

SCHEDULE OF VISITING PRIESTS FOR SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

| FEBRUARY 2017 | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Date | Day | Time | Portland | Eastridge |
| 12 Feb | Sunday | 07h30 | Fr. Titus | |
| | | 08h00 | | Fr. Lamond |
| | | 09h30 | Fr. Titus | |
| 15 Feb | Wednesday | 10h00 | | Morning Prayer |
| 16 Feb | Thursday | 10h00 | Fr. Appels | |
| 19 Feb | Sunday | 07h30 | Rev Swartz | |
| | | 08h00 | | Rev Parenzee |
| | | 09h30 | Rev Swartz | |
| 22 Feb | Wednesday | 10h00 | | Rev Swartz |
| 23 Feb | Thursday | 10h00 | Rev Swartz | |
| 26 Feb | Sunday | 07h30 | Rev Parenzee | |
| | | 08h00 | | Rev Helmsley |
| | | 09h30 | Rev Parenzee | |
| MARCH 2017 | | | | |
| Date | Day | Time | Portland | Eastridge |
| 1 March | Ash Wednesday | 10h00 | Rev Parenzee | |
| | | 16h00 | | Rev Parenzee |
| | | 19h30 | Fr. Lamond | |
| 2 March | Thursday | No Service | No Service | No Service |
| 5 March | Sunday | 07h30 | Fr. Titus | |
| | | 08h00 | | Rev Dreyer |
| | | 09h30 | Fr. Titus | |
| 08 March | Wednesday | 10h00 | | Rev Swartz |
| | | 16h00 | Rev. Parenzee | |
| | | 19h30 | To be announced | |
| 09 March | Thursday | 10h00 | Rev Swartz | |
| 12 March | Sunday | 07h30 | Rev Parenzee | |
| | | 08h00 | | Rev. Dreyer |
| | | 09h30 | Rev Parenzee | |
| 15 March | Wednesday | 10h00 | | Morning Prayer |
| | | 16h00 | Rev Parenzee | |
| | | 19h30 | To be announced | |
| 16 March | Thursday | 10h00 | Fr Peters | |
| 19 March | Sunday | 07h30 | Fr. Titus | |
| | | 08h00 | | Rev Parenzee |
| | | 09h30 | Fr. Titus | |
| 22 March | Wednesday | 10h00 | | Rev Swartz |
| | | 16h00 | Rev Parenzee | |
| | | 19h30 | To be announced | |
| 23 March | Thursday | 10h00 | Rev Swartz | |
| 26 March | Sunday | 07h30 | Rev Parenzee | |
| | | 08h00 | | Rev David |
| | | 09h30 | Rev Parenzee | |
| 29 March | Wednesday | 10h00 | | Morning Prayer |
| | | 16h00 | Rev Parenzee | |
| | | 19h30 | To be announced | |
| 30 March | Thursday | 10h00 | Fr. Appels | |

Christ the Mediator
Christ the Good Shepherd



February
2017

Dear Friends

By now WE ARE all well aware that the Rectory is vacant and very vulnerable. This has created a bit of a predicament regarding the security of our property. You will remember that we periodically informed you that we have a problem with vagrants who use the church's property and attract all sorts of unsavoury persons. Last year we had two burglaries which resulted in some damages and loss of property. This has prompted the EXCO to consider what the best option would be to secure our assets.

After due consideration, we decided that it would be best to hire a security company to look after the premises whilst vacant. This has come at a huge cost to the Parish – in the region of R17 000.00 for the month of February. These costs are unbudgeted for so we once again have to turn to you our loyal members for support. Starting from today 12 February 2017, we will be taking a second collection at all our Sunday services to off-set these expenses. This will continue until the Rectory is occupied.

Now some may say that this is a lot of money and yes it is but considering everything, we don't think we have any other choice. We simply cannot afford to have the property vandalised again.

We trust that we will have your full support and that you will give generously.

Should you wish to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We continue to pray for the appointment of a new Rector and that God will soon identify and provide us with the right leader.

Jeremia 3:15 NIV.

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding".

Blessings

Church Wardens

ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE INTERREGNUM

With no Rector or a resident priest in the Parish, the Archdeacon – Venerable Ruth Swartz will be the acting Rector. However, she has a very heavy workload as she has to run her own parish as well as look after Christ the Redeemer Church in Westridge at the same time. The Wardens will be working very closely with Reverend Ruth to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible in the Parish.

Schedules for all services in February and March have been completed and clergy have been appointed for these services. See the schedule on the back page. There are no changes to the services except for the Thursday immediately after Ash-Wednesday when there will be no service at Portland. The rest will continue as per normal.

It has just been confirmed this past week that Bishop Margaret will be the Celebrant and Preacher at the Maundy Thursday Service (19h30) at Christ the Mediator Portland as well as the Easter Morning service (08h00) at Christ the Good Shepherd Eastridge.

Baptisms

Parents who wish to have their children baptised, must make application using the Baptism Application Form available from the office. Please note that there are certain requirements parents need to meet before baptism takes place. Baptism dates will be set with the permission of the Archdeacon.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST BAPTISM OF THE YEAR WILL CLOSE ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2017

Marriages

Couples who wish to get married must seek an appointment with the Archdeacon via the Parish Office or Wardens. The Archdeacon will meet with the relevant persons and discuss the way forward.

Illness

In the event of serious illness, where prayer is needed, please contact your local Lay-minister. If you do not know who your Area Lay-minister is, please contact the Parish Office during office hours of any of the Wardens, after hours.

Death and Funerals

In the event of death please follow the following procedures:

1. Contact your Lay-minister if you know who the person is. If you do not know, contact the office (during office hours) or any of the Wardens (after hours). The Lay-Minister will visit the family to offer prayers and emotional support.
2. BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UNDERTAKER please meet with the Wardens first to discuss possible dates and times for the funeral service. The Wardens will then liaise with the Archdeacon regarding the funeral service. Only once the confirmation of the date and time is obtained from the Archdeacon, should the arrangements with the undertakers be made.

Office Hours

The Wardens will avail themselves during the evening office hour on Tuesdays from 18h00 to 19h00. They will only deal with matters that are not "priestly". Should you require the intervention of a priest; the necessary appointment will be made with the Archdeacon.

Please do not contact the Archdeacon directly. All contact with Reverend Ruth must be done via the Wardens.

VESTRY

The Annual Parish Vestry will take place on 19 March 2017. This is an opportunity to once again elect Wardens and Parish Council members who will serve you for the next year. Please pray about this and start to consider who you wish to nominate when the time comes. The business of Vestry will include:

- The presentation of the Warden's Report
- Presentation of the audited Financial Statement
- Election of Wardens
- Election of Parish Councillors
- Election of representatives to the Youth Synod
- Election of representatives to the Diocesan Synod
- Adoption of Parish Policies

A formal notice will be read out and displayed at the appropriate time.

Prior to Vestry, the people of Christ the Good Shepherd will have a Chapelry Vestry to elect a Chapelry Council plus two Chapelry Wardens. A date and time will be announced as soon as we can get confirmation from the Archdeacon.

Life after Father Clarence and Father Richard

Please note:

Every leader has his/her own style of leadership; and sometimes do things differently to others. This is a request to all that we do not compare any of the current visiting clergy and the new Rector (when that appointment is made), with former Rector and Assistant Priest. If there is anything bothering you, please raise the matter with the Wardens so that it can be addressed in a professional manner.

BIBLE STUDY, PRE-CONFIRMATION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES MEETING TIMES

| Class | Instructor | Venue | Days | Time |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Bible Study | Veronica February | Christ The Good Shepherd | Tuesdays | 16h00-17h00 |
| | Vernon Seale | Christ the Mediator | Fridays | 15h00 -16h00 |
| | Vanessa Seale | Christ the Mediator | Fridays | 15h00 -16h00 |
| | Robyn October | Christ the Mediator | Sundays | 09h30 - 10h30 |
| Pre - Confirmation | Elaine Petersen | Christ the Mediator | Fridays | 15h00 -16h00 |
| | Pat Martin | Christ The Mediator | Fridays | 15h00 -16h00 |
| Confirmation | Lydia Veldsman | Christ The Mediator | Fridays | 15h00 -16h00 |
| | Pat Ackers | Christ The Mediator | Saturdays | 08h00 – 09h00 |
| | Patrick Valentine | Christ The Mediator | Saturdays | 08h00 – 09h00 |
| | Chantelle Conrad | Christ The Mediator | Sundays | 09h30 – 10h30 |