

## The Year of the – WORD

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.  
*Matthew 24:35 | NIV*

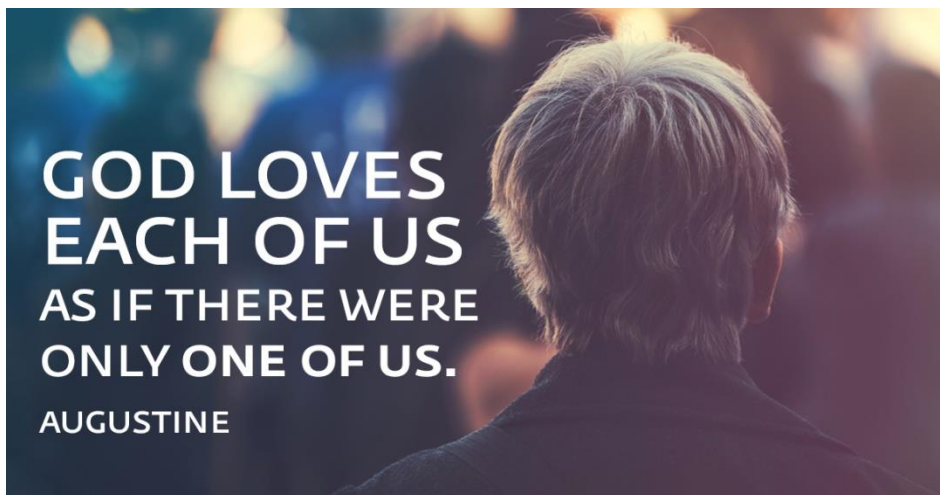
### **BIBLE CHALLENGE**

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

1. Who pleaded with God to spare Sodom?
2. Who was the tanner that Peter stayed with in Joppa after he raised Tabitha?
3. What does Jesus ask us to do for the naked?
4. In the story of the sheep and the goats, where does Jesus say the goats will be?
5. How many churches did the Spirit address in the book of Revelation?
6. Which New Testament book was written by a tax collector?

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

1. *Samson* (Judges 16:31)
2. *Our neighbours* (Matthew 19:19)
3. *Jesus' sandals* (Mark 1:7)
4. *To Tarshish* (Jonah 1:3)
5. *The fifth day* (Genesis 1:20-23)
6. *Isaiah* (Isaiah 6:8)



'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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## **5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Proverbs	22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	First Reading
Psalms	125	APB pg 770
James	2:1-10, 14-17	Second Reading
Mark	7:24-37	Gospel
Canticle	13 Christ the Servant	APB pg 352

**COLLECT:** O God of love your embrace includes everyone: open our hearts and minds to your generous will that in what we say and do we proclaim Christ's love and serve the needs of our neighbours; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, Margaret Ivins, Eddie Litchfield, Barbara Crossley, John Moorhouse, Brenda Thorpe, Murt Murdoch, Marcus Smid

**For family and friends:** Courtney Hunt, Theo Prinsloo, Jessica Wilson, Caleb Camp, Natasha Heffer, Belinda Irmischer, 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 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioners Birthday Mark	David & Greta Tillett Richard Baker 7:24-37
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Luke	Mabel Tomlinson Khumo Bokaba, Joan Camp, Jeanette Goble 6:6-11
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Luke	Tracey Tomlinson 6:12-19
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Luke	Roy Tosen Karen Mitchell 11:27-28
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioners Birthday Luke	Gavin & Cindy Townsend Robert Fletcher, David Wightman 6:27-38
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Anniversary Years Mind Luke	Felicity Tucker Hayley Le Grange Noel & Ruth Bradbury Vin Downey, Jack Perkin 6:39-42
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Years Mind Luke	Ros van de Ruit Boitumelo Radebe, Carol Warrington Doreen Smith 6:43-49

Pray for the Parish of St Aidan, Durban, and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of St Martin-in-the-Fields and their Rector, Rev Kevin Robertson



# 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	6pm	Issues of Faith Bible Study via Zoom
TUESDAY	9am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
WEDNESDAY	9am	Holy Eucharist
THURSDAY	8.45am	Morning Prayer
SUNDAY	8.30am	Holy Eucharist
MONDAY TO THURSDAY	12noon	Daily Prayer

1st Sept '21

### **BIBLE STUDY**

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

#### **"Mary Mother of our Lord"**

Monday evenings 6pm - 7pm

Join Fr Martin on Zoom

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

Pass code: 2FHF4n

Meeting ID: 902 806 1305

## 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 layministers 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 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**



**SCAN TO PAY**

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

## **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 60 bags have been filled with a further 90 to come.
- Our **Capital Reserve account** currently stands at R83200 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.
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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

## DO WE HAVE GUARDIAN ANGELS?

### **Psalm 91:11**

*"For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways."*

This translates literally to mean that God will instruct His angels to watch over individuals. God will give each of His angels a purpose: to guard His children. Those who are faithful will be under the constant care of His angels.

### **Luke 4:10**

*"For it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning you to guard you carefully.'"*

In this chapter of Luke, Satan challenged Jesus to throw Himself off the highest point of the temple by citing that God would protect Jesus with His angels. However when citing the Psalm 91:11 verse, Satan purposefully omitted "in all your ways" thus changing the meaning. The fact is that God sends His angels to protect those who have committed themselves to His loving care, not to those who want to put Him to the test.

### **Psalm 34:7**

*"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them."*

The angel of the Lord can mean any one of God's angels. In this passage, it is noted that God would send His angels down to His true loyal children and rescue them from danger. His angels will lift us up and keep us from harm if we choose to trust in Him.

### **Matthew 18:10**

*"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven."*

Here, Jesus speaks of how God values each of His children. Because He loves each of us so much, God assigns angels to each of us for our protection. No matter who you are, how low you may feel in life, God doesn't discriminate who gets angels to watch over them. Instead, He tells others to "not despise" one another. In addition, the angels have direct access to God and are a helpful communication liaison between heaven and earth.

### **Hebrews 1:14**

*"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"*

Angels are sent by God to protect us so that we are able to inherit God's kingdom in heaven. Angels are servants of God that carry out His will and work for our good. Here, we are given protection and shelter by the angels by their ability to assist us in our deliverance from sin and being gifted by eternal life in heaven.

### **Exodus 23:20**

*"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared."*

This is a great example of God showing how He can use His angels to protect His children. The Lord was promising the Israelites that they would be guided by an angel to the Promised Land of Canaan. The Israelites were protected during their journey through the wilderness because they trusted in God and His promises.

## 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 1 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.

