

### Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Laura Krause Piet Theron
Peter Mason Ed Bisset
Paula Marshall Myra Koen
Jean Harker Dave Ingram
Rosemary Eady Lorraine Shearer
Julia Clegg Denise Kirkman

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.



# Happy Birthday!

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

07 July - Alison Digby, Aiden Stadler

08 July - Gary Hughes

10 July - Anne Botha,

Benjamin Fourie,

Herman Koegelenberg

11 July - Colleen Blaine, Francis Hannay





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.



7 July 2019

Our Preacher today is Bevan Sylvester

Moses. Making a stand against empire

Exodus 5:1-21

Matthew 21:12 - 17

United@9

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



Dear Friends

What if God tells you to do something dangerous? What if your faith demands you make a stand against something and what if when you do that you place yourself in harm's way? Recently, I've seen two protests on the TV news — one, in the U.K. is about the "Climate emergency" and seeks to draw attention to the urgency of taking action to redress the harm we have done over generations to the earth, our home. Another, in Hong Kong, is about the possible injury to democracy and human rights if Hong Kong should pass an extradition treaty. I'm sure you've seen the huge crowds and the clashes with police.

Protest has often been the catalyst for positive change. I remember the night the Berlin Wall came down. I was watching TV the morning Nelson Mandela was released. In the first three centuries, many Christians gave their lives in martyrdom in protest toward an unjust state, a violent state which enforced obedience through cruelty. The empire became Christian in the end.

So, I am wondering what advice we can take from Moses and the Exodus about our responsibilities as Christians. If God required Moses to be brave in facing Pharaoh then surely you and I can be called upon to do brave things too. God wants his people to come home. God is prepared to unclench the hand that entraps us. God will use his power to free us. Its is only when we are free that God is going to be able to use us to free others.

Lots of love

George

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#### Prayer Vigil Sat 13 July 9am - 3pm

Join us for an half hour to pray for the world, Church and others.

You can sign up at the visitors desk

#### Men's Breakfast Sat 13 July 8/30am

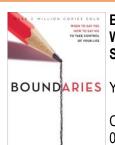
Please contact Chris Van Rooyen for more details 0218525371

#### Women@United Sat 19 July 9.30am

Wire and beading Demonstration by Bonita Logan We will be making a wire and bead Angel figure

#### Lectio Divina Sat 27 Jul 9am - 11:30am

Come and join us for a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God.



#### Boundaries Course Wednesdays - 6.30pm Starting August

BOUNDARIES You can sign up at the visitors desk.

Contact Ne-Ray for more info, 079 317 1440

#### Quiz Night Friday 16 Aug - 6.30pm

An evening to test your knowledge and have lots of fun. Enter teams of 4 or 8.

More details to follow

## Fun, Food & Family Festival Saturday 5 Oct 10am - 3pm

Donations for the Festival are welcome and can be dropped off at the office.

Pantry pickled & Preserves needs your excess crops of lemons, oranges and granadillas. We are planning "pensioner portion" bottles of lemon curd, pickled onions etc.

If you would like to donate plants for the festival please e-mail Rennie. Her email address is rose-innes@telkomsa.net