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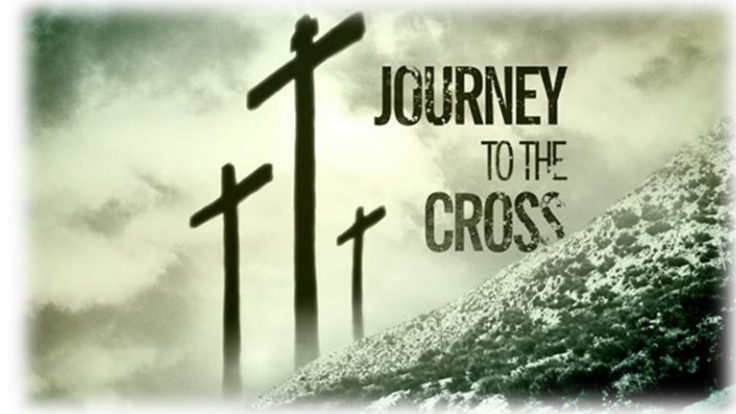
## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST UNITED CHURCH

A United Church of Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Membership

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



*We welcome our past minister, Rev Peter M Witbooi, to our service this morning*

Psalm 25: 1-10	Page 612
Genesis 9: 8-17	Page 9
1 Peter 3: 18-22	Page 277
Mark 1: 9-15	Page 41

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024

Psalm 22: 23-31	Page 610
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	Page 16
Romans 4: 13-25	Page 181
Mark 8: 31-38	Page 51

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## CONTACT US

*If you would like to become a member of St John's Church, please contact the Church office for more information and a membership form.*

*If you are visiting, welcome!*

*Please fill in your details in our Visitor's Register which is located in the vestibule. Should you require any assistance or would like more information on St John's, please speak to the sides person on duty.*

St John's Church is POPIA compliant.

## DIARY

### Monday 19 February

2.30pm – 3.30pm Bible Study in the boardroom

### Wednesday 21 February

9.00am – 12.00pm Employment and Advice Centre is open

10.00am – 11.00am Soup Kitchen is open

11.00am – 1.30pm Jumble Shop is open

6.00pm Lenten service in the Church

### Saturday 24 February

7.00am – 8.00am Saturday Morning Prayer Group meets in the Church

9.00am Worship Team Meeting in the boardroom

## THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory and strengthen us to bear the cross; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, Lord, are our strength and vision: lead us out of temptation.

The temptation to abuse the power of leadership: ruling by force instead of consent; calling injustice an expedient tactic; preaching nationalism not cooperation or peace.

You, Lord, are our strength and vision: lead us out of temptation.

The temptation to turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the cries of the tortured; to warnings of future disaster; to the lonely face of a starving child; to the challenge of the sounds and sights of our suffering world.

You, Lord, are our strength and vision: lead us out of temptation.

The temptation to refuse the offer of real life in you; to remain less than you call us to be; to walk with narrowed vision along a path of fear; to love sparingly; to be wary of others; to be wary of you.

You, Lord, are our strength and vision: lead us out of temptation.

Lord, we are surrounded by temptations of many kinds, temptations that would lead us to do harm to ourselves or others, or to neglect to do what is good. We pray that we may learn how to use aright our power to choose what we do and say. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who was tempted to exploit the power of God within him, but resisted and followed the servant path to death and lives and reigns our Risen Lord and Saviour. Amen

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## PRAYERS

We remember those in our community who are in need of prayer:

Peter Heron; Dorothy Hutchinson; Val Lord; Luzelwande Shange and his family

We remember those in our community who receive communion at home:  
Beryl Perrow and congregational members at San Sereno Retirement Centre,  
Rosehaven Retirement Village, The Village Bryanston and Garden Village

We pray this week for the de Rijke, Droste, du Plooy, du Preez and Embleton families in our congregation.

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*If you would like someone to pray with you, please come forward to the Altar rail after the service.*

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Wishing you a very happy birthday this week...

Gail Westwood (19 February) and  
Kim Banha (22 February)

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## NOTICES

### JUMBLE SALES

The jumble shop continues to be very busy.

We are open for an hour on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February (next Sunday) immediately after our service. We appeal to young church members to volunteer as a sale assistant. The work is easy and a chance to fellowship with others, plus a chance to buy something too. The Sunday sales occur every second month.

Thanks to Margaret and Bongzi who have offered to help our cashier, Karen.

We are desperately short of any items for children, clothes, shoes, toys, books and school requirements.

### LENTEN SERVICES

There will be a Lenten Service held every Wednesday evening at 6pm in the Sanctuary for the duration of Lent. All are welcome.

### FLOWER ROSTER

Although we do not have flowers in the Sanctuary during Lent, our Roster still has many Sundays available when you can honour a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a special flower arrangement. We can arrange for the flowers to be bought and arranged or you can do them yourselves. The Flower Roster is available in the Church Vestibule.

### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We hereby give notice of the Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on Saturday 09 March from 9am in the Harker Hall. All members are invited.

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### IT'S BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Children of all ages, you are invited to join Teacher Lesego and her team at Sunday School for a fun-filled morning learning more about God!

*Our Sunday School Room is located in the office cloisters.*