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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 11 FEBRUARY 2024**

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

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**READINGS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2024**

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Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17	Page 1018
2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10	Page 214
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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.*

### 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.*



## DIARY

### Monday 12 February

2.30pm – 3.30pm Bible Study in the boardroom

### Wednesday 14 February – ASH WEDNESDAY

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 Ash Wednesday service in the Church

### Saturday 17 February

7.00am – 8.00am Saturday Morning Prayer Group meets in the Church  
9.00am Strategic Planning Final Session

## THE COLLECT

Almighty and holy God, your Son, in obedience to the Spirit fasted forty days in the desert: give us grace to discipline ourselves that we may press on towards Easter with eager faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Lord, you constantly surprise us, answering our prayers in ways we had not asked or thought; changing people and their lives beyond all expectations. We gasp at the joy we find in you in the face of evil and suffering, we marvel at your miraculous love bringing hope out of despair; bringing health out of sickness; bringing life out of death.

We need your miracles, Lord, in a world stale with bad news. We need the miracles of the hidden power of your love, working secretly, slowly, unseen, in the hearts of humankind, attracting governments and leaders to a vision of the future where the nations will be ruled with justice, wisdom and care; working secretly, slowly, unseen, opening our eyes to see the plight of the hungry, opening our ears to hear the cries of the distressed, opening our hands to give where help is needed, opening our hearts to love as you first loved us; working secretly, slowly, unseen, your Spirit within our churches, disturbing us, changing us, turning us outward, pushing and pulling us on: we need the miracle of the hidden power of your love working secretly, slowly, unseen.

We need miracles, Lord, in a world stale with bad news. We need miracles of your love that shock and shake us up, coming suddenly, strangely, in full view: the coming of a startling event that changes the ways of a nation; the coming of one person that starts a freedom movement; the coming of a cry for help that leads to tremendous giving; the coming of life and health to the sick and depressed; the coming of forgiveness in a situation of hatred; the coming of God's Spirit afresh, into dreary, exhausted loves. We need the miracles of your love that shock and shake us up, coming suddenly, strangely, in full view.

Surprise us again, Lord, work your miracles in us, work your miracles through us. In the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, 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 Cook, Croswell, Cutting, Daniels and Dlamini 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...

Puseletso Leqela (12 February);

Tembi Kali (14 February);

Julia Matshiri (15 February);

Evan Frolick & Jacqui Smith (16 February)

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## NOTICES

### THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are from Bongsi Chituko "in memory of her Dad who passed on 13 February 2004".

### JUMBLE SALES

The Jumble Shop had a successful week with a Saturday and a Wednesday sale. An amount of more than R4000 was raised for the church benevolent fund.

We appeal for any children's items... clothes, shoes, toys, books and school equipment.

We also had an appeal for coffee mugs, plates and glasses. A regular customer is appealing for a gas bottle, such as a Cadac. Another customer has appealed for vases.

Help us to help others by donating anything.

### STRAT PLANNING

For all members of Council, Treasury and Worship Team, our final Strategic Planning Session will be held on Saturday 17 February from 9am to lunchtime in the Harker Hall.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday 14 February at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

### 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.

### PRAYER CHAIN MEETING

All members of the Prayer Chain are asked to meet for 10 minutes after this morning's service in the Book Room (last classroom in the cloisters).