



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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Minister's Note

14 February 2021

The Sunday before Lent¹ is "Transfiguration" Sunday. We read about Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a high mountain. There he becomes "transfigured", his clothes become dazzling white, and Elijah and Moses appear before him (Mark 9:2-9).

Sunday Worship has been described as a "mini transfiguration" moment. We listen to the prophets (Elijah) and the Law (Moses). We are amazed by Jesus. If we have a profound experience of God's transcendence, we, like Peter, don't want it to end. But, as with the Disciples, we too must leave the mountain top, take up the cross and follow Jesus into the valley of everyday life (see 9:9ff).

Maybe, in the past, I would not be so bold as to describe our ordinary Sunday gatherings as "mini transfigurations"! But we have not worshiped together in person for so long maybe we realise how privileged we once were? Maybe absence has made the heart grow fonder? Maybe faith has been refined and we wait expectantly?

Here is good news: we meet again, in person, from Ash Wednesday (see the notices). **Our first Sunday service is 21 February (08h00 and 09h30). We also worship every Wednesday morning at 09h00.** Numbers are limited to 50 per service so we'll have a booking system in place (we'll keep you informed as to how). Let us gather with grateful, warm, expectant hearts.

God bless, Sean

¹The 40 days of Lent start on Ash Wednesday, 17 February

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Our Sunday School children: some have started school and others are still waiting to start
Those who in their loneliness miss their loved ones
God's grace, strength & healing for our doctors and nurses

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS - SOUP KITCHEN

We have not supplied soup for the soup kitchen for some time. Our clients are still getting a meal each afternoon supplied by MES. A suggestion has been made that each church donate fruit on the day they would normally supply soup. The number of clients per day are 40. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause you are most welcome to pay funds into the DMC account with reference - MES-Fruit. Thank you

OTHER NOTICES

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society
Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code: 050410,
Account Number: 275125750.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Nancy Mthombeni	14 February
Ursula Gates	14 February
Gerhardus Duvenhage	15 February
Gwyneth Bernstein	16 February
Nicole Barnes	16 February
Terry Pheiffer	17 February
Kathleen Stewart	17 February
J.F. Grobbelaar	18 February
Melinda Krugel	18 February
Mike Oates	18 February
Shaun Matthews	19 February
Eleanor Keys	20 February
Athol Beeforth	20 February
Tracey Duvenhage	20 February

ASH WEDNESDAY - 17 FEBRUARY 2021

"You are dust and to dust you will return" (Gen 3.19)

On Ash Wednesday we have our foreheads crossed with ash as a reminder that we are *"fragile, fallible, fallen human beings"* (Hudson, Trevor. Pauses for Lent: 40 Words for 40 Days).

It is not easy to accept our mortality. The pandemic has shown us how terrified we are of death and the extent to which we go to avoid death. But note this wonderful truth *"the sign of the cross tells us we are infinitely more than dust. We are God's beloved, and nothing - not even death - can separate us from God's love through Jesus Christ. Our dust is charged with God's own life-sustaining and death-defeating breath. We are beloved dust."* (Hudson)

Ash Wednesday will be our first "in person" worship gathering since 6 December 2020. We will have services at 09h00 and 19h00 (50 persons maximum). We'll also open the Sanctuary for prayer and the marking of ash from 11:30 -13:30 (folk can pop in for 10 minutes for a prayer, ash, blessing).

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