

SQUARES FOR BLANKETS / WOOL DONATIONS

We would like to establish a Knitting Group at St Francis. We are knitting squares to be made up into blankets. They are then delivered to St Oswald's for someone to sort and crochet the squares into blankets. These are being delivered at present to children in rural areas who are affected by Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. A pattern for the correct size is available.

Please contact **Rosetta Cupido 081 539 2999** for more information

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All those parishioners who are interested in having their children receive Communion for the first time are to please contact Fr Selwyn.



PARISH YOUTH MUSIC DEVELOPMENT

Cedric Williams, our organist, is offering all the parish youth, an opportunity to attend Music Literacy classes. He is also willing to give piano and recorder lessons. All Sunday School children and Confirmation and Bible class candidates are encouraged to come along. For more information, please contact **Cedric – 071 678 9712**

PARISH YOUTH MEETINGS

Everyone is very welcome to attend **Parish Youth Meetings** which take place **every Friday evening at St Francis Chapel at 19h00**

◇ HALL HIRE:

Parishioners are to please note that to book the St Oswald's hall, the church wardens, (**Loretta Welcomets: welcometsloretta@gmail.com / 071 3420353** **Andrée Lombard - 082 449 4955 – andreelombard@absamail.co.za**) should be contacted. You may also contact **the office (021 551 8529)** where your booking will be put into the calendar **provisionally** until the wardens have been consulted about arrangements and fees.

CLERGY:	Revd Selwyn Engelbrecht	Ph 021 552 3262
	Revd Ernest Ward-Cox	Ph 021 554 1777
	Revd Tozamide Shweni	
	Revd Tembeka Mpako-Ntusi	
PARISH OFFICE:	Deirdre Marshall	Ph 021 551 8529
8.30am-12.30pm	Tues – Friday	Fax: 021 5518529 & 0866469561
CHAPEL WARDENS:	Karren Lakey	Ph 081 271 0656
	Selwyn January	Ph 071 947 2665

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

Revd Anthony Gregorowski, Revd Canon Mervyn Moore, Revd Maxwell Malan, Revd Rod Walsh, Revd Mxolisi Mpambani, Revd Matthew Esau

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

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ST FRANCIS CHAPEL

BROOKLYN

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

12 May 2019

SERVICES AT ST FRANCIS CHAPEL

SUNDAYS 9:30am Holy Communion **WEDNESDAYS** 9:30am Morning Prayer

Worship Evangelism Caring Ministry of others Awareness of needs renewal/revival Reaching out Education

Vision

To be a vibrant parish which supports all our ministries through the strength and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ to show that **'WE CARE'**

A very warm welcome to you all, especially to visitors who are worshipping with us today. Should any newcomer wish to join the parish, forms are available on the shelf at the chapel entrance.

PERSONS ON DUTY AT ST FRANCIS – 12 May

Clergy:	Revd Tozamide Shweni
Lay ministers:	Selwyn January & Charles Bird
Sidespersons	Darren, Tanya & Astrid
Readers:	<u>1st reading</u> Bonnie <u>2nd reading</u> Estelle
Servers:	<u>MC</u> Cee-Jay <u>Crucifer</u> Cameron <u>Acolytes</u> Caitlyn & Jared

READINGS FOR THE DAY (The Revised English Bible)

1st Reading: Acts 9: 36 – 43

Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: Revelations 7: 9 – 11

Gospel reading: John 10: 22 - 30

Canticle: 12

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Good Shepherd, you assure us
that no one will ever snatch us out of your hand:
grant that all who hear your voice
may know you who calls us each by name,
and follow where you lead;
for you live and reign in the unity of the Blessed Trinity,
one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

PRAYER FOR AFRICA

*God bless Africa, Guard our children
Guide our leaders
Heal our wounds and bind anxiety and despair
Cure the hurt and suffering
Send angels to whisper words of comfort
Instil hope and mercifully restore heartfelt peace
God has promised healing light and love, Amen*

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK 13 – 18 May '19

John 10: 1 - 10 : John 10: 22 – 30 : John 12: 44 – 50
John 13: 16 – 20 : John 14: 1 – 7 : John 14: 7 - 14

SCRIPTURE READINGS –Sunday 19 May 2019

1st Reading: Acts 11: 1 – 18 **Psalms:** 148

2nd Reading: Revelations 21: 1 – 6

Gospel reading: John 13: 31 – 35 **Canticle:** 8

PERSONS ON DUTY AT ST FRANCIS – 19 May 2019

Clergy: **Revd Thozamile Shweni**
Lay ministers: Marilyn Hendricks & Cecil Lakey
Sidespersons John, Sally & Simone
Readers: **1st reading** Selwyn January **2nd reading** Cee-Jay Lakey
Servers: **MC** Ashwill **Crucifer** Gilberto **Acolytes** Gabriella & Kaylin

PRAYERS

Frank Willcox, Roslin Brevis, Ruth Pepper, Godfrey Abrahams, Wilma Brandt, Rebecca Morgan, Keith and Mark Vincent, Jane Solomon, Carla Pretorius, and all in need of the Lord's healing.

HOME VISITS

Parishioners who would like someone to visit them –
please make contact with the office via telephone: **021 551 8529**
or email: **info@stoswalds.org.za**

BIRTHDAYS

Today Kim Randall, Gabriela Valerio
14/05 Veronica Vincent, Rene Wagner **16/05** Simoine Kleinbooi

ANNIVERSARIES

15/05 Henry & Avril Erasmus
16/05 Selwyn & Bonita January **18/05** Roy & Lynette Kinnear

The 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:36-43 “Links to the past, empowering the present.”

This Sunday's key text describes the ongoing mission of God. This mission is one that urgently crosses all barriers. In Acts this has a geographical component. It is literally a journey from one place to another, crossing boundaries on the way as it reaches out to all nations. It is the Gospel on the move. It crosses boundaries and overcomes barriers, all for the sake of the world. In our story this week we see particular emphasis on the goodness of this mission. Tabitha's goodness is emphasised twice. This goodness is sustained by the miracle of resurrection. This text links the salvation story of the past (Elijah) with the present (Jesus) and offers clues for the ongoing mission of God, for the story of salvation history continues. It is a victory of life-giving mission over death.

The supporting texts have related themes:

The shepherd gathers and calls the sheep. He is the shepherd who cares for the sheep, restoring their souls (just as Tabitha was restored to life).

In the text from Revelation we read about the great multitude, gathered from every nation. This is the result of this great mission of Acts. Barriers are being crossed, mission is extended and all are gathered into God's salvation plan. Here is the fruit of that gathering. There is also encouragement here regarding the hardships we face on this journey. There will be rewards – springs of living water, no more thirst, continual fellowship with and worship of God.

We are part of God's plan to extend salvation to all nations. What does it mean to be part of this unfolding plan in our land? Our connection is in the goodness of the Kingdom. If we get discouraged, we can remember that not even death can defeat the Kingdom and the Kingdom's inclusive journey. The word of God brings resurrection life.

*Good Shepherd, teach us to follow You
To spread compassion to those who are far away,
To speak for those who are voiceless,
To defend those who are oppressed and abused,
To work for justice for those who are exploited,
To make peace for those who suffer violence,
To take the time to recognise our connectedness
and to love as You have loved us. Amen*

ALTERNATIVE BIBLE STUDY

There is an alternative Bible Study available on the Devotions page on the website. It will always relate to the current Sunday's readings, which may be found in the pew leaflet, or on the Readings and Rosters page.

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NOTICES

The St Oswald's Parish family wishes
all our very special Mothers ...



QUIET MORNING



Fr Thozamile Shweni will be facilitating a **Quiet Morning** for all lay ministers and all interested parishioners. It will take place at **St Saviour's, Claremont on Saturday 18 May from 08h00 to 12h00**. All lay ministers are to please bring a Bible, a prayer book, a notebook and a pen.

Please do come along for this time of reflection and quiet.

RSCM and TAIZE WORKSHOP

Taizé



Please note that in preparation for the big Taize event in September, St Oswald's and the RSCM will be hosting all choirs, youth groups and anyone interested to a Taize workshop experience. It will take place on Saturday 18 May, starting at 12h00. The Taize brothers will present and co-ordinate the afternoon, which will include a video, talks and chants. There is a R20 donation and refreshments will be served. A Meditation service will take place in the church at the end of the session. Please do come along and learn about and experience this wonderful type of worship.

ARCHDEACONRY PREACHING COURSE

All Lay Ministers are invited to attend the initial session of an *Archdeaconry Preaching Course* which is to be conducted over a period of 2 years. It will take place at **St Michaels and All Angels in Edgemean** on **Saturday 25 May**. More details will follow in due course.

FRATERNAL RETREAT

Please note that Fr Selwyn will be attending the Milnerton Fraternal Retreat on 21 / 22 May.



The annual week of Fraternal Praise and Worship starts on **Monday 03 June – Friday 07 June at the NG Kerk Sonnekus**.

Please **arrive every evening from 18h45 – the service will start at 19h00**. St Oswald's is on duty on Tues 04 June.

ORDINATION OF REVD TEMBEKA MPAKO-NTUSI

This serves to inform that the **Revd Tembeka Mpako-Ntusi** Will be ordained to the **Sacred Order of Priests** on **Saturday 29 June 2019 at 11h00** at the **Church of St Nicholas, Matroosfontein**. Please keep Revd Tembeka in your prayers.

'CARE FOR CREATION' WORKSHOP



Green Anglicans have prepared some new training material for youth/confirmation leaders and are running a workshop on their new **YOUTH MANUAL** on **Saturday 25th May from 09h30 – 12h30**. The venue is **St Stephen's Church in Pinelands**. Each church will receive a free manual. Any additional copies will cost only R30 each. Please bring a plate of eats to share – coffee and juice provided.

ASCENSION DAY

Please note that there will be a Eucharist service here at St Francis on **Thursday evening – 30 May at 19h00**



Book Launch

Susan Stougie has finished her anecdotal take of the history of St Oswald's Church.

Join us on **1 June 2019, at 10am** to celebrate this momentous occasion and the launch of her book, *Spinning Yarns, An Anecdotal History of the Little Church and It's Community*. Please **RSVP** to Steph on 0721994842 for catering purposes.

30 debut copies available. R150 each.