

## The Year of the – WORD

In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?

*Psalm 56:4 | NIV*

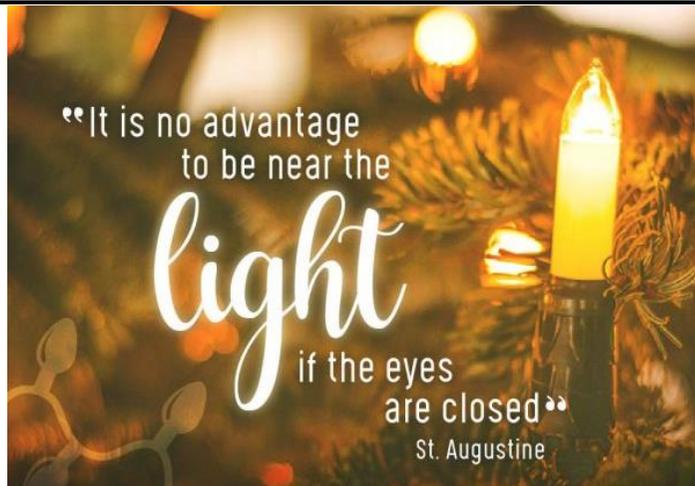
### **BIBLE CHALLENGE**

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

1. What man had sons which became the leaders of twelve tribes?
2. Who thanked God in prayer that he was not a sinner like other men?
3. What does the Lord prepare in the presence of our enemies?
4. Where was Zacharias when an angel spoke to him concerning the birth of John the Baptist?
5. How many books of the Bible are in the Law?
6. Who is known as the mother of nations?

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

1. Sarai *(Genesis 17:15)*
2. Simon the sorcerer *(Acts 8:9)*
3. Yeast *(Exodus 12:15)*
4. The valley of the shadow of death *(Psalm 23:4)*
5. Seven *(1 Samuel 16:10)*
6. Esther, Jezebel, Athaliah *(Ester2:22, 1 Kings 16:31, 2 Kings 11:1-3)*



'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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## 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Job	38:1-7	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
Psalm	104:1-10,35-36	APB pg 733
Hebrews	5:1-10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mark	10:35-45	Gospel
Canticle	6	APB pg 346

### **HYMNS**

Processional	MP528
Gradual	MP109
Offertory	MP600
Communion	MP746, MP207
Recessional	MP201

**COLLECT:** Lord Jesus Christ, you came among us as the servant of all: overturn our wrongful pride and make us eager to serve our brothers and sisters with loving self-sacrifice; 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, Murt Murdoch, Marcus Smidt, Brenda Thorpe, Fiona Finlayson

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

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

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Years Mind Mark	Suzanne Armstrong Lionel Hobbs 10:35-45
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioners Years Mind Luke	Donald & Wendy Attwood Maureen Whyte 10:1-9
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Years Mind Luke	Faye Bailey Trevor Hobbs Jack Wilson 12:35-38
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioners Birthday  Anniversary Years Mind Luke	Richard, Celine, Clayton & Broderick Baker Wendy Attwood, Queen Dlamini, Matt Mottram, Colin Munro, Chris Saunders Rowan & Anna Hayes, Mike & Di Sturgess Doug Aitken 12:39-48
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Anniversary Years Mind  Luke	Robert Barbour Graham Alston Graham & Joy Alston Margaret Davies, Anne King, Beryl Murray, Beryl Spencer, Dorothy Spencer 12:49-53
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parishioners Birthday Anniversary Years Mind Luke	Nicholas & Nicole Barlow Kutloano Bokaba Harry & Margaret Hawthorne Zena Beakbane, Ada Edwards 12:54-59
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parishioners Birthday Anniversary Mark	Keith & Laurelle Barnett Smangele Ngwenya Sean & Laura Brimacombe 3:31-35

Pray for the Parish of St Martin, Edendale, and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of St Saviours / Kwa Msindisi and their Rector, Rev Mduduzi Ninela



# CHURCH SERVICES

Strict Covid protocols apply

**WEDNESDAYS**

**9am**

**SUNDAYS**

**7am & 8.30am**

## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

facebook **LIVE** HOME PILGRIMAGE  
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**

### **"Mary Magdalene"**

Monday evenings 6pm - 7pm

Join Fr Martin on Zoom

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

Meeting ID and Pass code:

## NOTICES

**Live streaming upgrade** Our grateful thanks for 2 cellphones and donations for our livestreaming upgrade. We need 2 more cellphones, if you have spare cell phones which you can donate to the church, or would like to donate an amount, it doesn't matter how much people give, we would be very grateful.

**Thank you** to Joy Alston and Wendy Heffer for very kindly sewing book covers for our Anglican Prayer Books!

**Share with us** ...Parishioners are invited to share anything that they have found helpful in these troubled times and which may be of value to others. Please share with us on the understanding that your contribution may appear in the Pew Leaflet.

**Volunteers to prepare Communion Wine** We are looking for 4 volunteers to pour the Communion Wine into little glasses before the Eucharist Services. Please speak to Fr Martin or Kerry in the office if you are able to help.

**Volunteers to man the Recording Camera** We need a few volunteers who could alternate working the cameras for the recording of the Sunday Service. Please speak to Fr Martin or the office.

**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.

**Sunday & Wednesday Church Services** Please can we appeal to everyone to arrive at least 15mins before the Services. Please remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands, keep a social distance of 1.5m, no gathering outside the Church.

### **Bank Details**

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

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**PLEASE SCAN THIS WITH YOUR MOBILE FOR YOUR PLATE COLLECTION  
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CHURCH SERVICES IN PERSON**

## Milimani Christmas Bags



### **A SMALL PARISH WITH A BIG HEART!**

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!

**COVID BASKET SUNDAY**

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

**DONATE UP TO  
R350  
per food parcel**

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

## DAILY READING

Beware of seeing yourself through other people's eyes. There are several dangers to this practice. First of all, it is nearly impossible to discern what others actually think of you. Moreover, their views of you are variable: subject to each viewer's spiritual, emotional, and physical condition. The major problem with letting others define you is that it borders on idolatry. Your concern to please others dampens your desire to please Me, your Creator.

It is much more real to see yourself through *My eyes*. My gaze upon you is steady and sure, untainted by sin. Through my eyes you can see yourself as one who is deeply, eternally loved. Rest in My loving gaze, and you will receive deep Peace. Respond to My loving Presence by *worshiping Me in spirit and in truth*.

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

HEBREWS 11: 6

*Also read: JOHN 4:23-24*



### 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 180 bags have been filled.
- Our **Capital Reserve account** currently stands at R89700 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

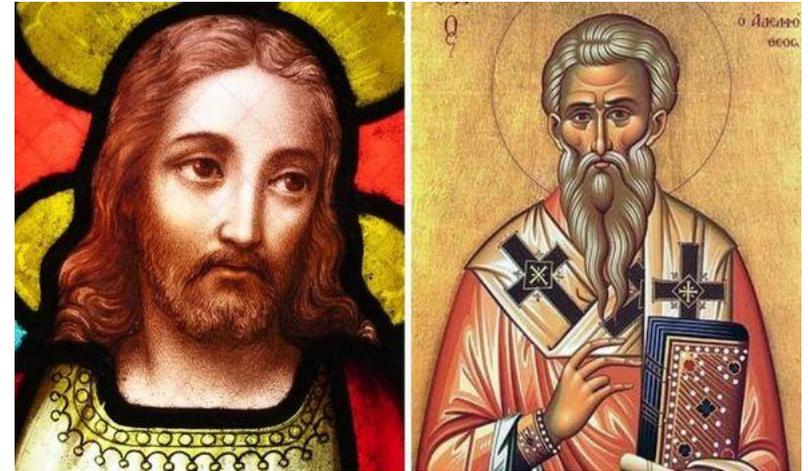
## ST LUKE, THE EVANGELIST

**St Luke** (1<sup>st</sup> century) Biblical evangelist. Possibly born in Antioch of Gentile Greek parentage, he practiced medicine according to the few details of his life given in the New Testament. He accompanied St Paul on his missionary journeys and was with him when their ship was wrecked off Malta. Paul describes Luke as his only companion in Rome and another source claims he eventually returned to Greece and died unmarried there, aged 84. Another tradition suggests he died a martyr's death. He is credited as the author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. He is honoured as the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, butchers and artists. His emblem is a winged ox.

*Feast Day: 18 October*



## ST JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD



St. James was the son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that Joseph had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin Mary. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, who was also thought to be the son of Joseph. However, some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas and his wife Mary, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This James is called the less (Mark 15:40) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from James, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this Episcopal rank by the Apostles, and was called Obliah, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. St James presided over the Council of Jerusalem at a time in which a major dispute between the Jewish Christians and the Gentile converts was settled. St James was known as a man of prayer. In fact he spent so much time on his knees that they became calloused. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

*Feast Day: October 23*

*From: The Great Horologion*