DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE 16 APRIL 2023

Along with everyone else, Thomas saw his mentor of three years die. Gone was any confidence that the world had meaning; gone was an incredible teacher and healer showing people that there was real hope, no matter who you were. Evil had triumphed, and they hightailed it back to their upstairs room, locked the door, and hoped that they wouldn't be next.

We don't know what kept Thomas that evening, but he wasn't there. Jesus suddenly appeared, spoke to them and reassured them. They told Thomas the next day - they were just so happy! But he just couldn't buy it. "Why? How? I need to see with my own eyes" he told them. With that, he booked his place in Biblical anti-heroes for the rest of eternity: the doubter who just wouldn't believe.

But what if we've missed the whole point? What if Thomas was just being honest, didn't want to base his faith on what others experienced or felt.

He was there the next time Jesus came, maybe hanging on to his hope by a thread. And Jesus turned - He turned! - to him and said: "I see you, I hear what you need, let me give it to you". And Thomas was transformed, doubt turned to faith, sadness to joy in a moment, for a lifetime.

What if his honesty was his biggest qualification for the kingdom - knowing that he needed God's help to have any real hope. What if our Lord really appreciated that, turned to him especially and said: thank you for knowing that you are weak - my strength is sufficient for you. Perhaps we too should consider having the honesty of Thomas, acknowledging our weaknesses, and our desperate need for the all-sufficient strength of Christ.

Blessings,
Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.
Sunday School and Sunday Youth start again today. We want to ensure that the children realise that the good news of Easter continues to be relevant even when the holidays are over! Please don't let your children miss out..

DMC FAMILY NEWS
PRAYER
Kerry Crocker
Edith Price and family as they mourn the passing of her husband Graham.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY
SOCIAL CONCERNS
Our *grateful thanks* to the congregation for your response to our appeal for Easter eggs. These have been distributed far and wide and have made many little kiddies and old folk grateful to be remembered at this time.

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

Mandy Julius	16 April
Joanne Steyn	17 April
Jamie Mundell	18 April
Mashumi Tutu	19 April
René Stephen	19 April
Cindy-Lou Lucas	19 April
Valerie Prince	19 April
Cherylee Ludwig	22 April
Mick Versfeld	22 April
Marina Fourie	22 April
Colleen Draycott	22 April

SUNDAY SERVICE 16 APRIL 2023
PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS
YOUTH SYNOD 21 - 22 APRIL 2023
DMC will be hosting the District Youth Synod this year.
We are making an appeal to the Congregation to help with some of the items needed for the weekend, tea (rooibos & Ceylon), coffee (tin ricoffy), milk (box), rusks & biscuits. We will be catering for ±150 delegates.

OTHER NOTICES
MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES
Every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES
If you would like to assist serving Communion on a Sunday please contact the office.

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

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