



Prayer Ministry

We have a ministry team available after the service to pray with you



Please note:

Rev Paul & Dave will be away from Monday until Friday 24th whilst they attend a Church Unity Commission Conference.

We pray for a Spirit-led conference with meaningful and healthy discussions.



ALIGNMENT PRAYERS

Falling in line with God's plans

**COME AND PRAY WITH US:
TUESDAYS, 9AM**



The Bishop's Visiting!

At next week's service, Sunday 26th, we are delighted to be hosting Bishop William Leleki, Methodist Bishop for the William Kama District.

Please join us in welcoming him and sharing fellowship, with tea & coffee after the service.

FAITH FOR DAILY LIVING

The daily devotion booklets for **July/Aug** are available in the foyer for a donation



BIBLE STUDY NOTES



Monday: Beyond the Pale? – Luke 15:1-10

Jesus' attitude toward those who were 'sinners' was in stark contrast to that of the Scribes and Pharisees. They detested people such as tax collectors and prostitutes and regarded them as deserving only of death. The picture that Jesus paints is very different. In the ancient Middle East the shepherd regularly risked his own life to rescue the sheep in his care. No matter how far and how often a sheep wandered, the shepherd would not rest until he brought it back. That's God's attitude toward us – no-one is 'beyond the pale' in His eyes.

Tuesday: A Clean Slate! – Luke 15:11-31

President Lincoln, when asked how he would treat the rebels after the American Civil War, said words to the effect, "As though the war had never happened!" That's how the father forgave the son in this parable: as though it had never happened. Sometimes when we have supposedly forgiven someone, we continue to treat them as if we're expecting them to make the same mistake again or, worse still, we persist in bearing a grudge. How would it be if God treated us in the same way? God wipes the slate clean when we ask to be forgiven, let us do the same to others.

Wednesday: What is Our Priority? – Luke 16:1-15

This is a very difficult parable to understand – it concerns as bad a set of cheats and rascals as can be imagined! They do, however, provide us with a vivid picture of the corruption that often results from a preoccupation with money and possessions. There's no end to the lengths some people will go in their pursuit of material wealth. The challenge for us is obvious: Do we have the same enthusiasm about the growth of God's kingdom? What is our priority in life?

Thurs: The Law is the Law! – Luke 16:16-18

Before Jesus, the Jews regarded the Law and the Prophets as God's final word. Unfortunately, there were some who were misinterpreting Jesus' message to mean that they no longer needed to take notice of the Law. They mistakenly believed that following Jesus was a 'Get-out-of-Jail-Free' card! Here Jesus sets the matter straight – the Law is still the law. He emphasises his point by referring to the much-abused tenets of the Law concerning divorce and re-marriage. Many Jewish men were using a false interpretation of the Law to cast aside their wives for very little reason. Jesus rejects that.

Friday: Turning a Blind Eye! – Luke 16:19-31

This parable addresses the ever-present and ever-increasing gap between rich and poor. Lazarus, whose name means 'God is my help', could barely keep body and soul together while the rich man continued to indulge his every delight. The rich man's sin was that he could happily look at the need and suffering of those on his doorstep and refuse to be moved to pity. Sound familiar? The punishment he received in the afterlife was the result of his total disregard for others. Surely that must be a warning to us all.

Saturday: Rules for Living! – Luke 17:1-10

Jesus provides a series of rules we should live by. Firstly, just as we pray "Lead us not into temptation", so we should be careful not to put temptation in the way of others. Secondly, we should be prepared to forgive others without ceasing. Thirdly, we should approach the things of God expecting Him to work the miraculous; we need to be bold in our prayers. And finally, we should never be boastful about what we are doing for God. Whatever we do for Him is our rightful duty and should never be done with the purpose of receiving praise from either men or God.

Birthdays!

Brian Drummond 19th
Julie Morris 19th
Jenny Stark 20th
Wendy Vickery 21st
Brian Hibbert 24th
Anthony Sutton 25th



Frank & Sally Silberbauer 21st

This week we pray for our following church members and their families:

Ivan & Pam Beaumont
John & Carol Boonzaier
Peter & Laurene Booth-Jones
Willem & Leanne Bosman
Yvonne Bosman
Richard & Alison Brand


**Praying for
each other**

SUPPORT GROUPS

at **St Francis United Church**, downstairs hall

Alcoholics Anonymous - Tuesdays at 17h30

Family and Friends of Addicts & Alcoholics - Last Thursday of each month at 16h30

Prayer Requests

If you have a personal prayer request, please contact either

Rev Paul Mosdell 084 523 5352
or Pat Munro 079 525 2189



Should you wish to join our prayer ministry please contact either Rev Paul or Pat Munro

WEEKLY SERVICES

Worship Services

Sunday mornings at 08h30
Everyone welcome!

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 08h30
During local school terms
All ages are welcome!

Contact: Louise Ackerman 082-722-0402

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GIVING

Donations, offerings, tithes and planned giving can be deposited into our church bank account and referenced as such.

If donating toward a specific project or purpose, please reference your donation accordingly.



BANK DETAILS

St Francis United Church
Standard Bank,
Branch (050015)
Current Account 288098684



ST FRANCIS UNITED CHURCH

19 July 2026

WELCOME

*A warm welcome,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to all who are joining us in worship today.*

If you are new to our church and would like to become a member, please fill out a fellowship form available in the foyer.

Preaching Today: Rev Dr Robert Falconer

Scripture Readings:

Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

Our Vision

*We are committed to seeing God glorified
in the greater St Francis community
through all people coming into a personal relationship
with Jesus and being empowered by the Holy Spirit
for His service.*

Minister in Charge: Rev Paul Mosdell