



St George's Church, White River

Diocese of Mpumalanga
Anglican Church of Southern Africa

26th July 2026 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Family Service

**Loving God, you have called us to go out into the world
in your service, to proclaim the Gospel, to make
disciples, to share your love, and to work towards the
fulfilment of your purpose. Lord God, you are calling us
now. Here I am - send me.**

A very warm welcome to all visitors, we pray that you will be blessed during this service. If you would like to find out more about the parish, please speak to the sidesperson on duty or any member of the ministry team. Please join us for tea or coffee after the service.

Collect:

**O Sovereign God,
Jesus Christ established your reign on earth:
let its coming be like the mustard seed that grows into
greatness,
and like the leaven that mixes with the grain
until the whole becomes greater;
to the praise of the one, holy and Blessed Trinity,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen**

Readings for today:

Genesis 29:1-28 Psalm 105: 1-11 Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



**If you would like personal prayer after the
service, please wait at the front of the church
and we will gladly pray with you.**

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please send a message, or speak to Mark (082 648 2497), or Sylvia Healey (072 193 2863), or any other member of the ministry team.

Year's Mind: Edgar R Nesbitt; Ian M Billingham; Anthony H R de Borchgrave; Thomas Lawrence; Peter Morris; Milly Lawrence; Blanche Dickens; Mabel Bennett, Frederick W. Reynolds; Kathryn S I Ranson; Stephen C Jackson; Robin E Strickland; Bob Dunlop; George Haywood; Winifred D Palmer; Patricia Mead.

Family Prayer Focus: Pepe & Ray Carlse & fam.; Peter & Ruth Chikura & fam; Michael & Adrienne Cleary; Andy & Madeleine Collins; David & Penny Cooper & fam.; Ethne Cameron; Alice de Beer & fam; Joan du Preez; Eugene & Bev du Preez & fam.

Jesus Cares Ministry

As one of our outreach projects, the Fill-a-Bag team aims to provide ± 42 bags once a month that are distributed to destitute families. You are encouraged to bring any non-perishable food items on Sunday to place in the basket provided. For more information contact Wendy Roche (083 562 1129)

Donations in support of Fill-a-Bag Feed-a-Family can be made directly to the following bank account: **JESUS CARES MINISTRY** FNB White River Account: 62256790091

Birthdays this week: 26th Jul: Adrienne Cleary;
1st Aug: Patience Bulunga

Anniversaries this week: 29th Jul: Peter & Zanele Maseko

Notices:

- The Parish Golf Day is planned for the 10th of August at White River golf Course. Please help to spread the word.

We are looking for sponsors, prizes, and players. More details can be obtained from Renate.

- Save the date! – we are having a Christmas market on Saturday the 5th of December which will be followed by carols in the garden. Please spread the word!



The following Bible study groups meet weekly:

Thursday Mornings: At Macadamia Village at 9:30am at Judy's house (No.22) Contact Sylvia

072 193 2863.

Wednesday evening: 6 pm at the Rectory. Contact Mark 082 648 2497

Services:

Sunday: 8:30am (Eucharist Service)

Children's church: 08:30am

Family Service: Last Sunday of the month

Tuesday: 09:30am (Eucharist Service); 1st Tuesday every month is a Taizè service.

1st Thursday: 09:30am at Macadamia Village (Eucharist Service)

Readings for next week: 2nd August 2026

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17: 1-7 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

Contact Details:

Rector

The Ven. Mark Spratt, 082 648 2497,

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Deacon

Rev. Ashwin Poodhun, 074 789 0888

Rev. Matthew Jennings, 076 555 2762

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Penny Cooper 082 623 4728

Mike Secker 078 356 6987

Parish Office: 9am-12pm (Tuesday & Friday)

Secretary - Renate Bowers: 083 600 1131

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Finances:

Our parish is entirely dependent on you for our financial needs. The maintenance of this beautiful church and grounds, as well as the cost of stipendiary clergy are substantial. Please would you prayerfully consider your contribution to the parish.

SnapScan payments can be made directly to the Parish account by using the QR code with easy-to-follow instructions.



To join the dedicated giving pledge scheme, please send an email to Renate and she will help with the details.

Banking Details:

The Parish of White River; FNB White River;

Account: 54285306725; Branch: 270552