

Prayers

Please pray for the following people in their time of need:

Alta Fraser

Hannah Behle

Flowers

The flowers in the church today are donated by Wendy Lee and family in loving memory of Tony a dear husband and loving father.

Birthdays

We wish you God's RICHEST blessings as you celebrate your special day.

Eileen Holmes	23 August
Gary Heynes	23 August
Marius Theron	23 August
Rebecca Fortune	23 August
Winsome Wiese	23 August
Morag Venter	23 August
Monica Lonie	23 August
Philip Theunissen	25 August
Trudi Swanepoel	26 August
Zamin Janse Van Rensburg	26 August
Charlene Gorrie	27 August
Janine Eagles	28 August
Candice Johnson	28 August
Jacqui Carstens	28 August
Jeannine De Vos	29 August
Colette Faurie	29 August
Melanie Saroglou	29 August
Ronel Breuninger	29 August
Amelia Lowe	29 August
Noreen Minne	29 August

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan

09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan +

Society Stewards

08h00 Andre Nortier

09h30 W.P. Van Zyl

18h30 Neels Hubinger

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 Karel & Melinda Van Der Molen

09h30 Vida Das Neves & Denise Norton

18h30 Peter Eloff & Stephen Cochrane

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Margaret Oosthuizen

09h30 Carol Hay

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Tippie Wyrley-Birch

09h30 David Engelke

18h30 Alida Schoonenberg

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 Stewart Robinson

09h30 Simon Conradie

18h30 Chris Van Staden



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Minister's Note

23 August 2015

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage (Ps. 84:5)*

I enjoyed (endured?) many lectures at Seminary but one that stood out was by a visiting academic describing her experience of “*Camino de Santiago*”¹, a roughly 800km pilgrimage from the Pyrenees Mountains to the Cathedral of Santiago, Spain. For over 1000 years Christians, completing this pilgrimage, have collected a Scallop² shell from the beach of Santiago as a memorial of their walk with God.

I was captivated by her story because the Christian life is a pilgrimage. The concept of the faith journey as pilgrimage was also something the ancient Hebrews understood. Indeed, they regularly enacted this by travelling to the Temple in Jerusalem for the great religious festivals.

Pilgrimage is a useful metaphor, because, as any marathon runner or distance walker will tell you, there are times when we feel we cannot go on. Pilgrims “*pass through the Valley of Baca*” (Ps 84:6a). Baca is a dry, barren valley and its name means “weeping”. Scholars can't identify Baca's location because, in truth, Baca appears in every pilgrimage.

Pilgrims are familiar with sorrow, tears and struggle. But our final song is one of joy because in the dry, barren places we find springs of water (.6b, c.f. Jn. 4). This Sunday may God's Spirit satisfy our thirst and send us

TODAY'S SERVICE

Reading: John 6: 56 - 69
1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10 - 13

Title: God's Glory: Home for the Estranged and the Stranger.

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan
18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Steward

08h00 Neels Hubinger

09h30 Sandy James
18h30 W.P. Van Zyl

Organist

Ian Jefferies

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DMC YOUTH

Sunday School (9h30 - 10h30):

An opportunity for all children over the age of 3 to worship and grow in faith through Bible stories and games.

Friday Night Youth

Theme: Youth Alpha Film Series

Topic: How and why should I read the Bible?

Juniors from 18h00 - 19h00 Grade 1 - 7

Seniors from 19h00 - 21h00 Grade 8 - 12

For more information contact our Youth Pastor, Taryn Minnie on 0796940419.

CHARITABLE APPEALS

Anybody willing to assist in the coffee bar after the 18h30 service please contact Rochelle Bradshaw - 0833379809. Thank you.

A Retiring Collection will be taken after all three services on Sunday 30 August. All contributions will be for the District's work amongst the aged in our Old Age Homes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rev Londiwe Xulu will be away at A Probationer Training in Namaqualand from 23 - 30 August.

Rev Sean McGuigan and Londiwe Xulu will be away at a District Ministers Summit from 1 - 3 September.

CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY SERVICE - will be held at the church on Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 19h00. All members welcome.

CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - will be held at the church on Sunday 13 September 2015 at 18h30. All members welcome.

DMC LADIES

DMC Women Aflame for God - The Hospitality Commission would like to invite you to attend a ladies luncheon at DMC on Saturday 19 September 2015 from 12h00 - 14h00. Price: R30 includes a light lunch

Guest Speaker: Helen Phillips. Helen does relief work for CCFM and she will be sharing her story of how God has healed her from Multiple Sclerosis. Helen leads the Prayer Mushroom Ministry. We encourage you to come and fellowship together and bring a friend. RSVP Sandra 021 976 0598 by 15 September.