

# THE PARISH OF ST GEORGE THE MARTYR GROOT DRAKENSTEIN

St George's



St Giles



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St John's



with the Outstations of Wemmershoek & La Motte



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## **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **MATRIC SUNDAY**

**18 OCTOBER 2020**

#### **COLLECT**

Holy God, you govern all things in heaven and on earth: enable us to be obedient to your authority that serving you in the world we will be faithful witnesses of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

#### **VOORGEBED**

Heilige God, U heers oor alle dinge in die hemel en op aarde: stel ons in staat om gehoorsaam te wees aan u gesag dat deur U in die wêreld te dien, ons getroue getuies van u koninkryk sal wees; deur Jesus Christus onse Here, wie leef en regeer met U en die Heilige Gees, een God, nou en vir ewig.  
**Amen.**

**Sunday Lessons:** Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians / Thessalonicense 1: 1-10

Matthew / Matteus 22: 15-22

**DEAR GOD, WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PARISH, TOUCH THEM WITH YOUR HEALING GRACE.** "Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise" – Jeremiah's 17:14

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**Morning Prayer****Evening Prayer**

<b>Mon 19</b>	Psalm 103 Isajah 52: 7-10 Luke / Lukas 1: 1-4	Psalm 96 Ecclesiasticus 35: 3-6 Colossians / Kolossense 4: 7-18
<b>Tue 20</b>	Psalm 49 Ecclesiasticus 6: 5-17 Revelation / Openbaring 7: 9-17	Psalm 50 Lamentation / Klaagliedere 1: 1-12 Luke / Lukas 10: 1-16
<b>Wed 21</b>	Psalms 51 Ecclesiasticus 7: 4-14 Acts / Handelinge 8: 1-13	Psalm 52, 53, 54 Lamentation / Klaagliedere 2: 8-15 Luke / Lukas 10: 17-24
<b>Thu 22</b>	Psalms 55 Ecclesiasticus 10: 1-18 Acts / Handelinge 9: 1-12	Psalm 56, 57, 58 Ezra 1: 1-11 Luke / Lukas 10: 25-37
<b>Friday 23</b>	Psalms 119: 145-160 Isajah / Jesaja 50: 4-9 1 Corinthians / Korintiers 15: 1-11	Psalms 122, 129 Jeremiah 11: 18-23 Matthew / Matteus 13: 53-58
<b>Sat 24</b>	Psalm 63, 64, 65 Ecclesiasticus 15: 9-20 Acts / Handelinge 10: 1-11	Psalm 66, 67 Ezra 4: 7, 11-24 Luke / Lukas 11: 1-13

**NOTICES****NOTICES****NOTICES**

- ❖ **Please register through Jackie at the parish office during office hours at 021 874 4008 to book your seat stating name, surname and church attending. **No more bookings will be done through whatsapp.****
- ❖ **The Worship Services at St George's Church** will continue from today the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 at 10h00am. Don't forget to register
- ❖ **Matric Sunday:** Please send the names and surnames of your matriculants through to the office for prayers
- ❖ **Parish Council Meeting** on 26<sup>th</sup> of October at 19h00 at Parish Centre
- ❖ **Baptism 29 November 2020.** Registration on the 25<sup>th</sup> at their church after the service. Preparation classes starts from 1<sup>st</sup> of November
- ❖ **Holy Matrimony (Christian Marriage):** Couples wishing to get married must make an appointment to see the Rector (Revd Wilfred) at least three months before their proposed date.
- ❖ **Funerals:** Kindly speak to the rector Revd Wilfred, before making arrangements with an Undertaker. No night vigils or more than 100 mourners (incl priest and altar party) and only per invitation. Social distance still apply.
- ❖ **Sick and Housebound:** Please inform the secretary, your wardens and / or Lay Ministers assigned to your church and area
- ❖ **Parishioners who tithe through EFT,** please make sure that your reference is your church and pledge number, **NOT YOUR NAME AND SURNAME.**
- ❖ **Parish Banking details:** Standard Bank, St George's Church, **Account no:** 280094310, **Branch Code** 050510 for all pledges and donations.



## *From The Rectors Desk*

Allow me to thank you all for the warm welcome we received upon our arrival and during the service of institution. I trust that you will allow me to be priest amongst you and I pray that we will work well together and that I will have your unfailing support as we continue to grow this beautiful parish.

I thank God for all the work done in the past and the contributions of many before us. May the positive start and the warm spirit of welcome always be with us as we journey as priest and people. The parish of Groot Drakenstein has a very beautiful setting which is surrounded by majestic mountains and is a very different space to where we come from. A space where the sound of the ocean and the smell of the sea was our company. Here we feel the quietness of God's creation and every morning we hear the sounds of the farm life, tractors starting up and birds that sing. It is indeed beautiful sounds of peace and tranquillity. I am sure that it will take time to adapt and acclimatize. The allergies are one of the things that we will have to adapt to but I am sure that with the necessary medication we will overcome that. During these early days I see myself getting used to the rhythm of the parish and I will use the days to listen to both clergy and people in order to get a feel and a sense of the parish life here in Groot Drakenstein.

Last Sunday I met the congregations of St Giles and St Johns and this week I will meet St Simons and St Georges.

I include for your reading a Whatsapp message I received from a friend who attended the service of institution. It gives an outside perspective which I hope could be of help as we embark on a journey of Priest and People .

### **Dank betoning! / Vote of Thanks**

Namens die gemeente van St George the Martyr wil ons graag aan Vader Laurencious, baie dankie sê vir sy bediening oor die laaste paar jaar. Dit was inderdaad 'n opoffering om elke Sondag oor die Helshoogte pass te kom om met die kerk in hierdie deel van God se wingerd te wees. Ons besonderse dank gaan aan hom en sy vrou Melony. Ons vertrou dat God se seën oor hulle sal wees in hulle nuwe gemeente.

### **Matriek Sondag/Matric Sunday**

Ek is nie seker of daar enige matrieks vir die jaar 2020 is nie, maar indien wel wil ons hulle sterkte toewens met hierdie laaste skof van hul skool jaar. Ek vra graag dat ons die name van enige matriek leerder sal deurstuur na die kantoor sodat ons hulle in gebed kan dra. Dit was 'n baie moeilike jaar vir al die leerders en hulle het ons ondersteuning en gebede nodig gedurende die weke wat voor lê. Mag God in 'n besonderse wyse met elke matriek leerling wees en mag hulle weet dat hulle nie alleen is nie.

(Whatsapp Message)

**Journey in serving God**

Dear Debbie

Last Saturday I attended a service where our brother and friend Wilfred Meyer was installed as the Rector in a different parish. This service was particularly meaningful to Desmilene and I not because of the above mentioned reason, but also because we find ourselves at a particular station in life. As you know we have been struggling in leading a church which I honestly believe God has lead us into. We have encountered isolation and rejection. Last year there was a revolt. But this time around there low level defiance from some of the deacons. We do believe our season there is now over.

Wilfred's installation was meaningful because the Anglican Church makes it clear what the role of the clergy is. Also the congregation affirms in the presence of the Bishop but most importantly before God that they will stand with the Rector and his family. This to me is vital. The whole community has made a commitment to stand with their new Rector. I deeply appreciate this aspect of the Anglican Church. It spoke deeply to me about the concept of community, commitment and accountability. The symbolism was rather special. The gifts. The gestures. All of these made me realize what being welcomed into a community means. This is something we missed. It's something I wished we had experienced.

The pain is bearable to me. However, I do think of Desmilene a lot who, because of the choices I have made, has to endure all this. Yes, I am aware that when God calls one, the other is also called. This is the aspect of Bishops Margaret's sermon. However, how this pans itself in reality is something else altogether. While we contemplate in silence what our next chapter is, we trust God. Fr Wilfred is the one who said it is in silence that God's voice comes out. The inner peace emerges and calms us when we are in search of a direction.

In two days I shall also write about another aspect and highlight of what I thought made Fr Wilfred's installation really special.

I end off by saying that I am grateful that I too pledge my support to you and Fr Wilfred as you serve in that part of the world.

Be blessed

Siviwe (Tearfully yours)

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