

ST ANDREW'S, HAWSTON

Lord we give you thanks for carrying us through the pandemic. We are not worthy of your praise but you are the same Lord who never fails us. We want to thank you for our parishioners who were positive and whom you've carried through. Lord we live in uncertain times but you, Lord, are in control of our destiny. We humbly ask you to pour your blessings over our Church's leadership and our family of believers. We also ask you to break the vicious cycle of violence, murder and rape. Lord, guide us and lead us on the path ahead. As church family we have learned from this pandemic and we want to put family first. Help us to build relationships on the foundation of love. Let your living Spirit flow over our souls. Amen. *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)*

THURSDAY 29

Hear us, O God, when we pray. We thank you for creating this earth, with its incredible variety and beauty. We thank you for the lavish diversity of nature, and of human beings. Give us the wisdom and will to take proper care of the earth, its creatures, and one another and *let our lives be filled with your power.* *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)*

FRIDAY 30

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our friends, and especially those who have shared our troubles and sorrows in times past and have supported us in life's dark valleys. Help us to value our friends and to regard each one as a gift and token of your love, and make us ready to extend friendship to those around us and to remember the lonely, the housebound, and those who need a friend's helping hand *Pray for Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) The Rt Revd Eduardo Coelho Grillo; Davao (Philippines) The Rt Revd Jonathan Labasan Casimina (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 31

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us; for the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea; for all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ; for our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends; for minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play; for the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity; for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice; for the communion of saints, in all times and places. Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

Pray for Rio Grande (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Michael Vono; Delaware (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Kevin S Brown; Kurunegala (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)

The Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay to submit their prayers by 6 October

PRAYERS FOR PARISHES AND PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY

OCTOBER 2020

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Lord, thank you for all the wonderful blessings You have given, and are still giving

ARCHDEACONRIES OF BREEDE VALLEY AND OVERBERG

**Due to Covid 19 and lockdown conditions, the Diocesan Diary has not been included.
Please consult your own diaries should the lockdown levels change**

THURSDAY 1-Remigius, Bishop and Missionary to the Franks, 530

We thank you for our church, for those who have worshipped here over the years and for those who serve it today. Grant that all who enter its doors may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find your peace, your strength and above all your presence. Help us as a congregation to be outward looking, so that what we find within our fellowship we may share with those outside. *Pray for Perth (Australia) The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy; Chhattisgarh (North India) The Rt Revd Robert Ali; Chicago (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jeffrey Lee (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 2-Anthony, Earl of Shaftsbury, Philanthropist, 1885

ST. JAMES THE GREAT, WORCESTER

Almighty God you reveal yourself to your creation in mystery and majesty. Hear our prayers as we come to you in all humility. We give you thanks that we could open our church doors for in person worship. Help us by your presence to overcome the fears of the unknown as we your people face this new normal together. Give us a new urgency and commitment to continue your ministry during this time of uncertainty. We give thanks for our clergy Fr. Clive, Patrick and Hugh for their leadership and ministry during this time of the pandemic. Thank you, Lord, for wisdom, courage, compassion, and love. We pray for your blessing on our Young People's Ministry. We pray for all young people who are exposed to the evils of gangsterism, organised crime, drug and alcohol abuse that they may find perfect role models to look up to. We pray for all women, children who are victims of abuse in whatever form and that you will transform the hearts of perpetrators. Lord God, we pray for the leadership of all our organisations and that you will continue to enrich them with your Holy Spirit. Be with all Faith-Based communities; bind us together as we strive to bring hope to your people. Help us all Lord that we may be agents of healing in this broken world. Amen. *Pray for Peru (South America) The Rt Revd Jorge Luis Aguilar; Chichester (England) The Rt Revd Martin Warner (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 3

God of hope, all of us are affected by AIDS. Bind us together with strong ties of love, that our

community may be a place where all can find acceptance. May it be a place of welcome for all affected by HIV/AIDS. May it be a place where care is given and received, especially for affected children and youth; where stories are told and heard; where fear is overcome by love; where you are to be found. Amen. (The Diakonia Council of Churches in South Africa) *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)*

SUNDAY 4-EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord, our God, may your peace shine among us, may your love set us free. May the leaders of the nations seek the way to peace and may human rights everywhere be respected. Teach us to recognize your presence in every person, and above all, in those who suffer. Teach those who have plenty to share the fruits of the earth among all peoples. *Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa - Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 5– World Teachers Day recognized by the UN and UNESCO

God of Love, thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much, and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers. God of Mercy, sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel abandoned when society expects too much. Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control. Help exhausted teachers rest. God of Strength, encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles. God of Justice, help our nation find a way to steward our vast wealth to support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever the race, religion, gender or wealth of the children. We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen. *Pray for Peterborough (England) The Rt Revd Donald Spargo Allister; Christ the King (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd William Mostert (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 6-Sr. Henrietta CSM &AA

Lord God, grant your people grace gladly to renounce the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen *Pray for Phulbani (North India) The Rt Revd Bijay Nayak; Christchurch (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Peter Carrell; Kolhapur (North India) The Rt Revd Sandeep Suresh Vibhute (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 7-William Tyndale, Priest and Martyr, 1536 PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF MONTAGUE AND ASHTON

We give all the praise, glory, honour and thanks to our Lord, Jesus Christ for His healing and sustaining hand on each one of us in the Parochial District of Montague and Ashton. We pray for our members who have lost loved ones during this time of lockdown. As we have re-opened our buildings, we pray for all the guilds, Parish council and our Clergy Revd Smyth and Fr Bhozo. Lord give us as leaders the wisdom to move forward in Your strength. Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer. *Pray for Pittsburgh (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dorsey W M McConnell; Chubu (Japan) The Rt Revd Peter Ichiro Shibusawa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 8

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 Polynesia (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most*

those who have lost loved ones, the vulnerable and the broken in our community. Restore us Lord in order for our brokenness to turn to strength. Amen *Pray for Recife (Brazil) The Rt Revd João Cancio Peixoto; Cuttack (North India) The Rt Revd Surendra Kumar Nanda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 24 October 24 – United Nations Day, recognized by the UN

Lord, God of all peoples, we gather this day to declare not our independence, but our interdependence. We are all created by the same God and share the same eternal destiny. We are called to live together in harmony and peace, as one family in the Lord. We ask your blessings on us, on all nations, and on the United Nations, dedicated to fostering peace throughout the world. Bless all its members, that they may persevere, faithful to your commandments and, in all decisions, follow your divine will for all of creation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. *Pray for Rejaf (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Edward Oliver Mathew Tombe; Cyangugu (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Francis Karenera; Kuching (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Danald Jute (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 25-TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessed are you, Creator of heaven and earth, you made the world and offer it life. Remember us as we begin our work, that we work in harmony with others. May we do what is useful for our brothers and sisters, and together build a world that is pleasing to you. To us and all whom we meet today, give your joy and peace. *Pray for the Church in Wales; The Most Revd John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 26

ST PETER'S, HERMANUS WITH ST PATRICK'S, MOUNT PLEASANT AND ALL SAINTS, ZWELIHLE

Loving and gracious God; As we enter into this new season in the life of the Parish, we ask your blessing on our leadership and their families. Revd Jerry Gelant our Priest in Charge, his wife Patricia and sons, together with Revd Nitano Muller our Assistant Priest and his mother, Gillian. We thank you for the hands-on ministry of our retired clergy, Revds Lyndall Murray and Revd Joan Jones, who so generously offer to assist. We pray for the Churchwardens and their families, together with the Chapelwardens at St Peter, Hermanus; St Patrick Mt Pleasant and All Saints Zwelihle. We also thank you for the successful feeding scheme and outreach initiatives in the Parish that has aided many in our communities; and also for the ministry being done for our Malawian congregation. We ask for wisdom and guidance as we step out into the future together and ask for creativity and boldness as we navigate our way through the many challenges we face. Protect those most vulnerable in the parish: especially the aged, frail and infirm. Bless the work being done in the retirement homes and frail care centres, Hermanus Varsity, Zwelihle Youth Cafe and other community-based organisations. Guide our young people to make good choices and inspire many to offer their skills and talents for the extension of your kingdom in this beautiful place. *Pray for Remo (Nigeria) The Most Revd Dr Michael Fape; Cyprus and the Gulf (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Michael Augustine Owen Lewis (Primate); Kumasi (West Africa) The Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 27

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, your saving power among all peoples. Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy. Guide the leaders of this and every nation, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth. *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)*

WEDNESDAY 28 –ST SIMON AND ST JUDE

Anthony Clarke and the supporting clergy team - Revd Edwin Arrison and Revd Paul Oliver. We bring before you our young people and ask your blessing on them. We commend to you all who have died. Please bring healing to all who are sick. Accept these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for Quebec (Canada) The Rt Revd Bruce Myers; Coventry (England) The Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth; Krishna-Godavari (South India) The Rt Revd George Cornelious Tantepudi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 20

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *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 (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 21

ALL SAINTS, BREDASDORP

We give thanks to God for the leadership of the Parish, Gordon Hopley, Isaac January, and Rosline Koeberg, together with the Chapelwardens and Councillors for their unselfish service during the lockdown restrictions. Together with the team of clergy, Francois Lewis, and his wife Eloise, Christoffel September and his wife Caroline, Vincent Bastiaan and his wife Christina and Lilian Newman and her husband Abraham. We give thanks to God for the generosity and their faithfulness of the people during the time of the lockdown restrictions. Especially we remember the aged at the various retirement villages and those hospitalised, who had no contact with loved ones. We remember those who are infected and affected by COVID-19, and we give thanks to God for their recovery from this disease. We pray for each Chapelry in our Parish, St Saviour's, Napier; St Mary's, Struisbaai; St Andrew's, Arniston; St John's, Klipdale; St Peter's, Ouplaas and Outstation Hasiesdrift, as they prepare their church buildings for in person worship this month. For the many who are facing the uncertainty of the future with unemployment and social challenges, that God will embrace and empower them. We pray for all those who are preparing for Confirmation, Baptism, Bible Class and Sunday School, together with the facilitators. We pray for those who have gone before us during this lockdown period and may God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, give them a share in the resurrection of His Son Jesus. Heavenly Father as we continue our journey on unchartered waters, may we experience a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit on us all, that we may be a shining light amidst the darkness of the world. Amen. *Pray for Rajasthan (North India) The Rt Revd Darbara Singh; Cueibet (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Elijah Muteny Awet (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 22

God of all grace, we ask your blessing on the work of doctors, nurses, chaplains and those who tend the sick, especially in the hospitals and care institutions of this diocese. May they continue to use their knowledge and skills to bring comfort and ease to all those who are suffering. Strengthen them for their tasks, and give them the joy of knowing that they are instruments in fulfilling your own purpose of healing. *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) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 23-ST JAMES THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD

ST PETER'S, BOTRIVER WITH ST NICHOLAS, KLEINMOND; ST AUGUSTINE'S, VILLIERSDORP; ST MARY'S, HOUW HOEK; LEBANON AND HELDERSTROOM

Dear loving Lord we give thanks for the re-opening of your church for in person worship. Make us responsible Christians for us to keep each other safe. We pray for our Rector Rev Randall Gallant and his family, the church Wardens and alternate. We bring before you our elderly,

Revd Fereimi Cama (Primate); Clogher (Ireland) The Rt Revd John McDowell; Cochin (South India) The Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)

FRIDAY 9

PARISH OF ST. MATTHEW AND ST. MARK

Lord Jesus, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. We give you thanks for your bounteous blessings so generously bestowed upon our congregations. We keep in our prayers, our rector Rev Colleen and her Dad, we also pray for all our parishioners, Bella Vista, Hamlet, Koue Bokkeveld and various farms. We ask your blessing on the leaders of the various organizations. We pray for parents who are devastated because of their young children who have fallen into the habit of drug and alcohol abuse during this lockdown period. Give courage and hope to these parents in their time of despair. We also pray for our community, especially in this time of taxi violence and senseless killing of the taxi owners. We remember with sadness those whose lives were cut short due to the Corona Virus. Lord, we also pray for those who are affected and infected by this virus. Lord Hear our prayer. *Pray for Popondota (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Lindsley Ihove; Coimbatore (South India) The Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 10– World Mental Health Day recognized by the UN and WHO

Dear Lord of Mercy and Father of Comfort, you are the one we turn to for help in moments of weakness and times of need. We ask you to strengthen those who suffer with mental health issues and for them to have the power to ask for help, to recognize their victories and to love themselves. We ask you to give us all the tools to support those suffering with mental health problems; equip us with empathy to understand their problems; love for them always and the strength to keep on supporting them. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. *Pray 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)*

SUNDAY 11-NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles you have inspired the Church to commission certain members to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission of Christ. Bless the deacons and all other ordained and non-ordained ministers that they may be humble and faith-inspired in their service. We ask this through Christ, our Lord *Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda; The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 12-Rogation Day.

PARISH OF ROBERTSON

Gracious God we thank you for all your mercy and love that you bestow upon us so unconditionally, especially as we still find ourselves in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. We thank you for the improvement in the recovery rate from this pandemic and we continue to pray for our loved ones and all those who are affected or infected by it, together with its implication on the lives of your creation. We pray and thank you for ministry of our Rector, Revd. Richard Dunsdon and his family amongst us. We pray for Transitional Deacon Revd. Clarence Swanepoel and his family as he prepares and looks forward to his ordination to the Priesthood by the grace of God on the Feast of Christ the King. We thank you for the support of our two retired clergy persons, Revds. Kenneth September and Rashaad Abraham and their respective families. We pray for our Parishioners and all organisations as they continue to keep their faith in God with so much enthusiasm and boldness despite the challenges we face in our daily lives. We ask God to keep our hearts and minds filled with hope and prayerfulness as we seek his face in every situation. We also pray for the wine farmers, farmworkers together with the seasonal workers as they recover from the implications of the covid-19 pandemic. We also pray God's blessing on the preparations for the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the completion

of the All Saints Chapel, since their removal from the Old All Saints Mission Church in Town in 1939. As we continue to minister to one another during these unprecedented times may we pray for God's guidance: "Go before us, Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favour and encourage us with your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy obtain the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord."(APB p92) *Pray for Port Sudan (Sudan) The Rt Revd Abdu Elnur Kodi; Colombo (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey; Kon-
do (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Given Gaula (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 13-Rogation Day

Almighty God, by whose blessing the earth brings forth abundantly all that is needful for the life of humankind; prosper the work of farmers and those engaged in agriculture; that with thankful hearts they may reap the fruits of their labour, and we and all humankind rejoice in your great goodness. *Pray for Portsmouth (England) The Rt Revd Christopher Foster; Colorado (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert O'Neill; Kongor (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 14-Rogation Day

ARCHDEACONRY OF BREEDE VALLEY PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

As we are standing on the eve of a new season (Spring) and being caught up under Alert Level 1, we thank God for the Spirit of Ubuntu, the Spirit of perseverance and the Spirit of stewardship that keep our eyes focused on our theme for 2020: "Each one, Reach one, Teach one." As we render our prayer, petitions and sermons for those infected and affected by Covid-19, we bring before God a word of gratitude for the many people who have been restored to their previous health, for the many Parishioners that set aside their time in lighting candles having prayer sessions, distributing the 'altars', for meditation and reflection. As we take small steps into the "new normal" we ask God to empower us with 1 Corinthians 13:13 in order for us as a Parish of 160 years, to keep walking the extra mile with the hungry through our soup kitchen, to clothe the elderly through our "blanket-project" and to adopt a school through our educational Sunday (Stationary, shoes and jerseys) As we move into the last months of 2020, we bring before God our Patronal Festival on 30th November, our Heroes and Heroines, our Priests and their families, our leaders of Organisations, our Church and Chapel wardens, our Layministers that help build and contribute to an emotionally healthy church. We bring before God our Health workers, teachers, social workers and in particular our Diocesan Clergy who sacrifice time, talent and treasures to bring about wholeness and restoration. *Pray for Pretoria (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Allan John Kannemeyer; Concepcion (Chile) The Rt Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 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 Puerto Rico (The Episcopal Church) The Revd Rafael Morales Maldonado; Connecticut (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Ian Douglas; Connor (Ireland) The Rt Revd Alan Francis Abernethy (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 16-Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops and Martyrs, 1555

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ELGIN WITH THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, APPLETHWAITE; ST ANDREW'S, ARRIESKRAAL; ST MARY'S, GRAYMEAD AND OUTSTATIONS DE RUST, EIKENHOF AND OUDEBRUG

We give thanks to God our heavenly Father, for sustaining us during the past months, as we along with all our compatriots have been subjected to adjusting our lives to the effects of Covid-19. We thank God for the downward spiral of new cases especially in the Overberg and in our parochial district of Elgin and Grabouw. We give thanks to God for the many initiatives in our community to address the needs of those who were negatively affected through not being able to work during lockdown. We also express extreme gratitude to God, for the food and fruit producing farms in our region, through which many could remain employed and provide for their families. We pray for our Rector and Archdeacon, The Venerable Neil February and his wife Beverley-Anne, our now retired Assistant Priest, Revd Glenda Jordaan and her husband Neville, as they have moved from our parish at the end of June. We pray, as the Diocese discerns a replacement priest to continue the good work done by her. We pray for our Churchwardens Llewellyn Ess, Neville Dreyer and Charles November [Alternate], Chapel-wardens, Chapel Councilors, Parish Organisations and Parishioners as we relook at our plans to rebuild our resources following the effects of Covid-19 *Pray for Pune (North India) The Rt Revd Sharad Yuvraj Gaiwad; Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland) The Rt Revd William Paul Colton (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 17-Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.110 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, recognized by the UN

Gracious God, You give us so many blessings that many of us take for granted. Those who have never known hunger, homelessness, illiteracy or illness, cannot completely comprehend the horrors of poverty. We are grateful for the abundant gifts you have bestowed upon us and ask for the opportunity and wisdom to share these blessings with those most in need — in our own country and among all of your children. Around the world, millions of your people are forced to live without the basic necessities for a healthy life. Look over all those who are hungry; give them strength to get through each day and bless them with those things needed for human flourishing. Watch over all those who lack education, give them the means to learn skills that will be the avenue for fruitful work. Protect those who suffer from curable and manageable illnesses; give them the courage to fight through illness and bring them the blessing of health. Comfort all those who are without a home, shield them from the harmful elements and bring them to a place of shelter, and bless all those whose poverty goes unseen. Give us the eyes to see where we can assist and the minds to find ways to end poverty for good. Amen *Pray for Qu'Appelle (Canada) The Rt Revd Robert Hardwick; Costa Rica (Central America) The Revd Orlando Gomez; Kontagora (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 18-TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We pray for a renewed Church. Almighty God give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power; and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your church in this nation at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' Name we pray. *Pray for the Episcopal Church; The Most Revd Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 19-ST LUKE HOLY TRINITY, CALEDON

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for the people of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Caledon and their commitment to you during this time of COVID-19. We give thanks to all who graciously supported those who were in need during lockdown. May they continue to be a pillar of strength for the weak, sick, lonely and poor. We commend into your loving care the people of the Chapelries of Holy Trinity, Holy Cross, St Michael and All Angels, St Andrew's, St Barnabas, St Thomas, St Mark's and St Paul's. Thank you for our Rector, Revd Patty Edwards, assistant priest Revd