

Special Day of Prayer-Anglican Communion Sunday

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of the world-wide Anglican Communion of churches: for the experience of belonging to all the ages, for the gift of thoughtful prayer that you have taught us, and for the task of reverent study to which you call us. We thank you for the love of worship you have stirred up in our hearts, and for the love of justice you have implanted in our wills. Remind us that you are with us in times of trouble as in times of joy; nurture in us thankful hearts when we stand together, and send your holy wisdom into our disagreements. In dispute, may we be gentle and loving; in unity, may we be humble; in poverty, nourish us with hope; in wealth, help us become responsible and generous. In flame us with prophetic vision so that our fellowship may bear the likeness of the incoming kingdom proclaimed for all by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Rowan Williams, revised by Titus Presler. *Pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers, recognized by the UN

O God of peace, we pray for the more than 100,000 UN Peacekeepers deployed around the world, rebuilding societies wracked by violence; ensuring peaceful and fair elections; maintaining calm in some of the tensest situations on earth; convincing armed groups to lay down their weapons; removing hundreds of thousands of mines from war zones, and restoring the lives of thousands of children forced to become soldiers during war. Grant them wisdom, courage, and compassion. Keep them safe so that our world may be safer. O God of hope, deepen the determination and hope of these peacekeepers as they rebuild roads and bridges, hospitals and schools, and entire societies, rebuilding hope and trust that peace can emerge, endure and thrive around the world. Deepen our own determination and hope to rebuild broken relationships, improve the organisations and communities in which we participate, and work for public policies that promote peace and justice in our communities, nation, and the world. *Taken from "Praying for Peace Around the Globe," by James McGinnis.* to honour the memory of the UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives in the cause of peace; and to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in UN peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication and courage. *Pray for The Diocese of Western Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 30

God and Father of all, graciously bless this our nation, our diocese and our parish and send out your light and your truth to lead us in the paths of justice and peace. Give wisdom to those who exercise authority in the government of our land; remove all causes of conflict and friction among us; unite us in the service of your kingdom; and make us a God-fearing people, regarding your laws and living together in brotherly love and concord. *Pray for The Diocese of Tarime – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 31-THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and Ember Day

Let us pray for the Church of Christ throughout the world: for areas where Christians are persecuted for their faith; for small churches struggling to hold together as a worshipping community. We pray that all congregations who meet in Your Name, be they large or small, may be fulfilled in their mission to reach out, to bring the love of Christ to their community, and to encourage people to follow Him. In this church, we give thanks for all people who quietly serve, maybe on cleaning or flower duties, in maintaining the buildings and gardens, each using their own talents in your service. Encourage each one of us to find ways to serve you better in this place from day to day as an act of dedication. *Pray for The Diocese of Tasmania – The Anglican Church of Australia (Tasmania Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

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

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

MAY 2023

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

By the prayers of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to pray.
By the gifts of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to give.
By the toils of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to work.
By the love of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to love.

ARCHDEACONRY OF BLUE DOWNS

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-6 May

- 1 WORKERS DAY
- 3 Guild: Bernard Mizeki Council Meeting Mfuleni
- 5-6 Blue Downs People's Conference All Saints Belhar
- 6 Confirmation: Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay Combined Confirmation
- 6 Fellowship of Vocation
- 6 Mothers' Union Diocesan Concert
- 6 Diocesan Clergy Spouse Quiet Day

MONDAY 1-ST JOSEPH

Special Day of Prayer-Workers Day

Creating God, You made the heavens and the earth and your work was good and we praise you. May we continue your good work through our own labour. We pray on this Workers Day for all those who work. Whether in the school, the factory, the mines, the armed services, the business office, government or on the farm may all workers carry themselves with honour, know the respect of their managers, be kept safe from harm, and be well paid for hard work so that they might provide for their family and loved ones. God help us not to pit workers of one nation against those of another nation; rather help us to create work in concert so that workers of all nations might mutually prosper with decent wages for decent work. Today we also pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed; may they not become discouraged; may they continue to find ways to learn and grow in their time out of work. Help us as a nation to continue to provide for those who are suffering from unemployment so that they do not lose hearth and home. May those out of work experience tangible evidence of our support and may meaningful work come quickly. May all the labours of our lives benefit your creation so that we might be co-creators of your world filled with peace and enough for all. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Sokoto – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 2-Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and Teacher of the faith, 373

We pray for the importance of the written word. Today may there be peace in the classrooms, brought on by the creation and manipulation of the written word. Today may there be time to put learning on paper and to see in words what is being processed in the brain. Today may students see that writing is essential

in math, in science, in English, and in fine arts. Today may students be moved by an obsession with something to say, by new ideas, and by infinite possibilities in front of them. *Pray for The Diocese of Central Solomons – The Anglican Church of Melanesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 3-ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES
ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, KUILSRIVER WITH THE CHAPELRIES OF ST MARK
AND ST MONICA.**

We give God thanks for our clergy staff; the incumbent The Venerable Rodney Whiteman, The Revd Gail Manoek SS, The Revd Leticia Villet SS, The Revd Jacqueline Goshai SS, and their families who support them in their ministry. We pray for the newly elected Church and Chapelry Wardens and Councillors. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide them in all the deliberations in the life of the Parish. We pray for and give thanks for the support staff, administrative and domestic, and for their families. We thank God for the faithfulness and commitment in stewardship, worship, witness and service. We pray for guidance in the process of restructuring the life of the parish in vision, projects, ministries, and organisations. We give thanks for the launch of our senior Youth ministry and the continuation of the Junior Youth. We give thanks for the ministries to our Children in Sunday School, the Confirmants and those who guide them in the faith. We give thanks to God for the completion to bring the Chapelries to Parochial District status. We pray for the process towards the Bishop making this declaration in June. We pray for them as they begin to live their independence. We pray for the process of discernment of Bishop and Chapter to make a clerical appointment. Our wider community is challenged with social problems such as poverty, gangsterism, drug abuse, unemployment and those who are not employable because of lack of basic education and skills. We pray for God's blessings on all faith-based communities and their positive missional impact. God bless our school communities and places of employment, together with all involved in safety and security. *Pray for The Diocese of Soroti – The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 4-Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make us more deeply aware of our heritage; realizing not only our rights but also our duties and responsibilities as citizens. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that we may fulfil the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. *Pray for The Diocese of Southwark – The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 5

ST MATTHEW, DELFT WITH THE CONGREGATION OF DELFT SOUTH

We give thanks for the ministry of The Revd Laurencious Rhoda SS and for his family who support him. We pray for the newly elected Wardens and Chapelry Wardens as well as the Parish Councilors and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them in all the deliberations of the life of the Parish. We pray for and give thanks for the support staff and their families for the sacrifice of their time. Prayers of thanksgiving for all organizational leaders and their contributions, especially during Lent, Holy week, and Easter. Prayers are offered for all marriages and for an end to gang warfare and vandalism that are destroying our communities. We pray for guidance as we embark on projects to rebuild the worship centre in Delft South. *Pray for The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham – The Church of England (York Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY6- ST JOHN, APOSTLE

Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people. Creator, open our hearts to provide for and protect all children of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to respect the earth, and all the gifts of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all. Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day. Pray for all to be confirmed today in the combined Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay – *Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for Come The Church in the Province of the West Indies (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 22

Father we pray for those who are sick, especially those whose illness is long term and demands much patience to bear. We remember before you those who are lonely and depressed and pray that we may be good listeners when friends and neighbours need us. Give us the right words to comfort and help us to know what simple acts of kindness may help someone else. We ask you to strengthen with your presence those who suffer in body, mind or spirit and give them courage and hope in their troubles. We think of those we know who are in special need of our prayers at this time and in a moment of silence we now name them in our hearts. Lord in your mercy.. *Pray for The Diocese of Taita-Taveta – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 23

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God, you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your image. Create in us a desire for solidarity so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen- *Pray for The Diocese of Taiwan – The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) Province) (A Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 24-John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 18th century

We pray for those who are frightened about finances, the possibility of losing their jobs and homes, and who are suffering from stress. We pray for those who are struggling to maintain relationships due to the weight of financial worries. Bring peace and understanding into their hearts, that they may support one another. *Pray for The Diocese of Tamale – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 25-The Venerable Bede, Teacher of the Faith, 735

Special Day of Prayer: Africa Day

O Lord, Creator of the entire world, O Loving God, this prayer is for Africa. Bless the plains, rivers, trees and all the African lands. Bless the birds, fish and animals that bring beauty and abundance to Africa. Bless O Lord, your children in Africa; dry their tears, bring hope into their hearts, health and safety to their lives, food and water for their nourishment. Bring peace to their countries and still the guns of war. Bless us, O Lord, and heal your continent of Africa. Renew the land, renew the spirit of all those who are wounded in any way. May justice roll down like water on the parched ground of your beloved Africa. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Tanga – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (*

FRIDAY 26-Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury and Missionary, 605

O God, the Father of the helpless, we pray for handicapped people and all who suffer from any kind of disability. Give them courage to face each day and the comfort of the knowledge that you love and care for them. Give sympathy, patience and gentleness to those who minister to their needs, and to those dear to them who share the strain of their illness; and make known your healing love and power. *Pray for The Diocese of Central Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (A Cycle of P)*

SATURDAY 27

Merciful God, look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the controversial teachings of arrogance, divisions and hatreds which have badly infected our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; reunite us in bonds of love and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth that, in your good time, all nations and races may jointly serve you in justice, peace and harmony. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of South West Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 28-THE DAY OF PENTECOST

We thank God for the success of all the fundraising events during these critical economic times. Enrich us with a greater sense of commitment and grace us with a community spirit as we continue to grow the parish and may the protection of our God be upon us. *Pray for The Diocese of Sydney – The Anglican Church of Australia (New South Wales Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 18-ASCENSION DAY

We pray for the future, certain in the knowledge that you will continue to guide us and guard us throughout all things. Support us through times of ill health or doubt or trouble. and fulfil your promise to be with us to the end of the age. We remember the troubled nations of the world, praying for an end to warfare and for negotiations for peace throughout the world. *Pray for The Diocese of Tabora – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 19-Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988 ST. MARY'S, STELLENBOSCH.

We pray for the Parish as it continues to struggle in the aftermath of COVID. We pray for the parishioners with their efforts in making sure that the church continues to be a place of "comfort to the disturbed and disturb the comfortable", We pray for the clergy of the Parish on their efforts to be the centers of hope and faith in a difficult environment of testing and searching for God. We remember with love those families who lost their loved ones. May God be with them and unite the church with love, joy and peace that is beyond our understanding. *Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Maori Tikanga) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 20

God our Father, we see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: help us to show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Maori Tikanga) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 21-30 May

- 21 Admission of PCC: Gordon's Bay
- 21 Mountain Bay Archdeaconry Family Day
- 21 Helderberg Archdeaconry Pulpit Exchange
- 21 CLGB Thanksgiving Serv. All Saints Bredasdorp
- 21 Church Men's Society Gospel Afternoon Delft
- 23 Overberg Archdeaconry Chapter Hawston
- 24 Helderberg Combined Lic/Layministers G/Bay
- 25 DIOCESAN CHAPTER
- 26-28 CMS Triennial/Provincial Port Elizabeth
- 27 Overberg Archdeaconry Council Bot River
- 27 SocDev Life Skills Workshop/GBV
- 27 Girls Bafana Friendly Society Pageant Stellenbosch
- 27 AWF Veteran Award Celebration Grassy Park
- 28 PENTECOST
- 28 Overberg Archdeaconry Pentecost Service Elgin
- 29- 2 June Child Protection Week

SUNDAY 21-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We pray for all Christians in the Middle East and our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, who are still suffering from an absence of peace, the threats of terror and the pressures of occupation and regional instability. We pray for countries in Africa, where drought, unstable governments and insurrection are making life fraught with anxiety and fear. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 7-13 May

- 7 Helderberg Training new layministers
- 7 CLGB Brigade Sunday Eerste River & Robertson
- 8-11 Clergy Formation Week
- 9 Blue Downs Archdeaconry Chapter BelharEast
- 13 Tutorial Day
- 13 Helderberg People's Conference Macassar
- 13 AWF Executive Meeting Rotterdam
- 13 Guild: Bernard Mizeki Exe Meeting Lwandle
- 13 Blue Downs Archdeaconry Council Kleinvlei

SUNDAY 7-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Lord and God Almighty, we praise you, for you created us all and made us into many different tribes and nations, that we may befriend one another and that we may not despise each other. Open our hearts, we pray, so that we may respond to the needs of all our brothers and sisters. Oh Lord Jesus, bless all our lands with more lasting peace and fraternal understanding. Above all, heavenly Father, touch the hearts of our political leaders and all those in power. We pray that they may exercise power gently, that they may humbly seek a dialogue that will bring about understanding, leading us all to a place where all nations and all people live together in peace and harmony. Where there is bitterness teach us forgiveness and reconciliation, replace hatred with love and indifference with care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for The Church in Wales (A Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 8- Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War, recognized by the UN

Loving Creator, you made all people in your image and likeness. Help us to realise that all men and women are people of great worth and dignity. Give us the strength and courage to work for justice and peace, so that all people may be able to live according to the dignity you gave them. We ask you this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Spokane – The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 9

We give thanks to God for those who work in the social services in our Diocese and our own community. Be with them in their efforts to mend broken lives and broken homes, to help alcoholics and drug addicts, to minister to people in trouble and despair; and give them in their work all needful patience, sympathy and understanding. *Pray for The Diocese of Springfield – The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 10 ALL SAINTS, BELHAR

We give thanks for our clergy staff; the incumbent The Revd Canon Gradwell Fredericks, The Revd Eugene de Beer SS, The Revd Alex Kannemeyer SS, Revd Marlotte and our placement ordinand Nondimiso Mlambo-Mbombo. Pray for their families who support them. We continue to pray for the newly elected Wardens and Parish Councillors. We give thanks for their willingness to serve in this capacity in the parish and God's vineyard. We pray for and give thanks for our support staff. We give thanks to the various ministries, especially our Outreach Support Team and our Soup Kitchen, who feed and sustain those in need even beyond the boundaries of the parish. We pray for our youth ministries and their lives of mission and purpose as they seek guidance and affirmation in and at times of a confused and misguided society. We continue to pray for the social evil of gangsterism in our community and give thanks to our various neighbourhood watches who try to keep our community safe. *Pray for The Diocese of Port Sudan – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*

THURSDAY 11

Lord God, you have taught us that we are members one of another and that none of us lives alone:

we thank you for the community of which we are a part; for those who share in its activities, and for all who share its varied interests. Help us, as we have opportunity, to make our own contributions to the community and to learn to be good neighbours, that by love we may serve one another. *Pray for The Diocese of Sul-Occidental (South Western) – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (1 Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 12-Simon of Cyrene
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY, BLACKHEATH**

We give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Oswald Swartz who served as the Interim Pastoral Presence assisting with the healing process of the parish community. We are grateful to his family for supporting him in this period. We pray for the newly elected Wardens and Parish Councillors; that the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit guide and prosper them in being true servant leaders of God's Church and people. We pray for and give thanks for the support staff who assist in the efficient running of the church in matters of administration and general plant upkeep. We give thanks to God for the slow but sure increase in numbers at Masses. We are particularly thankful for the few but faithful ministries in the church spanning the music department, servers guild, Sunday school, layministry, liturgical dancers, the various soup kitchens, AWF, sidespersons, FRIENDS, Bible and Confirmation classes and for all who work tirelessly and generously in ensuring that parish life flourishes as best possible. We pray that many may enter into a deeper sense of who they are in Christ and listen to God's call to serve God in the ordained ministry and religious life. We commend to God the continued plague of gangsterism, drugs, gender-based violence and unemployment shackling the community of Blackheath, praying that a sustainable solution be sought to see the eradication of these and so many other social ills from the landscape of our community and society at large. We pray that a priest be identified soon to serve as the 6th Rector of Blackheath to grow the witness of this parish and lead it into its 50th anniversary year in 2025. *Pray for The Diocese of Sunyani – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province) (A Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 13-Elizabeth Paul

Dear Lord, source of all life and the Creator of the universe. In your great love for all you have created, you guide our world by the unfathomable mystery of your Providence. You never cease to provide for your people, giving us rain in due season, helping the land produce abundant food and the trees of the fields their fruit. In this time of need we humbly turn to you and, like the prophet Elijah, we pray that you will water the earth with rains from above. Summon the clouds from the ends of the earth, O Lord, so that the rain may soften our land with showers and bless its growth. Hear our prayer, O Lord, for we know that abundance always flows in your pathways. We make this prayer through Christ, the Living Water and well-spring of eternal life. Amen. (Fr Martin Pender, Jan 2017) *Pray for The Diocese of Sur – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile (A Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 14-20 May

- | 14 Confirmation: Sibanye: St John/All Saints
- | 14 Guild: St MMagdalene Executive St Peter Khayelitsha
- | 14 MOTHERS DAY
- | 18 ASCENSION DAY
- | 18-20 Synod of Bishops Annual Planning
- | 19-21 Ordinands Weekend Retreat
- | 20 AWF Branch Meetings
- | 20 Guild: St MMagdalene AGM St Matthew Mfuleni
- | 20 Mountain Bay Archdeacon+Churchwardens Meeting
- | 20 Post Ordination Training
- | 20 SocDev Board Meeting

SUNDAY 14-SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In this Parish of(N).....We pray for a growing unity with Christians of other denominations; for the church officers and members of the church council in their responsibility as leaders; for the teaching ministry of this church that we may be well equipped and instructed in the truths of our

faith; for those who have the care of children and young people; for those who share in the ministry of care, council and comfort and those to whom they minister; for our civic leaders and those who maintain the health and safety of our community; for ourselves as church members, that we may have grace to proclaim through our lives the joy of Christ's victory. Pray for all to be confirmed today in Sibanye: St John/All Saints. *Pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 15-ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE-International Day of Families recognized by the UN. 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 and 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 Swansea & Brecon – The Church in Wales (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 16

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. *Pray for The Diocese of Swaziland – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (A Cycle of P)*

WEDNESDAY 17

THE PARISH OF ST GEORGE GROOT DRAKENSTEIN

We hold before God, our parish with its many challenging pastoral areas. We pray for our pastoral presence, mission and witness in the Chapelries of St Giles, Lanquedoc; St Johns, Kylemore; St Simons, Simonduim/Paarl, Pastoral areas of La Motte and Wemmershoek and all the neighbouring communities that fall under the umbrella of the St George the Martyr. We Pray for St Giles and its ministry alongside the Municipal Clinic which operates in the church hall, the outreach organisations that work with the aged and the sick and those who are addicted to drugs and alcohol. We pray for the Lanquedoc community with its rising informal communities and the tension that exists between the original and incoming communities. We pray for The Chapelry of St Simons where 75 % of the community live within the boundaries of other parishes and dioceses. We pray for the chapel leaders as it gives leadership in the fight for better living conditions and housing on the farms. We pray for the parish as it continues to be a beacon of hope among the farming communities that form part of the makeup of this diverse parish with its high percentage of seasonal employment, together with the high unemployment rate and economically challenging conditions facing our members on a daily basis. We pray for a spirit of unity and co-operation and compassion amidst the diversity. We give God thanks for our Rector Fr Wilfred Meyer and for the rectory family, Debbie, Cleo and Jordan. We give thanks for the support and assistance of Revds Davene and Eunice and their families. We give thanks for the new Chapelry Leadership elected after a long process of Chapelry Vestries. We pray and give thanks for the new Parish Wardens who, together with the rector, constitute the executive leadership in this complex parish. We give thanks for the interventional involvement of our rector with regard the challenges on some of the farms. We pray for the continuous social and developmental support the Solms Delta learners receive from the rectory family. We pray especially for those learners who have now been accepted to study at tertiary institutions and those who are still awaiting outcomes. We pray for all the parish ministries and organisations and their activities and future growth. We pray for all our fundraising efforts that supported the parish income. We pray that the ministry of the parish will encourage new members to avail themselves for the Readers Guild, Lay ministers, Sacristans, liturgical Dancers, Servers guild and Mothers Union. We give thanks for the Stewardship across the parish and the dedicated giving amidst the challenging times. We also give thanks for all those parishes and some of their organisations who came alongside our parish and our ministry. We give thanks for all the donations and the outreach that enriched and blessed this parish.