

## The Year of the – WORD

Get wisdom, get understanding;  
do not forget my words or turn away from them.  
*Proverbs 4:5 | NIV*

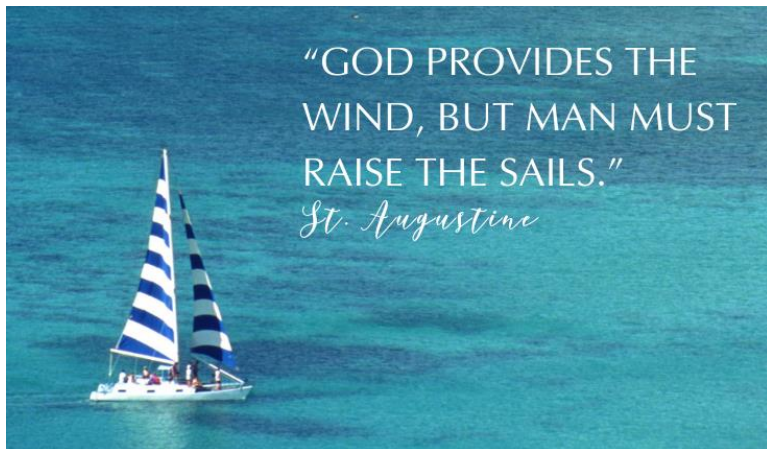
### **BIBLE CHALLENGE**

*(Answers will be in next week's leaflet)*

1. Who was taken out of Sodom before it was destroyed?
2. What was the name of the demon Jesus removed from the man and put into the pigs?
3. What has God promised to give liberally if we ask Him?
4. Where did Lot and his two daughters go after escaping from Sodom and Gomorrah?
5. How many books are in the Bible?
6. Jesus was a descendant of which tribe of Israel?

### **Previous week's Challenge answers**

1. Abraham *(Genesis 18:23-33)*
2. Simon *(Acts 9:43)*
3. Clothe them *(Matthew 25:36-46)*
4. On His left side *(Matthew 25:31-33)*
5. Seven *(Revelation 1:4)*
6. Matthew *(Matthew 9:9)*



'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12)

We are a church in Umhlanga that connects people to God,  
to others and to the needs of the world.  
We're glad you're here.

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## **12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Proverbs	1:20-33	First Reading
Psalms	19	APB pg 625
James	3:1-12	Second Reading
Mark	8:27-38	Gospel
Canticle	11 Christ the Firstborn	APB pg 351

**COLLECT:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Messiah: empower all who confess you as Lord to follow in the way of the cross and find in it the way of life and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A PRAYER FOR OUR CONTINENT:** God, bless our Country and Africa, protect her children, direct her leaders and give her peace with justice; for Jesus Christ's sake, *Amen*

**We are called to "know Jesus and make Him known"**

**GOD'S PROMISE:** He made you. He loves you. And He is always with you.



### **FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYERS**

O God, my Father, silence everything in me that would keep me from hearing what you have to say. Control my mind, that all my thoughts may be concentrated on you. Help me find here a light to shine upon my path and strength to walk in it through Jesus Christ my Lord.

### **THE SICK (JAMES 5:13-16)**

**For our Parishioners:** Anand Rapiti, Stan Bromley, Mike Sturgess, Don Attwood, Laurelle Barnett, Maeve Pearce, Eddie Litchfield, Barbara Crossley, John Moorhouse, Brenda Thorpe, Murt Murdoch, Marcus Smidt

**For family and friends:** Courtney Hunt, Theo Prinsloo, Jessica Wilson, Caleb Camp, Natasha Heffer, Belinda Irmscher, Ann Chamberlin, Peter Erlank, Esme Green, Diane Venter, Lynton Lloyd, Nicola Jessop, Lesley Witherspoon, Xochitl Ayala, Sandra Brown

**Rest in Peace Margaret Ivins 1<sup>st</sup> September** Margaret Ivins was a loyal and faithful member of the Parish and Choir. God in His love and mercy has received into His eternal rest her Soul. We give thanks to God for her faithfulness to her church and pray His comfort on her family in their grief. May light perpetual shine upon her, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **For Your Prayers & Reading of Scripture this week**

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioners Birthday Anniversary Mark	Dawie & Gill van de Merwe Alexander Kerr, Peter Lehman Trevor & Avril Hobbs 8:27-38
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioners Birthday John	William, Lindsey, Bronwen & Owen van der Berg Jordan Close 10:11-16
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday John	Lynda van der Linde Steve Capsopoulos, Erin Wright 3:13-17
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Luke	Angela van der Riet 7:31-35
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Anniversary Years Mind Luke	Rose van der Vyver Troy Oakley Anton & Wendy Fouche Jean Ferreira, Jean Keightley 7:36-50
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Luke	Thelma van Niekerk 8:1-3
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Luke	Eileen van Reenan 8:4-15

Pray for the Parish of St Cyprian, Durban, and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of St Columba, Greenwood Park and their Rector, Rev Lloyd Smith



## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Strict Covid protocols apply

**WEDNESDAYS**

**9am**

**SUNDAYS**

**7am & 8.30am**

### **ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES**

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ST. MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN PARISH UMHLANGA ROCKS

MONDAY	<b>6pm</b>	Issues of Faith Bible Study via Zoom
TUESDAY	<b>9am</b> <b>6pm</b>	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
WEDNESDAY	<b>9am</b>	Holy Eucharist
THURSDAY	<b>8.30am</b>	Morning Prayer
SUNDAY	<b>8.30am</b>	Holy Eucharist
MONDAY TO THURSDAY	<b>12noon</b>	Daily Prayer

9th Sept '21

### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### **A Series on - WOMEN IN THE BIBLE**

#### **"The Samaritan Woman at the Well"**

Monday evenings 6pm - 7pm

Join Fr Martin on Zoom

Send him a SMS (083 707 1344) requesting the study material.

Pass code: 746177

Meeting ID: 816 8996 1571



## NOTICES

### **Patronal Festival Braai & 123 Club Draw on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at noon**

Please diarize this date and join us for fellowship. You do not have to belong to the 123 Club. Please bring your own meat, salad and drinks.

**Flowers in the Church** We welcome families to bring flowers or a bouquet for the Church Services or to make a donation to the Flower Fund.

**Holy Communion Wine** We will be offering the blessed wine for those who would like it. We have consulted with a Doctor in the Parish to ensure we keep Covid precautions. The Lay Ministers will sanitize their hands, carry and tilt the Chalice so you can dip the wafer in the wine. Please ensure that you do not touch the chalice/wine with your fingers.

**Sunday & Wednesday Church Services** Folk can also now attend the Sunday Morning Services at 7am and 8.30am and also the Wednesday Service at 9am.

Please can we appeal to everyone to arrive at least 15mins before the Services as there are Covid protocols to complete and the Services will commence promptly. Please remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands, keep a social distance of 1.5m, no gathering outside the Church.

**Bank Details** Below are our banking details should you wish to make a transfer to our bank account:

**St Michaels Church, ABSA 4068992982, Umhlanga Ridge, 632005**

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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CHURCH SERVICES IN PERSON**

**THE JOURNEY 2021  
HOME PILGRIMAGE**

**BIBLE STUDY  
WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

**WOMAN AT THE WELL**



**MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER @ 6PM VIA ZOOM**

**ST MICHAELS CHURCH  
UMHLANGA ROCKS**

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
BRAAI**

**SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER**



## So, what's happening at St Michael's?

What with successive Covid lockdowns one might be forgiven for thinking that very little is happening at St Michael's.

Nothing is further from the truth; indeed, many of our activities have returned after the relaxation to level 3 and some have continued unabated even in the harshest level of lockdown.

As you know **Church services** have resumed, with the necessary protocols in place. Our **social initiatives such as 123 Club** will probably start again soon, but with some restriction; more about this soon. Whilst many of us have been vaccinated the threat of Covid infection remains and we need to take care.

Our core '**giving**' initiatives have continued unabated with many parishioners participating in cash or kind. These include:

- **Food hamper project** which involves a contribution of R350 per month and which feeds a family of 4 for a fortnight
- **Goody bag Christmas initiative** of toiletries, clothing and goodies for the children of Milimani in Zululand. So far 80 bags have been filled with a further 70 to come.
- Our **Capital Reserve account** currently stands at R85700 with a target of R350000, aimed at restoring our Reserve funds which were badly depleted during the severe Covid lockdown.
- Last but not least, the '**Random acts of Kindness**' initiative which involves doing something unexpected for a stranger (or even a friend or family member). Whilst this will often involve financial help, equally important would be a prayer, kind word or even a friendly greeting.

It is our prayer that all of our parishioners participate in all of these projects in some way.

God bless all of you.  
The Churchwardens

## UNSHAKABLE, INCOMPREHENSIBLE PEACE

"Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" *John 20:26*

In almost every sphere of life the kinds of things that occur these days are of such a nature that people have become unsure and worried about the present, but above all about the future. For this reason they search in all sincerity for that serenity, peace and inner calm that keep on eluding them.

Some resort to man-made aids to allay their fears and concerns. Others find temporary escape in activities that leave them with little energy for worrying about the state of the world. Some even try to ignore reality. These efforts may bring fleeting relief, but they will never provide a permanent solution.

The only infallible way to insure that you enjoy stability in your life, and experience true tranquillity and peace of mind is to invite the living Christ into your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to be your life's Guide as he takes up residence in you and leads you along the paths of the Lord.

The message of "Peace be with you!" will become a reality when Christ is an integral part of your life; when he occupies the central position in all your decisions, and you try sincerely to follow his example.

*Oh Lord my God, though the storms rage around me,  
I know that your eternal arms are ever about me;  
therefore your peace is with me.*

**Lord, give peace to our restless hearts.**

**Calm the storm in me ...**

**The world cannot give us peace – this we know only too well.  
Let us then experience the reality of your assurance that there is  
nothing than can deprive us of your peace.**

Soren Kierkegaard



## COVID-19 PRAYER

KEEP US, GOOD LORD UNDER THE SHADOW OF  
YOUR MERCY IN THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY & DISTRESS.  
SUSTAIN AND SUPPORT THE ANXIOUS AND FEARFUL,  
AND LIFT UP ALL WHO ARE BROUGHT LOW;  
THAT WE MAY REJOICE IN YOUR COMFORT KNOWING THAT  
NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM YOUR LOVE.  
IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.  
AMEN.

## CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC



## COVID BASKET SUNDAY

**R350**

per food parcel

**PLEASE DONATE**  
TO NEEDY FAMILIES IN THE  
ANGLICAN ARCH DEACONRY

Bank Details: St Michael's Church,  
ABSA Acc 4068992982,  
Branch Code 632005 Ref: Basket Sunday



## We invite you to join our Gifting Initiative.

**More bags have arrived, please come and collect from the parish office.**

We have boy & girl goodie bags for children aged 4 - 6.

Vodacom has donated the bags for the Milimani Educational Trust's Christmas Gifting ceremony. The bags are 70cm x 30cm – with a blue ribbon for boys and red for girls.

Please put your name on a register and take a bag to fill with the following items each month – or as you wish.

The deadline for the completed gift is the end of **September 2021**.

Toothbrush,  
Toothpaste,  
Soap,  
Facecloth; and  
an item of clothing: girl/boy - 4/5/6  
years old;  
and Toy (for same age e.g. a ball or  
small car for boys, and small doll or soft toy for girls)

Please mark on the bags which age group you have catered for, and feel free to write a little note to your lucky child.

We have been so overwhelmed by the positive response to the Milimani Christmas bags.

Thank you for bringing so much joy to the kids of Milimani.

