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Responsibility to others and ourselves

This COVID pandemic is like nothing we have experienced in our lifetime. Until all people worldwide have been effectively vaccinated we, as citizens of our beautiful Blue Planet have to comply to the practical effective and safety protocols. We must wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose, sanitise or wash hands, and avoid touching our face, eyes or mouth. Maintaining a social distance of at least 1.5m from each other is essential. These are all relatively simple things to do. Try to imagine if you will, what our lives would be like if, instead of these simple measures, we would all be required to wear a full protective Hazmat suit when leaving home. Extremely difficult to say the least. Wearing a mask by comparison together with sanitising social distancing and having one's temperature taken are such simple and yet effective measures. A mask is not a political or social statement – it is a mask. Wear it. We have a responsibility

toward others and ourselves to do this. This also shows respect and care toward others as no one wishes to infect or to be infected. The virus seems to thrive on human misbehaviour, apathy and irresponsibility toward its virtually invisible threat. Human behaviour everywhere seems to reflect this. When there is a high level of lockdown, the "curve" flattens and infections reduce. As restrictions are relaxed, the curve rises and so the cycle goes on in a continuous sine wave. In November 2020, the Eastern Cape and Nelson Mandela Bay in particular, is worryingly starting to peak again. Rumours abound of tighter restrictions returning. A change in mind set toward more concern and responsibility toward others and ourselves has been proven to flatten the curve. The virus must be taken seriously at all times as it is relentless and successful in promoting infection transmission when we are apathetic.

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.

Reinhard Walle
Chairman of the Church Committee

**Christ and His Church invite you !
Christus und Seine Kirche laden Dich ein!**

From the Pastor's Heart



"Still Christmas, still light"

Perhaps this year we cannot celebrate the Christmas season where we would like: in the Church, with the wider family, with acquaintances, friends and relatives. Many will be in quarantine and self-isolation, feel excluded or have to work on public holidays to ensure essential services. But no matter how adverse the circumstances are, Jesus comes into the world as a light and finds his place among people who are in darkness. It is, despite restrictions and protective measures, a no less hopeful Christmas. These thoughts reminded me of the verse in the beautiful prologue of John's Gospel,

***The light shines
in the darkness,
and the darkness
has not overcome it.***

(John 1:5)

Light shines in the darkness. In the customs and texts, the divine services and rituals in Advent and on Christmas, it becomes clear, as at no other time of the year, what the Gospel of John says: *"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."*

This is the true core of Advent and

Christmas. This includes perceiving the darkness. The light shines exactly where it is dark. I think we all feel that this time of Covid is a dark time. Perhaps there is also darkness in personal life, in the environment, in the city, in the country, in this world. It is important to keep alive the longing that it could be different, brighter. In Advent we live through this longing as waiting for the coming light. At Christmas we light lights so that hope can be felt in the darkness - the light shines in the darkness.

It is not always easy to perceive this light. Families are arguing. Lonely people despair. There is no end to war and unrest. The grief remains, exhaustion, the discouragement, no angels singing sweetly, instead horror and resignation.

Every year, when I enter the shopping centers and the overwhelming decorations are thrown in my face, so to speak, I have the urge to free Christmas from all the kitsch and glamour. The biblical Christmas story is not a cheesy Hollywood romance after the motto: all wonderfully Christmassy. No, there are two people fighting for their happiness and for their child in extremely adverse circumstances. The others they encounter are not exactly part of the elite of the time. And yet ... they experience something wonderful... Even if your life and circumstances don't look quite as you



From the Pastor's Heart



imagined, even if it seems as if somehow your life is not a success, you are, like Joseph and Mary ... Blessed. Even if not everything is lovely and whole, you are still with the shepherds. **The light shining in the darkness applies to you.** Even if you do not know the way, and do not know, where the road will end, the three wise men are an inspiration for you. **You can trust the star.**

The birth of Jesus can only be illuminated from Easter. Death, the deepest darkness of all, is overcome. All tears will be wiped off and suffering and hardship will come to an end. Because Jesus of Nazareth became Christ out of this hope, we as Christians can live in and have this hope. Hope for a time after this time and world. But also in the middle of this time and world. In the middle of the darkness, the hope that everything can become different shines. Certainly in God's future. But even here and now the light can be experienced in the midst of the dark experiences that we face again and again.

Christmas does not mean hiding the misery, the suffering, the grief and the tears. They belong right in the middle of the Christmas story. But it is precisely in the midst of all the darkness of our world that the star of Bethlehem shines all the brighter. That is why Christ has come.

With this in mind, I wish you and all of us a blessed and hopeful Advent and Christmas season and the light of peace, warmth and rest.

Sincerely yours,
Pastor Anja

Christmas light

By lighting the lights
on the Christmas tree

the joy of Christmas
shines into us.

May our hearts rise
in the expectation

that the gift of love
will unfold in us

and wants to penetrate
our soul with deep joy.

We can be confident that we
are going from day to day,
and from night to night,
not alone - but accompanied
by a bright star.



News from the Congregation



As members of the congregation we would like to welcome

Shereez and Morney Visagie with Jordan (8)



Jutta and Hans Rohwer

We wish you all the best in your new home near Plett and look forward to seeing you again next time you visit PE.



Congratulations to the winner of the Money-Wall Fundraising

Mercia Fillis



Christmas Party of the Open Door Group

The Event was celebrated cheerfully and contemplatively at the German Club



Church of Peace Diaconia / Mission

Winter Warmers

We are very proud to have been a part of such a wonderful project to assist children that really and truly need our help.

In October we were excited to complete our first delivery of 50 clothing and food parcels, the joy and excitement on the faces of the children receiving their clothing items.

Now we embark on the final push in December before the children all go on their Christmas break holiday. The aim is to have the children enjoy their December break with their new sets of clothes and to alleviate the financial burden on the parents/grandparents of having to spend the little bit that they have on clothes and staple food items over this special time of the year.

The children are going to receive their November and December parcels at once consisting of:

- 1 pants
- 4 shirts
- 1 blanket
- Hand sanitisers
- soaps
- 10kg maize meal
- 10kg rice
- 1 food bucket

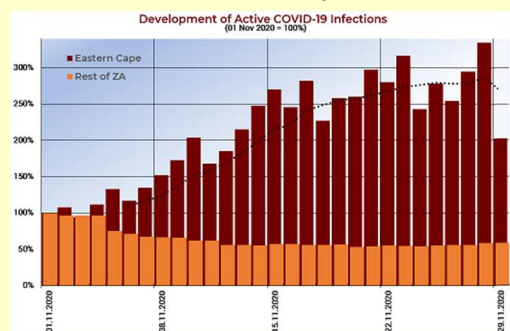


Info Church Committee

With great regret we had to decide in November, temporarily not to offer live services in our church anymore. This was based on the published Corona statistics and consultation with medical personnel. The graph shows the development of COVID-19 infected people in the Eastern Cape (EC) from the beginning of the pandemic:



The number of newly infected persons has risen sharply again since the end of October. The anti-cyclical trend compared to the other provinces was worrying: In the EC, the number of actively infected people tripled, while in the other provinces it decreased by 40%.



We hope that the situation will improve again and that we will celebrate the 3rd Advent and Christmas in church.

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Diaconia / Mission

Food Vouchers

Thanks to the generous support of the ELM Herrmannsburg (Evangelical-Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony) we are now able to regularly give food vouchers to needy families (10 families from Malawi and 10 families from Zimbabwe).

These vouchers could be arranged in cooperation with Checkers as shopping cards (similar to a gift card).

During the organisation some "cliffs" had to be circumnavigated, but everything is now regulated for easy handing in, checking and using the cards.



Prayer Cards December

1 Dec: Anthea Daniels	17 Dec: Liesel Harmse
2 Dec: Brunhilde Koch	18 Dec: Lucas Letsholonyane
3 Dec: Chad Deutschmann	19 Dec: Margrit Burgdorf-Fourie
4 Dec: Debra Dreier	20 Dec: Melita Bagshaw
5 Dec: Dieter Lokotsch	21 Dec: Michelle Harmse
6 Dec: Esther Siegmund-Heineke	
7 Dec: Hans Schaberg	22 Dec: Morney Visagie
8 Dec: Joan Burgdorf	23 Dec: Patrick Septoe
9 Dec: Jordan Mächtle	24 Dec: Robin Arends
10 Dec: Jordan Visagie	25 Dec: Roshni Bosman
11 Dec: Joy Cairncross	26 Dec: Ruth Rohrmoser
12 Dec: Justin Köpke	27 Dec: Sandile Coko
13 Dec: Karla Lentz	28 Dec: Sharon Tessendorf
14 Dec: Kyle Angloher	29 Dec: Shereez Visagie
15 Dec: Leon Human	30 Dec: Steven Harmse
16 Dec: Leonard Rosendahl	31 Dec: Wayne Böttcher

OUR FATHER WHO
ART IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED
BE THY NAME

THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESSPASSES
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESSPASS

AGAINST US AND
LEAD US NOT INTO
TEMPTATION BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL
FOR THINE IS THE
KINGDOM AND THE POWER
AND THE GLORY FOREVER
AND EVER AMEN

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all people.
1. Timothy 2:1

Birthdays December



8 Dec: Jutta Rohwer

9 Dec: Antoinette Bosman

10 Dec: Blake Wright

12 Dec: Leo Burgdorf-Fourie

13 Dec: Katelyn van Wyk

13 Dec: Margrit Burgdorf-Fourie

14 Dec: Grace Erasmus

19 Dec: Hildegard Kivedo

23 Dec: Rosemarie Mittermaier

24 Dec: Derek Thompson

26 Dec: Darren Lentz

28 Dec: Katy van Wyk

30 Dec: Gerhard Fröhlich

*Happy
Birthday*

Reflection on Watchword for December 2020

**Is it not to share your bread
with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor
into your house;
when you see the naked,
to cover them,
and not to hide yourself
from your own kin?
Isaiah 58:7**

The Christian faith tries to remind us that we receive a lot from God and from other people. And at the same time, we are reminded that it is good to give to others. To be a human being with dignity, means that we are both receiving and giving. We do not live individually for ourselves; we are God's creatures and live together with other creatures of God. No one lives for himself alone.

The prophet Isaiah saw it the same way. In his book there is a passage from about the year 500 B.C. The prophet challenges his listeners: **Share your bread with the hungry.** This means: Give to him who has nothing.

Give of your bread, of your water, of your clothes. The prophet was a poet, a lyricist. He does not only say: "Share". He also described sharing in wonderful pictures, how beautiful it is to share and how much a society flourishes that shares as a matter of course.

The whole country will be better off, he says. Wounds will heal, gaps will

be bricked up, paths will be mended. The coexistence between people will be more beautiful, more peaceful, more just. Everyone will be better off when people share with each other. (Read Isaiah 58:7-12).

The prophet wants us to give and share. But he does not admonish us, he entices us. He paints before our eyes the pictures of blooming gardens, of the rising light, of the dawn, of the never-ending spring.

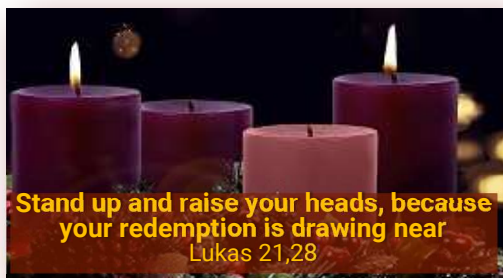
Isn't it wonderful that - in these difficult CORONA-times - we receive such generous support from outside sources. We are able to provide 50 children with clothes and basic food, as well as 20 families with groceries shopping vouchers.

Where people give, where there is fair sharing, the world is a better place. This is how God wants this world. Therefore: Share the bread with the hungry.



Sundays/Celebration Days - December 2020

6 December 2020
Second Advent



Sermon : James 5,7-8(9-11)

"Head down and carry on" or "keep smiling, everything will be fine again" we say - a small consolation. We are often speechless when it comes to the suffering of others and also our own. The Good News applies most to the dejected and depressed, the rejected and the disadvantaged. Hold on; God sees the affliction and hears the lamentation. Those who wait for salvation do not hope in vain. Heads that are bowed down are encouraged today to look up, because there is more to life than what we see. Better yet, there is Someone, who is on His way to us, a Saviour, who is drawing near. Therefore, "Now when these things start to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28)

Dear members, dear friends
Due to the worrying increase of COVID-19 infected people in the EC, we could no longer offer services in the Church of Peace. We hope that the peak has been reached and that the infection rate will decrease again in the coming weeks.

We are currently provisionally planning to offer services on 13 December (3rd Advent) and on Christmas 24 or 25 December.

Unfortunately, we must ask you to register in advance:

reservation@lutheran-pe.org

or via WhatsApp:

Henry Newman (078 703 7003)

The following regulations apply:

- Max. 45 persons per service
- Members of a household may sit together
- 3 persons per pew (1-1-1) or for couples (2- -1), larger families from the same household sit in one pew
- every second pew remains free
- in the foyer and on the mezzanine there are additional chairs 1.5m apart
- for the Christmas service you can choose one service:
either 24.12.2020 16:00 (E)
or 24.12.2020 18:00 (D)
or 25.12.2020 9:30 (E, Com)

We thank you
for your understanding.

Sundays/Celebration Days - December 2020

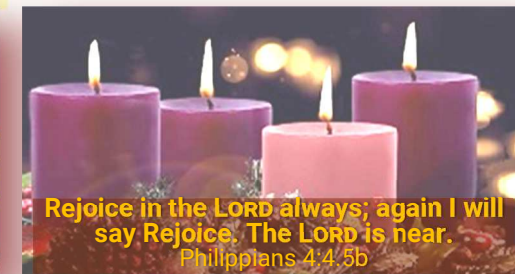
13 December 2020 09:30 (E)
Third Advent



Sermon : Luke 1:67-79

Sometimes I search for God, but the path seems blocked. I cannot move on, standing in my own way. Move the stones out of the way! the third Advent encourages us. The focus is on John the Baptist, who prepares the way for Jesus with his call to repentance. Where Jesus comes, the world becomes brighter and lighter: dried out things begin to blossom, closed eyes open, lame limbs move. Nothing, neither valleys of sadness nor mountains of overconfidence, can hinder his coming. To pave the way for him is to stay awake and to get moving: to comfort the sad and to encourage those who have given up a long time ago.

20 December 2020
Forth Advent



Sermon : Genesis 18:1-2.9-15

Rejoice, you who are hungry!

Joy can be nice. Insignificant people begin to shine when they are looking forward to something: young mothers, who, like Mary, expect a child, lovers who are looking forward to their loved ones.

The fourth Advent speaks of most radical and changing joy. The Lord is near! The message cannot be kept to yourself. Like Sarah, who is promised a son at her age, and Mary, who praises God, who raises the low, and brought down the powerful from their thrones, we too can be infected with the joy of the divine yes to us - and thereby become kinder and more beautiful.



Sundays/Celebration Days - December 2020

24 Dec 20 16:00 (E) / 18:00 (D)
Christmas Eve



Do not be afraid!
Lukas 2:10

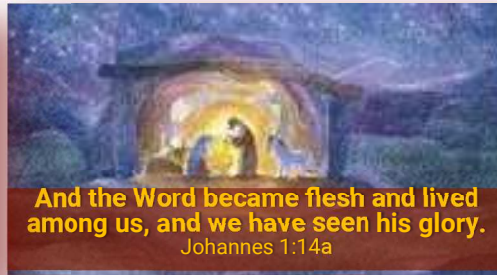
Sermon : Isaiah 1:1-10

Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

(Watchword Luke 2:10-11)

After the hustle and bustle of the preceding days, it is pleasant to return to the church on Christmas Eve, to regain our senses with candlelight and music and to hear the message of the Holy Night. Because of Jesus' birth, light breaks into the middle of the night - it does not take much to experience this on Christmas Eve. We hear the old promises of a King of Peace, who find their fulfilment in Jesus, the descendant of King David. He is Immanuel, God-with-us. The night of his birth recalls the deep mystery of God: in this poor little child, in Jesus Christ, he shows himself. Here and nowhere else is God's truth hidden.

25 Dec 2020 09:30 (E)
Christmas Day



And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.
Johannes 1:14a

Sermon : Isaiah 11:1-10

For me, friends are people, I do not have to hide from, who like me, even when I say something stupid, and who do not look down on me when I make a mistake. Friends do like me the way I am. In Jesus God looks at us in a friendly way, he meets us at eye level, this is the theme of Christmas Day. The shepherds, who set out on the word of the angel, find out first: In the small, helpless child there is a God they need not hide away in shame from. They must not and need not lift themselves up to this God in order to reach Him, because He comes down to them. Yes, even more: in this child God makes them and all people His sons and daughters, heirs to his promise. And Christmas is only the beginning. Those who, like the shepherds, make their way to the manger, will return in a different way: moved and touched by the great love of God.

Sundays/Celebration Days - December 2020

27 December 2020
First Sunday after Christmas



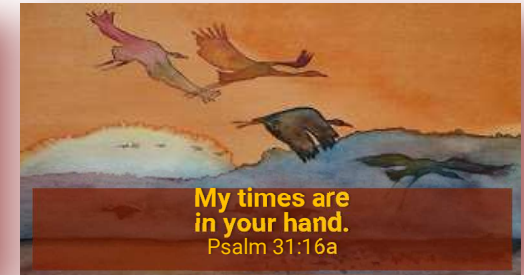
We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
Johannes 1:14b

Sermon : Luke 2:(22-24)25-38(39-40)

Meeting the child in the crèche can change people. In him the hope of redemption is fulfilled. Simeon and Hanna sing about this in the Gospel.

Simeon has grown old and grey. But his eyes are young and shining into the distance. "You are crazy!" say some. "Stop it. Nothing will change." Friends have turned away shaking their heads, others have died bitterly. Quietly, patiently, he continues to wait and trust in God who does not forget his people. Year after year, day after day. As he holds the child in his arms, he opens his eyes in sudden recognition: He has not waited in vain. And even if this little one is weak and persecuted - Simeon sings: "My eyes have seen your Saviour".

31 December 2020
New Year's Eve



My times are in your hand.
Psalm 31:16a

Sermon : Exodus 13:20-22

Another year is over. Standing at the threshold of a new year makes us increasingly aware of how time flies. It's the time for stopping for a moment and look back. What succeeded this year? I can be thankful for many things, straighten out some things, put some worries behind me. And continue with the good things.



Christmas: A time we remember angels.

The Bible has many stories about angels. Angels are wonderful heavenly beings created by God. They are his incredibly special messengers who also help and protect us. We learn from the Bible there are many, many angels in heaven.

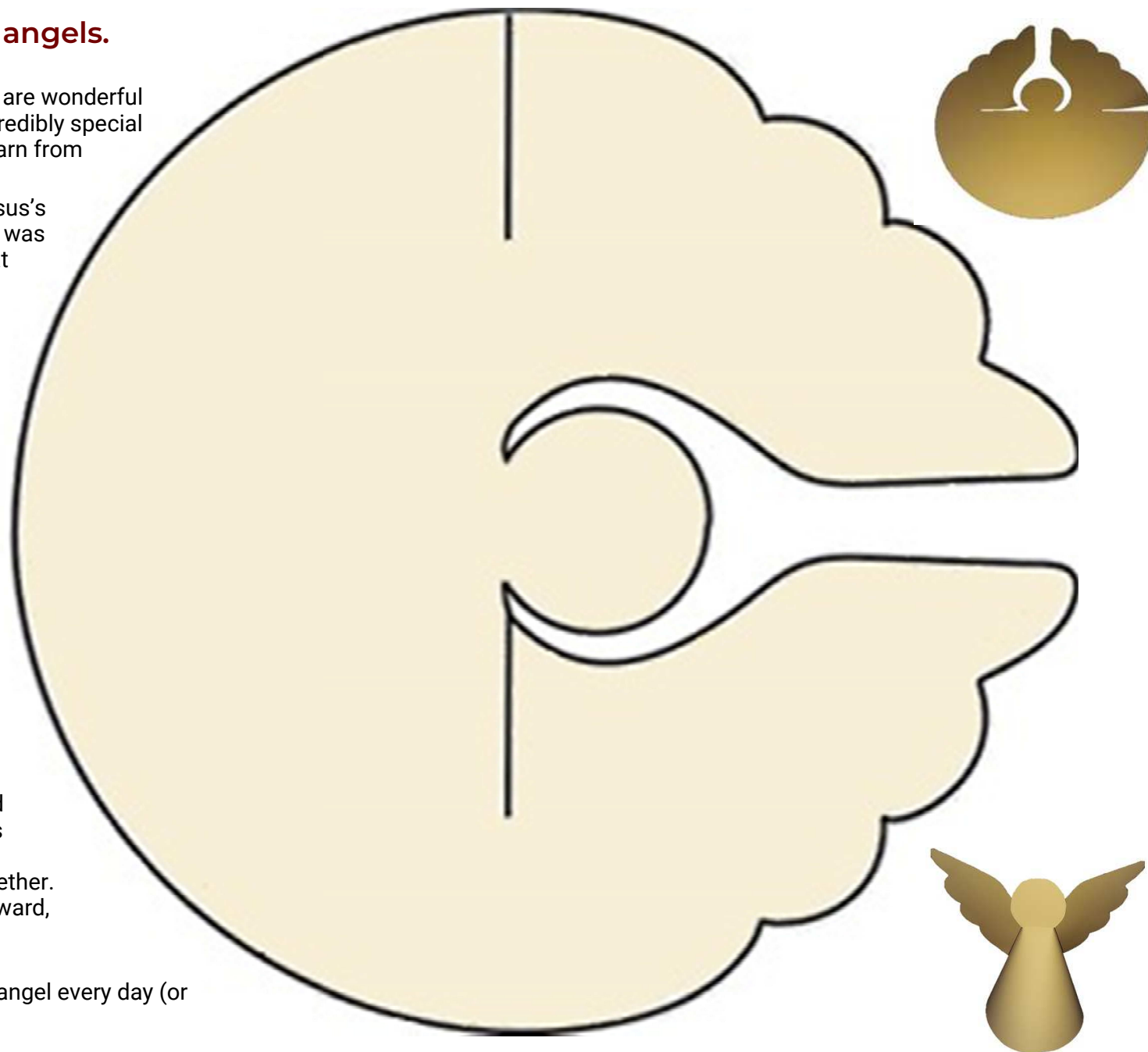
Angles are especially important in the story of Jesus's birth. The angel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary she was going to be the mother of Jesus. On the night that Jesus was born God sent Angels to tell the shepherds that Jesus was born. They were the first to announce his birth. The shepherds were very afraid as the whole sky lit up and the glory of the Lord shone all around them. The angels said to them, "Don't be afraid we bring you good news, today a baby was born in Bethlehem, his name is Jesus, and he is Christ the Lord. Go and look for him, you will find him lying in a manger."

It is wonderful that God sent his trusted angels to proclaim this exceptionally good news of the birth of Jesus. It must have been such a beautiful sight to see so many angels in the night sky.

Dear parents or grandparents
Please transfer the contour of the angel to a piece of paper (120g). Let your child or grandchild cut out the angel and also the two horizontal lines (see small picture above right).

These two lines are used to put the two sides together. It is advantageous to bend the head a little bit forward, then the wings cross each other more easily.

As a further idea the child can paint a star on the angel every day (or make another angel every day).



Brightness from Above

There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. (Luke 2:25-31)

It was Rembrandt's last picture. It was painted in 1669. Rembrandt was sixty-three years old, tired of the misery and suffering of his last years. His faithful Hendrickje, who had supported and held him until exhaustion, had died. His son Titus, whom he loved above all else, was dead. The fourteen-year-old Cornelia, daughter of Hendrickje, cared for him. When he himself died and, because no one could pay for his funeral, they gave him a pauper's grave, this picture was almost finished, standing on the easel.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, for my eyes saw salvation, your Saviour.

Shortly before, Rembrandt had painted The Return of the Prodigal Son, that poignant scene in which a blind father embraces a ragged man who is his son. And now follows the fulfilled farewell that Simeon takes from this world. An old man, perhaps one of Rembrandt's friends from the Jewish community, carries a child strangely freely on his forearms, while his hands reach out further to touch anything that is beyond the child.

What did his eyes see? A baby. What beyond? The Saviour? Apparently, he saw him in this child. His hands have not yet grasped him. The picture breathes a great silence. Nothing happens but that an old man expresses his thanks, ready to leave this world in peace.

There is no doubt that Rembrandt means himself in the Simeon of this panel. But the man and the woman standing next to him, the prophetess Hanna, are so close and so connected to each other as if they were one, and as if Rembrandt reflected himself not only in the old man, but in both together: in the praising Simeon and in the silent face of the woman, marked by much suffering and loneliness.

But where does the light come from? It has become very simple again, light from this world. It comes from on high and it hits Simeon's forehead, it "illuminates" him and his spirit, it gives him the knowledge: this is the Saviour you are waiting for. It falls on the child and hits the hands that carry the child. It touches the face of the woman, which otherwise remains so shadowed. The light comes from God, and it shows the people whose eyes have been opened the light that wants to come to them in this child.

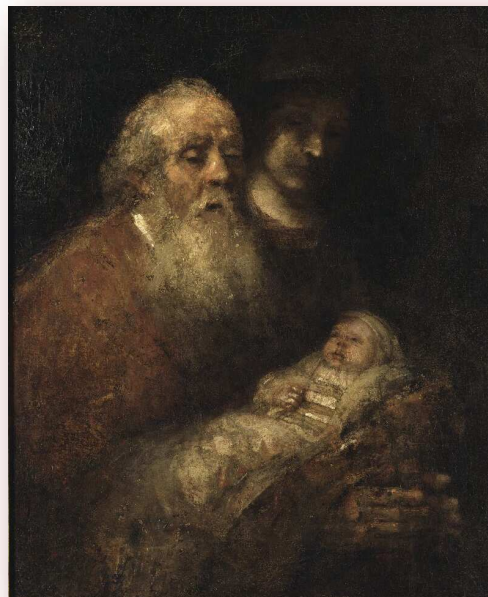
Simeon - a man who has come to maturity and to rest, who has reached the end of a long journey and who knows: Now I can go. What comes is no longer me. It is as if he said: This child must grow, but I must lose weight.

Brightness from Above

And by losing weight I am preserved in him. He seems to say: The child that is in me may become new. And so it is no longer I who live, but Christ in me. The light has appeared in him, but it also shines above him and is independent of him. He is not yet in the light of redemption, but he is in hope of the one he saw when he came.

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. (Luke 2,36-38)

Rembrandt „Simeon in the Temple“ 1669
Photo: Erik Cornelius National Museum



A woman lived almost a lifetime as a widow, in the loneliness and poverty that this meant for a woman of that time, waiting for the liberator who would also bring her salvation. Now she is standing beside old Simeon. She has not found the happiness and fulfilment of her life. Her forehead is overshadowed to above her eyes. So she gazes at the child whose little face lies brightly in the light. It is not simply joy that fills her, it is rather the laborious belief that there is meaning where it did not seem to be.

That there is a goodness above human life, even where it was framed by desolation and toil. Here it is no longer important where the light comes from. What is important is where it is. It is above man, and men are in God. His light now also touches them. And all is well with that.

What makes the night bright is the faith touched by God's light, and everything that man can do to remain in the light becomes bodiless.

"Lord, now you let your maid" - so we hear Hanna say - "go in peace. For my eyes have seen your Saviour", a light that also illuminates my fate, to the comfort of all those people who seek you on their dark paths.

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Financial Report

Our financial situation is still tense. At the time of going to press, the November financial statements had not yet been prepared.

The following table shows the status of the most important income and expenditure shortly before the end of November 2020. The "Actual 2020"

column shows the current value in Rand, the "% of budget" column shows the comparison with the 2020 budget in % and the budget itself in Rand. In addition, the comparison to the end of 2019 is also shown in % and the end of 2019 in Rand.

<i>Income</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>		<i>2020/2019</i>	<i>End 2019</i>
Contributions	211'740	88%	240'000	96%	221'494
Collections	28'274	47%	60'000	51%	55'728
Markets & Events	22'825	23%	100'000	27%	83'354
2020 COVID-Events	25'421		-		-
BT MTL	35'362	67%	52'500	115%	30'770
BT Maintenance & Hall floor	9'700	54%	18'000	238%	4'069
Rental Income Centre	13'285	44%	30'000	50%	26'380
Interest on Accounts	2'529	42%	6'000	43%	5'884
Donations	12'407	211%	10'000	135%	9'206

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>		<i>2020/2019</i>	<i>End 2019</i>
Cleaning	5'500	55%	10'000	54%	10'260
Water & Electricity	13'858	87%	16'000	91%	15'312
Telephone	7'917	79%	10'000	82%	9'702
Newsletter	1'589	106%	1'500	33%	4'757
Bank charges	3'513	64%	5'500	69%	5'092
Security	6'800	91%	7'500	91%	7'480
Insurance	19'937	100%	20'000	109%	18'335

The Corona situation has hit us hard financially. Many thanks to all who continue to transfer us contributions, collections and donations. The new "fundraising activities" (Money Wall, Crowd Funding, special appeals) were also successful and yielded

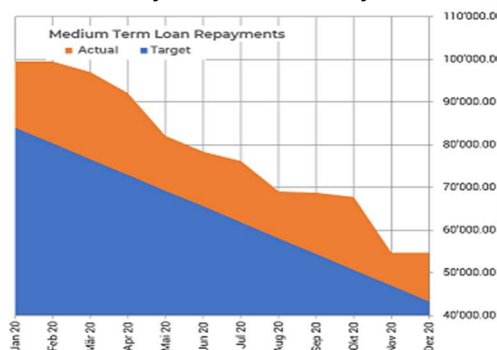
over R 25'000. Almost R 23'000 was also received for the "marketless" markets. During the lockdown, the hall was closed and therefore we had lower rental income.

On the other hand, we have had fewer divine services and hall rentals, which

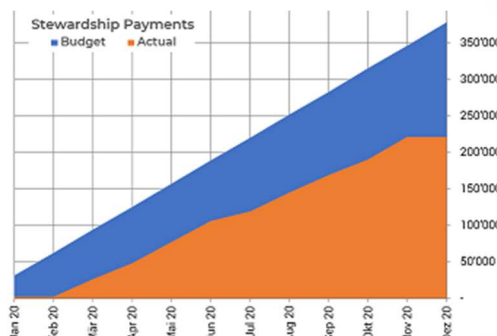
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means that cleaning costs have so far only been about half as high.

We have to pay the Cape Church our stewardship and our MTL loan, and this is where the shortfall in income is making itself felt. Thanks to your donations for the repayment of the MTL, we are almost back on track with this and hope to reduce the remaining amount outstanding to about R 45'000 by the end of the year.



With the monthly net payment of R 31'500 for the stewardship we are currently about 4 months behind schedule (approx. R 125'000). We lack 70'000 of the markets, 30'000 collections, 17'000 rental income, 3'000 interest income.



How can you pay



Cash (Collection-Box near Organ):

Collections: put the money in the box
Contributions: use a named envelope
Belltower Projects: take an envelope from the foyer and mark the project.

Transfer (EFT) to our bank account:

Banking details refer to page 20
 Please indicate your name and the purpose (Contribution, Collection, Donation, MTL, Maintenance ...) as reference

Crowd-Funding (EFT, Credit Card):

We would like to encourage you to contribute any amount towards our Crowd-funding platform and then to share it with your friends and family by clicking on the Facebook icon on the platform [Share](#) this will redirect you to you Facebook where you can send it to your family or friends. The link is also posted on our Facebook page where which you can click on to access the crowdfunding platform in order to donate.

To donate it's as easy as googling the link below and then clicking on the [DONATE NOW](#) this will allow you to do an EFT or allow you to fill in you debit card details. This is very secure and safe to complete.

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