



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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

28 NOVEMBER 2021

Today marks the beginning of the Advent season, the time during which the tension of our faith is highlighted, as Jesus, Emmanuel (God is with us) has come, at the same time we are waiting for his second coming, and we express our deep yearning for God to come close to us.

Our theme for this year's Advent season is "Close to Home". The Advent and Christmas scriptures are rich with home metaphors and imagery. Whilst the word "home" has different meanings for different people, home intersects with the full range of human experience. It can be soothing and sacred or painful and unsettling. It can be invitational and warm, or it can poke wounds of exclusion and displacement. It is this tension of comfort and unsettledness that we navigate in the season of Advent. During Advent we get a glimpse of a world saturated with peace, hope, love and joy. We also get a glimpse of a world where an unmarried teenage girl could bear God's son, and a group of outcast shepherds might be invited to see it.

It is my hope that this Advent we'll journey together as we take steps to move closer to the home God envisions for us, a home saturated with hope, peace, love, and joy. With God's help we can get closer every day. May we be comforted by the One who dwells intimately with us. May we come home, wherever home is found, to live fully, with courage.

Every blessing,

Vuyelwa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

On 12 December we invite you to meet our children at the annual Christmas celebration. We shall be presenting a nativity pageant in the gardens during the last 15 minutes of the service. Then you are invited to catch a glimpse of the lives of some of our children who will have set up tables in the hall to show you where their interests lie. Please join us.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

The family of Liz Harper

BIRTHDAYS

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

Robyn McKinley	28 November
Noeks Foreman	28 November
Neil Maree	28 November
Margaret Pietersen	29 November
Mark Luff	29 November
Nyameko Pepu	29 November
Neil Rix	30 November
Jimmy Siewertsen	30 November
Jacques Roelf	1 December
Elise Timm	1 December
Fabian Lakay	3 December
Bronwyn Botha	4 December
Brenda Dicks	4 December

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

We continue to be in need of toiletries:
Face cloths and soap
Toothbrushes, toothpaste & small tissues
Stationery for schools:
Pencils, wax & pencil crayons, rulers, sharpeners & erasers.

Many Thanks, God Bless.

BIRTHDAY & OTHER GREETING CARDS - Available at the office. R5 each.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Available at the office, R15.00 for a pack of 5. Funds go to FIA.

OTHER NOTICES

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society,
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