



**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**  
**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR**  
**GROOT DRAKENSTEIN**

WITH THE CHAPELRIES OF ST GILES LANQUEDOC; ST JOHN'S  
 KYLEMORE; ST SIMON'S SIMONDIUM; OUTSTATIONS OF LA MOTTE  
 FOREST STATION AND WEMMERSHOEK SAWMILLS

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**THIRD SUNDAY/ DERDE SONDAG IN ADVENT**  
**BAPTISM SUNDAY/ DOOP SONDAG**  
**16 DECEMBER/ DESEMBER 2018**

**COLLECT**

God of hope and joy,  
 you sent John the Baptist  
 to announce the coming of your Son:  
 inspire all who serve in your Church  
 to prepare for his coming again  
 through the same Jesus Christ  
 our Lord; who lives and reigns  
 with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
 Amen.

**VOORGEBED**

God van hoop en vreugde,  
 U het Johannes die Doper gestuur  
 om die koms van u Seun aan te kondig:  
 inspireer almal wat in u kerk dien  
 om voor te berei vir sy wederkoms  
 deur dieselfde Jesus Christus,  
 onse Here; wie leef en regeer  
 met U en die Heilige Gees,  
 een God, nou en vir ewig.  
 Amen.

CENTRE	SERVICE	TIME	PRESIDER
St. Simon's	Holy Eucharist	08h00	Revd Eugene Kearns
St. George's	Carol Service	10h00	Revd Joe Humbles
St. Giles	Holy Eucharist	08h00	Revd Eugene de Beer
St. John's	Holy Eucharist	10h00	Revd Eugene de Beer
Wemmershoek	Holy Eucharist	08h00	Revd Joe Humbles

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## READINGS/ SKRIFLESINGS

### **HOLY EUCHARIST/ HEILIGE EUCHARISTIE**

#### SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018

Zephaniah / Sefanja 3: 14-20

Isaiah / Jesaja 12: 2-6 (replaces the Psalm)

Philippians / Filippense 4: 4-7

Luke / Lukas 3: 7-18

#### Morning Prayer

**Mon 17**

Psalm 39

Isaiah / Jesaja 8: 16-9:1

2 Peter / Petrus 1: 1-11

**Tue 18**

Psalm 59, 60

Isaiah / Jesaja 42: 1-12

Ephesians / Efesiers 6: 10-20

**Wed 19**

Psalms 63, 64, 65

Isaiah / Jesaja 11: 1-9

Revelation / Openbaring 20: 1-10

**Thur 20**

Psalm 68

Isaiah / Jesaja 11: 10-16

Revelation / Openbaring 20: 11-21:8

**Friday 21**

Psalm 70, 71

Isaiah / Jesaja 28: 9-22

Revelation / Openbaring 21: 9-21

**Sat 22**

Psalm 73

Isaiah / Jesaja 29: 13-24

Revelation / Openbaring 21: 22-22:5

#### Evening Prayer

Psalm 40, 41

Zechariah / Sagaria 1: 7-17

Luke / Lukas 22: 39-53

Psalm 61, 62

Genesis 3: 8-15

John 3: 16-21

Psalms 66, 67

Zephaniah / Sefanja 3: 14-20

John / Johannes 5: 30-47

Psalm 69

1 Samuel 2: 1b-10

Luke / Lukas 1: 5-25

Psalm 72

2 Samuel 7: 1-17

Luke / Lukas 1: 26-38

Psalm 74

2 Samuel 7: 18-29

Luke / Lukas 1: 39-48a (48b-56)

#### **REFLECTION: ADVENT 3**

John the Baptist's simple message of justice and mercy has global ramifications in the modern world. Though it's easy to glance backward and recognize the challenges faced by those in the ancient world, John's message is for us too. There are those today who are cheated out of wages and/or benefits by others who game the system. Many of us might even benefit (intentionally or not) from a system that encourages unjust practices when it comes to labor conditions or wages and benefits. Those in the developed world have the equivalent of multiple cloaks while many throughout the world go without. While it might be rare for us to see outright pilfering of wages, more often we can encounter poor working conditions, a minimum wage that requires 120 hours of work each week to support a family, or cheap goods whose real costs are borne an ocean away. What are the values that guide our lives? How are we to live in preparation for the coming of the Son of Man? Justice and mercy are a sure foundation...

This is Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for joy even as we continue the season of Advent preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas. Are there Christmas preparations that are causing you stress and worry? Can you trade them in or let go of them in order to allow room for more joy?

*Living Liturgy*

# December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Servers Guild Year End
<b>2</b> ADVENT SUNDAY REDEDICATION SUNDAY Petals of Hope	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bishop's Party	<b>8</b> Outstations Bus Trip
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Parish Lay Ministers' Meeting - Kylemore	<b>12</b> Final Holy Eucharist Service at St. Giles for 2018	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> SCHOOLS CLOSE	<b>15</b> End of Baptism Prep Classes
<b>16</b> DAY OF RECONCILIATION Baptism Sunday Nativity Plays	<b>17</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

## CHURCH WARDENS/ KERKVOOGDE

Abraham Lackay—076 546 8159

Henry Valentyn – 063 545 3568

Eldred Kleinschmidt—083 363 4692 (Alternate)

## CHAPEL WARDENS/ KAPELVOOGDE

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St. George's Groot Drakenstein

Janelle Rhode – 062 728 3026

### St. Giles, Lanquedoc

John Harris – 076 333 6884

Eldred Kleinschmidt—083 363 4692

### St. John's, Kylemore

Abraham Lackay—076 546 8159

Sharon Jackson – 078 147 4484

### St. Simon's, Simondium

Collin Van Der Westhuizen—084 998 7841

Henry Valentyn – 063 545 3568

## Outstations of Wemmershoek & La Motte:

Lewies Cloete—083 422 5910

Gerald Alexander – 083 600 8630

Jaco Jacobs – 061 936 2678

- ◆ **Baptism Sunday:** 16 December 2018 (St. Giles, St. John's, St. Simon's, Wemmershoek)
- ◆ **Christmas Carols Services:** Sunday, 16 December - St. George's (10h00) & Outstations (08h00); St. John's & St. Simon's at 17h00.
- ◆ St Giles' Carols Service has been moved to Sunday 23 December at 5pm.
- ◆ **Toys-for-Joy** – Could you please bring along a **toy or school stationery** to your Carols Service to put under the Christmas tree – it will be given to needy children. If you are giving toys, please indicate whether for a boy/girl as well as the age group.
- ◆ **The Christmas Offering Envelope will be distributed** on Sundays, 16 & 23 December. Please be generous as we give thanks to God for blessing us through another year.
- ◆ **The Parish office will closed on Monday, 17 December** (tomorrow) – Public Holiday
- ◆ **The 3-Year Parish Community Outreach Project** (Simondium Primary School Educator) has come to an end this month. A special thanks to all those persons who gave so generously.
- ◆ **A Parish Census is being done at the moment:** All Chapelries and Outstations must update their membership rolls and send an electronic copy to the parish office by 16 December 2018.
- ◆ **We thank God for safely bringing Fr. Laurencious through his knee operation** on Tuesday and pray for a speedy recovery.
- ◆ **We pray for Mrs. Yolanda Humbles** as she prepares for a shoulder operation, to repair torn ligaments, on Wednesday, 19 December 2018.
- ◆ **We pray for the people of Arniston** as they recover from the devastating fires in the region this past week and especially for the clergy and people of the Parish of Bredasdorp.
- ◆ **Notices for the Pew Leaflet:** must be submitted by Wednesday, 1pm.
- ◆ **Afrikaans & English Anglican Prayer Books for sale at office @ R130**
- ◆ **Holy Matrimony (Christian Marriage):** Couples wishing to get married must make an appointment to see the Rector (Fr. Joe) at least **six months/ a year** before their proposed date. Bring copies of your identity Documents and three ID-size photographs. Couples must avail themselves for a period of Marriage Preparation. Persons who are divorced, and desire re-marriage, must avail themselves for a process of obtaining special dispensation from the Bishop for their marriage to be solemnized in Church
- ◆ **Funerals:** Kindly speak to the Rector before making arrangements with an Undertaker.
- ◆ **Sick and Housebound:** Please inform the Office *asap* of a Parishioner who is very sick, whether at home or in hospital—please quote the Hospital and Ward and also inform the office when the patient has been discharged.
- ◆ **House Blessings:** Please contact the Rector (Fr. Joe)
- ◆ Please make sure that **your name appears on the parish roll** at your chapelry; if not, kindly complete a membership form and return it to your chapel wardens
- ◆ **Parish Banking details:** Standard Bank, St George's Church, **Account no:** 280094310, **Branch Code** 050510. Please use **your pledge number and church as reference when pledging via EFT**, for example **G82 St Giles. NOT PLEDGE NUMBER AND YOUR NAME.**

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PARISH**

*Sarah Goshai, Dinah Manuel, Basil Goshai, Levinia Williams, Anneline Marthinus, Dora Atshipara, Norman Kleinschmidt, Hayden Sias, Dawid Basson, Gerald Goshai, Sophia Klaassen, Isaac Afrika, Stanley Goshai, Andries Koopman, Rachel Hartzenberg, Lynn Mehmel, Annie Juries, Yolanda Parsons, Lavinia Beukes*