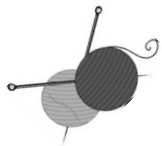
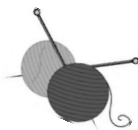


COMMUNITY OUTREACH



WOOL DONATIONS

Contact Joy – 084 751 1046
or Pam Jones 079 570 6558



Thank you so much.

Joy Shea would like to sincerely thank everyone who continue to knit squares so diligently. **PLEASE DO RETURN ALL YOUR KNITTED SQUARES TO THE CHURCH FOR MAKING UP AND DELIVERY OF BLANKETS.** These are being made up for children in rural areas who are affected by Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. If you have any queries, please contact **Pam Jones – 0795706558.** Thank you so much.

*PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP US BY STILL KEEPING
SPARE FABRIC & TOILETRIES DONATIONS
COMING IN TO FILL the MOTHER & BABY BAGS.
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS
Thank you for helping!
ALL INTERESTED ENQUIRIES: 021 551 8529*



ST OSWALD'S WHOLENESS TASK TEAM



**We pack food parcels for the needy in Joe Slovo,
Brooklyn & Malachi House**

1kg maize meal / 1 kg samp / 500 g dried not tinned beans
500 g rice / 500 g sugar / 500 ml bottle cooking oil
410 g tin pilchards / 100 g soya mince / 25 teabags rooibos
410 g jar peanut butter (Urgent)

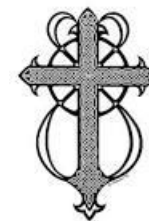
**PLEASE HELP US!
CASH DONATIONS MOST WELCOME**

Yvonne Ward-Cox 021 558 5071

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR ONGOING DONATIONS



ST OSWALD'S CHURCH



MILNERTON

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (A.C.S.A)



The Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

23 December 2018

SERVICES

Sunday	Holy Communion	7h30 (said)	09h00 (sung)
Wednesday	Holy Communion		09h30
ST FRANCIS CHAPELRY			
Sunday	Holy Communion		09h30
Wednesday	Morning Prayer		09h30
ST LUKE'S CHAPELRY			
Sunday	Iyukariste Engcwele		09h30

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to you all, as well as any visitors who are worshipping with us today. Should you wish to join the parish, please speak to a Welcome team member and make an appointment to meet the Rector. Forms are available from the Team

READINGS FOR THE DAY

(The Revised English Bible)

1 st Lesson	Micah 5: 2 – 5a	p 816
Psalm	Song of Mary	p 57 APB
2 nd Lesson	Hebrews 10: 5 – 10	p 179
Canticle	2	p 357 APB
Gospel Reading	Luke 1: 39 – 45	p 52

HOME VISITS

Parishioners who would like someone to visit them - please contact the office via telephone: 021 551 8529 / email: info@stoswalds.org.za

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be part of the Parish Prayer Chain who regularly offer intercessions for those who need it, please contact the office and leave your name, telephone number and email address.

Everyone is welcome to be part of this essential ministry in our parish.

HALL HIRE

Parishioners are to please note that to book the St Oswald's hall, the church wardens, Loretta Welcomets: welcometsloretta@gmail.com / 071 342 0353 & Andrée Lombard : andreelombard@absamail.co.za / 082 449 4955_or the office (021 551 8529) should be contacted where your booking will be put into the calendar provisionally until the wardens have been consulted about arrangements and fees

<u>Clergy:</u>	Revd Selwyn Engelbrecht	021 552 3262
	Revd Ernest Ward-Cox	021 558 5071
	Revd Thozamile Shweni	
	Revd Tembeka Mpako-Ntusi	
<u>Parish Office:</u>	Deirdre Marshall	021 551 8529
8:30am – 12:30pm	Tues – Friday	Fax: 086 646 9561

Church Wardens: Andrée Lombard: 082 449 4955
andreelombard@absamail.co.za
Loretta Welcomets: 071 342 0353
welcometsloretta@gmail.com

Self-supporting & Retired Clergy periodically assisting in the Parish:

Rev Clever Matsilele, The Ven Anthony Gregorowski, Rev Maxwell Malan
Rev Canon Mervyn Moore, Rev Rod Walsh, Rev Mxolisi Mpambani,
Rev Matthew Esau.

NEW E-MAIL: info@stoswalds.org.za

www.stoswalds.org.za

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of Elizabeth and Mary:

Make our hearts fill with joy,

Fill our mouths with songs of praise

And make us ready to welcome the Christ in our midst;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting, Amen.

HYMNS

<u>Introit</u>	H	422	
<u>Gradual</u>	H	31	
<u>Peace</u>	SOF	7	
<u>Offertory</u>	H	26	
<u>Communion</u>	H	34	H 39
<u>Recessional</u>	H	131	

PERSONS ON DUTY TODAY

SUNDAY		7:30am		9:00am
Presider		Rev Selwyn Engelbrecht		Rev Ernest Ward-Cox
Preacher		Rev Tembeka Mpako-Ntusi		Rev Tembeka Mpako-Ntusi
Lay Ministers		Bob Ward-Cox Ricky Kleinhans		Richard Goodman Judy Cheddie
Readers	1	Sharlene Rayners	1	Jayden Tabata
	2	Susan Stougie	2	Kimiko Kriger
Welcome Team		Alan Lindgren Anthony Nilsson		Charmaine Abrahams
Tea Team				Beryl Goodman's Team

*If you need someone to intercede or pray with you,
please come to the sanctuary immediately after the service
and a lay minister will pray with you.*



Advent 4

The last week of Advent returns us to the beginning of John's story, as Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits Elizabeth, and John leaps within his mother's womb.

Mary's song is, of course, one of

the highlights of the birth narratives, and carries a powerful justice-proclaiming message. In the waiting of Advent, it can be tempting to become passive observers of God's activity, but the Scriptures call us instead to be active participants in God's salvation.

May our worship inspire and empower us to be both recipients of God's salvation and little incarnations who carry salvation to our world.

The Rector invites all in the parish to join him on a Daily Advent Retreat in the comfort of your own space. Please refer to the website under Devotions, www.stoswalds.org.za/devotions or if you do not have access to this, please speak to Fr Selwyn.

PRAYERS

Gerald Duncan, David Livesay- Goldblatt, Clive Simpson, Jill, sister of Lynn & Wally Voges, Natasha Esau, Jan Laing, Kathryn Espley, Elise Gallagher, Sherlock Fortuin, Mary Parker, Jack Lippert, Kay Espley, Gertrude Williams, Lee Doyle, Elisabetta Ward-Cox, Joan Rheeder, Maureen Scholtz, Andrew Martin, Yara Arries, Clive Shea, Maureen Theunissen, Nurie Carelse, Theresa Bosman, Robert Bonnin, Lionel Ekermans, Leanda Maree, Tanya van Schalkwyk, Leah Tutu, Brian Muller, Ken Jayes, Jimmy James, Derek Gain, Pat Strydom, Margaret van der Merwe, Corinne Stephenson, Bernard Fortune, Leslea Davids, Henni Fiveash, Brenda Bell, Cynthia Engel, Adam Damonse, Arthur Maart, Theresa Schroeder, Frederick de Waal, Cameron White, Kevin Taylor, Jean Retief, Frances Cupido, Thembisa Tyeku, Friedrich Gerstner, Wilma Volkwyn, Jenny Orlov, Barbara Bosch, Pat Bauermeister, Ethan May, Hannes Theron, Pat Woudberg, Margaret Thiart, Alton van Biljon

2018 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



It is the time of year that we make our usual appeal for donations towards the flower fund for decorating our church over the Christmas period. Your donations may be put in a clearly marked envelope with the collection. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please include the relevant information in detail.

Thank you so much.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Please note that your monthly pledge envelopes for January to June 2019 are available. They can be found on the shelf at the Park Ave entrance to the church. If your envelopes are not there, please add your name and phone number to the list.

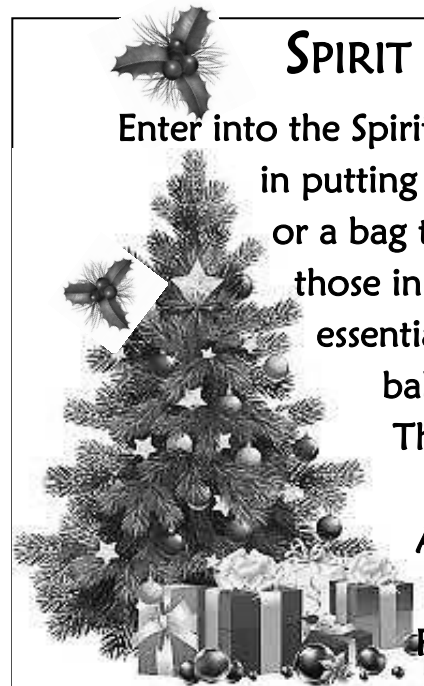
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Enter into the Spirit of Christmas by joining us in putting a little something into a box or a bag to be given on Christmas day to those in need. It doesn't have to be an essential item, anything from a tennis ball to a toothbrush will do.

There will be a box at the church door.

All your gifts will be delivered on Christmas Day.

Family and friends are welcome to join in and be part of this wonderful drive to help others less fortunate than ourselves during this Festive Season.



Luke 1: 39 - 45 *The Spirit of Christmas*

In a few days we celebrate the birthday of Christ. Christ comes most readily to those who realise their need of him.

Christmas makes it possible for us to enter into an intimate relationship with God. Christmas also calls us to open our hearts to one another. And in opening our hearts to one another, we are opening ourselves to receive the 'great joy' announced to the shepherds by the angels.

In his book, *Christmas*, the writer, John B Keane, talks about the 'urging' of Christmas. He tells about a man who in normal circumstances wouldn't give you the crumbs from his table, but who, when imbued with the spirit of Christmas, phone his estranged daughter in England and begged her to come home for Christmas. The daughter accepted the on both sides, all was forgiven. John B says that he wasn't half as mean afterwards and concludes: 'So, my friends, take Christmas by the horns – it can work wonders.'

He goes on to say that we shouldn't be ashamed to be weepy or sentimental about Christmas, because we might not get the chance during the year ahead to show our humanity to the world. That, after all, is what Christmas is for – taking stock of our humanity and dispensing it where it is most needed.

SO, if we feel the impulse to be forgiving and charitable and loving, we shouldn't think about it twice or we'll miss the boat. 'The milk of human kindness comes from that great repository of compassion and hope, namely, the human heart.'

The spirit of Christmas cannot be killed. It has survived Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini, and many other tyrants. It has survived human greed and human jealousy, and every human failing one cares to mention. Nothing lasts like Christmas. Not all the inhumanity, nor all the greed, nor all the violence will reduce its message by a whit. It's here to stay and there's nothing evil men can do about it – and that's one great consolation.

Of course, there are things that can damage Christmas. Chief among these is alcohol. It can lead to death on the roads and stupid rows. To take one's drink at the end rather than at the start of one's journey, and to take it in moderation, may be one's best Christmas gift to one's fellow human beings.

Christmas is a time of opportunity. It creates a climate which encourages us to reveal our better natures. Just as the spring assures the growth of crops, so Christmas assures the growth of love.

BIRTHDAYS

- Today** Phoebe Losper, Susan Stougie, Timothy Sengwe, John Grisdale,
24/12 Kendal Thompson, Timothy Hendricks, Ricky Kleinhans, Amara Dara,
25/12 Elaine Muller, Mary Brockman, Andrew Weyers, Shane Louw, Kylim Williams,
26/12 Andrew Campbell, Debbie Okali,
27/12 Deirdre Marshall, Ryan October,
28/12 Kurt Rooks, Brandon

ANNIVERSARIES

- Today** Dale & Marilyn Arries, Price & Vuyo Njokweni
26/12 Gavin & Barbara October
27/12 Shaun & Rene Reid, Jermaine & Glenda Isaacs,
28/12 Terry & Scholarstica Chukwuemeka,
29/12 Conrad & Waheida Davids

PERSONS ON DUTY NEXT WEEK – 30 Dec 2018 ONE SERVICE ONLY

SUNDAY		8:00am
Clergy		Rev Selwyn Engelbrecht
Lay Ministers		Andree Lombard Richard Goodman
Readers	1	Britney Bewee
	2	Scholarstica Chukwuemeka
Welcome Team		Alan Lindgren Anthony Nilsson Charmaine Abrahams
Tea Team		No Tea

It is not possible for us, because of our fallen nature, to be charitable and compassionate all the year round. Let us, therefore, make the most of Christmas. It is not true that Charles Dickens invented Christmas as we know it. Christmas was born out of love and carries on out of love. It springs from God's gratuitous love for us.

How bleak the world would be if there was no Christmas. There is nothing else with the power to move the human heart to its utmost capability. We mustn't take it for granted. If we haven't done anything about it yet, then for pity's sake let us do it now or we'll be guilty of the awful crime of undermining Christmas.

Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like. It was God who started it all when he gave us the gift of his Son. At the same time, it revealed to us what the human heart is capable of. Christmas causes us to open our hearts. And the extent to which we open our hearts to God and to one another, will be the extent to which we experience the 'great joy' the angels announced to the shepherds, because joy is the fruit of love.

*Father, fill our hearts with love through the coming of your Son.
Give us the grace to overcome our fears and anxieties,
and keep us joyful in your service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

(Taken from New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year C – by Flor McCarthy SDB)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK 24 - 29 Dec 2018

John 12: 44 – 47 : John 1: 1 – 14
John 1: 1 – 5 : John 1: 6 – 14
Matthew 2: 13 – 18 : Luke 2: 22 – 35

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Sunday 30 December 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18 – 20, 26 Psalm: 148
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 12 – 17
Gospel reading: Luke 2: 41 – 52 Canticle: 10



ST OSWALD'S

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday 24 December

23h00

*Festival Eucharist of the Incarnation of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
Lighting of the Christmas Candle, Blessing of
the Crib, Blessing of the Christmas Tree*

Rev Selwyn Engelbrecht & Clergy

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 25 December

08h00

*Holy Eucharist with Christmas Hymns and
Carols*

Rev Anthony Gregorowski

Sunday 30 December

08h00

First Sunday after Christmas

One Service only

Rev Ernest Ward-Cox

Rev Tembeka Mpako-Ntusi

Sunday 06 January

08h00

The Epiphany of our Lord

One Service only

Rev Rod Walsh

Sunday 13 January

07h30

09h00

*First Sunday after the Epiphany
– The Baptism of Christ*

Eucharist

Eucharist

Revd Ernest Ward-Cox
Caroline de Wet

PARISH NOTICES

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Please note that your child's Baptism certificate will be available from the office a week after the day of Baptism, **on request only**. Thank you

COFFEE MORNING LADIES 2019

We would like to appeal to anyone who would like to join

The Wednesday coffee morning team which sets up and provides coffee & cake for parishioners once a month, to please contact either the office or **Louise Duncan** on **021 552 2898**.

Please help us keep this very popular morning of fellowship ongoing next year in 2019.

Your kind assistance would be greatly appreciated,

WELCOME TEAM 2019

We would like to invite all those interested in being part of the Welcome Team who open & lock the church, welcome the parishioners and visitors who come to services every week and usher them to communion. The Welcome team ensures that the service flows smoothly, attending to any practical requirements. **Saleah Michaels** is the co-ordinator.

Please contact her on **0824001969** / saleah.michaels@gmail.com

There is a roster and you will not be on duty every week. We would value your help. Thank you.

BREAD TAGS for WHEELCHAIRS

Please help us collect for this very worthy cause
- **BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

All we need are those little tags from your bread bags to be able to raise funds!

- a small bread tag makes a big difference

Please drop yours in this jar which will be left at either entrance to the church. Thanks for your contributions!

Sunday 20 January
07h30

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Eucharist

Revd Ernest Ward-Cox

09h00

Eucharist

Revd Ernest Ward-Cox

Sunday 27 January
07h30

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Eucharist

Revd Selwyn Engelbrecht

09h00

Eucharist

Revd Selwyn Engelbrecht

**The 09h30 Wednesday Morning Masses
have ended for the year,
and will resume again on 16/01/19**



*Fr Selwyn Engelbrecht, the Church wardens
and the Parish Council would like to wish*

you and your loved ones

a very Blessed & Peaceful Christmas

and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.