

## **St George's Church, White River**

Diocese of Mpumalanga  
Anglican Church of Southern Africa

### **20th September, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (The Season of Creation)**

**Heavenly Father, we lift up all those affected by gender-based violence. Surround them with Your love and protection, granting them strength to rise from their wounds and courage to reclaim their lives. Lord, we pray for justice to be served and for the transformation of those who inflict harm. Merciful God, forgive us when we have been silent in the face of abuse. Stir us to speak out against oppression, to advocate for the vulnerable, and to challenge systems that perpetuate violence. Give us courage, wisdom, and compassion to act as Your hands and feet in the world, raising awareness and supporting survivors in every way.  
Amen.**

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:

**Generous God,**

**You provide even for the dissatisfied and the grumbling:**

**Teach us the ways of your justice**

**and lead us to practise your generosity,**

**so that we will live lives worthy of the gospel;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

### **Readings for today:**

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6; 37-45  
Matthew 20:1-16

Philippians 1:21-30



**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:** John McKirdy; Mary Metford; Cherry Boam; Audrey Wenham; Frances Hosking; Sheila James;

### **Family Prayer Focus:**

Mxolisi & Mapula Zwane-Sambo & fam.; Pam Schubach & fam.; Michael & Linda Secker; Moloko Adelaide Selepe & fam; John & Margie Shaw; Alister & Louise Shaw; Gavin & Mary Sinclair

### **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:**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** Michael Vincent; **25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Eugene du Preez; **26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Sue Howland;

### **Anniversaries this week:**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** Peter & Zanele Maseko

## **Notices:**

- Save the date! – we are having a Christmas market on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December which will be followed by a carol service in the garden. Please spread the word!
- The Parish website is now live, a very big thank you to David Cooper for all his work. The web address is:  
<http://whiteriverparish.co.za>
- On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September we will be celebrating Heritage Day with a bring-and-share tea after the service. Please join us to celebrate the diverse cultures of our beautiful country. We are asking everyone to share the root and meaning of your name at this celebration of our diverse cultures – come and share in the fun!



### **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); 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month is a Taizè service.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: 09:30am at Macadamia Village (Eucharist Service)

## **Readings for next week: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 11-15

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

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**Deacon**

Revd. 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

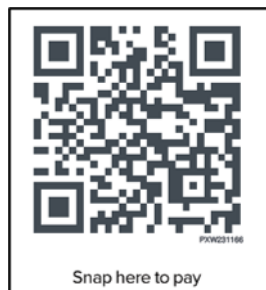
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**Website:** <https://whiteriverparish.co.za>

**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