



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 28 JANUARY 2024



We welcome our minister, Rev Maake Masango,
to our service this morning

Psalms 111

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Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

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1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

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Mark 1: 21-28

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THE COLLECT

As the sick, the disabled, the outcast leper, the mentally disturbed, the homeless, the refugees and the displaced were brought to Christ for healing, so we bring before the Lord in prayer the disease and suffering of our world and ask for his healing and salvation.



We pray for diseased countries: ruled with injustice; cowed by fear; chained by oppression: for Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Ethiopia, Sudan, etc.

We pray for sick societies; where possessions are put first; where children are abused; where violence stalks the streets.

We pray for suffering people: the malnourished and starving; the victims of warfare; the victims of natural disaster.

We pray for those who are ill: people we know well; people we know only by name; members of this congregation.

We pray for the disabled: seeking fulfilment; seeking understanding; seeking dignity and self-worth.

We pray for those distressed in mind: the bereaved; the depressed and anxious; the hurt and afraid.

We pray for those who seek salvation: those longing for forgiveness; those longing for meaning and a sense of purpose; those longing to know God.

We pray for all those who work to bring healing and wholeness into the lives of nations, of communities, of families and of individuals. We pray for those who bear Christian witness to the salvation to be found through Jesus Christ, as they spread the gospel in word and action, through teaching and preaching, through loving and through healing the sad and the sick.

Loving heavenly Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you met the needs of those who called upon you with an out-flowing of your health-giving love. In his name we put into your caring hands the sickness and the suffering of the world. Amen.

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 Brocklehurst, Brown, Challen, Chituko families in our congregation.

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



Wishing you a very happy birthday
this week...

Beryl Wait (31 January) and
Vianca McCall (02 February)

DIARY

Wednesday 31 January

11.00am – 1.30pm Jumble Shop is open

Saturday 03 February

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

9.00am – 11.00am Jumble Shop is open

9.00am Treasury Meeting in the boardroom

Other weekly activities and ministries remain in recess until February:

- *Sunday School is in recess and will reopen on 04 February 2024*
- *Cathy Shimmin's Bible Study Group will meet again on 05 February at 2.30pm*
- *the Employment & Advice Centre reopens on Wednesday 07 February 2024*
- *Soup Kitchen reopens on Wednesday 07 February 2024*
- *the Choir is in recess until practices begin for Easter 2024*

NOTICES

FAREWELL TO TINA DE RIJKE

Tina has worked in the church for over 40 years and we have been blessed to have her as part of our family, firstly as Bishop's Secretary to Rev Peter from 2010 to 2017 and then as our Church secretary for the past five years. She has been diligent in her work and faithful to her call and we give thanks to God for her presence, her care of each of us and her unfailing support of St John's and all we aspire to do. We will be saying farewell to Tina on **Sunday 04 February** during our Church service with a special tea afterwards where we will have a chance to say our personal goodbyes. If you would like to make a financial donation towards a farewell gift for Tina, please do so via EFT into our bank account using the reference: "Tina", in the collection bag (there are envelopes in the vestibule) or at the Church office. All funds raised will be matched by St John's.



JUMBLE SALES

The first jumble sale of the year was very successful, with our regular customers saying how much they missed us during the closed season. A few new customers were welcomed too.

Customers were looking for school items such as exercise books, crayons and koki pens, and school bags. School shoes are always much in demand too. Kindly donate what you can.

The first Saturday sale will be on Saturday 3rd February from 9am until 11am. Many thanks to a wonderful church member who has volunteered to manage the weekend sales.

TREASURY MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Church Treasury on Saturday 03 February at 9am in the boardroom. Information packs will be sent to you electronically during the week.

FLOWER AND BISCUIT ROSTER

If you would like to sponsor flowers or biscuits in memory of loved ones, in celebration of a special occasion or “just because”, please find the Roster in the Church vestibule where you can add your name. You will be contacted in the week preceding your selected date to discuss any special requests you may have and to get a message we can include in the pew leaflet.

2024 LECTIONARY

If you would like a copy of the Lectionary (the weekly readings) which we follow at St John's, please send an email to church@stjohnsunitied.co.za and an electronic copy will be sent to you. Alternatively, we can give you a printed hard copy for a donation of R5 each to cover the printing costs.

**SUNDAY SERVICES ARE HELD AT 8.30AM AND ARE
LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:
@STJOHNSCHURCHBENMORE**

**THE WEEKLY SERMON AND DAILY DEVOTIONS ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.STJOHNSUNITED.CO.ZA OR
VIA WHATSAPP (PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BE ADDED
ONTO THE BROADCAST/ONE-WAY GROUP)**

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 04 FEBRUARY 2024

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c	Page 702
Isaiah 40: 21-31	Page 807
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	Page 202
Mark 1: 29-39	Page 41

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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.