

Prayer Request

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Laura Krause
Piet Theron
Peter Mason
Edgar Hutchings
Ed Bisset
Paula Marshall
Myra Koen
Jean Harker
Marlene Alexander
Dave Ingram
Rosemary Eady
Stuart Amory

If you or someone you know would like to be included on the prayer list, or requires some pastoral assistance please contact the office on 021 852 3281.

PRAYER POWER HOUR

Every Thursday
17:30 - 18:30



Flower Sponsorship Needed

If you would like to remember a loved one, a special occasion or just for the sheer joy of having flowers in the sanctuary please consider putting your name down on the Calendar at the back of the Church for the date you would like and the amount you are able to donate (R250 min) towards the flowers.

Happy Birthday!

God's richest blessings as you celebrate your birthday this week:

5 May - John Arguile, Hayley Green,
Charl Labuschagne, Rosemary Sundgren
6 May - Rob Smart
7 May - Pat Lester
8 May - Jan Bentley
9 May - Gloria Van Niekerk
10 May - Joy Coetzee, Leigh-Ann Pretorius
11 May - Bertie Humphreys, Dave Ingram, Andre Parker
Mervyn Traut

Soup, Song and Sherry

7 June
6.30pm for 7pm

Chase away the winter blues with some lekka music, hot soup and warm drinks!

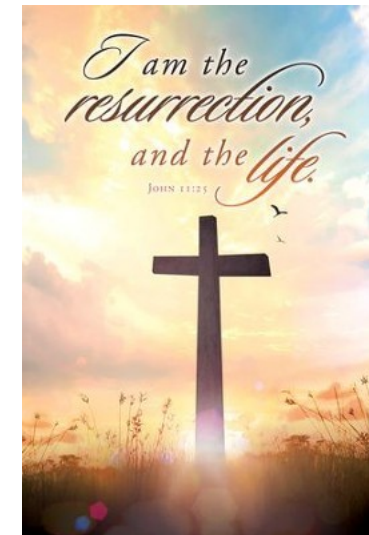
R60 (includes welcome drink, soup & live entertainment)

Coffee & desserts will be on sale.

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*We are called to new life and purpose;
We are committed to Christ and His Church;
We are commissioned to enable God's missing children to come home.*



05 May 2019

**Our Preacher today is Bevan Sylvester
with George Marchinkowski leading
worship**

**Blessed are those who don't see
John 20: 24 - 31**

**Service Times: Sundays 08:00 & 10:00
(1st Sunday of month 9am only); Thursdays 10:30**

From My Heart To Yours

Good morning Friends,

I loved listening to Rob Waddington last Sunday and especially his admission that he would also have liked to touch the wounds of Christ (like Thomas) to see if it really was the Lord. I guess I would have too. Frederick Beuchner spells out Thomas' story:

IMAGINATION was not Thomas's strong suit. He called a spade a spade. He was a realist. He didn't believe in fairy tales, and if anything else came up that he didn't believe in or couldn't understand, his questions could be pretty direct.

There was the last time he and the others had supper with Jesus, for instance. Jesus was talking about dying, and he said he would be leaving them soon, but it wouldn't be forever. He said he'd get things ready for them as soon as he got where he was going, and when their time finally came too, they'd all be together again. They knew the way he was going, he said, and some day they'd be there with him themselves.

Nobody else breathed a word, but Thomas couldn't hold back. When you got right down to it, he said, he personally had no idea where Jesus was going, and he didn't know the way to get there either. "I am the way," was what Jesus said to him (John 14:6), and although Thomas let it go at that, you can't help feeling that he found the answer less than satisfactory. Jesus wasn't a way, he was a man, and it was too bad he so often insisted on talking in riddles.

Then in the next few days all the things that everybody could see were going to happen happened, and Jesus was dead, just as he'd said he'd be. That much Thomas was sure of. He'd been on hand himself. There was no doubt about it. And then the thing that nobody had ever been quite able to believe would happen happened too.

Jesus appeared to his disciples ... nobody says where Thomas was at the time. Anyway, when he finally returned and they told him what had happened, his reaction was just about what they might have expected. He said that unless Jesus came back again so he could not only see the nail marks for himself but

actually touch them, he was afraid that, much as he hated to say so, he simply couldn't believe that what they had seen was anything more than the product of wishful thinking or a hallucination of an unusually vivid kind.

Eight days later, when Jesus did come back, Thomas was there and got his wish. Jesus let him see him and hear him and touch him, and not even Thomas could hold out against evidence like that. He had no questions left to ask and not enough energy left to ask them with even if he'd had a couple. All he could say was, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28), and Jesus seemed to consider that under the circumstances that was enough.

It's hard to imagine that there's a believer anywhere who wouldn't have traded places with Thomas, given the chance, and seen that face and heard that voice and touched those ruined hands.

Amazing how patient Jesus is with the ones who need proof.

George



It is with great sadness that we inform you that Denise Amory, our receptionist, passed away on Tuesday. Our love and special prayers go out to her family. She was loved by so many.

Upcoming Events

Foundations of Christianity Sundays, starting 5 May | 4.30pm for 5pm

Open to anyone but specifically aimed at Young Adults and Students. We would love you to join us as we explore the foundations of our faith.

Contact Matt for more info, 083 453 1324.

New Members Course (DNA) Saturday 11 May | 10am - 11.30am

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to find out more about us, what we believe and how we serve please join us. Let us know you're coming by emailing office@swuc.co.za or phone 021 852 3281

Man@United Breakfast Saturday 11 May | 9am Men's Breakfast featuring a Guest Speaker

Just for Fun Saturday 25 May | 3pm An afternoon of music, joy and fellowship. A gift to the people of the Helderberg Basin No Charge

Refreshments will be on sale.