

St George's Church, White River

Diocese of Mpumalanga
Anglican Church of Southern Africa

23rd August, 2026 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Heavenly Father, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on us all,
that we may be adequately equipped and empowered for
effective ministry and mission.**

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 sides person on duty or any member of the ministry team. Please join us for tea or coffee after the service.

Collect:

**God of our holy and righteous ancestors:
Accept us as a living sacrifice and transform us by your Spirit,
That, being members of one body,
we will offer our gifts in Christ's service;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Readings for today:

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



**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: Margaret H Waehlti; Helen M Turner; Vincent McIntock; Julien C Watson; Frances I. Morison; Beatrice M v.d.Merwe; Douglas Hosking; Charles F Hunt;

Family Prayer Focus: Prudence Maseko & fam.; Peter & Zanele Maseko & fam.; Gwynn Mason; Thomas & Tisha Mathews & fam.; Roger & Jenni McCarthy & 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:

24th Aug: Phillip Needle; **26th Aug:** Sue Howland; Vukane Maseko,
28th Aug: Trish Galliers

Anniversaries this week: **29th Aug:** Alister & Louise Shaw

Notices:

- 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 service of consecration and the enthronement of our new bishop will take place on Sunday the 13th of September at Uplands school. The service will start at 12:00pm. Please join us for this exciting new chapter in the life of the diocese.
- The Parish website is now live, a very big thank you to David Cooper for all his work. The web address is whiteriverparish.co.za



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: 30th August 2026

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6; 23-26; 45

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Contact Details:

Rector

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Assistant Priest

Rev. Cynthia Rakale, 084 429 5670

Deacon

Rev. Matthew Jennings 076 555 2762

Churchwardens:

Penny Cooper 082 623 4728
Mike Secker 078 356 6987

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

Secretary - Renate Bowers: 083 600 1131

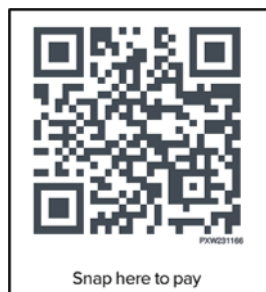
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Website: whiteriverparish.co.za

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