

## News

### DEATHS:

13 December 2009 Bert Brann  
15 January 2010 Arthur Reynolds  
28 January 2010 Joan Hoole  
21 February 2010 Steve de Gruchy

### FAREWELL:

Mary & Frank Franklin, moved to Howick

### GRANDCHILDREN/GREAT GRANDCHILDREN:

James D'Unienville, grandson for Julian & Sarah Dottridge  
Eve Neumann, grand-daughter for Clive & Merriel Neumann  
Dovavon Smart, great-grandson for Aurelia Hawkins  
Rebecca Anne Osborne, great grand-daughter for Geraldine & Loffie Marais  
Verity Drummond, grand-daughter for Francis Drummond

### MARRIED

19 December 2009 Nina Rushton & Tim Davis  
20 February 2010 Kate Markham & Sias de Klerk

### RECENT NEWCOMERS

We welcome the following people who have recently joined our Parish:

Nicola & James Crawford  
Anne & Tony Christopher  
Debbie Elliott  
Dominic, Taschna, Chiara & Micah Ilett  
Steve Loagie  
Mary Morgan  
Mpumelelo, Ncumisa, Zolwandle & Engakithi Mnguni  
Bruce, Jane, Jack & Tom Peattie

### YEAR'S MIND

04 April 2009 Tim Wright  
30 April 2009 Nigel Kingham

# Ascension News

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### Prodigal Son – in F

Feeling footloose and frisky, a feather-brained fellow  
Forced his fond father to fork over the farthings.  
And flew far to foreign fields  
And fabulously frittered his fortune with faithless friends.  
Fleeced by his fellows in folly, and facing famine,  
He found himself a feed-finder in a filthy farmyard  
Fairly famishing, he fain would've filled his frame  
With foraged food from fodder fragments.  
"Foey, my father's flunkies fair far finer,"  
The frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts.  
Frustrated by failure, and filled with foreboding,  
He fled forthwith to his family.  
Falling at his father's feet, he forlornly fumbled, "Father, I've  
Flunked, and fruitlessly forfeited family fellowship favour,"  
The farsighted father, forestalling further flinching  
Frantically flagged the flunkies.  
"Fetch a fatling from the flock and fix a feast."  
The fugitive's fault-finding brother frowned  
On fickle forgiveness of former folderol.  
But the faithful father figured,  
"Filial fidelity is fine, but the fugitive is found!  
What forbids fervent festivity?  
Let the flags be unfurled! Let fanfares flare"  
Father's forgiveness formed the foundation  
For the former fugitive's future fortitude!

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

As usual, we have a full and varied programme to enrich our faith in this Holy Season and Celebration of Easter. Some events are similar to what has been done before, and some are quite different.

We recognise that times of services and events may not suit everyone's schedules, including the evening events for Holy Week, but also want to encourage you to go to extra trouble, if needs be, to arrange a baby sitter / ask for a lift if you hesitate to drive at night, and come to the Holy Week events as well as the "high festivals" on the weekends. In fact, this year more effort is being put into some of those weekday events, and the weekend events may be shorter, less intense than in past years.

### **Sun 28 March – Palm Sunday services**

Regular times of 7.00am and 9.00am

**Mon 29 March at 19:30** – Taize Service led by George Niven. The music will be interspersed with readings and artwork pertaining to the Last Supper. Dennis Henning will provide brief reflections on the artwork.

**Tues 30 March at 19:30** – Taize Service led by George Niven. The music will be interspersed with readings and artwork pertaining to Gethsemane. Dennis Henning will provide brief reflections on the artwork.

**Wed 31 March at 19:30** – The final instalment of the highly successful lent course led by Ron Nicolson on the theme: 'The Hospitality of God'. Usually concluded by 20:45 (8.45pm).

### **Thurs 1 April at 17:30 – Passover Meal**

This is particularly for children of the Sunday School, teenagers from Footsteps Youth and their families. It is essential to book for this event, for catering purposes and as hall seating for the meal is limited. Tickets are available from Andy or the Church Office.

### **Thurs 1 April at 19:30 – Short Tenebrae Service with Communion, lasting under one hour**

This will not be shorter than in past years, beginning with a brief celebration of Communion and concluding with a shortened Tenebrae service – a moving selection of readings and meditations related to Christ's death.

### **Night Vigil**

You are invited to participate in the night vigil of prayer in the church (security patrol provided), after the Thurs evening service until the Good Friday morning service. Or you can participate at home (roster on wall at the back of the church).

### **Good Friday Service led by Nic: 10.00am – 12 Noon**

#### **The Crucifixion viewed through "The Stations of the Cross"**

Using art / pictures of the Stations of the Cross, both traditional and contemporary, we will have Scripture readings, prayers and meditations, interspersed with appropriate music. A few parts of the Good Friday Liturgy from the Prayer Book will also be used.

There will also be focussed activities for children at the same time, in the hall, led by Andy Kruger.

### **EASTER SERVICES – SUN 4 APRIL**

Pre-dawn service at 5.30am, with Lighting of the Easter Fire and Easter Candle, and candle-lit procession into church

A second service at 8.00am

There will be activities for children at both services this year

The Music Ensemble will lead our music at 8.00am, whilst Robin Walton will play the organ at the Pre-dawn service.