

tant priest Revd. Clarence Swanepoel and his family for his ministry over the past year. As both our Rector and Assistant priest together with their families prepare to move on respectively to the Parish of St. Augustine, Lotus River and the Parochial District of Ashton Montagu, we pray your blessing on them and their ministry during this new transition. We pray for courage and strength and sincere hope as the Parish will welcome their new Rector on May 1st, 2021. We thank you for our Retired Clergy, Revd. Kenneth September and Revd. Rashaad Abraham and their respective spouses and families, residing within the parish, who also contribute towards success of the ministry in Robertson. We pray your blessings on our newly elected Church Wardens, Chapel Wardens and Parish Council, the various organisations and leaders within our Parish. Thank you for allowing them to serve this Parish on a voluntary, humble and in a generous way. May we always sing praises to our God as we journey together during these unprecedented times in a Christ like way, where all God's children find a spiritual home to belong in this broken society in which we live. *Pray for The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia (Queensland Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 30  
PARISH OF ST. MATTHEW AND ST. MARK**

Gracious, loving, and merciful Lord, we give you thanks for all our blessings and your continual blessings bestowed upon us. We pray your blessing and protection over our rector and her Dad. We also give thanks for our leadership, our Wardens, and organizational leaders. We pray for the festival of the Chapel of St Mark the Evangelist and for unity and harmony amongst God's people. We pray for our church and especially for our fragmented families. We pray for comfort and support to those who suffer, those who are sick, the lonely, the elderly, those with special needs, the hungry, the destitute and families who go through difficult times. We pray for all our farm workers in our vast area where they work under difficult conditions to support their families. We give thanks for our blessed confirmation service and we continue to pray for Bella Vista, Prince Alfred Hamlet and Koue Bokkeveld with its own social challenges especially amongst the youth. *Pray for The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**The Archdeaconry of Mountain Bay to submit their prayers by 6 April**

**PRAYERS FOR PARISHES AND PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY**

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**PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS  
FOR THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF  
THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY**

**APRIL 2021**

**PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

*O God make us children of quietness and heirs of peace.*

**ARCHDEACONRIES OF BREEDE VALLEY AND OVERBERG**

**EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-10 April**

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| 1  | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY / CHRISM MASS ELGIN</b>         |
| 2  | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>                                 |
| 4  | <b>EASTER</b>                                      |
| 5  | <b>FAMILY DAY</b>                                  |
| 10 | AWF Executive Meeting @ Rotterdam                  |
| 10 | Helderberg C/wardens/Councillors Training Macassar |

**THURSDAY 1-MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Son of Man, who on the night before your passion took towel and water and washed the feet of your disciples: give us understanding of what you have done and teach us to follow the example of your humility, that by love we may serve one another. Lord Jesus, in the sacrament of your body and blood you have graciously given us a way to remember both your sacrifice for us and your presence with us. May we receive your salvation in its fullness and give ourselves gladly in the service of others. our Father's kingdom and to do his will, to the glory of his name. *Pray for The Diocese of Bauchi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 2-GOOD FRIDAY**

Lord Jesus Christ, in all your words most wonderful; assist us by your Spirit as we now reflect again upon your last words spoken from the cross. Fill them with fresh meaning for each one of us here. Help us to hear them with understanding, to receive them with penitence, and to respond to them with faith; that we may grasp something more of the depth of your love. We ask this for your love's sake. *Pray for The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia (New South Wales Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**SATURDAY 3-HOLY SATURDAY**

We thank you, Lord Christ, that by the travail of your passion you brought to birth the new redeemed family of the Church, in which your love transfigures all our relationships. Draw us as believers closer together at the foot of the cross. Teach us to welcome and care for one another in obedience to your word; and unite us in a fellowship of compassion as members of the one

family, to serve our Father's kingdom and to do his will, to the glory of his name. *Pray for The Diocese of Bauchi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SUNDAY 4-EASTER DAY-THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

Alleluia he is risen indeed! Almighty and everlasting God, we meet with joy to worship you this Easter day. And our joy is this, that he who was crucified, dead and buried is now alive for evermore, our risen and reigning Lord. As we celebrate his triumph, we pray that his joy may abide in our hearts and that our lives may proclaim his praise. To him be the glory for ever and ever. *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 5-MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK HOLY TRINITY, CALEDON**

Lord God, we thank you for blessings and grace towards your people in the Parish of Caledon. We pray for our clergy their families and all parishioners at this time especially all those who have lost a loved one. Touch those who are bereaved in a special way. We give thanks for all who commit themselves to caring for those in need and for willingly committing themselves to follow all safety protocols. Lord, we entrust all our sick people into your caring and healing hands. Bless our administration, plans and all work to be done in all chapels. *Pray for The Diocese of Belize – The Church in the Province of the West Indies (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **TUESDAY 6-TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK ST ANDREW'S, HAWSTON**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind as we continue 2021 in uncertain and fearful times, thank you for our committed and faithful leadership. We give you thanks for our newly elected wardens and councillors and for the ministry of our Rector Rev Franklin and his wife and children. We give God thanks for the 10 years of ministry of Rev Franklin in this part of the vineyard. As he prepares to leave may God continue to bless his ministry in Robertson. We especially pray for our parishioners and the broader community during this time of the pandemic. May God protect, guide and heal them through these uncertain times. We pray for job opportunities for our youth and for economic stability for our communities. We pray for the health, safety and education system to meet the needs of the people. *Pray for The Diocese of Bendigo – The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **WEDNESDAY 7-WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK– Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide recognized by the UN**

Loving God, we ask for your care and protection of those who work to alleviate the suffering of our global brothers and sisters. By vocations and volunteers, the service of your people is accomplished through the work of each of these individuals. Bless their work so that it can effect real change in global health care. Bless the organizations that continuously work to increase community health, shape global policy and aid in the distribution of health resources. Help each one of us to see our role in shaping global health care outcomes, be it through volunteering, providing financial assistance, giving money, raising awareness or prayer. Help us and all those who work to break the global cycles of poverty, misery and disease to be true servants to those in need. *Pray for The Diocese of Benin – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **THURSDAY 8-THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of education. We ask you to bless children around the world. Help them and their communities find opportunities to receive an education so that they have a better future, and help us be part of their journey out of poverty as members of the global

geous, sensitive to the Church's need; and may they so exercise their responsibilities that your people may be built up in faith and knowledge and equipped for work in your service. *Pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 26-ST MARK, THE EVANGELIST PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF MONTAGUE AND ASHTON**

We give thanks and praise to our Lord for His healing and sustaining hand on the Parochial District of Montagu and Ashton. We continue to pray for our parishioners who have lost loved ones during this time. We thank God for the principal, Mr S Sauer, staff and learners of Rietvlei EC Primary. We pray for St. Mildred's in Montagu in their preparation to celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We pray for the children in our Parochial District and everyone involved in their formation. We bring before you our Parochial leadership: wardens, council members and our clergy Revd Smyth and Bhozo. *Pray for The Diocese of Brasilia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **TUESDAY 27-World Malaria day-recognized by the UN and WHO**

Almighty God, accept our prayers for those whose lives are currently tainted by malaria and for those who live in areas that are prone to this preventable disease. We pray and give thanks for the skill and dedication of the scientists who have been striving for many years to find a vaccine to combat malaria. We thank you that a breakthrough has at last been achieved and that there is now the prospect of an effective vaccine becoming available in the next few years. We pray that the tests will be brought to a successful conclusion and that this vaccine might become widely available at a price even the poorest can afford. *Pray for The Diocese of Brazzaville – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **WEDNESDAY 28 PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S**

We give thanks to God that the church has been able to prepare for the Lenten season and in celebrating St. Valentine's day and School Sunday. Although with many COVID-deaths, we as St. Andrews united as a Parish (St. Peters, St. Johns and St. Laurence) behind those that mourn the death of their loved-ones through drive-through, lighting of candles and Whatsapp messages. We thank God for the special calling of our Doctors and Nurses in the difficult season of COVID-19, as they adhere to their distinctive codes of conduct, in sacrifices of their family time and recreation time. We thank God for the many blessings He bestows on our community, church and region, through the gifts of mother nature by harvesting, good income and seasonal work, in order for Breede Valley to blossom in these tough economic times. We bring before God our mission and vision for 2021, through our Theme: Thuma Mina (Here I am, send me). We bring before God our many Distinctive ministries that needed to be realized through many creative and new models. We bring before God our clerical leadership in Revd Ahrends and Revd Gabriels; and we thank God for each and every one at St. Andrews who brought their gifts of stewardship during lockdown, in order for this Parish to adhere to the calling of God's power, God's peace, God's presence, God's protection, for God's people. *Pray for The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **THURSDAY 29-Catherine of Siena, 1380 PARISH OF ROBERTSON**

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving more than we can utter more than we can understand be to you O Glorious God for the Parish of Robertson. Thank you, Lord, for the unity of this Parish community as we build together your kingdom in this part of your vineyard despite the many challenges that we face as a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic. We pray and give you thanks for the ministry of our Rector, Revd. Richard M. Dunsdon and his family over past 4 years. Thank you for sending him our way to be our spiritual leader. We also pray for our Assis-

for them to travel to church on Sundays. We pray for those who will be confirmed in this month, that they will commit their lives to following Christ. *Pray for The Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **THURSDAY 22**

##### **ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ELGIN**

Gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to return to in-person worship amidst the ongoing Covid -19 Pandemic. We give thanks for the lives of those who had passed on during this trying time where farewells to loved ones became inhibited. We pray for our Rector and Archdeacon, the Venerable Neil February and his wife Beverley-Anne; our Assistant Priest Revd Anthony Koopman and his wife Elise and their respective families. We give thanks to God for the Churchwardens, Llewelly Ess who is recuperating from his health challenges, Neville Dreyer and the Alternate Charles November as they serve this parish. We give thanks for the various Chapel Wardens and Councillors and organizations within the parish. We give glory to God for the fruit harvesting season which has started and give thanks for the Seasonal workers, who earn an income through this industry. We also bring before God the many issues facing our community, including the occasional service delivery protests which negatively affects the N2 road users. We pray God's continued blessing and protection over this part of God's vineyard. *Pray for The Diocese of Bor – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **FRIDAY 23-George, Martyr, 4th century**

##### **ST PETER'S, BOTRIVER**

We pray for our Rector, Rev Randall, Rev Van Der Bijl and their spouses, the wardens, the alternate, as well as the chapelry wardens. As we reflect on a year ago today, let us pray for all who lost loved ones since the beginning of the pandemic. We give thanks to God for keeping us safe in His hands, keeping us healthy and safe against the virus, those who still have employment, and the ability to employ people in these trying times. We give thanks for the excitement of Easter Morning as we experienced, once again, the Resurrection of our Lord within us. *Pray for The Diocese of Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SATURDAY 24**

Father, we are so grateful for the rope holders who've helped pull us out of despairing situations; those who have given us an uplifting message, interceded in prayer on our behalf, given of their time and expertise to help us in our dilemma. We too want to be a rope holder and offer a word of encouragement, be a listening ear, and extend tender compassion and mercy to one in need. Help us to be Your hand extended to those in need. Amen. Pray for all who will be confirmed today and tomorrow at All Saint's, Bredasdorp. *Pray for The Diocese of Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

##### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 25-30 April**

- 25 CMS Diocesan Helderberg Arch Meeting @Rusthof (Provincial)
- 25 Guild: Servants of the Sanctuary Chapter B/Valley
- 27 **FREEDOM DAY**
- 29 **DIOCESAN CHAPTER**

#### **SUNDAY 25-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

We thank you, Father, that from the days of the apostles you have chosen and prepared people to exercise leadership and oversight in the Church, to guard its faith and guide its life. We pray for those who are called to the ministry, that they may be holy and humble people, strong and coura-

community. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Bentiu – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Upper Nile Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **FRIDAY 9-FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

##### **ST PETER'S, HERMANUS**

Majestic and Merciful God, we thank you for your abiding presence during these unprecedented and difficult times. We thank you that through a global pandemic you continue to empower us for service. We thank you for our clergy and their families, Revds Jerry Gelant and Nitano Muller, generously assisted by Revds Lyndall and Joan. We thank God for the successful completion of our Vestry Meetings, for the newly elected Wardens, Parish and Chapelry Councils, our administrator and our Treasurer. We thank you for the generosity of many who offer their time and resources to keep the parish operational. We pray for our recently confirmed candidates, that they may be firm in their faith and make good decisions. Breathe new life into your organisations and ministries as they begin to reorientate themselves in the new normal. We pray for our elderly, frail, sick and the infirmed. Strengthen our partnerships with local organisations that we may work together to bring about hope and tangible change in our communities. *Pray for The Diocese of Bermuda – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SATURDAY 10-SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

##### **ST JOHN'S, KLIPDALE**

We give thanks to God for the ministry of Revd Christoffel September and his wife Caroline. We give thanks to God for the leadership of the Chapelwardens together with the Chapel Councillors. We give thanks to God for the successful harvest season, praying that the farmers will continue to provide employment to their workers. We hold the principal, educators, and learners of Klipdale EC Primary, that they will continue to develop our children to be responsible citizens. *Pray for The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church (III (3) Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

##### **EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 11-17 April**

- 11 Portland 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 11 CMS Diocesan Mountain Bay Arch Meeting @ Parkwood Est.
- 12 Mitchell's Plain Arch Clergy Fellowship Day
- 13 Schools Open
- 13 Mountain Bay Cluster Meeting
- 14 Mountain Bay Archdeaconry Licensing of Layministers
- 17 AWF Branch Meeting Visitation

#### **SUNDAY 11-SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Gentle Spirit; breathe in us the wind of truth, wisdom and righteousness. May your presence inspire us to create labyrinths of peace. Compassionate One, make our hearts burn with love, honouring all peoples and creation. Bless all nations, every family and community while we seek to work for justice and unity. Prince of Peace, lead us to ways of healing and reconciliation, we pray, with those who suffer and struggle. Bless us with your reconciling love that knows no boundaries as we seek to live in community, justice and peace. *Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 12**

**ALL SAINT'S BREDASDORP ( WITH CHAPELRIES OF HOLY SPIRIT; ST ANDREW'S, ARNISTON; ST MARY'S, STRUISBAAI; ST JOHN'S, KLIPDALE; ST SAVIOUR'S, NAPIER; ST PETER'S, OUPLAAS & HASIESDRIFT**

We give thanks to God for the ministry of the clergy of the Parish Revds Vincent Bastiaan, Christoffel September, and Lilian Newman under the leadership of Revd Francois Lewis, together with their spouses. We give thanks to God for the leadership of the Parish Wardens, together with the Parish Councillors. We give thanks to God for the generosity of the people of this parish and for their commitment in serving Christ and His people as well as their financial contributions during 2020. We continue to pray for the unemployed and give thanks to God that many industries have reopened, allowing people to provide for their families. We remember the housebound and those with comorbidities who cannot be part of our Sunday services. As lockdown continues and many people are infected with the virus, we continue to hold all those who are being hospitalized and are still in isolation due to Covid-19, praying that they will experience peace and comfort in the healing love of our Lord Jesus. We hold before God those who are bereaved, praying that they will find comfort in the redeeming love of our Lord Jesus. We remember all those who will be licensed as Lay Ministers and those who will be confirmed this month. We pray for all ministries in our Parish, that we will continue to reflect the love of Christ in our lives as we serve God and His people in this part of His vineyard. Pray for *The Diocese of Bhopal – The (united) Church of North India (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 13**

O Lord, Creator of the entire world, O Loving God, this prayer is for Africa. Bless the plains, rivers, trees and all the African lands. Bless the birds, fish and animals that bring beauty and abundance to Africa. Bless O Lord, your children in Africa, dry their tears, bring hope into their hearts, health and safety to their lives, food and water for their nourishment. Bring peace to their countries and still the guns of war. Bless us, O Lord, and heal your continent of Africa. Renew the land, renew the spirit of all those who are wounded in any way. May justice roll down like water on the parched ground of your beloved Africa. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province) (A C of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 14**

**ALL SAINT’S AND THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BREDASDORP**

We give thanks to God for the leadership of the Chapel-wardens together with the Chapel Councillors. Thank you, Lord, for the maintenance at All Saint’s Church and the Church of the Holy Spirit. *Pray for The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

**THURSDAY 15**

Loving Father, We lift to you those ageing people who are experiencing deterioration of sight, hearing and short-term memory; those who struggle to keep up with modern technology; and those whose families and friends do not realise what support and help is needed by the elderly. We hold up to you those elderly people who are losing their mobility, and those whose physical ability to do their daily tasks has diminished. We lift to you all those older people who live in shacks without water and sanitation, those who are unable to provide sufficient food for themselves, and those who watch their children die and who are left to support their grandchildren on too little. We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of good health that so many senior citizens enjoy; for time for new interests and hobbies, and the challenge of learning new skills. We thank you, Lord, for the pleasures of reminiscence of happy times long past, for those golden memories of childhood, youth and laughter. *Pray for The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England (Canterbury Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 16**

**ST ANDREW’S, ARNISTON**

We give thanks to God for the ministry of Revd Lilian Newman and the steady growth in the weekly attendance at our services. We pray for the Chapel-wardens together with the Chapel Councillors. We give thanks to God for the commitment of our young people for serving the

church. We bring before God all fishermen, for favourable sea weather to provide for their families. *Pray for The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England (York Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**SATURDAY 17**

**ST MARY’S, STRUISBAAI**

We give thanks to God for the ministry of Revd Vincent Bastiaan and his wife, Christina. We pray for the Chapelwardens together with the Chapel Councillors. We hold before God the high levels of unemployment and give thanks to God for the local industries that are providing employment opportunities to the local people. We remember the foreign nationals from across our continent who are seeking refuge in our communities and give thanks to God that the local people have embraced and accepted them in their communities. *Pray for The Diocese of Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa (West Africa Province) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 18-24 April	
18	Confirmation: St Michael’s, Elgin: } : St Peter’s, Bot River: } COMBINED
22	DTB/DFB
24	Mountain Bay Arch Parish Council Training L/River
24/25	Confirmation: All Saint’s, Bredasdorp:

**SUNDAY 18-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbours as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Put away the nightmares of terror and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. Pray for all to be confirmed today at St Michael’s, Elgin and St Peter’s, Bot River. *Pray for The Church of Ireland (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 19**

**ST SAVIOUR’S, NAPIER**

We give thanks to God for the ministry of all the clergy serving St Saviour’s. We give thanks to God for the leadership of the Chapelwardens together with the Chapel Councillors. We bring before God those who will be licensed as Lay Ministers and those who will be confirmed. *Pray for The Diocese of Boga – Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo (Anglican C of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 20**

Lord, we remember before you all our brothers and sisters who are weighed down with suffering. Bless and guide us that your love may be reflected in our concern for the hungry, the oppressed and the unloved. Help us to acknowledge and grow in appreciation that all people are made in your image and likeness. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 21-Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Teacher of the Faith, 1109  
ST PETER’S, OUPLAAS AND OUTSTATION HASSIESDRIFT**

We give thanks to God for the commitment of the farming community, for their dedication and commitment to travel long distances to worship on Sundays; for the leadership of the Chapelwardens and the Chapel Councillors. We give thanks to God for the local farmers and the successful harvest season, to sustain employment for the farm workers and provide transport