May 2026

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

John 17:1-11

07h30 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Revd Gill Padoa

Synaxist

Michelle Carless

Reader(s)

Gavin Bester & Gay Gardiner

Welcomers

7h30 Team

09h00 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Revd Gill Padoa

Worship Leader(s)

Paul Hotchkiss

Readers

Margie Clarence &

William Hatfield

Welcomer(s)

Samantha Standing &

Jenny Willans

11h00 Zulu

Celebrant & Preacher

Revd Joseph Gumede

Synaxist

Zimasa Nzimande

Gospel

Sanele Mbatha

Reader(s) & Welcomer(s)

Young Adults





to Sanele Mbatha on graduating with a Master of Public Administration degree. We give thanks to God for this wonderful achievement and celebrate your dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. May the Lord continue to guide and bless you as you use your gifts and knowledge in service to others and for the betterment of our communities.

Wednesday

20 May 2026 @10h00

Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:28-35
John 17:11b-19

Celebrant

Revd Jonathan van Niekerk

Preacher *Robin Joubert*
Synaxist *Philip Lanz*
Reader(s) *Gill Brown*

AWF Thursday

21 May 2026 @09h00

Helena, 4th century

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Psalm 16
John 17:20-26

Celebrant & Preacher
Revd Gill Padoa

Synaxist
Louise Beghin



VISION

**To know Jesus
and make Him
known**

Happy Birthday



*Happy Birthday to you!
To Jesus be true,
May God's richest blessings,
be always with you!*

16/05 Tyler Anderson
16/05 Velenkosini Gumbi
17/05 Nosibusiso Ntshangase
17/05 Nosipho Zuma
18/05 Alastair Laird
18/05 Norma Savings
19/05 Nokuthula Cele



19/05 Nonsikelelo Luthuli
19/05 Nokuthula Meyiwa
19/05 Thantaswa Ndukwana
20/05 Pearl Hlabisa
21/05 Jill Brown
21/05 Jeannie Parker
21/05 Elizabeth Ross



PENTECOST OFFERING

As we prepare to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost, parishioners are invited to contribute towards a special offering in support of our assisting clergy, who faithfully minister within our parish throughout the year. Offerings may be made via EFT using the reference "Pentecost" or placed in an envelope clearly marked "Pentecost" during services. Your generosity and continued support are deeply appreciated as we give thanks for those who have answered God's call to serve His Church and people.

BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THIS WEEK

- 16-May Nehemiah 7-9
- 17-May Nehemiah 10-13
- 18-May Esther 1-3
- 19-May Esther 4-6
- 20-May Esther 7-10
- 21-May Job 1-3
- 22-May Job 4-6

**Bible in
365 Days**



THE CONNECTION GROUP

**Tuesdays at 18h00
in The Reading Room**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursdays @06h30 am



FRIDAY

Morning Prayer
6:00-6:30 AM

Psalm 5:3

For our prayers

Andre Zuidewind, John Cotterell, Bev Edkins, Doris Jones, Robert King, Alf Murie, Janet Deavall, Nick John, 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.



10 DAYS



Between the Ascension and Pentecost lies a sacred pause — ten days in which the disciples did not rush back to their routines, but gathered together in prayer, waiting on God's promise. In a world that glorifies busyness and rewards the relentless, this holy interval calls us to stop. To be still. To retreat from the noise of our schedules and the tyranny of our to-do lists, and simply wait in God's presence. It is a reminder that the most important work is sometimes done on our knees,

in silence, before a word is ever spoken or an action taken. The disciples could not manufacture the Spirit through activity — they could only receive him through surrender. These ten days invite us to do the same: to step back, to pray, to be filled afresh — so that when we go out, we go not in our own strength, but empowered by heaven itself, ready and ablaze for God's mission in the world.



Celebrating Generosity on Mother's Day

We give heartfelt thanks and praise to God for the generous gifts received from the Mothers on Mother's Day. Your love, kindness, and faithful witness through these donations are deeply appreciated and are a blessing to the life and ministry of the Church. May the Lord richly bless all our Mothers' Union members for their continued spirit of service, compassion, and dedication.

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.

Prayer for Cape Town

Gracious God, we lift before you the people of Cape Town and all affected by the severe weather, flooding, and destruction. Grant comfort to those who have lost homes, strength to emergency workers and volunteers, and protection to every

family living in fear and uncertainty. May your peace calm anxious hearts, your mercy bring relief to the suffering, and your hope guide communities as they rebuild together. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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2026
CALENDAR

MAY



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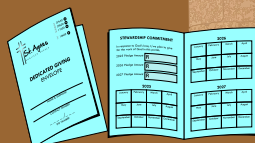


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Jesus our LIVING HOPE 07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Family Service 13h00 Zulu Service 1 Peter 2:2-10 Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18 John 14:1-14 3	4 08h30 Staff Meeting & Prayer 10h00 Homegroup Bible Study 13h30 Homegroup Bible Study 18h00 Connection Group 11	5 10h00 Eucharist Service Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122 John 15:1-8 11h00 Homegroup Bible Study 12	6 18h00 Women's Health & Advocacy Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122 John 15:1-8 11h00 Homegroup Bible Study 13	7 Women's Health & Advocacy Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122 John 15:1-8 11h00 Homegroup Bible Study 14	8 Worker's Day GriefShare @09h00-11h30 GriefShare Grief & Your Household 9	1 GriefShare @09h00-11h30 GriefShare Grief & Your Household 2
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Serving Generously and Giving Sacrificially

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WAYS TO GIVE

Rector's DIARY



- 16/05 Anglican SA Choir Retreat Confirmation Class, 18h00
- 17/05 Institution, Hammarsdale, 09h00
- 18/05 Day-off
- 19/05 Staff Meeting & Prayer Synod Advisory Committee Meeting
- 21/05 Finance & Property Meeting

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