

ble to people whose language we cannot speak. We pray that their work will prosper and multiply, that increasing numbers of people may read the scriptures in their mother tongue. Pray for all to be confirmed today in the Parish of Robertson. *Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury); The Rt Revd Dhilloraj Ranjit Canagasabay - Bishop of Colombo; The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 27-31 October

- 27 Confirmation: The Parish of Robertson
- 28-30 Blue Downs Archdeaconry Planning 2020
- 26-30 Bishop's Pastoral Visit – Breede Valley Archdeaconry
- 31 B/Downs Arch Lay Training
- 31 **DIOCESAN CHAPTER**

MONDAY 28-ST SIMON AND ST JUDE

Praise to you, God of all times and seasons, for you are faithful from age to age in your great love for us. Strengthen our efforts to build a community that cares for body, mind, and spirit under your guidance. By your Holy Spirit, bring our individual talents together for the common good. Help us to honor you, O God, in all people, and to glorify you in all things, so that your justice and peace will renew our world. Praise and glory be yours, God of endless ages, both now and for ever. *Pray for Renk (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Joseph Garang Atem; Daejeon (Korea) The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo (Primate); Kumi (Uganda) The Rt Revd Edison Irigei (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 29

O God, the Father of humankind, to whom alone is known the mystery of suffering, hear our prayers on behalf of those in hospital who are bearing the burden of sickness or pain, or have to undergo operations. In their weakness and anxiety draw near to them with your comfort and strength, and give them the assurance that, sharing their suffering, you will also share with them your peace. *Pray for Rhode Island (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Nicholas Knisely; Dallas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd George R. Sumner, Jr. (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 30

CHRIST THE MEDIATOR PORTLAND

At this time in the history of our Country and Community, our thoughts and prayers are offered in aid of the most vulnerable in our society. As we focus on the vulnerable, we are also made aware of the different realities we may experience. Our heart cries out loud for an end to violence against women, children and men. Our hearts cry out loud for a caring and loving community where all are welcomed and feel loved. We pray for an end to selfishness, and for the encouragement to share what we have with our neighbor. Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika / God Bless Africa. God bless all the people of this parish with the abundance of your grace; may its leaders lead and direct this parish to bear much fruit, so that the needs of the community we serve be met where it matters most. Make us aware of the needs of the poor and hungry in our midst. Lord in your mercy / Hear our Prayer. *Pray for Rift Valley (Tanzania) The Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa; Damaturu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Yohannah A Audu; Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jackson Sosthenes (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 31

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. *Pray for Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) The Rt Revd Eduardo Coelho Grillo; Davao (Philippines) The Rt Revd Jonathan Labasan Casimina (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**The Archdeaconries of Breede Valley & Overberg
to submit their prayers by 6 October**

**PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS
FOR THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF
THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY
OCTOBER 2019**

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

I pray today for those with more problems than I have.

ARCHDEACONRY OF MITCHELLS PLAIN

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-5 October

- 1 Schools open
- 3 B/Downs New Layministers Training 7pm (3-31 Oct)
- 5 Confirmation: St Matthew, Delft
- 5 Budget rollout M/PI & Mountain/Bay
- 5 Tutorial Day/Diocesan Ordinands/Spouses Day
- 5 AWF Exe Rotterdam
- 5 **MU** Thanksgiving Service Cloetesville
- 5 SocDev Breast cancer awareness Mitchell's Plain

TUESDAY 1=Remigius, Bishop and Missionary to the Franks, 530

We pray for all our learners who will be starting their last quarter for this year. We pray that all problems within the education system will be solved as speedily as possible. We pray to God to bless and guide those who teach and those who learn. We entrust to His care all our children now preparing for their matric exams; may He fill them with faith, hope and strength and make them steadfast in all their efforts. *Pray for Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Daniel Gutierrez; Chester (England) The Rt Revd Peter Robert Forster; Chester (England) The Rt Revd Libby Lane; Chester (England) The Rt Revd Keith Sinclair (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 2=Anthony Earl of Shaftsbury, Philanthropist, 1885

International Day of Non-Violence, recognized by the UN

God of peace, thank you for calling us to follow the non-violent Jesus on the road to peace. Help us to become your holy people of Gospel non-violence. Disarm our hearts that we might be instruments of your disarming love. Make our church a community of Gospel non-violence, that rejects war and radiates your love and peace. Bless us to love one another and our enemies, to reconcile with everyone, to resist injustice and spread the practice of non-violence. Give us a new world without war, poverty, nuclear weapons, global warming or violence. Give us your reign of non-violence, here and now. We ask this in the name of the non-violent Jesus, our brother and our peace. *Pray for Perth (Australia) The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy; Perth (Australia) The Rt Revd Jeremy James ;Perth (Australia) The Rt Revd Kate Wilmot; Chhattisgarh (North India) The Rt Revd Robert Ali; Chicago (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jeffrey Lee (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 3

MITCHELLS PLAIN ARCHDEACONRY

Dear God, we ask your blessing on the Parishes of the Mitchells Plain Archdeaconry. We pray for the clergy and all the parishioners. We are grateful for a blessed combined Retreat with the clergy of

Mountain Bay. Thank you, dear Lord, for your continued love and provision for us. As we look towards the season of Spring, renew our minds and hearts, so that we may face what you set before us. Father of all, we continue to pray for the unemployed and homeless, especially for those living in areas where they are perpetually at risk of being attacked. We pray for the continued work of parishes to reach out, through the sharing of meals and the distribution of groceries and clothing. We continue to pray for Edu-care Centres, Colleges and Schools, that they may be vibrant centres of learning. Bless all service providers who support these centres, especially in the light of varied behavioral problems. As the last term dawns, we pray for diligence and commitment of all learners and students to their studies. We continue to pray for health facilities in our area, as well as for the safety of the emergency services when they are called on. As we focus, at this time, on the issue of the abuse and disrespect towards women and girls, we pray for the protection of every child and adult. Deepen in all of us a sense of being vigilant and caring. *Pray for Peru (South America) The Rt Revd Jorge Luis Aguilar; Chichester (England) The Rt Revd Martin Warner; Chichester (England) The Revd Richard Charles Jackson; Chichester (England) The Rt Revd Mark Sowerby (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 4-Francis of Assisi, Religious, 1226
CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD, EASTRIDGE**

Lord our eyes witness day by day the effect of drugs land in our community, high unemployment, but amidst this difficult reality, we thank you for the Churches, Mosque, Schools that can still be beacons of hope in our community. We thank you for the perseverance of the faithful, that go about their daily tasks, to reach out to those in need. We thank you for the impact of our weekly Soup Kitchen, which is able to feed so many mouths. We thank God for the Chapelry leadership and for their willingness to serve; continue to work within us, so we may respond with compassionate hearts to the needs of the vulnerable. "Christ let me see You in others. Christ let others see You in me. Christ let me see. You are the caller, You are the poor, You are the stranger at my door. You are the wanderer, the unfed. You are the homeless with no bed. Open my eyes that I may see". *Pray for Peshawar (Pakistan) The Most Revd Humphrey Peters (Primate); Chotanagpur (North India) The Rt Revd B. B. Baskey; Koforidua (West Africa) The Rt Revd Felix Odei Annancy (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 6-12 October

- 6 Confirmation: St John's/All Saints, Sibanye
- 6 B/Downs Liturgical Dance Thanksg. Service K/vlei
- 6 Mountain Bay Arch Cancer Awareness Service O/View
- 8 B/Downs Chapter All Saints Sibanye
- 9/10 BISHOP'S FORUM
- 10 Servers Guild Exco
- 10 B/Downs Arch Lay Training
- 12 AWF DORCAS Mitchell's Plain
- 12 Budget rollout-Blue Downs Archdeaconry
- 12 CMS Exco Faure
- 12 Post Ordination Training

SATURDAY 5 -World Teachers' Day, recognized by the UN and UNESCO

We pray to the Almighty God to give children orphaned by AIDS, families and caregivers who will provide for them both physically and emotionally. We pray that they are able to attend school so that cycles of poverty are not prolonged. We also pray for strength, protection, and provision for child-headed households. We give praise and thanks to God that the biggest epidemics in sub-Saharan Africa have either stabilized or are showing signs of decline, and pray that this trend continues. We offer praise to God for doctors and AIDS caregivers who are providing life-saving care and support and ask Him to give them wisdom and compassion as they work through difficult cases in difficult conditions and for the supplies they need to be able to offer care, safely and effectively. We pray that people living with HIV and AIDS would be strengthened and comforted, that they would live a full life and be embraced and cared for by their families. *Pray for Peterborough (England) The Rt Revd Donald Spargo Allister; Peterborough (England) The Rt Revd John Holbrook; Christ the King (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd William Mostert (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. *Pray for Rajasthan (North India) The Rt Revd Darbara Singh; Cueibet (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Elijah Muteny Awet (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 23-ST JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD
CHRIST THE KING, ROCKLANDS**

Loving God we give you thanks for our parish family, for the love and care of all our parishioners. We thank you, Lord, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our undertakings. We pray for healing of all our members in body, mind and spirit. We pray for peace and stability in our community, also praying for an end to violence, xenophobia and femicide. Deepen in us a respect for all forms of life. Bless our various ministries and the commitment of all our parishioners. We give thanks for the ministry of Deacon Stanton and his family in this parish and pray Almighty God's blessings on them in their new spiritual home. Thank you Lord for the abundant blessings you have given your people. Thank you for the wardens and their unfailing dedication to the role and ministry they were called to exercise. *Pray for Rayalaseema (South India) The Rt Revd B D Prasada Rao; Cuernavaca (Mexico) The Rt Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz; Curitiba (Brazil) The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes (Primate)*

THURSDAY 24— United Nations Day, recognized by the UN

God of compassion, walk alongside all of your global stewards who work to create a more just and peaceful world. Equip the United Nations community with a sense of urgency and humility that lets your will be done. Each day you give bread enough for all, grant us also the wisdom to ensure that everyone has enough. Teach the world's leaders to forgive, to extend welcome across borders. Show the world a new path beyond greed, oppression, and division. We pray for a world united. We pray for the power to save succeeding generations from war. We pray for a glory that reaffirms the dignity and worth of every person. We pray that your grace might ensure life in larger freedom forever, for all of your children. Amen. *Pray for Recife (Brazil) The Rt Revd João Cancio Peixoto; Cuttack (North India) The Rt Revd Surendra Kumar Nanda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 25
LENTEGEUR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**

We give thanks to God for His unconditional love to all the staff and patients at Lentegeur Psychiatric Hospital. We give thanks to God for the nursing staff who are dedicated to their calling as caregivers. We continue to pray for the patients as many are struggling to deal with the stigma of mental illness and the addiction of some sort. We also remember the families of the patients where many are struggling to juggle their lives by taking care of themselves and the patient. We commend to God the family members of three staff members and three patients, who have passed on during this month. We pray that God will be their source of comfort and strength through this time of sorrow. We pray for Rev Desiree, the Hospital Chaplain, as she ministers to staff and patients, striving to give them hope through Christ our Lord. *Pray for Rejaf (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Edward Oliver Mathew Tombe; Cyangugu (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Nathan Amooti Rusengo; Kuching (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Danald Jute; Kuching (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Solomon Cheong Sung Voon; Kuching (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Nelson Ugas Bulang (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 26

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Church at work in the world, and more especially for the voluntary workers among our communities, towns and within our own Diocese. Guide them, Lord, to be your true witnesses in their lives and deeds. We pray for those with whom they work, that they will have thirsty souls to receive your word. *Pray for Remo (Nigeria) The Most Revd Michael Fape; Cyprus and the Gulf (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Michael Augustine Owen Lewis; Kumasi (West Africa) The Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo (Primate) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 27-TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Special Day of Prayer-Bible Sunday and Bible Society

Father, we thank you for giving us the Bible as your written word and for the work of the Bible Societies throughout the world, who take the written word to places we cannot go and in making it availa-

(Nigeria) *The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 19-Henry Martyn, Missionary to the East,1812

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a fellowship of faith. Bless Bishop Margaret, our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Pray for Quebec (Canada) The Rt Revd Bruce Myers; Coventry (England) The Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth; Coventry (England) The Rt Revd John Stroyan; Krishna-Godavari (South India) The Rt Revd George Cornelious Tanteputi (A C of P)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 20-26 October

20	Confirmation: All Saints, Somerset West
20-22	CMS Triennial/Thanksgiving Service Lotus River
24	B/Downs Arch Lay Training
25	M/Plain Arch Clergy/Spouse Social
25	Helderberg Archdeaconry Clergy/Spouse Fellowship
25-27	SocDev Gender Based Violence workshop Overberg
26	St MM Guild Closure
26	Breede Valley Council - Ceres

SUNDAY 20-NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Special Day of Prayer-Prisoners of Conscience.

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and adjustment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate, and save them from becoming brutal or callous. Pray for all to be confirmed today at All Saints, Somerset West. *Pray for Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies; Vacant (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 21

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR, LENTEGEUR

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for our parish and for all the people of Lentegour. We pray that our community may become a peaceable community. We thank you Lord, for all the good being done in the community by so many people and organisations. We pray for all the schools in the area, for the hospitals, for SAPS and all the NGO's. We thank you for all the activities to raise funds and to maintain our parish. We pray for the many who have passed on, that you O Lord, bring comfort and wholeness. We thank you for the commitment and dedication of our parishioners throughout the years and ask God to continue to hold us close to his heart and close to each other. We thank you, Lord, for the work of all organisations and all leaders; be with the lonely and the vulnerable in our community, protect especially our elderly, our women and all our children. Lord hear our prayer and let our cry come unto thee. *Pray for Raiwind (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Azad Marshall; Cuba (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio; Kubwa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko*

TUESDAY 22

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood, yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know that they are tempted to sin and are discouraged as are we, needing to be ministered to, as are we, to be consoled and forgiven, as are we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift

SUNDAY 6-SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We pray for all lay people who give unselfishly of their time and energy to the church and the administration of the church, that they may be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit in all they do. Father, help us to help each other; teach us to be willing to do the small things just as gladly as those which are important. Help us to be good neighbours; may our words, our examples and influence make life easier and happier for those around us. Pray for all to be confirmed today at St John's/All Saints, Sibanye. *Pray for the Church in Wales; The Most Revd John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 7-William Tynedale, Priest and Martyr 1536

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODLANDS

We thank God for our Wardens and Parish Councilors for their dedication and parish duties. Pray for all the teaching instructors who work so tirelessly within the various groups e.g. Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Class, First Holy Communion, Altar Service, Baptism, those who will be confirmed in October by Bishop Margaret and pray for the Confirmation camp where young people bond in fellowship and friendship. Our prayers for the climate of violence where most of our community have been exposed and where it has become an accepted way of life. Pray for parents to give leadership during such difficult times. Thank God for Fr. Victor and the family, his servant-leadership within the parish and in the wider community. Pray for the ministry to Elongwabeni Children's Home as a pastor, where they meet on Mondays for prayer and fellowship. *Pray for Phulbani (North India) The Rt Revd Bijay Nayak; Christchurch (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) Peter Carrell; Kolhapur (North India) The Rt Revd Sandeep Suresh Vibhute (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 8

God of Compassion, hear the cries of the people of war torn countries. Comfort those who suffer violence. Console those who mourn the dead. Give strength to all neighbouring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms and protect those who are committed to peace. God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with their enemies. Inflammate the Universal Church with compassion for the people of countries at war and unrest and give us hope for a future built on justice for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Light of the world. *Amen Pray for Pittsburgh (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dorsey W M McConnell; Chubu (Japan) The Rt Revd Peter Ichiro Shibusawa*

WEDNESDAY 9

CHRIST THE RECONCILER, TAFELSIG

We give thanks to God for His amazing generosity. We pray for our priest Father Jerry Gelant, his wife Patricia and their two sons. We pray for our new music ministry and especially for our young people. We praise God for our hall that is nearing completion. We pray for growth and a richer spirituality in our congregation and that our parish will be transformed to meet the demands of our community. *Pray for Polynesia (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Revd Fereimi Cama; Polynesia (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Henry Bull; Polynesia (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Gabriel Sharma; Polynesia (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Afa Vaka; Clogher (Ireland) The Rt Revd John McDowell; Cochin (South India) The Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn (ACP)*

THURSDAY 10

Lord and Heavenly Father, we thank you for our homes and families. Make us aware of your loving care of us day by day. Make us thankful for all the blessings we receive which we take for granted, and make us mindful of those who are lonely and less fortunate than ourselves. *Pray for Popondota (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Lindsley Ihove; Coimbatore (South India) The Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 11-Philip the Deacon

CHRIST THE REDEEMER, WESTRIDGE

We pray for our Parish, as we seek to serve you, dear God. Bless our clergy, Reverends Ruth and Enrico, as they minister to your people. We thank God for the Lay Ministers Retreat that took place

recently. We also pray for the children who have been admitted to receive the Holy Eucharist, as well as for our Confirmation Candidates. We commend our youth to your loving care, that they may find in Jesus the perfect role model. Thank you Lord, for the enthusiasm of our Ministries and Area Leaders, to work for the extension of Your Kingdom here on earth. We look forward to a day of fun and fellowship at the Bazaar. We continue with much needed maintenance to our plant, and pray for people to commit themselves. *Pray for Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Denny Bray Guka; Colombia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Francisco Duque; Kollam - Kottarakkara (South India) The Rt Revd Dr Oommen George (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 12

Loving Father, We lift to you those ageing people who are experiencing deterioration of sight, hearing and short-term memory; those who struggle to keep up with modern technology; and those whose families and friends do not realise what support and help is needed by the elderly. We hold up to you those elderly people who are losing their mobility, and those whose physical ability to do their daily tasks has diminished. We lift to you all those older people who live in shacks without water and sanitation, those who are unable to provide sufficient food for themselves, and those who watch their children die and who are left to support their grandchildren on too little. We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of good health that so many senior citizens enjoy; for time for new interests and hobbies, and the challenge of learning new skills. We thank you, Lord, for the pleasures of reminiscence of happy times long past, for those golden memories of childhood, youth and laughter. *Pray for Port Sudan (Sudan) The Rt Revd Abdu Elnur Kodi; Colombo (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey; Kondoia (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Given Gaula (A Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 13-19 October

- 13 Confirmation: St James, Worcester
- 13 Matric Sunday
- 13 B.Mizeki Final DEXCO Lwandle
- 14 M/Plain Arch Chapter Tafelsig
- 15 Helderberg Archdeaconry Chapter Strand
- 15 Breede Valley Arch Chapter Ceres
- 16 B/Downs Council Groot Drakenstein
- 17 **DTB/DFB**
- 17 Helderberg Archdeaconry Council Macassar
- 17 B/Downs Arch Lay Training
- 18-20 MU Revival
- 19 SocDev Board Meeting
- 19 B.Mizeki Diocesan Closing Service Sibanye
- 19 Diocesan Clergy Spouse Day
- 19 M/Plain Arch Council Woodlands

SUNDAY 13-EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oh God of wisdom, You speak to us in so many wonderful ways. Help us to listen to Your voice and to look for You in everything we do and everyone we meet. Let our eyes see the goodness You have created and, with Your guidance, may we become a lamp for those without light. Pray for all to be confirmed today at St James, Worcester. *Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa; The Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo - Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA; Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 14-Rogation Day

ST. PAUL, PHILIPPI

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for all the blessings you have given to this Church. We thank you for Parishioners and the entire community of Philippi and the branches in Samora, Philippi East and Driftsands. We pray for our priest and his family, Churchwardens and Parish Council members, especially in their work as they continue to do fundraising for a rectory. We pray for those who are looking for work and living in poverty. We ask you to sow peace in our

community as we struggle with killings caused by gangsterism. *Pray for Portsmouth (England) The Rt Revd Christopher Foster; Colorado (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Kym Lucas; Kongor (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 15-Teresa of Avila, Religious, 1582

International Day of Rural Women, recognized by the UN

Loving God, we pray for our women who live in rural areas, for those who live on or below the poverty line: those who are struggling to maintain family life with very few resources: the young people forced to leave their communities because staying is no longer a viable option; we pray for policy makers and those with influence for the political will to address the serious challenges facing rural communities; for greater support for rural churches and the work they do in offering social and pastoral care for those in need and in using their buildings for the benefit of the whole community. Loving God, hear our prayers and, with the help of our being and doing, may our prayers be answered. Amen. *Pray for Pretoria (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Allan John Kannemeyer; Concepcion (Chile) The Rt Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 16- Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops and martyrs 1555

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, STRANDFONTEIN

We give thanks to God for his love and mercy on our parish for 39 yrs. We give thanks for the ministry of all clergy, past and present, and for all those parishioners who have gone to be with the Lord. We give thanks for the many who give so much of themselves to establish this beautiful place of worship, and who continue to love and serve God here. May we continue to be a shining light in this part of God's vineyard. We pray for an end to all forms of violence, particularly against Women and Children. We pray for more places of safety and shelters for abused women and children, and for sustenance of the work at Heaven's Nest. We pray for the staff and children. We are thankful for the many funeral collections in lieu of Heaven's Nest and pray that we will find generous funders. We give thanks for the celebration of the Young People's ministry and for the plans for the Outreach. We give thanks for the Taize Pilgrimage of Trust and for all the hard work done by the brothers and our parishes. We give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and God's mercy endures forever. Amen. *Pray for Puerto Rico (The Episcopal Church) The Revd Rafael Morales Maldonado; Puerto Rico (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wilfrido Ramos Orench; Connecticut (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Ian Douglas; Connecticut (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Laura Ahrens; Connor (Ireland) The Rt Revd Alan Francis Abernethy (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 17-Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.110

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, recognized by the UN

Help us to be Christian in our attitudes. Let all that we do and say spring out of understanding hearts. Make us willing to seek moral objectives together, that in united action this nation may be steadfast in the search for righteousness and peace. Bless those who bear responsibility. May they be led by You to do that which is right rather than that which is expedient or politically wise. Save us from politicians who seek only their own selfish interests. Illuminate the minds of management as well as labour, that there may be an end to selfishness and greed. Bless this land that we love so much, our Father, and help her to deposit her trust, not in armies and navies, in wealth and material resources, or in achievements of the human mind, but in that righteousness which alone exalts any nation, and by which alone peace can finally come to us. Amen. *Pray for Pune (North India) The Rt Revd Sharad Yuvraj Gaikwad; Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland) The Rt Revd William Paul Colton (A C of P)*

FRIDAY 18-ST LUKE

Special Day of Prayer: Doctors, Nurses and Hospital Chaplains

Dear Lord, we thank you for doctors, nurses, chaplains and all who work in hospitals. May they continue to use their knowledge and skills to bring comfort and ease to all those who are suffering. Lord, be with all carers who spend days and years working to bring relief to those with Aids. At times they see recovery which is wonderful, but there are times when the results of treatment are disappointing – please give them strength and hope and the love to carry on. *Pray for Qu'Appelle (Canada) The Rt Revd Robert Hardwick; Costa Rica (Central America) The Revd Orlando Gomez; Kontagora*