

## NOTICES

[Notices for the Pew Slip must reach the office by Wednesday morning]

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

(11) Pam Saunders, (11) Saul Tatai, (12) Lesego Kgabo, (13) Clive Mitchell, (14) Martin Delport, (14) Mark Vanker, (16) John Glover, (16) Jaiden Hendricks.

### FLOWER ROSTER

This week's Flowers are provided by Dr Geogy Abraham in memory of his Father Mr VP Abraham.

### SACRED PAUSES [Individually Directed Advent Retreat]

Thursday, 29 November – Monday, 3 December

See notice boards for more information

### GALA DINNER- DANCE 30 November

Tickets (R360 per couple) available from the Parish Counsellors

See notice boards for more information

### RECTORS FAREWELL

#### Combined service 9th December 2018 at 9am

This will be Father's Reggie's last official service with us as our rector. Followed by a bring and share fellowship lunch – please bring braais, potjies, snacks, liquid refreshments, and games for your children.

### YOUTH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 16TH DECEMBER 2018

You are all welcome to join us at 5.30 pm for Carols by candlelight at our Worship Garden. This will be our Nativity Play and a Christmas Cookies and Cocoa Evening.

### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

**Office hours (Mon-Thur) 08:30-16:00 (Fri) 08:30-14:00**

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# St Francis of Assisi

Anglican Church, Alberton

*Reaching out in the Community*

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 NOVEMBER 2018

President & Preacher: Archdeacon Justice Mhlungu

*Welcome to our worship. We hope that you find the service meaningful and uplifting. If you are new to the area, please fill in our visitor's slip so that we can make contact with you.*



Introit: CP 537 O God our help is ages past

Collect: **God of compassion and grace,  
your concern for widows and strangers  
is from of old:  
stand among us in Christ  
and give us generous hearts to care for  
those whom the world passes by;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 pg. 291

Psalm: Psalm 127 pg. 771

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 pg. 265

Gradual: CP 355 I vow to thee my country

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 pg. 57

Offertory: CP 368 All my hope on God is founded

Eucharist: 4<sup>th</sup> Eucharist Prayer

*Please use our Prayer Ministry in the Chapel during Communion*

Communion: CP 553 Peace perfect peace

CP 10 Abide with me

CP 393 Brothers sisters let me serve you

Recessional: CP 443 God is our strength and refuge

*Please join us for **tea/coffee** and **Fellowship** in the courtyard/hall **between the 07:00 and 09:00 Services and after the 9:00 service.***

Today, 11 November marks the Centenary of the end of the 1914-18 War. We pray for those who gave their lives in that War and for all whose lives have been adversely affected by the War

### DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Mon 12</b>	<b>Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836</b>		
Titus 1:1-9	Psalm 24:1-6	Luke 17:1-6	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Eucharist Service</b>		
<b>Tues 13</b>			
Titus 2:1-15	Psalm 37:1-9	Luke 17:7-10	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Companions in Christ–Jane:083 310 8221</b>		
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Bible Study–Tseliso:083 402 3470</b>		
<b>Wed 14</b>	<b>Samuel Seabury, Bishop in America, 784</b>		
Titus 3:1-7	Psalm 23	Luke 17:11-19	
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Eucharist Service</b>		
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Home Fellowship Groups Combined</b>		
<b>Thurs 15</b>			
Philemon 4-20	Psalm 146	Luke 17:20-25	
<b>10:00</b>	<b>MU Prayer Meeting</b>		
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Seniors' Eucharist &amp; Christmas Party</b>		
<b>Fri 16</b>	<b>Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093</b>		
2 John 4-9	Psalm 119:1-8	Luke 17:26-37	
<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>Hilda of Whitby, Religious, 680</b>		
3 John 5-8	Psalm 112	Luke 18:1-8	
<b>08:00</b>	<b>Men's Fellowship–Keith: 082 900 5468</b>		
<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>		
1 Sam 1:4-20	1 Sam 2:1-10	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	
		Mark 13:1-8	
<b>07:00</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Said Service</b>		
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Sung Service</b>		
<b>11:00</b>	<b>MU Prayer Meeting</b>		

### FOR OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

#### OUR CHURCH

**Communion:** Falkland Islands

**Province:** The Diocese of Mbashe

**Diocese:** Bishop, The Archdeacons, Clerical Canons

*The Anglican Communion, Archbishop Justin Welby and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission*

#### OUR PARISH FAMILY

We pray for our link Parishes of St Dyfrig & St Mellon, Monmouth; and St Elizabeth, Bunbury, Australia.

#### **Our Parishioners who are ill or in need:**

Piet Breet, Dave Drummer, Rosa Leone, Dot Lawrence, Fr Mike McCoy, Kevin Menge, Mary and Dee McNiece, Dave Mouton, Victor Mpuyakhe, Karen vd Merwe, Johan vd Merwe and Maria Van Niekerk.

#### **Prayer for Family and Friends of our Parishioners:**

Dick Cavender, Lillian Francis, Jason and Jesse Neethling, Alicia Roelofsz, Avel Roelofsz, Mark Scott, John Smit and Charmaine Smith.

#### **Years Mind: Departed Loved Ones over the past seven years**

Gavin Cumming

*Names for Years Mind for the month are before the Lord in the Chapel.*

#### OURSELVES: Mark 12:38-44

- Widows are mentioned twice this gospel reading. They represent the poorest and most vulnerable people in society. But those who “devour widows' houses,” who multiply their sufferings, can be seen publically seeking to be honoured. Such hypocrisy is hateful to Jesus.
- Then Jesus sees a poor widow putting all she had into the temple treasury. He contrasts her generosity with that of the rich who made large offerings “out of their abundance.” Implicitly he may be criticizing the religious authorities for the pressure they put on people to part with what they cannot afford. Do I appreciate the qualities that can be found in the widows of my world?