

Prayers

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

Gottfried Weber

Birthdays

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

Vida Das Neves	13 December
John Conradie	13 December
Gert Kotzé	14 December
Marie Bissett	14 December
Linda Böhme	14 December
Roy Lureman	16 December
Nolan Daniels	16 December
Nicholas McKinley	17 December
Linda Knoetze	17 December
Piet Olivier	17 December
Agnes Stainton	17 December
Samantha Griebenouw	17 December
Claire Kleynhans	17 December
Val Kemp	18 December
Ashley February	18 December
Desmond Hyland	19 December
Larenza Kruger	19 December
Janine Janssen	19 December

NAME TAGS

After service please leave your name tag in the plastic holders provided and not on the board.

Preacher

08h00 Rev Londiwe Xulu

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18h30 Taryn Minnie

Society Stewards

08h00 Neels Hubinger

09h30 Sandy James

18h30 Rod Dawson

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 Betty McMaster & Sandra Fairbairn

09h30 Carol Hay & Helene Robertson

18h30 Vanessa Louw & Daniel Ponto

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Freda Davies

09h30 Denise Norton

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Tippie Wyrley-Birch

09h30 Byron Kuhn

18h30 Ed Marran

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 John Conradie

09h30 Simon Conradie

18h30 Chris Van Staden



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Minister's Note 13 December

Rejoice in the Lord always! (Phil 4:4a)

The axing of finance minister Nhlanhla Nene, presumably for speaking out against Government's nuclear plan and opposing SAA's (likely corrupt) attempt to restructure a deal with Airbus, makes us feel distant from Joy (this Sunday's Advent theme). If I mention that, overnight, banks lost nearly \$9billion in shareholder value and that our economy is characterised by "low growth, low commodity prices, electricity shortages, rising inflation, climbing interest rates and swelling household debt"¹ you'll just about be in tears.

Joy, for our mothers and fathers in the faith, always came from the conviction that God was at work in the political dimension. Nene may have been axed, but John the Baptist would warn the President and his administration: *"Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire"* (Lk 3:9).

Joy, for the Christian, wells up from the conviction that the Kingdom will come. In the words of the carol we sang last week:

*"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail,*

There are casualties in the fight for Justice. Nene was axed. John the Baptist had his head chopped off. Jesus was crucified.

But on the third day Jesus rose again. So, in protest against the evil in our nation, we will rejoice because *"the Lord is near"* (Phil 4:5b)!

God Bless,

TODAY’S SERVICE

ADVENT SERIES: Unwrapping the True Gifts of Christmas: Hope, Joy, Peace and Love.

Join us this Advent as we allow God’s Spirit to rekindle Hope, Joy, Peace and Love within us

08h00 & 09h30

Reading: Isaiah 12: 2-6, Luke 3: 7-20

Title: At the Well of Salvation we meet two unlikely friends of Joy

18h30

Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Luke 3: 7-20

Title: “ The Gift of Joy”

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Society Steward

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09h30 Louis Louw

18h30 Louis Louw

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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.

Sunday School will reopen on 17 January 2016.

Friday Night Youth

Friday Night Youth will reopen on 15 January 2016.

We wish all our children, teachers & parents a blessed & peaceful Christmas & pray God’s continued blessings on all as they enjoy their holidays & those who will be travelling.

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

CHARITABLE APPEALS

CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERTORY - Will be in aid of the Methodist Homes for Children.

2016 ROSTERS - FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH, TYGERBERG HOSPITAL FLOWER DISTRIBUTION, SOUP KITCHEN - will all those who have volunteered to help with the above duties please collect their new roster for **2016** from the mail boxes.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - We need Data & Sound Operators for all services. Please speak to Charles if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG FAMILIES/ADULTS ADVENT SMALL GROUP - 19:00 each Thursday at the Manse

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Will be at 07h30 and 09h00

COMBINED MORNING SERVICES - will be held on *Sunday 27 December & 3 January 2016 at 09h00.*

NO evening services will be held. Evening Services will continue on the *10 January 2016.*

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from 25 December 2015 - 3 January 2016.

LEAVE DATES FOR STAFF

December 2015 - January 2016

Sean McGuigan 16 - 20 December

Sean McGuigan 27 December - 1 January

Londiwe Xulu 21 - 31 December

Jeffrey Valentine 17 December - 12 January

Caroline Erens 17 December - 13 January

Taryn Minnie 2 - 9 January

Yvonne Engelke 4 - 18 January

Sandra Fairbairn 25 January - 5 February

OTHER NOTICES

LIFT NEEDED - from Durbanville to Epping from Monday - Friday. Will contribute towards petrol cost. Call Yvonne at the office.

MASIPHUMELELE FIRE:

The NGO, The Warehouse is assisting victims. The immediate need is for "Crisis Family Kits" . Contact the office if you’d like to pack a kit yourself or donate funds. Inventory list at help desk.

Please join us for a cup of coffee/tea after the 18h30 ser-