

Friday 8th October, 2021

ST THOMAS NEWS AND NOTICES

Dear Family of St Thomas

This Sunday we continue our month of **Stewardship and Dedication**, with the theme: “The blessing of giving”. Our preacher and presider will be the Revd Leslie Adriaanse, who is well known to us. Not only is he a retired priest, but also a member of this parish. We look forward to his ministry.

Do plan to stay for **tea and fellowship** after the 9.30am service!

For those joining us online this Sunday this is the **Facebook** link
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345127422184986/>

The Rector of St Faith’s in Plumstead (ie my beloved husband) has invited me to be the guest preacher at their Patronal Festival this Sunday, so I shall not be at St Thomas. I shall convey greetings from our parish to theirs!

SOME NEWS FROM Jeremy Smith:

Inspire Junior Church.

Dear Parents, as we have moved to a level 1 in terms of lockdown. We continue Sunday morning Junior Church in the Koinonia Room at 09:30. This week we delve into the story of Zacchaeus and unpack a changed life when we encounter Jesus.

ONLINE on the 17th of October

Please note that next week the 17th of October is the Cape Town Marathon. This event impacts on access to the church, therefore we will not be gathering at church. We will be Online, and our volunteers and teachers will put together an awesome lesson for the children via our YouTube channel.

Inspire Teens Friday Night Live

Save the 22nd of October in your calendar for of youth night. We have invited 2 other youth groups to join us for an awesome night of fun, worship and sharing. Please see the attached flyer invite a friend.

All-Age Service on the 31st of October

We celebrate All Saints Day – remembering those who has gone before and those with us still. Please note that we have changed the language of Family Service to that of ALL-AGE SERVICE. This this month our All-Age Service is on the 31st of October. The Service is special because it’s directed toward children and teens but inclusive for everyone to enjoy and participate.

Claire continues....Photos: We continue our “photo drive” . Please send Caro a family or individual photo via email, or smile for the camera on Sunday after both services! We plan to make a cheerful noticeboard of our St Thomas family, and help us know who we are! Only names (no contact details) will be displayed.

Sunday@6 Conversation – this Sunday! The subject: GENDER, SEXUALITY – COMPLEX OR SIMPLE? Our guest will be Dr Tanya Kinvig, and endocrinologist at Vincent Pallotti Hospital with an interest in transgender medicine. Do invite your friends and join us to listen to Tanya. She will also be taking questions. 6 pm this Sunday 10 October in the church.

Baptism applications: Monday 11th is the closing date for Baptism applications.

Advanced notice: On **Sunday 17th October**, the roads around the church will be closed due to The Cape Town Marathon. (Attached is a notice of all the road closures and copies will be available for you to pick up at church on Sunday) **That morning, there will be no in-person service. Instead, please join us online (recording from the Koinonia Room) at 9.30am .** Our preacher will be John Davidge.

Sunday 24th October: Will be our Dedication and Thanksgiving service. We will also specially welcome all **Newcomers** who have joined the parish this year.

Organ update: The final phase of organ refurbishing will be from 11 October to 5 November. Unfortunately the Cry Room will need to be used to store organ pipes, so will not be available during services. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Leliebloem House are once again doing a **Christmas Pudding fundraiser**. A new order form will be in the porch on Sunday or email your orders to parishoffice@str.org.za. There is one size, 900g@ R130-00

Yours in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ

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