



PASTORAL LETTER 4

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Belvidere, Knysna with St Saviour's Anglican Chapelry, Rheenendal,
Resurrection Anglican Chapelry, Sedgfield, Karatara, Farleigh & Kraaibosch Missions.

1 May 2020

Dear People of God

Easter Greetings.

We have prayed for you and are hopeful all of you are doing well. We have come to the end of the Lockdown but now move into level 4 with certain liberties but still so many restrictions. I am well aware that our members here at Belvidere are particularly vulnerable, and we pray that all will stay vigilant and safe.

The Covid-19 pandemic has forever changed the world, our country and our communities. This is so for our church as well and in the days and months to follow there will be much re-evaluation of ministry. Some of the measures that are already emerging are the following:

- 1) **Pastoral Staff/Necessary/Excess** – Some serious conversations are emerging as to whether in the days to come and still not being allowed 'back at church' and engaging in ministry, would we be able to afford the Staff; Pastoral, Administrative and Maintenance that we currently have? This is a sad reality for many organisations and churches whose only source of income is the generosity of its members and the many who receive ministry.
- 2) **Budget Adjustments** – We have already at this year's vestry cut our budget down considerably. We would now have to implement further cuts and stricter austerity measures.
- 3) **New Ways making donations possible** – We still have many who like the traditional way of pledge/tithing through an envelope. This is good and well but now we have learned that when we are not meeting, these envelopes do not reach us and therefore we cannot honour many of our financial commitments. We are seeking new ways to make it possible to give: snapscan / cashsend / transfer(eft) / debit orders / tap&go machines. If you have any other suggestions we could explore, it will be appreciated.

Please if it is possible we would appreciate pledges/tithing/donations via eft/debit orders/deposits. You can make payments into the following account: Reference can be your pledge number/Name& Surname...

Holy Trinity Belvidere
Nedbank Knysna
Branch Code 108914
Account NO. 108 902 5416
Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

- 4) **Chapelries** – We have been keeping our eyes on the situation in our chapelries. These communities are impoverished areas which over the last 4 years have contributed significantly to our fiscus and responsibilities. Many will be unemployed after this pandemic and they relied heavily on the fundraising to assist them in helping us cover all costs associated with our ministry together. This pandemic has laid bare three (3) huge challenges that needs further work in the years to come.
- 1) Poverty
 - 2) Inequality
 - 3) Unemployment

We will have to dig deep and find the wisdom and resources in order for us to help them and us come to a different focus of what God is wanting from us for the next phase of our life together. The shift from maintenance to mission and from inside to outside orientation.

- 5) **Food security/relief** - I am very thankful for the generous donations towards our disaster fund that was set up with the Knysna Fire 2017. We have purchased food hampers for temporary food relief with very basic products. We are planning and looking into a long term post-covid relief system. People are thankful for the help and show much appreciation.
- 6) **Play Park + Seating for School Children** – Some good news. We have been blessed with a legacy by a family friend of Mr Koos van Eeden who has ties with our parish. The late Mr Hugh Urry's estate in England has found us to be a worthy cause. These funds have been given to us to erect a play park for the children of the village and to buy some much needed picnic benches for the children at our Ruigtevlei school. With one of my visits to the school, I noticed that the children have nowhere to sit when receiving their daily meals at school. The play park will be of great benefit for all the children in our village and our Sunday School children. It will create a place for people to meet and fellowship and create community.

I pray every day that almighty God will grant us the day to see one another again and be able to worship and glorify his name.

I hope that you have enjoyed the daily reflections and liturgies and that this has helped you grow in faith and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be now assured of our love and care for you.

We continue our prayers for you and ask that you pray for us to.

With our love and care.

Fr Jerome Prins (Rector)

Notices

- **Continue the prayers:**

For the sick and convalescing: Jacques van Eeden, Helen Walker, Barbara Bond, Stan Jones.

For the frail and those with special needs: Kathy Prout, Daphne Worroll, Vivienne Mason-Jones and all those who are bedridden and housebound.

- **Lectionary readings for the month of May**

Day	Date	Readings	Feast
Friday	1	Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59	St Joseph
Saturday	2	Acts 9: 31-42; Psalm 116: 11-18; John 6: 60-69	Athanasius
Sunday	3	Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10	
Monday	4	Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 43; John 10: 1-10	St Philip and St James
Tuesday	5	Acts 11: 19-26; Psalm 87; John 10: 22-30	
Wednesday	6	Acts 12:24 – 13:5; Psalm 67; John 12: 44-50	St John
Thursday	7	Acts 13: 13-25; Psalm 89: 1-2, 19-27; John 13: 16-20	
Friday	8	Acts 13: 26-33; Psalm 2; John 14: 1-7	
Saturday	9	Acts 13: 44-52; Psalm 98; John 14: 7-14	
Sunday	10	Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 17-18; 1 Peter 2: 2-10, John 14:1-14	
Monday	11	Acts 14: 5-18; Psalm 115: 1-11; John 14: 21-26	
Tuesday	12	Acts 14: 19-27; Psalm 145: 10-13, 21; John 14: 27-31a	Simon of Cyrene
Wednesday	13	Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 122; John 15: 1-8	Elizabeth Paul
Thursday	14	Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 96: 1-3, 10-13; John 15: 9-11	St Matthias
Friday	15	Acts 15: 22-31; Psalm 57: 6-12; John 15: 12-17	
Saturday	16	Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 100; John 15: 18-21	
Sunday	17	Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 7-19; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21	
Monday	18	Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26 – 16:4a	
Tuesday	19	Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 138; John 16: 4b-11	Dunstan
Wednesday	20	Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18:8; Psalm 148; John 16: 12-20	
Thursday	21	Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47/Psalm 93; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Luke 24: 44-53	Ascension Day
Friday	22	Acts 18: 9-18; Psalm 47: 1-6; John 16: 20-24	
Saturday	23	Acts 18: 23-28; Psalm 47: 1-2, 7-10; John 16: 23b-28	
Sunday	24	Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10 32-35; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11	
Monday	25	Acts 19: 1-10; Psalm 68: 1-6; John 16: 29-33	The Venerable Bede
Tuesday	26	Acts 20: 17-27; Psalm 68: 7-20; John 17: 1-11a	Augustine
Wednesday	27	Acts 20: 28-38; Psalm 68: 28-35; John 17: 11b-19	
Thursday	28	Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; Psalm 16; John 17: 20-26	
Friday	29	Acts 25: 13-21; Psalm 103: 1-2, 19-22; John 21: 15-19	
Saturday	30	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11; John 21: 20-25	
Sunday	31	Acts 2: 1-21/Numbers 11: 24-30; Psalm 104: 26-36; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13/Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23/John 7: 33-39	The Day of Pentecost



Birthdays in May



<i>Date</i>	<i>Name & Surname</i>
3	Minton Blakeway
4	Max Wotherspoon
16	Jenni Krull
19	Michael Addinall
19	Charlene Baughan
30	Geoff Woodgate

Happy Birthday