

Friday 15th September, 2023

Dear Family of St Thomas,

This Sunday we continue in our “**Season of Creation**” focus.

- In the evening, we will have a special “Season of Creation **Taize service**” from **7 – 8pm**. This is a quiet, reflective service by candlelight, with short songs, scriptures, prayers and times of silence. A balm for the soul! If you have never attended one before, why not come and see! Please invite your friends.
- If you will be coming, I am looking for **6 volunteers** to read/lead set prayers. **Please contact me directly.**
- **Saturday 16 September** International Clean-up day. Take a walk and pick up litter wherever you are or able to visit e.g. the beach
- **FREE ENTRY** to all SanParks 16-24 Sept
- Many thanks to those who have brought bags of **compost** to enrich the church garden – we can never have enough so the more the merrier!
- For those who came or have had a chance to watch this YouTube video “**The Letter**” – a **message for our Earth** there were 2 things we were encouraged to do namely to plant trees and advocacy for climate justice so for this week’s **Instagram page** here are 2 links – one for JustTrees <https://instagram.com/justtreessa?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==> and one for SAFCEI (Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute) <https://instagram.com/safcei?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>. Both are locally based and good places to start getting into action.
- Next Saturday 23 September we are invited to the **Creation Celebration Concert** at Christ Church Kenilworth from 6-7.30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of Creation-themed music, words and pictures.

You will remember that over the weekend of our Patronal Festival, **Peter Hyslop** organised a **Community Art Exhibition**. What a wonderful display of various mediums of art, including by several of our talented St Thomas parishioners!

Peter has now done all the sums, and we are delighted to announce that an amount of R16577.49 profit was raised towards our “Call for the Hall” fundraising campaign. **WELL DONE!**

Looking ahead:

Confirmation Sunday: A huge “Thank you” to John Paul Roberts who has been responsible for conducting Confirmation preparation over the past 18 months. **Pierre Parrot, Callum Chavda and Christopher Chisisili** will be confirmed by Bishop Joshua at a combined service at St Paul’s Rondebosch on **Sunday 8th October at 8.30am**. I hope as many as possible will attend that service to support them with their presence and their prayers. Services will continue at St Thomas as usual on that day.

Thanksgiving weekend: On **Saturday 28th October**, we will be having an evening of **Food, Fellowship and Fun** in our beautiful Hall. This will include entertainment – “**St Thomas has got Talent** “! So...we are looking for **volunteers** to come and join the “variety show” and present an act of any kind. Song, dance, tell a joke, a poem.....whatever you fancy. **ALL AGES WELCOME; individuals or groups**. You don’t have to be ‘top class entertainers’...just enthusiastic! Come and meet “*Oscar the performing Flea*” and others, as we let our hair

down, don't take ourselves too seriously, and have lots of fun and a good laugh. Please give your name(s) to Caro in the office.

The service of **Holy Baptism** will be on Sunday 5th November at the 7h45 service.

The 2024 edition of the **St Francis Outreach Calendar** is here! You can now buy (R85) them directly from the parish office. For those who have ordered please pop in to pay and collect your calendars or make a collection arrangement with the parish office.

Saturday Women's Fellowship members and anyone else interested please sign up with Wendy Steytler (0836319806) or the parish office for your place on the **Christmas Bauble workshop** on October 7th at 10h45 in the Koinonia room. Cost R50 pp. Come and make a beautiful decoration to give as a gift or for the St Thomas Christmas tree or to add to your own Christmas decorations.

Thank you for supporting the **Ladles for Love sandwich drive! The need is great.** Sandwiches can be delivered on Sunday at our services or Monday to the parish office before 10 am.

| FROM THE YOUTH DESK |

GOOD DAY INSPIRE FAMILY!!

| INSPIRE Kids |

Good morning Inspire Kids family.

We are back this Sunday continuing our series through the book of Joshua with our theme "**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**". We look forward to teacher Philippa leading our young people this Sunday as we learn about choosing to be with God or against God.

| INSPIRE Teens |

NO YOUTH TONIGHT

Some sad news. There will be no youth tonight and our beach clean-up has been postponed to December. Due to it being assessment time it would also serve well to take a break. Take this time to rest and we will see each other next week for a team building evening. Pass on the message.

Save the date: Friday 29th September will be our bring a braai movie night. More information to follow.

Yours in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ

JP Roberts (Youth Administrator)
Rev Johan Ferndale (Assistant Priest)
Rev Dr Claire Hunter (Rector)



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