



RECTOR'S LETTER



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Dear Parishioners,

I always try my best not to ask parishioners giving up something for Lent. But parishioners do it anyway. It is a good Lenten practice, and does not bother me as much, whether it is done or not. But let me share another perspective. What if we approach our Lenten practices not so much with the intention of what we can do to transform ourselves, but rather with the intention of listening to what God wants to do in order to transform us?

We are already a few days into Lent, and with what mindset have you approached your Lenten journey thus far? I encourage you to reflect on this. Many a times we approach Lent as though we have to make a series of New Year's resolutions. If this is the approach, then we are missing the point of our Lenten journey. Lent is not about self-improvement practices. It is a time of conversion and allowing God to do the work within us. It is about walking the journey with full awareness that God is at work in and through us, and joining in with God as to what is unfolding in you and around you. The question you might ask is, how do I do this? Well, just *be* you. Honour your Lenten practices without expecting any outcome. If you are able, attend liturgical worship, and make time for your own personal devotions and reflections. But remember in all of this, just *be* you and enjoy the Lenten journey!

Another important notice is to inform you that we've completed our annual vestries for 2025. The names of our parish and chapelry leadership will be on our pew leaflets for this Sunday. We give thanks to God for all those among us, who have made themselves available to serve as wardens and councillors.

As a parish leadership, we, together with the rest of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, have been asked to put certain practices regarding Safeguarding in place. More information will soon be shared with the congregations in our parish immediately after our first parish council meeting. Please hold us all in your prayers, as we put all the necessary systems and structures in place as to what is required of us. God Bless!

This is all for now.

With love
Selwyn