



# 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 04 FEBRUARY 2024**

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

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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## 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.*



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## DIARY

### Monday 05 February

2.30pm – 3.30pm Bible Study in the boardroom

### Wednesday 07 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

### Saturday 10 February

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

9.00am Church Council Meeting in the boardroom

2.00pm – 4.30pm Sugarbush Crafters Group meets in the Everett Hall

## THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, we pray for the shaking up of the power structures of our world, so that the rules of Your kingdom, justice, wisdom, mercy and compassion, may be seen left standing amidst the ruins of a fallen confidence in oppression, force of arms and might.



Heavenly Father, we pray for the shaking up of the peoples of our world, so that the vision of Your kingdom of love and peace, joy and health, may fill and motivate their lives, despite hunger, greed, sickness and war.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the shaking up of Your people, the church. May the Holy Spirit blow through it breathing fresh life into worship, revealing those age old truths that never change or fail us, despite the despair and cynicism of the shifting times in which we live.

Heavenly Father, we pray that You might shake up each of us, destroying complacency, empty routine, and help us to re-centre our lives around those values and truths that last, around a steadfast faith in You; so, that whenever suffering and trouble come and the storms of life buffet against us we may be left standing, in You.

In the name of the Rock of our Salvation, our Lord and 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 Brocklehurst, Brown, Challen, Chituko 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...

Peter van Breda (08 February)

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# **NOTICES**

## **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY**

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are from Peter and Louise van Breda “who celebrate 60 years of marriage and to give thanks for the many blessings we have received”.

## **SUGARBUSH CRAFTERS**

Sugarbush Crafters will commence their first meeting of the year on Saturday 10 February, at 2pm in the Everett Hall.

Sugarbush Crafters is a group of folk who enjoy creative activities, and enjoy the fellowship of those with similar interests. We meet once a month, on the second Saturday, from 2pm to 4.30pm.

Bring your knitting, sewing, crochet, quilting, embroidery, beading, scrapbooking, or simply come along and enjoy a chat over a cuppa. You do not need to be an expert at any craft, nor do you need to be a member of St John's, so you are welcome to bring a friend, all are welcome.

No membership fee, but please bring R10 to cover the cost of refreshments. For further information WhatsApp, sms or phone Penny at 0836252071 or contact the Church office.

## **JUMBLE SALES**

The jumble shop has attracted many new customers in the first two weeks. We raised about R7000 for the church benevolent fund in January 2024!

Shoppers ask for school supplies, any children's clothes and shoes, from infants to teens, men's shoes and takkies, non-perishable food items and all toiletries.

Kindly donate if you can.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Church Council on Saturday 10 February at 9am in the boardroom. Information packs will be sent to you electronically during the week.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

We will be holding a service on Ash Wednesday, 14 February, at 6pm in the Sanctuary and thereafter will have a Lenten service each Wednesday at 6pm. All are welcome.

**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](http://WWW.STJOHNSUNITED.CO.ZA) OR  
VIA WHATSAPP (PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BE ADDED  
ONTO THE BROADCAST/ONE-WAY GROUP)**

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## **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024**

Psalm 50: 1-6	Page 631
2 Kings 2: 1-12	Page 401
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	Page 202
Mark 9: 2-9	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.