DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers
Please pray for the following people in their time of need:
David Talbot-Bowe

Flowers
In place of flowers today Shirley & Ray Crocker have made a donation to the Church Flower Fund and Social Concerns. Praise and glory to God for His many blessings.

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

Shirley Crocker	8 March
Jessica Stone	8 March
Keegan Niemand	9 March
Jonathan Whittaker	9 March
Michael Giffard	9 March
Petrus Kotzé	9 March
Donnetta McKinkley	10 March
Jamie Kotzé	10 March
Michael Reid	10 March
Emma-Jane Van Beulen	11 March
Thelda Ekron	11 March
Wendy Brymer	11 March
Elna Staffen	11 March
Joy Jansen Van Rensburg	13 March
Ryan Eloff	13 March
Mercia Van Der Merwe	14 March
Tiffany De Jager	14 March

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

In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back (Is 38:17).

NEXT SUNDAY: 15 March 2020

Preacher
08h00 Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga
09h30 Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga
18h30 Thandi Nkonzo

Society Stewards

08h00 Isaac Adom-Aboagye
09h30 Isaac Adom-Aboagye
18h30 Elaine Dawson

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 David Van Der Merwe & Madeleine Martin
09h30 Alan & Corinne Watson & Vida Das Neves
18h30

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Alta Fraser
09h30 Sylvia Jensen

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 Stewart Robinson
09h30 Samuel Conradie
18h30 Arnold Weppenaar

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Malcolm Venter
09h30 Val Kemp
18h30 Andrew Boake

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

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Minister's Note **8 March 2020**

Second Sunday in Lent

We began Lent with the cross, marked with ash upon our foreheads, to the words:
"*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.*"

But, even in with mortality's words in our ears and its symbol on our foreheads our brains resist imagining our own death. Researcher, Yair Dor-Ziderman[1], has shown that the brain is wired to shield us from "*existential fears*". A "*primal mechanism*" in our brains categorises "*death as an unfortunate event that only befalls other people*". He believes the modern practice of confining the sick to hospitals and the elderly to care homes makes us even more death-phobic (hence the widespread temptation to panic about the Coronavirus).

Similarly, psychologist Arnaud Wisman's findings reveal how modern society resists thinking about death by embracing the "*escape treadmill*". "*Hard work, pub sessions, checking mobile phones and buying more stuff*" makes us too busy to worry about death.

Lent invites us to step off the treadmill and turn to the God who compassionately "*remembers that we are dust*" (Ps. 103:14). We don't need the "escape treadmill"; we are set free to give ourselves to works of love that are, ironically, life-giving!

God Bless, Sean.

[1]https://www.theguardian.com/science/2019/oct/19/doubting-death-how-our-brains-shield-us-from-mortal-truth

TODAY'S SERVICE

LENT SERIES
Hezekiah was healed! What changed God's mind?

08h00 & 09h30
Reading: 2 Kings 20: 1-7 & Mt. 8: 1-3
Title: Hezekiah was healed! How prayer moves the heart of God.

18h30
Reading: 2 Kings 20: 1-11 & James 5: V16
Title: Pour out my Heart, Hezekiah's Prayer

Preacher
08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan
18h30 Andrew Boake

Society Steward
08h00 Elaine Dawson
09h30 Elaine Dawson
18h30 Pam Chapman

Organist Ian Jefferies

Baptism
Mia, daughter of Wayne & Larenza McFall will be baptized at the 09h30 service.

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DMC YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9H30-10H30)
Sunday School caters for all children from 2 years old upwards. We long to introduce them to the Lord Jesus Christ so that they can build their lives in his loving care. We do this through stories, videos, crafts and games. Please encourage them to come regularly so they don't miss out. And please pray for us in this important task.

Do you know any family which would like to make use of crèche facilities at DMC during the 9h30 morning service? Please leave your details at the help desk or inform Morag Venter or Ingrid Oates so we can contact the families when the crèche starts up.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

MARSH MEMORIAL HOME - calling for volunteers. See information at the help desk/notice board.

SOCIAL CONCERNS
LENT 2020 - Forty Days # Forty Items
We have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your house that you no longer wear or need, and put it into a plastic bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to Social Concerns. They will be shared with those who can really use them.

PANTRY CUPBOARD - our pantry cupboard is running low. We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items. Please deliver to the church office or leave at the help desk. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING - Monday 9 March at Windsor Park Society at 19h00. This will be chaired by the Synod Bishop. All members of the CQM are please to attend.

WORSHIP MEETING - Monday 9 March at the church in the Community Lounge 18h30 for 19h00. **This may change due to the Special CQM. More details to follow.**

SOCIETY STEWARD MEETING - Tuesday 10 March at the church at 19h00.

FIA (FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION) - will be held at the church on Wednesday 11 March at 09h30. A speaker from Context Ministries will talk about their missionary work in Uganda. Non perishable food items and toiletries for our local hospitals. All welcome.

GATEWAY SOCIETY - is holding a Market on Saturday 14th March 2020 at the Circle of Life Educare, Pinehurst from 08h00 till 14h00.

OTHER NOTICES

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

LENT 2020
Can prayer change our world? Can prayer change me? Could prayer change God's mind? What do we make of unanswered prayers? Scripture answers, not with trite formulas, but with beautiful stories of real people grappling with God in a broken world. This Lent, as we listen to the heartfelt prayers of God's people, we'll discover that God is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine.

15 March: Jonah's journey from jeopardy to judgement; a story of grace.

22 March: David's rage. God's wrath. A prayer you thought you'd never hear in church

29 March: Paul prayed in prison. Prayer breaks chains.

05 April: Jesus's grief in Gethsemane