

After today's service

Prayer Ministry

Please come forward as others leave the hall if you would like someone to pray with you



Coffee & Tea

Please join us downstairs for fellowship!



Please note:

Rev Paul will be on leave from **Monday 10th until Tuesday 25th** for a much-earned rest and family time

ALIGNMENT PRAYERS

Falling in line with God's plans

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



The Grace Team

We will be having our next meeting on **Tuesday, 11th August at 10h00**

All ladies welcome!



For more info, please contact Eve Nel (082 854 9633)



Cup of Soup

in aid of
St Francis Hospice Kouga
by CSF Ladies Tea Club

**FRI
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at Cape St Francis Resort from 11am

Containers provided – please do not bring your own

BIBLE STUDY NOTES



Monday: The Unavoidable Truth – Luke 20:1-8

When a Rabbi was teaching the people in Jesus' time, it was usual for him to give the authority for what he was saying – for example he might say, "As the highly respected Pharisee 'X' once said..." However, Jesus did not follow this practice, which angered the religious authorities. Their question was an attempt to trick him into confirming the rumour that he had claimed to be the Son of God. This would have immediately opened him up to a charge of blasphemy. Sometimes, we all have to accept the truth staring us in the face, even if we don't agree or like it, otherwise we may look foolish like the Pharisees did.

Tuesday: Patience Has Its Limits – Luke 20:9-19

This is a parable that has many layers of meaning and truth. It tells us about how privileged we are in being left to manage God's world – a privilege we often scorn. It tells us about God's patience – He did not immediately react to their insolence, but rather He gave them an opportunity to do the right thing. However, it also warns us of His ultimate judgement and wrath, particularly when things involve His own Son. There are lines we cannot cross. Are there things wrong in our lives that might be testing the patience and grace of God? He is slow to anger but ultimately His holiness demands that sin be punished.

Wednesday: Pay Your Taxes! – Luke 20:20-26

In the ancient world, one of the signs of kingship was the authority to issue currency. This right also entitled the ruler to raise taxes. The Jews resented paying tax to Rome because it implied they were subject to Caesar as their king, whereas they regarded God as their only King. Jesus avoided the religious aspect of the question as this would have angered the authorities. His argument was that, if the Caesar's head was on the coin, then the people were obliged to pay their taxes. The same is true for us. A Christian should always pay the governing authority what is due, even if he or she doesn't always agree with the way the money is spent.

Thurs: Beyond Our Dreams – Luke 20:27-40

It was now the turn of the Sadducees to see if they could trap Jesus into saying something that could give them a reason to arrest him. They chose what, for them, was a hot topic – resurrection. They were adamant that there was no life after death. So, they asked him a question which was logical, but, at the same time farcical. However, it does raise a question which I'm sure we've all asked ourselves: what will heaven be like? One thing we can be certain of, it will exceed our every dream and expectation! After all, it is God's dwelling place – how could it not be wonderful and amazing?

Friday: What's in it For Us? – Luke 20:41-47

Jesus' perennial problem with the Scribes and Pharisees was that their religion was self-seeking. They used their position for self-aggrandisement and as an opportunity to 'feather their own nest'. That may sound a familiar situation to us (hopefully not with regard to the church!). But we should also recognise that this attitude is not restricted to those who are obviously corrupt. In one way or another, most decisions in life are influenced by what suits the individual best – sadly, altruism is not a human default! So, as Jesus said, let's not ignore the plank in our own eye. (Luke 6:41)

Sat: How much is Enough? – Luke 21:1-4

Birthdays and other celebrations inevitably involve us in buying presents and this almost always raises the issue of how much to spend. Unfortunately, gifts are often judged by their value, real or perceived. Jesus is making the point here that the real value of a gift is measured by, firstly, the spirit in which it is given. A gift given begrudgingly loses its value. Value is also linked to the 'sacrificial' cost – what to one person is expensive for another is a paltry sum. It's been said 'Giving does not begin to be real giving until it hurts.'

Birthdays!

Peter Owen 10th
Richard Johnson 12th
Rodney Smith 13th
Ross Whale 13th
Petronell Mennen 14th



Peter & Patti Youell 9th

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

Frank & Sharon Clephane
Derek Clinton
Brian & Yolanda Codling
Peter & Lenore Comins
Jenny Cooper
Maureen Cornish


**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

9 August 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 Paul Mosdell

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 37:1-4 & 17b-28
Matthew 14:22-33

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