

# *The Messenger*

**June/July 2019**

## **WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES**

Jl Packer reminds us that “On Pentecost Sunday, year after year, our minds go back to that wonderful narrative in the second chapter of the book of Acts where we read of how the Spirit came to begin his new covenant ministry and so to bring to birth in its fullness the Christian Church.”

The Church is created by the Holy Spirit. It owes its being from its inception to its very end to the Holy Spirit. We have to remember that in the Godhead, the Holy Spirit is always spoken of as the Third Person, only as far as the order is concerned, and not as the time is involved. All the three persons of the trinity are theologically speaking co-eternal. It is to be understood that the Holy Spirit, being the Third distinct Person of the Trinity, is not involved in any independent activity or mission to the exclusion of the other two Persons of the Trinity.

Samuel Chadwick in *The Way to Pentecost* elaborates on the work of the Holy Spirit; “The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church is set forth in the promises of Jesus, on the eve of His departure, and demonstrated in the Acts of the Apostles. The Gospels tell of all that Jesus began to do and to teach, until the day in which He was received up, and the Acts of the Apostles tell of all that He continued to do and to teach, AFTER the day in which He was received up. His mission (The Holy Spirit) is to glorify Christ by perpetuating His character, establishing His Kingdom and accomplishing His redeeming purpose in the world. The Church is the Body of Christ and the Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. He fills the Body, directs its movements, controls its members, inspires its wisdom, and supplies its strength.

He guides into the truth, sanctifies its agents and empowers for witness. The work of the Church is to ‘minister the spirit,’ to speak His message and transmit His power. He calls and distributes controls and guides, inspires and strengthens.”

Section 14 of the Lausanne Covenant (1974) (most evangelical denominations are signatories) states: We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father sent His Spirit to bear witness to His Son; without his witness ours is futile. Conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth, and Christian growth are all His work. Further, the Holy Spirit is a missionary Spirit; thus evangelism should arise spontaneously from a Spirit-filled church. A church that is not a missionary church is contradicting itself and quenching the Spirit. Worldwide evangelism will become a realistic possibility only when the Spirit renews the church in truth and wisdom, faith, holiness, love and power. We therefore call upon all Christians to pray for such a visitation of the Spirit of God that all of His fruit may appear in all of His people, and that all of His gifts may enrich

### **Dates to Diarise**

12 June	40 Days of Prayer Wednesdays at 9.30am
13 June	40 Days of Prayer Thursdays at 7pm
23 June	Vision Sunday (Combined Service at 9am)
25 - 27 June	Holiday Club
21 July	Mandela Sunday Diepsloot at 9am

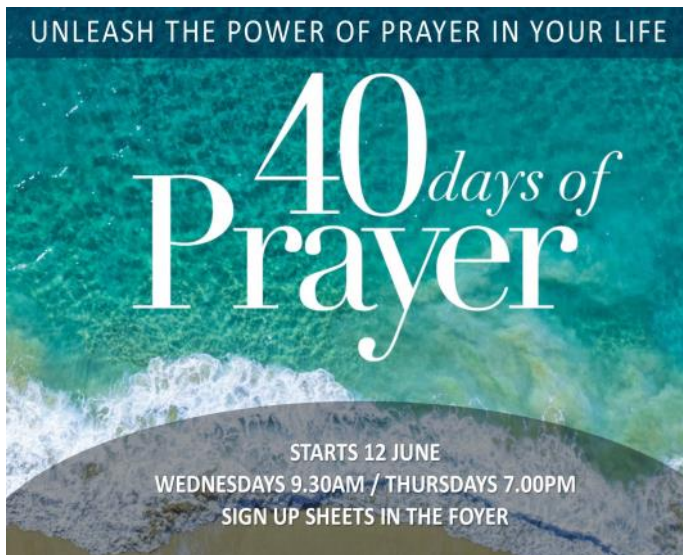
the Body of Christ. Only then will the whole church become a fit instrument in His hands, that the whole earth may hear His voice.”

Jesus in His final moments with His disciples before the crucifixion gives them more information about the work of the Holy Spirit will do; “But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:26-27)

In John 16:7-15 “But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Let the Holy Spirit possess you, and fill you with joy.



### 40 Days of Prayer

40 Days of Prayer is a Church-Wide Spiritual Growth Campaign. It is DVD- driven, anchored by video sessions featuring teaching by Rick Warren. The congregation will be united in prayer during the six weeks of the study. We will learn how to pray with more confidence and our faith in God will deepen.

We all face difficult situations and circumstances in our lives. During the course of the study, we learn how to pray persistently for our marriages, health, finances, and relationships and how to trust God as He transforms our lives.

Throughout the campaign, the church will.

- Learn to pray for breakthroughs.
- Develop a daily habit of prayer.
- Understand the secret of answered prayer.
- Experience God’s blessings.
- Grow closer in unity.

The Study sessions will cover the following:

1. The Purpose of Prayer.
2. How to Pray with Confidence
3. The Pattern for Prayer – Part One
4. The Pattern for Prayer – Part Two
5. Praying for a Breakthrough.
6. How to Pray in a Crisis.
7. Why Doesn’t God Always Answer the First Time I Pray? (Bonus Session)

Join us on this life transforming journey.

*Selaotswe*







First Ladies Brunch this year was held on 6th April. The guest speaker was Jess Dale.

Thank you so much for all you did to make Saturday the happy morning it was. I know there is a lot of work that happens before-hand and behind the scenes to allow us as hostesses to come in and just be able to put the food on the beautifully laid tables. The attention to detail was just awesome, and all at my table really enjoyed the morning, with having Jess as a speaker being the cherry on the top.

Thank you too to Adrian and his team for cheerfully working behind the counter and to John and Maggie for doing all the essential but often forgotten work in setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

*Fran Torlage*





# Men's Breakfast

A very special, first men's breakfast took place on 1st of June 2019 in the foyer. The 52 men of different age group and background enjoyed the hospitality, nice breakfast prepared by Jean Hultzer and Christine followed by an amazing talk by Mr Mosotho Moepya, Mr Dan Moyane was a MC and Rev Selaotswe closed in prayer.



*"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:24 - 25"*



Hello,

I am new to the congregation of Saint Mungo's, having recently moved to nearby The Village Retirement Estate, so I was completely surprised when Jessica Molepo phoned me and asked me to write a few lines on the Men's Breakfast that took place on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

As many people do not know me, a few words of introduction. I attended Sunday School under the tutelage of Dr Kennedy-Grant and Andrew Milne in Harare, and was then confirmed by Dr Kennedy-Grant. Since then I have not attended church as often as I should have, but have participated at St Johns when Dr Jack Dalziel was preaching, and then St Columba's with "Chunky" and the "Prof".

The speaker was Mosotho Moepya, a Commissioner of the Electoral Commission of South Africa.

Mosotho spoke of his journey through life, and he spoke of instances of hope and purpose as he changed employers, not knowing for certain what the eventual outcome would be. He realised he needed to change direction when he was spending long hours at the office, and needed to balance his time between career, work, and his family. He spoke of the financial cost when he made career changes so that he could fulfil his family roles. His wife and family showed remarkable patience and understanding, as he found the balance between career and family life.

Mosotho was an example of a person of positive action, unafraid to change direction when necessary. His life had purpose and meaning in his chosen roles of a husband, father and commissioner on the Electoral Commission. I would also like to thank the ladies who prepared the delicious breakfast, and the range of quiches was excellent.

**John Symons**

It was quite enlightening to attend men's breakfast on 1st June 2019, Mosotho Moepya shared good insights on how to position God in our lifestyles and men in mind, body and spirit.

We tend to lose focus as humankind, little do we know our purpose or if we do know we tend to forsake our purpose.

Having listened to the sermon on Saturday, it helped rekindle that trust in God as our leader, mentor and ultimate guider. May God bless the team who organized this.

**Pelani Malange**

Good day

I would like to give my two cents worth on the men's breakfast we had in Bryanston. Oh, what an awesome experience we had.

The speech from our guest speaker was very uplifting, the challenges he had growing up which he was not shy to share with us are proof enough that everything is possible in life if you are determined especially if you believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord savior because He loves us all, knows our hearts and has plans for us.

An inspirational leader like Mr Mosotho Moepya who fears the Lord are the kind of leaders we need in our country. Imagine if we had the country where most, if not all leaders were God fearing leaders, the country would be at a far better place than it is at the moment, for example, corruption would be very minimal because the leaders would know that God put them in their positions to serve His people and lead His nation.

I would also like to extend a word of gratitude to the "persons" who initiated the event. Thank you so much. I definitely can't miss the next one.

**Mack Mpe (Diepsloot)**



For I know the  
plans I have  
for you."

declares the  
LORD. "plans to  
prosper you  
and not to  
harm you.

plans to give  
you hope and a  
future.

**Jeremiah 29:11**





**Genesis 2:15: "The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."**

## Winter Appeal

Our first appeal as winter looms is for monetary donations for fleeces that we will be giving to the families that we support in Diepsloot, the Sunday school children in Diepsloot and our Kulani ECD. We are supporting 85 people this year and are appealing to you to assist with a donation, the money can either be placed into the social action account or in the donation box at the Social Action table.



## SOCIAL ACTION BANKING DETAILS

Standard Bank Fourways  
Account number 426685997  
Reference – Fleeces

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The next appeal is for consumables and food for our Khulani ECD, we ensure the children have a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch. If you are willing to assist monthly there is a list of food that is required on the Social Action table.

Our final appeal is for blankets this winter, these can either be croqueted, knitted or bought. We will be giving these to the children at the Presbyterian church in Berea. Sadly, most of the congregation are immigrants, have no work and are in desperate need of blankets for winter.

## EASTER EGG DRIVE

Thank you, St Mungo's we had a very successful Easter Egg drive this year. The eggs collected were handed out to the children at the Central Congregational Church in Berea and to the children at St Mungo's Diepsloot. What a difference you made !!



## PHOTOS OF PREVIOUS BLOOD DRIVE



# #MANDELA DAY

## QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to the St Mungo's congregation who again came to the party and donated 18 pints of blood. This is a quarterly initiative hosted by St Mungo's please spread the word and encourage friends and families to donate.

The next blood drive will be on the **18 August**, please save the date.



## MANDELA SUNDAY

St Mungo's Bryanston will be going to Diepsloot to serve for 67 minutes on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

This initiative is possibly one of the most exciting days for us as a congregation not only as we are serving the community, but we come together as one congregation.

The following activities will be available for you to serve your 67 minutes:

- ✚ Vegetable peeling and chopping for our soup kitchen
- ✚ Christmas Cards for Lotsha prison ministries
- ✚ Maintenance and Cleaning
- ✚ Packing epap

**TAKE ACTION. INSPIRE CHANGE, MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY.**





## **FAMILY FUN DAY FEEDBACK**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May we enjoyed the Hospitality of Norman and Pearl Marshall at their home on Boundary Road, North Riding. This is where we met for the annual Fun day. We advertised the Fun day to be running from 10h00 – 15h00. Most people started drifting in around lunch time and some stayed at Norman and Pearl till 20h00. The highlight of the Fun day is the pellet gun shooting and the quad bike riding. We also played croquet and tennis and organised an egg and spoon race, a water balloon catching game, apples in water and smarties in flour. A big thank you to Norman and Pearl, Paul and Di Pansegrauw, David Pansegrauw, and our two interns Taylor and Rosie. The Fun day could not have taken place without the help of all those who served on the big day.



around the world  
holiday club

**25 - 27 June**  
**Grades 1 - 7**

St Mungo's United Church Bryanston  
07h00 - 13h00 | No Charge  
Brendon: 084 7000 777

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