Annual General Meeting

Please stay after the service for our AGM.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Attendance & Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 7 December 2025
4. Matters Arising from minutes (if not covered elsewhere)
5. Reports
   i. Minister-in-Charge's report (for tabling)
   ii. Financial Report
   iii. Church Property & future development
6. Appointment of Auditor for 2026/2027 Financial Year
7. Election of Church Council
8. Motions: *None received*
9. General matters at discretion of the Chair
   i. Feedback to congregation on various church ministries
10. Closing Prayer

ADVENT PREPARATION



Refuge from the seasonal rush

Quiet, reflective evening services to prepare for the coming of our Saviour

18h00 on **29 November, 6 & 13 December**

ALIGNMENT PRAYERS

Falling in line with God's plans

COME AND PRAY WITH US: TUESDAYS, 9AM





At Church this Week

Saturday 5th Dec, 14h30

Gregory Drake & Rebecca Dakin Wedding

May they be blessed in their marriage and future together!

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

– Hope –



Monday: 'Always Have Hope!' – Psalm 71:14-24

As the psalmist looks back over his life, he affirms his only sure hope in this life is the Lord. He recognises the ways that God has guided and provided for him. He understands that life is not all plain sailing but, with hindsight, he is able to remember and thank God for deliverance. Take note that his hope gives rise to praise (vs 15-16) and also leads to a desire to share that same hope with others (v18). Take some time today to look back over your life and praise God for the many ways in which He has blessed you.

Tuesday: 'Hope Comes from Him!' – Psalm 62:5-8

Here the psalmist is again making the point that God is the only certainty in life. He is our 'mighty rock and refuge' (v7). There is nothing in this world that is worthy of our complete trust. Open any newspaper or tune into any TV or radio news and you are regaled with a seemingly endless litany of chaos and corruption – a world ravaged by natural disaster and senseless terror. There is no-one and nothing we can fully trust in this world apart from God – our Creator, our Redeemer and our Father.

Wednesday: 'Hope of Eternal Life!' – Titus 1:1-4

Although the many leaders and prophets in the Old Testament put their hope in God, they had no clear idea of what that hope was. It's in the New Testament that the reason for our certain hope is revealed. It is the certainty of redemption and eternal life – God's promise that all who believe in Jesus will one day walk with him in glory. "*We have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus"* (1 Peter 1:3). Jesus' resurrection gives us the assurance that he has conquered death and through him we can experience the joys of eternity.

Thursday: 'A Hope that Makes Us Bold!' – 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Here Paul talks of a veil that prevents true appreciation and understanding. It is only when we *'turn to the Lord'* (v16) that this veil is removed, and we see the truth of our redemption. As we spend time with God in prayer, scripture reading and meditation, we begin to be transformed into his eternal likeness. In human terms, we often try to emulate someone we admire greatly. The same thing should happen at a spiritual level. As we 'admire' Jesus so we should begin to model our lives on his. And the more we become like him the bolder we will become in witnessing to the hope we have through him.

Fri: 'Be Joyful in Hope!' – Rom 5:1-5 & 12:12

Hope (and remember, in scripture, hope implies certainty) brings with it a deep sense of joy. With hope, we can remain optimistic even when things go wrong. But let's not mix up 'joy' and 'happiness'. Happiness is transient and depends entirely on our present circumstances. Joy is independent of circumstances – it rests in the knowledge that God is in control and He *"works for the good"* (Romans 8:28) of his children. Our lives will still have stress and personal tragedy but if we hope in the Lord, we will not be overcome by them. (John 16:33)

Saturday: 'Give the Reason for the Hope' – 1 Peter 3:13-18

If this hope that we claim to have is as precious as we believe it to be, it surely requires that we share it with those we come into contact with. Peter is encouraging his readers to do that, but always with *"gentleness and respect".* Your testimony, the story of your walk with the Lord, is your most effective witness. People may argue with you about your beliefs but they can never deny the truth of your personal story. Have you ever sat down and prepared your testimony? Why not do that today.

Jesus is the light of the world.
May His glorious light fill you with new hope this Christmas Season!

Birthdays!



Alison Brand 29th
Amber Fish 29th
Don Hunter 30th
Lesley Moore 1st *Dec*
Gail Smith 1st
Graham Matthysen 3rd
Tony Moore 3rd
Danièle Gradwell 5th

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

Praying for each other

Jenilee Mosdell
Casey Mosdell
Anthony Msowoya & Winnie Anthony
Felix Muchika
Glenda Mudamaa
Neil & Tracy Mulder

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

29 November 2026

WELCOME

TO OUR SERVICE ON THE

1st Sunday of Advent

Hope



Preaching Today: Rev Paul Mosdell

Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13:24-37

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