



### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the Gospel of Romans. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 10 AM

All ladies are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Ladies Bible class. This Wednesday, they will be studying Hosea

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLASS 9am

Please bring your children to the Children's Bible class. It is so important to bring a child up in God's Way, teaching them about God's Word and God's Love.

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### SUNDAY TIMES:

**BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00**

**WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00**

**28 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Preacher:** Johan Smulders

**Sermon Topic:** "Temptation"

**Scripture reading:** 1 Cor. 10: 6 - 13

**Song Leader:** Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Thando Ntozakhe

**Opening Prayer:** Rudi Le Roux **Lord's Table:** Ray Calder

**Closing Prayer:** Mike Baisley **Attendance last Sunday:** 35

**Servers:** Rudi, Johan, Thando & Mike

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members in our congregation who are in need of God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please pray for Taida Marembo, Geraldine's mother, Petro, Konrad, Ian, Kate and Landon, as they are going through a very difficult time.

We also need to thank God for prayers answered.

### TEA AND BISCUITS

Please join us after worship for tea and biscuits, while having fellowship with one another. Ladies on duty are Gill Brandstetter and Petro.

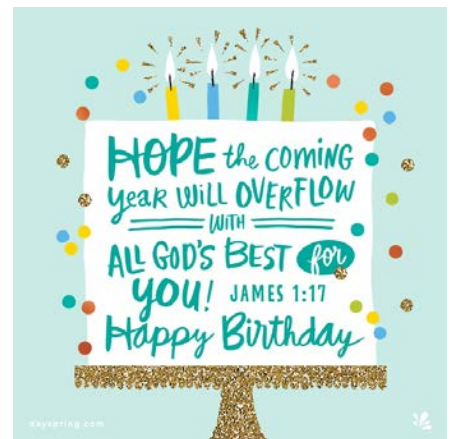
### BIRTHDAYS

Ezekiel Engelbrecht - 28 September

Thando Ntozakhe - 28 September

Elizabeth Slabbert - 4 October

Wishing you God's blessing as you celebrate your special day!



### WELCOME

We welcome all visitors to our worship this morning. We believe that you will be blessed as we worship God. A warm welcome to Lekata, who has been transferred from Lesotho to East London. We hope that you will become a regular member at the Keam Road congregation.

### A SHORT SUMMARY OF MATTHIAS, THE APOSTLE

Matthias is considered the "13th Apostle" and was the only disciple who wasn't personally called by Jesus. He was chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot after Judas's betrayal and death. Matthias had followed Jesus throughout his ministry and was elected to ensure there were twelve apostles to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and to continue spreading the Gospel.

Matthias is only mentioned by name in Acts 1, verses 23 and 26, but from that point on, whenever the Twelve apostles are referred to collectively, he's with them. Beyond these two mentions in Acts, the New Testament tells us nothing about him. However, we do know that he met the requirements Peter established for replacing Judas: he'd followed Jesus since his baptism by John the Baptist, and he witnessed Jesus' ascension to heaven.

Before the apostles chose Matthias, Peter declared: "Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." (Acts 1: 21 - 22.)

As one of the Twelve, Matthias would have been among the first Christians to receive the Holy Spirit. He played an important role in launching the movement which became the world's largest religion.

As was the case with several of the more obscure disciples, the early church was often confused about Matthias' identity, which makes it difficult for us to learn more about him. Some argued that he was the same person as Nathanael or Zaccheus, and they even mixed him up with Matthew.

The true lesson from the life of Matthias is what the disciples did before his selection was made - they prayed. Prayer is the foundation and starting point of every decision in the life of every Christian.

## ADVERSITY

By Robert Longley

It's the heart of every challenge,  
But how long will it last.  
Will this make us stronger,  
Or tie us to the past.

For some, it's all around us,  
And for others deep inside.  
Some wish to escape it,  
While others simply hide.

Most accept the short term,  
And assume it will go away.  
But for some, there is no ending,  
And it haunts them every day

But for many, it's just perception,  
A lens for how they feel.  
That shapes the world around them,  
And how they see what's real.

### About the Poem "Adversity."

The poem "Adversity" is about those hard times in life where you ask the question, "Why me?" People rarely ask the question, "Why not me?" This is mostly because they are dealing with some bad stuff that they wouldn't wish on anyone. That said, here it is, altering the course of your life.

What are you going to do with it? Victor Frankl would not have written "Man's Search for Meaning" if he hadn't been in a concentration camp. And Nelson Mandela would not have become president of South Africa if he hadn't spent decades in prison. It's not that people need horrible things to do great things.

It's that adversity is partially what you make it. Mandela once said something to the effect, "I wasn't suffering, I was preparing." It's a different way of looking at things. We all have adversity in our lives and those events don't go away, even after they end. They can be a burden we carry with us, or a platform that we can stand on to see the future.