

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
Lorraine Shearer

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



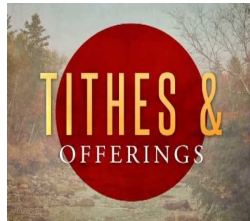
Flower Sponsorship Needed

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:

19 May - Marguerite Engelbrecht
22 May - Johann Murray
23 May - James Arm, Michael Burke, Craig Parker
24 May - Malcolm Potter, Bill Von During
25 May - Jacob Smith Derksen



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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.*



19 May 2019

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

**A second chance for failure?
John 21: 15 - 19 & Psalm 30**

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



Dear Friends

Welcome to worship.

Whenever I read the passage in John 21 that we are studying today, I can't avoid having to deal with all the many times I've failed Christ. Not many of these failures were quite as dramatic as the denial of Peter (Lk 22: 54 – 62) or the betrayal of Judas (Lk 22: 1 – 6) but they are failures none the less. The question is: "What does Jesus do with our failure?"

The Catholic priest and author, Henri Nouwen writes:

There is a real pain in your heart, a pain that truly belongs to you. You know now that you cannot avoid, ignore, or repress it. It is this pain that reveals to you how you are called to live in solidarity with the broken human race. You must distinguish carefully, however, between your pain and the pains that have attached themselves to it but are not truly yours. When you feel rejected, when you think of yourself as a failure and a misfit, you must be careful not to let these feelings and thoughts pierce your heart. You are not a failure or a misfit. Therefore you have to disown these pains as false. They can paralyze you and prevent you from loving the way you are called to love.

It is a struggle to keep distinguishing the real pain from the false pains. But as you are faithful to that struggle, you will see more and more clearly your unique call to love. As you see that call, you will be more and more able to claim your real pain as your unique way to glory."

Simply put, what Jesus does with your and my failure is, He forgives. Now – what will you do with Jesus' forgiveness?

Lots of love to you this week.

George

Upcoming Events

Foundations of Christianity Sundays - 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.

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.

Ascension day

Thursday 30 May - 6.30 pm

Ascension day service followed by a Bring and Share

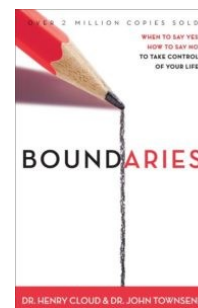
Soup, Song and Sherry

**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.



Boundaries Course Wednesdays - 6.30pm Starting August

This is an interactive course about setting healthy boundaries in all spheres of life – This DVD based course presented by world renown Dr's Henry Cloud and John Townsend is aimed at helping individuals establish healthy boundaries in their lives.

There are physical, mental, emotional and spiritual boundaries. Learn how to set healthy boundaries in all your relationships and with yourself. Join us as we discover the meaning of healthy boundaries and how to apply them in our everyday lives.

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