DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

Please pray for the following people in their time of need: Colleen Draycott, Catherine Rae Cowan Cameron, Bob Collins

Flowers

The flowers in the church today are donated by Trevor & Liza May & family in loving memory of Liz & Graham Boswell & Geraldine Louw.

Birthdays

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

Sue Siewertsen	29 April
Dylan Kleu	30 April
Anne-Marie Houston	30 April
Vincent Harth	30 April
Thereasa Schoeman	30 April
Janell Cochrane	1 May
Willem Henning	1 May
Aretha Danielsen	2 May
Reg Whittaker	2 May
Sandy James	2 May
Kayla Janse Van Rensburg	2 May
Nozuko Calana	2 May
Glen Bradshaw	2 May
Analene De Kock	3 May
Filippo Ingoglia	3 May
Barry Dolphin	3 May
Roeanne Fryer	3 May
Daniel Siddons	3 May
Irene Chitter	3 May
Hilary Maxwell	3 May
Anthony Lockett	4 May
Wessel Oosthuizen	4 May
Shelagh Johnston	4 May
Karen Swart	5 May
Candice De Jongh	5 May
Kristopher Schroeder	5 May

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing (Jn 15:5).

NEXT SUNDAY: 6 May 2018

Holy Communion and Welcome of New Members

Preacher

08h00 Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga-Yawa
09h30 Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga-Yawa
18h30 Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga-Yawa

A Retiring Offering will be taken after all services.

Society Stewards

08h00 Isaac Adom-Aboagye

09h30 Andrew Boake

18h30 Rod Dawson

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 Athol & Lucille Beeforth

09h30 Roy & Maryna Lureman

18h30 Elly Spronk

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Thelda Ekron

09h30 Marietjie Yelverton

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 Gary Kahts

09h30 Kurt Moore

18h30 Arnold Weppenaar

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Tippie Wyrley-Birch & Garth Johnson

09h30 Daphne Wordon

18h30 Alida Weppenaar

Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All

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Minister's Note — 29 April 2018

Are you religious? Even if we value Church we may be reluctant to describe ourselves as "religious". Religious people are sometimes perceived to be rigid and joyless.

Author Diana Butler Bass reminds us what religion should be about: "*one of the oldest meanings of the word 'religion' is 'to bind together', that which connects God with us and us with each other.*"[1] That's what Jesus calls us to in today's Gospel lesson (John 15:1-8). He says "*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*" Jesus calls us to *that* ancient understanding of religion – to be bound to Him and to one another just like the branches of a vine (Jn. 15:5).

According to a recent article in the Daily Maverick[2] one of the most alarming global health threats is the "*epidemic of loneliness*". Religion that binds us with God and one another is wonderfully placed to "bind the wounds" (Ps. 147:3) of a lonely, hurting world! So, friends, "*abide in the Vine*"!

God Bless,
Sean

[1]Bass, Diana Butler. Grounded: Finding God in the World-A Spiritual Revolution (p. 236). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.
[2]https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2018-04-24-loneliness-kills-and-south-africa-is-not-immune/#.WuCpOC-B1TY

TODAY'S SERVICE

08h00 & 09h30
Reading: Acts 8: 26-40, John 15: 1-8
Title: "Remain in me"

18h30
Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21, John 15: 1-8
Title: Abiding & Abounding

Preacher
08h00 Rev Patric Engelbrecht
09h30 Rev Patric Engelbrecht
18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Stewards
08h00 Bradley Timm
09h30 Elaine Dawson
18h30 Paige Tremlett

Organist
Thelda Ekron

Baptism
Katelyn, daughter of Marthinus and Tamsen Maritz will be baptized at the 09h30 service.

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DMC YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9h30 - 10h30)
Sunday School 2018 has been reorganised so that we can cater for children **from 2 upwards**. Our mission is to introduce all children to their Heavenly Father through stories, crafts and games. Please encourage them to attend regularly and please pray for us all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:
We congratulate Lucy Malherbe on her silver medal for Squash (u13 Western province open championships).
Michael v d Merwe will receive his full Junior Protea colours for Archery next weekend.
Please remember our Grade 7 youngsters in prayer as they submit their High School applications.

YOUTH
Contact Paige Tremlett for details: 074 192 7150.

CHARITABLE APPEALS

SOCIAL CONCERNS - In keeping with the Methodist Church tradition, May is known as the ***"Blanket & Jersey"*** month. All donations of new or good secondhand jerseys, jackets, coats, blankets, knee-rugs, beanies, bedsocks, scarves and double-knitting wool will be greatly appreciated.

TODDLER & KIDDIES CLOTHING (from 3 years and up) donations of quality clothing needed. Please leave at the help desk or office.

CARE PACKS - We supply 70 toiletry bags to Tygerberg and Karl Bremer hospitals each month. We require the following: face cloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, pocket-size pack of tissues, roll-on-deodorant and feminine hygiene products. Please leave at the help desk or office.

DUTY ROSTERS MAY - JULY 2018
Will all those who have offered to do Welcome & Offertory/Help Desk/Sound & Data Projector duties please check the mail boxes for their roster.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE - Wednesday 2 May at the church at 18h30.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION - on Wednesday evenings at the church at 19h00 starting 25 April - 23 May.

CHURCH EXECUTIVE MEETING - Wednesday 9 May at the church at 18h30.

FIA (FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION) - will be held at the church on Wednesday 9 May at 09h30. Please remember your cup-a-soup, 2'noodle, peanut butter, instant coffee, tea, toiletries, coloured plastic bottle tops and bread tags. All welcome.

ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 10 May the office will be closed. *An evening service will be held at 19h00.*

SOCIETY LEADERS MEETING - Tuesday 15 May at the church at 19h00.

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

PRAYER for HEALING - first Wednesday of every month at 18h30.

D4J 10 DAYS of PRAYER at El-Shaddai Christian Church, cnr Lords Walk & Langeberg Road, Durbanville - ***DMC is running the prayer room from Tuesday 15 May midnight to Wednesday 16 May midnight.***
How can you help?

- Please sign up for an hour slot on the day, either as an individual or a small group.

Please complete the roster at the help desk.

KLIPHEUWEL MISSION PROJECT - Saturday 12 May. A Mission Project is being organized for some much needed maintenance to the building used for worship in Klipheuwel. Volunteers needed. Pease call the office.