

# St Francis Parkview

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**27 November 2016**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Almighty Father,  
your Son came to us in humility as our Saviour  
and at the last day he will come again  
in glory as our judge:  
give us grace to turn away from darkness  
to the light of Christ  
that we will be ready to welcome him;  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen



## **Advent Candles in the shape of the Southern Cross**

Bless us and our Advent candles.  
May the light that shines forth from them  
illumine our way  
as we journey towards Christmas,  
just as the Southern Cross has guided  
pilgrims through the ages.

**Pray for the Church:** Kansas – VII, The Episcopal Church and for the Rt Revd Dean Wolfe.  
We pray for **Steve our Bishop** and for Liziwe his wife.

**Prayer for the World:** Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Prayer for Parishioners:**

**Birthdays: Monday 28:** Cameron Fermin; Alexandra Tucker; **Tuesday 29:** Derek Pryor; Zimkhitha Mkhoza; Diketso Mufamandi; Reuben Pienaar; **Wednesday 30:** Nicholas Whittaker; Caelen Buchanan; Caley May; Garry Peckett; **Thursday 1:** Piero Gianadda; Lerato Morand; **Friday 2:** Esther Malia; **Saturday 3:** Hayley Pienaar

**Families to be prayed for this week:** Gugu Mhlanga; Peter, Sue and Isabelle Middleton; Terri and Marlon Miller; George Miller; Janet Wilson and Greg, Amelia, William and Beatrix Mills; Andre, Jill, Hannah, Levi and Luke Mills

**Prayers for those in need of prayer:** Sonja Begg; Pat Cawthorn; Bill Currie; Rosemary Dormer; Jeffery Gavin; Chloe Heylen; Pam King; Xenka Kinnaird; Ally Martin; Khanya Mills; Maria Miszti; Tsungi Ngwenya; Maria Nkabinde; Jay Owens; Geoff Paxton; Wendy Price; Val Robertson; Marlene Sterling; Desmond Tutu, Hope Zwambile

**Year's Mind:** Barry Osler; Lettie Twala; Aileen Hope; Jack du Toit; Ivy Brooks

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

Isaiah 2: 1-5	OT 667
Psalms 122	APB
Romans 13: 11-14	NT 202
Matthew 24: 36-44	NT 36

**HYMNS 07:30**

440 Christ is the world's light  
165 (Tune 63) Lord of the worlds above  
160 We love the place, O God  
29 The Lord will come and not be slow

**We invite you to come to the  
Lady Chapel during and after  
communion if you would like someone  
to pray for you or with you.**

**EUCCHARIST 07:30**

**EUCCHARIST 09:30**

<b>Celebrant</b>	Paul Germond	Maria Frahm-Arp
<b>Preacher</b>	Cynthia Botha	Cynthia Botha
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Susan Alexander	Chloe Heylen
<b>Eucharistic Prayer</b>	Advent 1 Eucharistic Prayer	
<b>Server</b>	Alan King	-
<b>First Reader</b>	James Ridley	Nigel Carman
<b>Second Reader</b>	Mike Honnet	Jillian Carman
<b>Music</b>	James Ridley	Ruth Coggin
<b>Sides People</b>	Mike Honnet Mike Williams	Piero Gianadda Tongai Furusa
<b>Chapel Prayer</b>	Ann Pryor	Colleen Gordon
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Bongumusa Zungu	
<b>Flowers</b>	Kim Carlile	
<b>Keys Unlock</b>	Mike Honnet	
<b>Keys Lock Up</b>	Theo Coggin	
<b>Rock n Roll</b>	Clementine Nishimwe Sue Middleton	
<b>Tea 09:30</b>	Hilary Carman and Clementine Nishimwe	



**BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PARISH'S  
MINISTRY BY CONTRIBUTING TO DG!**

**BRING YOUR DG PLEDGE FORM ON  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27 OR DECEMBER 4**



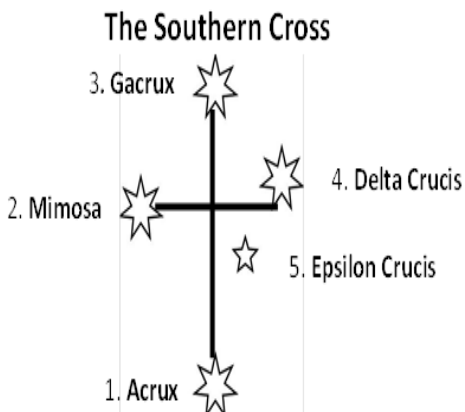
## **THE ADVENT CANDLES IN THE SHAPE OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

In the night sky of the Southern Hemisphere, the four central stars of the Southern Cross shine permanently above us. From ancient times, these stars offered travellers and ocean navigators who looked up to them, a sure sense of direction, the way to true south. In this season of Advent we remember and anticipate the coming into the world of the light that enlightens everyone. So also as Christians, we look to the cross of Jesus and the light of His resurrection to offer us a true bearing for our lives; to Christ who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

This Advent we place the Advent Candles in the shape of the Southern Cross in front of the altar in place of the traditional Advent Wreath. The wreath reflects the Northern Hemisphere winter conditions. By using the Southern Cross in this way we, with many other parishes in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, are guided by *Celebrating Sunday under Southern Skies* a liturgical resource book published in September and approved by the Provincial Synod for use in parishes. The Advent Liturgy we will use throughout Advent 2016 has been shaped by this useful and exciting book.

The Southern Cross constellation is made up of five stars scientifically called Acrux, Mimosa, Gacrux, Delta Crucis, and Epsilon Crucis. Depending on the time of year and the position of the viewer the arrangement and shape of the constellation can vary.

Each Sunday at the lighting of the Advent Candles we will use the names of these stars for each candle, the 5<sup>th</sup>, Epsilon Crucis, being the candle we light on Christmas day. It is the candle in the gold candlestick.



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### EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday 28 November	18:00 Baptism Meeting	
Tuesday 29 November	17:30 Eucharist	
Wednesday 30 November	09:30 Eucharist	
	17:00 Children's Choir	18:00 Choir Practice
Thursday 1 December	10:00 Knitting Circle	
	19:00 Advent Bible Study	
Friday 2 December	07:00 Eucharist	
	16:00 Youth Camp till 15:00 on Saturday	
Saturday 3 December	08:30 Meditation in the Assisi Room	
Sunday 4 December	07:30 Eucharist	
	09:30 Eucharist, Baptism and Rock n' Roll	
	17:00 JSA Advent Service	

### NOTICES:

**JSA ADVENT SERVICE:** St Francis is hosting this years JSA Advent service on December 4 at 17:00 and so we need your help with catering. We need both Savoury and Sweet Dished for the tea after the service. Please could you let Val Archer know if you can bring something or write your name down on the clipboard at the back.

**SOCIAL OUTREACH CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>:** As we prepare for this important event we need your contributions of food, time and monetary donations. Please consult the board at the back of the church and put your name down where appropriate. Thank you in anticipation.

**DECEMBER/JANUARY COMBINED SERVICES:** Our combined services start on December 11 and run up to and including 8 January at 09:00. We need volunteers for the Sunday duties during this time. Please could you fill in your name on the board at the back where you are able to help with a Sunday duty.



### Advent Bible Studies 2016

## Light and Darkness in the Gospel of John

led by

**Paul Germond**

Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Ellis Herbert Hall

December 1: **He was a burning and shining lamp**

December 8: **Are there not twelve hours of daylight?**

December 15: **If you walk in the darkness**

**NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** At its monthly meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> the Parish Council changed the Office Hours of the Parish Administrator. The hours will be 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Monday to Friday. This will be effective from Monday 28 November. **The Administrator will no longer work on a Sunday morning** as has been the case. Please be respectful of this change on Sundays. The council determined that the workload of the Administrator required more time in the office in the week. On Wednesday mornings volunteers will continue to staff the office, giving the Administrator the opportunity to focus exclusively on large administrative tasks, which until now have been taken home to complete every week. We trust that this will make for a more efficient and less stressed running of our busy parish life.