

St Columba's Presbyterian Church

Weekly Message

21st September 2012

"St. Columba's is a community where the best of Presbyterian tradition courageously embraces inclusivity, innovation and open-minded conversation in Christian service."

Dear Friends,

We often hear of a "Blue Monday". In the church that means the phones never stop ringing, people who have had some sort of a crisis over the weekend need help and normally need it right away. Someone has decided to propose to their significant other and all of a sudden a wedding needs to be arranged, or people phone to change and reschedule prior appointments because something unforeseen has happened over the weekend. All of that, is for us a "Blue Monday".

Well what happens when you have a "Frantic Friday"? This happens when you get to work on a Friday morning and just your street, Lurgan Road, doesn't have electricity. You have the intimation sheets to print, the weekly to get out, appointments to get through, weddings to arrange, sermons to finish---not good!!

Ah ha! Then I remembered that years ago we had bought a generator and therefore wired the church so that we could still operate, only the generator doesn't have petrol, won't start all of the extension cables and the multi-plugs for the emergency plugs have gone missing!

Well enter Stephen and Chunky. In an hour flat we had the office running off the generator, the copier is wired up to Ann's house behind the office and all the computers are up and running. It won't take a power failure to shut down the office!

Lucy in the Charlie Brown comics once said, "When life hands you a lemon, make lemonade."

It is Heritage Day weekend - I hope you make the most of it and when you do something in celebration of your proud heritage, your neighbour is just as proud of their heritage. How good it will be when one day we can all learn more from each other and show a deeper respect for each other's past.

Looking forward to seeing you in church on Sunday. If you are travelling away for the weekend, please drive safely, have a great time and come back safely.

Your friend and minister
Chunky

MINISTERS: THE REV DR MARTIN (CHUNKY) YOUNG
 THE REV STEPHEN VAN SCHALKWYK
 THE REV PROF HANSIE WOLMARANS
ORGANIST: KEVIN KRAAK: **ORGAN SCHOLAR:** NICK REDELINGHUYLS
COUNSELLING CENTRE: SARAH TAYLOR / NICCI HUTTON

September 2012

Monday	24th		Public Holiday
Tuesday	25th	17h30 19h00	PATH EXCO Meeting
Wednesday	19th	19h00	Wednesday Night Live
Thursday	20th	11h00 19h30	Thusano Choir Practice
Friday	21st	09h00	Staff Meeting
Sunday	23rd	08h00 09h30 18h45 19h00	Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young Rev Stephen van Schalwyk Family Service Congregation Meeting Sunday School, Alchemist Group AA meeting in the Jones Hall Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

The Church Choir

Our church choir is open to new membership, and Kevin is always pleased to hear from prospective choristers. If you would like to join the choir please speak to Kevin after service or contact him at

Kevin.kraak@yahoo.co.uk.

Alternatively you can contact the choir chairman,
Richard Gush on 076 933 6622

SOUP KITCHEN

Two helpers required to work on a Friday – twice a month.

Very convivial working conditions

Only one and a half hours in the morning

On the job training

Please Phone Peter Visser
Tel: 010 222 0767 or 082 921 9704



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07 September 2012

ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION

Session hereby gives notice that the Congregation will hold its Annual Meeting at St. Columba's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, 30 September 2012. The meeting will take place directly after the 09h30 service.

The meeting will receive the Financial Statement for the financial year ending 30 June 2012, appoint auditors for the coming year and transact such other business as may be proposed.

ERNIE BLOM
SESSION CLERK



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20th September 2012

Dear Member

Finance Report – Board of Management

The AGM of St Columba's takes place on Sunday 30th September, particularly for those who may not be able to attend, herewith a brief report on our financial position.

Overall, I am glad to report that the financial position of the church at the end of our 2011 financial year was considerably better than expected. Expenditure has been well controlled/ managed and in an inflationary environment this is never easy.

Our Income/ Source of Funds are 5 fold;

The Congregation's generosity, through Planned Giving both Stewardship and the plate.

Nicarela. making large contributions to Outreach

The Trust, with various initiatives

The Memorial fund, for the maintenance of our properties

Donations and Bequests

We finished strongly from both an income and expenditure point of view. Originally having budgeted a deficit in excess of R 180 000, strong financial management cut the deficit to R 46000. Our Cash Flow position has too been well managed and enhanced by virtue of a large bequest during the year. This has helped considerably in clearing debts and other obligations and left the church in a strong financial position moving into 2012.

The New Year has begun well with better income and lower expenses than envisaged making for an encouraging start.

BOM Convenor: Ken McArthur

[Click here to download the Annual Financial Statements](#)

PANTRY

Please remember the pantry when you are grocery shopping:

Pkt 100 tea bags, box oats, toilet rolls, soap and soya mince.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

23rd September 2012

8.00am—Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

9.30am— Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

7.00pm—Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

30th September 2012

8.00am—Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

9.30am—Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk
Family Service

7.00pm—Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young



Click [here](#)
to follow us on facebook.

DONATION OF BINOCULARS

We run Leadership Academies for disadvantaged youth and

these are always held at really nice venues in the bush, where part of the course includes conservation and the environment.



One of the requirements of the head facilitators is binoculars to use on the field trips, game drives and walks. Unfortunately we only have about 4 pairs of binocs which makes things difficult as there are always 12 learners and 3 to 4 educators in the groups. We also find that the academies overlap quite often so we have no binocs to send out on some of the trips.

Please if you have any spare binocs, in working order, would you consider donating to the Leadership Academy.

Please contact:

Carole Hadfield
Administrator: Columba 1400 SA Trust
Tel: 011 646-1906
Cell: 082 953 2083
Fax: 0865644311
Email: Hadders@vodamail.co.za
Website: www.columba1400sa.com

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

Monday: Phil. 1:1-11
Tuesday: Phil. 1:12-30
Wednesday: Phil. 2:1-11
Thursday: Phil. 2:12-30
Friday: Phil. 3:1-16
Saturday: Phil. 3:17-4:7



Greetings! I have pleasure in advising that the Presbyterian Link for August 2012 is now available to download.

Blessings!

The Rev Prof Jerry Pillay
General Secretary



[Click here](#) to download

HOSPITAL VISITS

Visiting our members recovering in hospital has long been a major component of St Columba's Pastoral Care Programme.

We have a dedicated team under the able leadership of Lorna Riddet.

As we are looking to strengthen the team, volunteers are invited to assist, especially occasional visits to the Park Lane Clinic and the Garden City Clinic.

If you would like to join the team please call Lorna on 011 8883450.

Upcoming events at St Columba's

16 Oct - World Food Day

21 Oct - World food Sunday

23-26 Oct - Santa Shoe Box Project

Nov 4—All Saints Day

Nov 11 - Remembrance Sunday

Nov 29 - Thusano Prize giving

MUSIC OF THE GREAT CATHEDRALS

Featuring: **St Columba's Church** Choir with audience participation.

A Choir fundraiser for their gift of the tower bells.

The concert includes the premiere of **Nick Redelinghuys's organ mass "Suite Medievale"**

written for his Cambridge A-level final.

Date: Tuesday, 9th October
Time: 7.15pm followed by cheese and wine in the church hall
Tickets available at the door.

World Food Day



World Food Day is celebrated throughout the world every year in October – The aim is to increase awareness, understanding and informed year round action to alleviate hunger.

The Pantry is a St Columba's initiative to take food to those in need and we will focus on World Food Day on Sunday 21 October (Communion Sunday) .We especially appeal to all members of the congregation to please bring Non-Perishable food items to the church office during the week ahead of the services on that day so that we can create a display on the 21st October. If you are unable to bring donations ahead of the services you are of course welcome to bring them to the services on the Sunday.

Please support this as it is also one of the ways we can give thanks for the food that is so readily available to us.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE THIRD TERM SERIES 2012

Theme
Perspectives on God

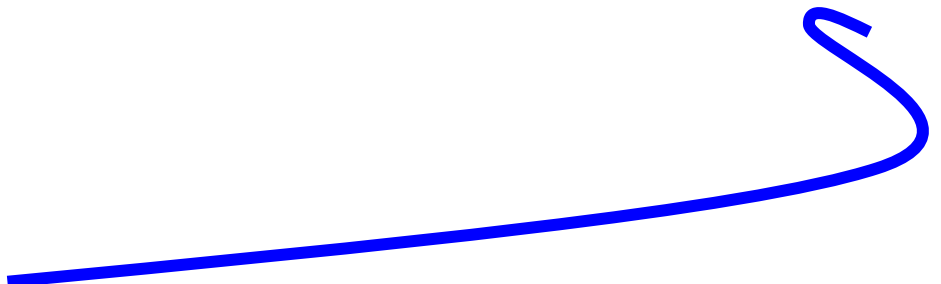
Please find below the programme for Wednesday Night Live.

We meet Wednesday evenings at 18h30 in the church hall for some refreshments.

The talks take place in the church from 19h00-20h00. Everybody is welcome.

26th September 2012 - Is God dead? Mr Chris Griswold

3rd October 2012 - Why doesn't God answer my prayers? Prof Hansie Wolmarans





THUSANO

**THUSANO URGENTLY
NEEDS SOMEONE TO ASSIST
NANCY FRASER
ON A THURSDAY AFTERNOON
WITH SEWING CLASSES.**

**IF ANYONE CAN HELP
PLEASE CONTACT EITHER
THE CHURCH OFFICE ON 011 646-5420
OR AUDREY PATTON ON 082 7077316**



23rd September

John Faulkner
Douglas Anderson

24th September 2012

Rona Lobban
Chelsea-Ann Ingeldew
Darrell Till
Peter Hunter

25th September

26th September

Janet Mostert
Michael Aitken
Ettienne Burger

27th September

Maryna Norman
Lara Dean
Brenda Brooks
Jane Fisher

28th September

Brenda Wilson
Sheila Wheeler
Rob Williamson

29th September

Wendy Smyth
Charles Loxton
Calista Van Schalkwyk
Paul Van Dongen
Laura Booth





A Season of Creation

A Season of Creation is a calendar period that many Christian denominations (but also other faith groups) are beginning to keep as a time of creation celebration and ecological awareness.

The beginning of September to the 4th October (St Francis Day) is when most Christian groups are keeping this season.

The Johannesburg Anglican Environmental Initiative (JAEI) is holding a number of talks at St Francis Parkview each Thursday during that period as part of the Season of Creation.

Please [click here](#) to view programme.

The talks tackle several relevant topics in relation to faith and environment and will be extremely interesting. We would enjoy your participation at the talks and ask you please to share this invitation with your communities.

Santa Shoebox Project

The Santa Shoebox Project is an inspiring community initiative of the Kidz2Kidz Trust (IT2671/2009, PBO 930031301 Section18A NPO 102-098) that co-ordinates the donation, collection and distribution of personalized gifts at Christmas time to underprivileged children across South Africa.

Please can you help in one of the following ways:

Go onto www.santashoebox.co.za, register as a donor and pledge one or more boxes. Note: You should select JOHANNESBURG CENTRAL as a drop-off location, as this is the St Columba's drop-off

Unfortunately every year, many incomplete boxes get delivered so another way to help would be to sponsor 'fillers'. By this I mean actual items that go in the box, ie toothbrushes & toothpaste, facecloths & soap, educational supplies, toys, sweets, and what we usually struggle with most is NEW clothes, in particular for the older children 10-19 years of age.

The third and last way in which you can help, is to assist as a volunteer on the actual drop off days, when we need to scan and pack over 4000 boxes into the correct cartons for logistics to deliver them to the orphanages, safe havens, nursery schools in townships and similar facilities. The days are 24th and 25th October 2012, we will be open from 7:30am - 6:30pm, at St Columba's church in Parkview. People who would like to volunteer for this should contact me on 082 417 1775 or ingabothner@yahoo.co.uk so that I can put their names into my volunteer rota.

MEN'S SHOES

& T-SHIRTS

URGENTLY

REQUIRED

for

distribution to the local community

Any underwear, socks (preferably washed) and caps are also most welcome

There is a receiving bin at the church entrance for your convenience.

Thank you and kind regards

Penny

Comedy For Autism

Date: 6 November 2012
Time: Doors open 6.30pm
AlterIrving from 7-8pm

Venue: Scarlet Ribbon
No 1 Stoneridge Drive
Greenstone Park, Edenvale, 1610
Cnr Modderfontein & Hereford Rd

exclusive function venue
Scarlet Ribbon
★★★★★

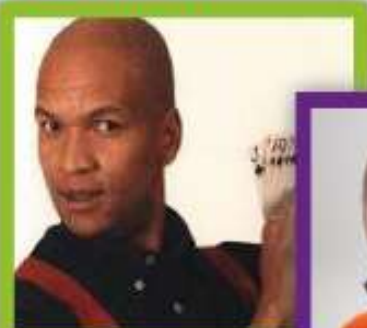
Tickets are R175
10% discount for 10 bookings
or more

Cash Bar & Meals available from
Piatto Restaurant



AlterIrving

Magicman



Chris Forrest



Nqoba



Mel Miller (MC)



To Book contact Claudia
011 484 9909 or
claudia@autismsouthafrica.org

ASA Banking Details:
Standard Bank, Branch Code: 019205
Account No: 220731233

Rosehaven

Retirement Village Matron Position

SANC registered nurse required.

The incumbent must have nursing admin and managerial experience with lots of compassion and patience for the elderly.

Please forward CV to

rosehaven@mwebbiz.co.za

or fax to 011 883 9038

Commencement date: January 2013 with prior probation period required.

Available Frail Care

Rosehaven Retirement Village has frail care space available for immediate occupation.

All rooms are private north-facing with shared ablutions.

Please contact Noeleen for more information regarding costs etc.

011 883 2872

LITTLE EDEN

Walk for children who can't

Happy Feet Fun Walk

Saturday 6 October 2012
at the Johannesburg Zoo
Time: 09h00 - 12h00

5km
R80
per person



All proceeds will go towards the ongoing care of our 300 children and adults with profound intellectual disability.

Raffle and spot

prizes to be won

The happiest feet will walk away a winner -
so dress your feet up in fun socks or shoes!

Register online at
www.littleeden.org.za
Or contact office
011 609 7246

Invitation to *OppiRidge*

Join us as we celebrate diversity in our community.

Sip on rooibos-based sun downers or aromatic African coffee; sup on delicious Indian, Danish or Saffa food (aka pap and wors) and drink in our magnificent view over tree-topped Johannesburg. Cakes with a South African flavour will also be on sale for the sweet-toothed.

Storytelling by 'Oom Schalk Lourens' and a variety of music and dance will keep you and your friends entertained while you relax *OppiRidge*.

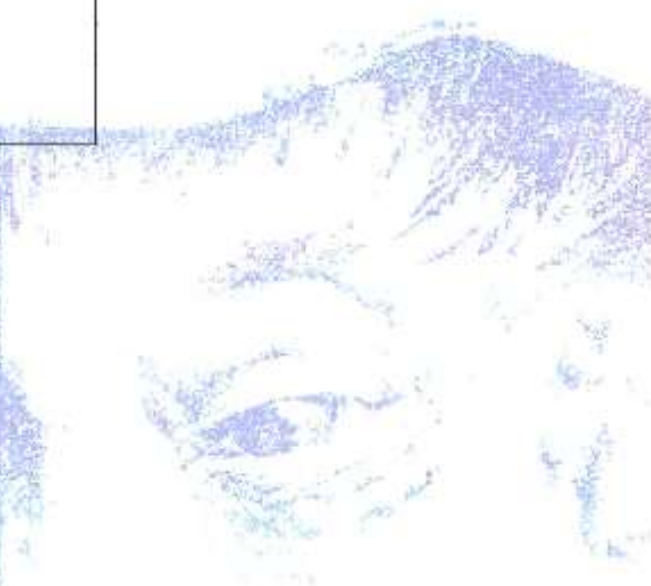
Browse through handmade jewellery, lotions, plants and books.

A donation of R20 at admission will include coffee/tea and entertainment in our garden *OppiRidge*.

Date: 28 September 2012
Time: 16h30 onwards
Where: Princess Alice Adoption Home
36B Pallinghurst Road
Westcliff, Johannesburg

Donation: R20 per person including tea/coffee (a tax receipt will be issued for each donation)

Please RSVP to
princess_alice@mweb.co.za or
011 646-5641



YOUR SUPPORT

Princess Alice Adoption Home is a place of hope... and hope floats.

We care for 30 babies (aged new born to two years) who have been consented for adoption or abandoned. They stay with us until they leave with their adoptive or foster families. We ensure that the babies receive the best possible care and plenty of affection while they are with us.

The home is a registered PBO (No18/11/13/1110) and all donations will be acknowledged with a Section 18A tax receipt.

Banking Details

Bank: Standard Bank
Branch: Library Gardens, Johannesburg
Branch Code: 001005
Account: Princess Alice Adoption Home
Account Number: 000 788 910

Thank you for your support.

