

WEDNESDAY 28

Father, we thank you for our families. We ask that you bless them with your favour and provide for all of their needs. We ask you to protect them from harm and evil, surround them in the shadow of your wing; go before them and prepare the way for them. If any path is crooked, we ask you to make it straight. Protect them from the schemes of the enemy and keep them from deception. Bring your perfect peace to their hearts. In Jesus name we pray, Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Derby – The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 29-William Wilberforce, Philanthropist, 1833

We pray for the Church, that it may be a compassionate community, ready to stand alongside those who suffer the burden of debt. We pray for those who work in government, finance and the law, that they may work towards practical solutions for the problems caused by debt. We pray for those individuals who, because of their debts, feel they have nowhere to turn: that they may know your presence, guidance and peace. We pray for those countries affected by the enormous burden of international debt: for a just and lasting solution to the problems they face. We pray for ourselves, that through our choices, actions and words we may daily live out our faith, and bear witness to you, the source of all good things. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Pray for The Diocese of Derry & Raphoe – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 30-Mary and Martha of Bethany

International Day of Friendship recognized by the UN

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 The Diocese of Dhaka – The (united) Church of Bangladesh (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 31

Merciful Father, make us more thankful for all the boundless mercies of our daily life. Forgive us that we are so often ungrateful, complaining and discontented, taking for granted your greatest gifts: the blessings of health, the comforts of home and family life, the joys of friendship, and the beauty of the world around us. Teach us day by day to number our blessings and to receive each of them as from our Father's hand; and fill our lives with gratitude and our lips with praise. *Pray for The Diocese of San Diego – The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

The Archdeaconry of Mitchell's Plain to submit their prayers by 6 July.

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

JULY 2021

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Lord, I am determined to keep You at the centre of my life, so that You will always be my inspiration.

ARCHDEACONRY OF BLUE DOWNS

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-10 July

1-15	Bishop Margaret on Leave
4	Helderberg Layministers Training
10	AWF Executive Meeting
10	Guild: Servants of Sanctuary Committee B/Downs

THURSDAY 1

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments, and help them to become closer to You after each and every Eucharist that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. *Pray for The Diocese of Colombo – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury (The Church of Ceylon) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 2

ST MARY MAGDALENE, BELHAR

We pray for our parishioners, our country and the world, that we will overcome the Covid pandemic. We pray for those who are unemployed, for the young and vulnerable who continue to be drawn to the street corners, drug trade, crime and gangsterism. We intercede for those who are addicted to Tik and those suffering from other substance abuse. We remember our single-parents and grand-parent run homes and the ongoing sacrifices that the women make in the community of Belhar. We pray for our Parish Councillors and Wardens, the Rector, Revd. Simon Kortjass and his family as well as for Revd. Steven Vearey and his family. We also pray for Deacon, Revd. Stanton Robertson and his family. We thank God for the courage, support and commitment of the people in our Parish who continue to uplift our Parish in this difficult time. Continue to keep St. Mary Magdalene in your prayers as we will be celebrating our Patronal festival this month. *Pray for The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church (VI (6) Province) (Anglican C of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 3-ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

Christ Jesus, help us, like your apostle Thomas, to be honest enough to admit our doubts and not

to affect a faith we do not possess, and enable us, like him, to experience your living presence and power that our doubts may be dissolved and our trust in you grow daily. *Pray for The Diocese of Connecticut – The Episcopal Church (I (1) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 4-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, you have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favour and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honourable endeavour, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to your law we may show forth your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in you to fail. Amen. *Pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 5

SIBANYE

Lord, hear our prayers, because the Third Wave of Covid-19 in our Rainbow Nation is frightening and spreads faster. The number of people who have succumbed to the pandemic is increasing and our health facilities are being overwhelmed. We feel powerless and small; help us to gain our strength, revive the church in us. Help us to realize so confidently, to believe that you have the whole world in your hands. Protect frontline workers, keep their families safe and healthy, give them knowledge, wisdom protection and love. For the sick and infected, God, heal and help them to trust in your care. Lord, protect our elderly, the sick and underprivileged. Inspire and empower the church to help where it can and our government leaders to allocate the necessary resources to combat the pandemic. Help them realize that stealing and corrupt practices are like withdrawing life from society. Help those in the media to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic. Almighty God, help our teachers, lecturers, pupils, college and university students, whose study courses are often interrupted, whose placements are cancelled, and whose graduation is uncertain: God, show them that, while life is uncertain, their trust must always be in you. Help us and enable us to follow government regulations and strategies. Help those detained and trapped abroad due to the pandemic. Help the business communities to make decisions that will not affect the lives of their employees. Those in the funeral services, the clergy and church leaders who are faced with the challenges of social distance, help them to hold creative funeral services, to help them serve their congregations in love and dignity. May your Holy Spirit inspire the church to pray, give, love, serve and proclaim the gospel so that the name of Jesus Christ may be glorified. *Pray for The Diocese of Connor – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 6-Thomas More, Martyr, 1535

Heavenly Father, be with us in our search for peace, in ourselves and in the world you have made. Diminish pride and increase humility; weaken suspicion and nourish trust; deepen true love and understanding in every heart, and unite us all in the bonds of fellowship as members of one family. *Pray for The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross – The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 7

ST PETER'S KLEINVLEI

Dear God, we thank you for your unfailing faithfulness to our community of faith. We pray for our Rector, Canon Delmaine, our Deacon, Revd Alex, ordinand Jacki and their respective families, as well as for our leadership as they minister to your people in these challenging and uncertain times. Grant wisdom and guidance to our lay ministers and members of organisations as they serve the Parish and wider community. We pray for healing and comfort for all in our parish who are sick (house-

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 The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 23

Lord, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; open our ears that we may hear their cries, open our hearts so that they need not be without comfort. Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor be afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show us where love and faith and hope are needed, and use us to bring them to these places. *Pray for The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 24

We pray for our children as they grow up in our family circle. Give us understanding of their needs and show us how best we can help them as they face their problems and prepare for life in the world. Help us to establish a relationship of trust between them and ourselves and to make our homes a place where at all times they may find love and security. We remember all those young people who will be writing examinations at school, at college or at university and pray that their efforts will be justly rewarded and that they will achieve what is necessary to move forward along their chosen path. *Pray for The Diocese of Saint Davids – The Church in Wales (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 25-31 July

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| 25 | Confirmation: St Philip's, Gordon's Bay |
| 25 | Bernard Mizeki DEXCO St Peter Khayelitsha |
| 27 | Mountain Bay Cluster Meeting |
| 31 | AWF MARY AND MARTHA SERVICE Helderberg |

SUNDAY 25-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, we long for the time when your kingdom shall come on earth: when people and nations shall acknowledge your sovereignty, seek your glory, and serve your good and righteous will. Help us not only to pray but also to work for that new day; and enable us by your grace to promote the cause of justice and peace, truth and freedom, both in our own society and in the life of the world. *Pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 26-ST JAMES, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

We pray for the feast day of St James. We pray that we might all grow in our discipleship and our willingness to be disciples to others. Father, transform our lives, so that we may accomplish your purpose. Anoint us with your Spirit that we might bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the broken-hearted and proclaim the release of the captive. Give us a new urgency and a new commitment to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit those who live in isolation. Help us to reach out to those whom no one else will touch, to accept the unacceptable, and to embrace the enemy. Surround us with your love, fill us with your grace, and strengthen us for your service. *Pray for The Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church (III (3) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 27

We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations, peace and unity within the churches and harmony in our communities and our homes and peace and love in all our hearts. We pray for Archbishop Thabo; that he may find time to seek solitude and silent refreshment of the soul. We give thanks for all those who through the centuries have been called to serve in the ministry of the Church. *Pray for The Diocese of Delhi – The (united) Church of North India (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

This day help us to praise you, O God, for your goodness and loving kindness and all the blessings of this life. This day help us to trust you, in every circumstance of life, with hearts that are steadfast and strong. This day help us to serve you with love and faithfulness, with all our powers of body, mind and spirit. This day help us to glorify you, in all our thoughts and words and actions, from the beginning to the end. *Pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 18-24 July

18	Montagu/Ashton 150th Anniversary
18	Mandela Day
19-22	Mountain Bay Archdeaconry Retreat
23	M/Plain Archdeaconry Clergy/Spouse Social
23	Helderberg Archdeaconry Clergy Fellowship (family)

MONDAY 19

ST MARY ON THE BRAAK with ST JOSEPH, ST JAMES, STELLENBOSCH

We, the Parish of Stellenbosch, St. Mary's on the Braak, pray that while we are walking in the dark the light of Christ will shine and the darkness disappear. Dear Lord, we have had too many deaths but we also know that they are at peace with you as our God. Continue to be with all our families and friends, our fellow worshippers and those who are housebound. Please be with those in hospitals, isolation and quarantine. We trust you, Lord, that you are also walking with us and we will overcome this pandemic. Be with the clergy of the parish, Rector Canon Xola Mlandu, Rev. Prof. Henry Mbaya and Rev. Canon Dr. Desmond Lambrecht. Be with their families who give support to their ministries in the parish and beyond. Be with our Institution of Higher learning, Stellenbosch University as they too are adapting to the new normal. Be with all of the parishioners and people in Stellenbosch, including Jamestown and Vlotenberg outstations. We trust you as you continue to promise us that you will never leave us alone. *Pray for The Diocese of South Dakota-The Episcopal Church (VI (6) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 20

We give thanks for the wonder of the world in which we live: for the earth and all that springs from it and for the mystery of life and growth. We pray that our gratitude may be shown by our care to conserve the powers of the soil, by our readiness to learn from scientific research, and by our concern for a fair distribution of the earth's resources. *Pray for The Diocese of Dallas – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 21

We pray and give thanks to God for the present, for our families and friends who support us and surround us with their love, for our community which sustains us and keeps us rooted in Your love. Help us to be supportive to our friends, families and neighbours and sensitive to their needs. We would ask your blessing on all who are at turning points in their lives; those preparing for marriage; those who have lost their jobs and face uncertainty, and all facing illness or infirmity. Give them courage and hope. *Pray for The Diocese of Damaturu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 22-ST MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

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

bound or hospitalised), those who struggle with stress, anxiety, substance abuse, those caught in the snares of gangsterism, and those who are victims of any forms of crime, injustice and unfair treatment. We ask for your intervention as community members experience the frustrations of poor service delivery. Hear our petitions of healing for all who are infected or affected by the Corona pandemic, especially those who have lost loved ones, their sources of income, and all others struggling to cope with the side-effects of Covid. Bring to all an understanding of, and sense of responsibility to adhere to the protocols implemented and hear us as we seek your guidance in ensuring a smooth and speedy vaccination process. We pray for an end to the senseless, unnecessary murders of innocent people, especially women and children. *Pray for The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 8

We pray for our world, especially all places where peoples are at war with one another, where the hungry are not fed, where people suffer because of their colour and where the love of many has grown cold. Help us to recognise the dignity and worth of every human being and to work for justice and mercy among all peoples. *Pray for The Diocese of Coventry – The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 9

ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, SIMONDIUM ST SIMON, LANGUEDOC ST GILES KYLEMORE ST JOHN, LA MOTTE BOSBOU, WEMMERSHOEK, GROENDAL, GROOT DRAKENSTEIN

We hold before God the Parish of St George the Martyr and its four chapelries located in the rural Groot Drakenstein Valley. We pray for the parish as it serves parishioners who reside in the various communities in the Boland as well as in the neighbouring Diocese. The rural makeup of the parish brings with it many social challenges and we pray especially during these winter months for all those seasonal workers who need to survive the winter challenges. Pray for the people of the parish many of whom are dependent on employment on the farms and hospitality industry that has been severely impacted by the Pandemic. We pray for the Rector Wilfred Meyer and his family and we pray that the Rectors pastoral leadership and vision to the parish will encourage new growth and commitment and enthusiasm among all the communities and organisations in his care. We give thanks for the pastoral and clergy support in Revds Eunice Davids and Davene Vermeulen. We also thank God for the grant and the generosity that made it possible to have the clergy assistance. We give thanks for the privilege to be part of the formation of our two ordinands Rachele and Jacqui who also form part of the pastoral response in this parish with its many communities. We pray also for Ordinand Gerald Kestoor as he joins the parish for his placement in preparation for the ordained ministry. We pray for the parish wardens who have Executive responsibility for the parish including the chapelries. We give thanks for the chapelries of St Giles and St Johns who offer a visible pastoral presence and a reminder to the surrounding communities of the church's presence in those communities. We pray for the joint response with the local municipal clinic as it serves the community of Lanquedoc. We pray for the pastoral work on the farms and the leadership of the chapelry councils on the many farms in our pastoral care. Pray for the parish as it is technologically challenged due to the unavailability of Data and devices which makes it impossible to minister and connect with the parishioners during these challenging times. We give thanks for the recent confirmation where candidates from across the parish were confirmed by the Bishop during a glorious celebration where representatives from all the chapelries attended. We also give thanks for a successful drive-by fundraiser which allowed for the communities to work together. We pray for all the ongoing leadership enrichment programmes in the parish and we give thanks for the recent liturgy workshop which will be followed up with a lay minister's workshop and a servers guild workshop. Continue to pray for our parish as it tries to minister effectively during this pandemic and may we hold on to the unity amongst us so that we may grow the parish into a true caring worshipping community across all the chapelry boundaries. *Pray for The Diocese of Cuba – The Episcopal Church (II (2) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 10

Loving God, you speak to us and nourish us through the life of this church community. In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send Your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church. We pray especially in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, brother or deacon. May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Cueibet – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 11-17 July

13 Schools Open

17 AWF Branch Meetings

SUNDAY 11-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Special Day of Prayer: Mission to all Seafarers

We thank God for seafarers and all who leave their homes and communities to serve others; for the skills of seamanship and for modern aids to navigation; and for all engaged in the shipping industry. We pray for all seafarers in their daily work; for their safety as they face the dangers of their calling; and for their families during long periods of separation, loneliness and anxiety. We pray that the Spirit of God may guide all in positions of leadership in the shipping industry; for an awareness throughout the industry of the sanctity of human life; for those responsible for safety at sea; and for those involved in the training and welfare of seafarers. We pray for the work of the Church within the shipping industry through the Mission to Seafarers and the Apostleship of the Sea; for the reconciling ministry of all Christian societies ministering to seafarers of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. *Pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 12

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, BLACKHEATH

We continue to pray for our children and young people that they may find the parish a place where their faith is built up as a solid foundation on which their lives can be built; that they find the teaching of the church simple, bold and challenging in every possible way and for us as leaders to teach in ways that will help them understand that they are created in the image of God. We pray for both our Sunday school and our facilitators that they may remain steadfast in their calling to serve our children and for them to also come up with new, innovative and creative ideas of how to express their faith. Thank you for the many examples of people in the parish who serve as inspiration and encouragement to them. Our children are special and their lives are sacred in every way. Help us to aid our children who are poor, struggling and abused that they may find a new way of life that offers hope and restoration. *Pray for The Diocese of Cuernavaca – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 13-Silas

Heavenly Father, as you have taught us to pray for our daily bread and to recognise our dependence on your bounty, so we ask your blessing on the sowing of the seed and the labours of those who work on the land, that the earth may yield its full harvest and the needs of all may be supplied. *Pray for The Diocese of Cuttack – The (united) Church of North India (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 14

ST MATTHEW WITH DELFT SOUTH, DELFT

We pray for the unity of the church of St Matthews Delft, Delft-South and our Malawian congregation. Together with Reverend Gail Manoek, Reverend Monica, churchwardens, chapelry churchwardens, the Parish Council our church secretary who is recovering from an operation and all our organisations, as we journey together in this time of the Covid19 Third Wave.

We continue to pray for the successful vaccination roll-out. We pray for strength to take care and stay safe. We continue to pray for God's mighty healing power of our mind, body and soul especially for all those affected and infected and all other adversities, especially our aged at this time. Lead us and guide us Lord as we adjust to doing church differently. We pray for all our young people, especially our confirmands who will be confirmed later this year. We continue to pray for our police force in Delft as they try to cope with the crime and murder that is consuming the community. Grant to the whole church your peace and love as we strive to be that beacon of hope in the community where unemployment, drugs, alcohol other substance abuse and gender-based violence is on the upsurge. *Pray for The Diocese of Cyanguu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 15

Almighty God, we commend this nation to your merciful care that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of South Africa and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 16

ST GEORGE'S, ST MONICA'S, ST MARK'S, KUILS RIVER

As parish community we call out praises to God, for God's generous and absorbing presence. We thank God for enabling us to cooperate prayerfully with the COVID protocols, and that we are given strength to wade through this rough storm. We pray for calmness within. We give thanks for vaccine roll-outs and hold before God all our members and the communities that make up Kuils River. We thank God for the generous spirit in the members, as they faithfully and perseveringly share from their bounty to enable the poorest of the poor to have meals. We ask for blessings on every home and family, school and shop and the staff. There is much hidden about the life of all people – for addicts, victims of violence, those in gangs, the lonely and sad, the desperate and even suicidal, the unemployed, elderly. We ask God's wisdom for our commitment to doing ministry differently – weekly audio Daily Devotions, the Podcast with Lindsay Schutters, the live-streaming team, the media team, the Compliancy team, and all who serve at worship. We pray for inspiration in the planning and presentation of the liturgy. We thank God for Revd Porter's ministry now in Tafelsig, and for Revds. Ningi and Villet who joined the staff. We are blessed, humbled and refreshed by the ministries of Revds. Kakora, Abrahams and Canon John. We pray for the clergy families. We celebrate our part in the Launch of the Diocesan Workbook for Theological Education and Ministerial Formation, and pray that many will benefit from this resource. We are indebted to the committed staff. We thank God the ministry of Derek Lamb, now in retirement. We pray for all our ministries and ministers for Children and Youth, Teaching of the Faith, Worship and Pastoral Care, Women's and Men's organisations, Social Outreach and Prayer and Evangelistic groups. Please pray for our Area groups and for our Incumbent Rodney Whiteman. *Pray for The Diocese of Daejeon – The Anglican Church of Korea (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 17

God our Father, we commend to your compassion all children in need and especially those within our Diocese: those whose bodies are handicapped by injury or illness; those whose minds are affected; and those whose lives are wounded by broken marriages and unhappy homes. Enable all who care for them to minister with tenderness and understanding, and give them the assurance of your unfailing love. *Pray for The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church (VI (6) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 18-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST