

The Gleghorn Family

Father, we are so grateful to you for our much loved Rector, Tim Gleghorn, and that he has been able to take the next few months as a sabbatical. We pray that you will bless him richly, and refresh and renew him in body, mind, spirit and vision as he spends time with You.

Thank you for all that You have gifted him with, for his heart for service, and for his vision and longing that

St Swithin's will be a 'planting of the Lord for the display of His (Your) splendour' (Isaiah 61:3).

We thank you also for Jo, Josh and Hannah, and all that they do for the church family, and ask that they too will be greatly blessed over this season.

The Church Family

We thank God for his goodness to us over the past year, and for reminding us through the APCM of all that goes on within the church walls and within the church body. Let's take time to bring ourselves before the Lord and ask Him to search our hearts and to lead us deeper in love and service. Let's ask God to help us to:

- Seek His face
- Seek the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to enable us to serve Him fully
- Seek to bless others
- Remember that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also (Matt 6:21).

The Church Building

Let's commit to the Lord the refurbishment of the Crypt and the improved Servedy area at the back of church - that the church family would be generous in its gift of time and finance for painting and reflooring the Crypt, and financing the works required to enable us to better serve all those who enter our building.

THE MISSION FAMILY

The Warehouse:

Please pray for Respond a coalition with Cape Town Council responding to disasters in the townships.

The Du Noon fire affected 500 people.

Their collaboration with Caritas. Participants being supported & equipped in working with the difficulties in their parishes.

Thanks in celebrating their latest resource, Becoming Human. A 12 part interactive process working with those adjusting to past actions of oppressive legislation.

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*For the peace of Jerusalem, and for that peace to extend throughout Israel and to her neighbours.

*For Israel's political and military leaders that they would have wisdom and discernment.

*For the hostages in captivity in Gaza, and for the diplomats and intelligence agencies trying to free them.

*For the protection of civilian life in Rafah and Southern Gaza.

*For cooler heads to prevail in both Israel and Hezbollah.

*For our *Mercy Fund* staff who are overwhelmed with work.

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*Babu, senior staff and Trustees as they consider their response to the budget. Please pray for wisdom as they come to conclusions particularly regarding the possibility of selling the Nidamarru home (relocating the children to Bapla) and establishing a nursing school.

*The future government of both Andhra Pradesh and India at this critical time

* The mental health of some of the children who were badly impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic and the break in school life.

*Important and expensive maintenance work needed at the homes related to health and safety issues. *supporting the nearby Yanadi community living in extreme poverty and deprivation