

St George's Church, White River
Diocese of Mpumalanga
Anglican Church of Southern Africa

25th October 2026
Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost
Family Service

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:
Almighty God,
Your Son has shown us how to love one another:
Let our love for you overflow into joyful service,
and be a healing witness to our neighbours;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

Readings for today:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6; 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



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: Leslie D Kirk; Nancy E Pott; Geoffrey W Robinson; Oscar W Slater; William A Taggart; Clifford S Tute; Baby Turner; Arden G Oates; Patrick T French

Family Prayer Focus:
Lesley Evered; Penny Green & fam., Charotte Green-Ngwenya & fam.; Geoff & Nancy Grover; Naomi Gouws; Nicky Gouws; Vusi Gumede; Lulama Gxumisa & fam.; Les Hagelthorn; David & Angie Harrison; Harry & Sylvia Healy

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: **27th:** Philip Whitfield**; 28th:** Maureen Beck

Anniversaries this week: None

Notices:

- Save the date! – we are having a Christmas market on Saturday the 12th of December which will be followed by a carol service in the garden. Please spread the word!
- We are looking for empty coffee jars and prizes for the tombola stall. We also need any unwanted items that we can sell at the white elephant stall. If anybody has battery operated Christmas lights, we would like to borrow them for our carol service – please let Penny or Renate know.
- We will be having a Dedication Sunday service on Sunday 15th November. More details will be sent out shortly.
- The new lectionaries for next year are available at a cost of R40-00 each.



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: 1st November, All Saints Day
Revelations 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10; 22 1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Contact Details:

Rector

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Deacon

Revd. Matthew Jennings 076 555 2762

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