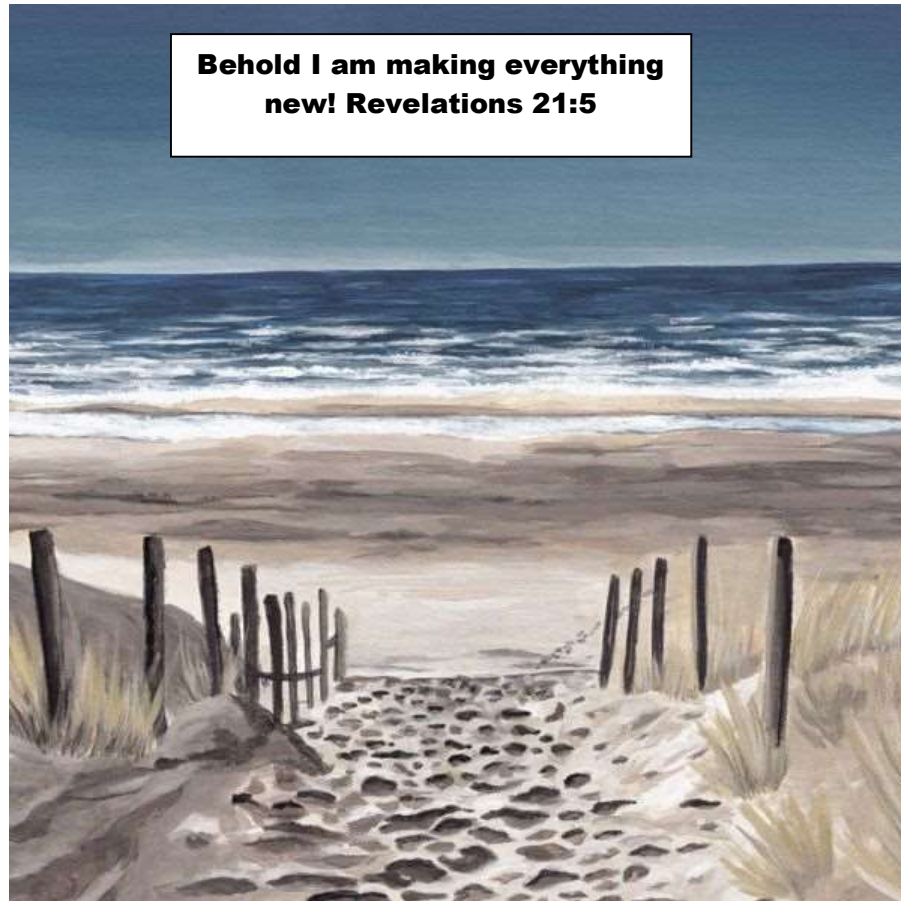


NEWSLETTER

May & June 2026



The Eastern Parish.

St Andrews East London

St. Peters Komga

Luther Brakfontein

St Pauls Stutterheim

St Pauls Macleantown

From the Desk of Pastor Hans-Peter von Fintel

God makes “Everything” new through the Holy Spirit.

Think of a well-used kettle that sits on the counter every day. It still works, but over time it builds up lime scale inside. One may not notice it at first but slowly it affects everything. The water takes longer to boil, and even the taste changes. The kettle that once worked well now does not work that well.

Life can feel like that. It is not that everything goes wrong at once. It is the quiet build-up: small frustrations, unspoken words and disappointments that settle in. Over time, they leave a residue we may keep going, but something within us feels heavy, less alive than it once was.

Into this Jesus speaks: “I am making everything new.” Notice He does not say, “I will make new things someday.” He says, “I am making.” It is already happening through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God at work in our lives.

The Holy Spirit works in ways that often seem small, but are deeply real. The Holy Spirit meets us in the Living Word when a verse suddenly speaks into our situation. The Holy Spirit meets us at the baptismal font, reminding us that we belong to God. The Holy Spirit meets us at the altar, to strengthen us through Holy Communion.

Like descaling a kettle, the Holy Spirit gently clears what has built up over time. When you find the strength to forgive someone you were holding onto, that is not just personal effort. That is the Holy Spirit making something new. When you choose to show up for someone, even when it is inconvenient, that is the Holy Spirit at work. When hope quietly returns after a difficult season that is not by accident that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit does not always change our circumstances overnight. But the Holy Spirit is always at work changing us within them. The Holy Spirit softens what has hardened. The Holy Spirit restores what has worn down. The Holy Spirit keeps us connected to Christ, the source of life. This is the promise we live in: God is not finished. Not with the world! Not with His church! Not with you! God continues to make everything new in us through the Holy Spirit.

Ps Hans-Peter von Fintel

Telling the Story at the Table – Passover Meal – Our Lenten Journey for 2026:

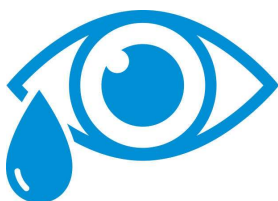
The congregations within the East London Area had the opportunity to “travel”: --The Lenten Journey from Ash Wednesday thru to – Maundy Thursday – Good Friday and then Easter Sunday! We were able to tangibly travel this road – with visual examples and the Word. Thank you to Ps HP von Fintel & Ps Armin Hollis for taking us on this journey!

The Seder Meal that was shared with many at St Crucis on Maundy Thursday was a symbolic highlight.

From the Unleavened Bread (Matzah), to the Charoset, the bitter Herbs, the Green Vegetables (Karpas) reminding us of the slavery to the Roasted Egg reminding us of the loss, sacrifice and mourning, but yet also hope, as God brings life were we least expect it.



The tears of slavery and heartache that do not remain unseen.



The Sedar Plate brings it all together – at His table on Maundy Thursday, God tells his story again and feeds His children with Grace.

Good Friday just again confirms that our salvation does not come through our strength, but through God’s act of mercy on our behalf.

Easter Sunday: The final cup celebrates praise and completion. Slavery is broken and Death is defeated. The risen Christ invites His people to live in joy, gratitude, and hope, praising the God who brings life out of death.

Upcoming AGM's & Events within the Eastern Parish:

➤ **St Pauls Stutterheim AGM: 3.05.2026 after 10.30am service.**

➤ **CCE AGM – 30th May 2026 – St John's King Williams Town.**

CCE Delegates – if you are not able to attend - please inform Leanne Hempel.

➤ **St Peters Komga: Food Market - Saturday 27th June 2026**

See advert in newsletter – for more information, please contact Pearl Tessendorf 083 444 9099.

➤ **St Andrews Food Market - 4th July 2026 – more information to be released soonest.- Please save the date!!**

➤ **St Andrews – sausage making dates to be released shortly.**

Flower Duty: - St Andrews

03.05.2026 – Vera Johl

10.05.2026 – Brigitte von Fintel

17.05.2026 – Doreen Hayter

24.05.2026 – Annette Fortmann

31.05.2026 – Belinda Hawyes

07.06.2026 – Annette Fortmann

14.06.2026 - Doreen Hayter

21.06.2026 – Brigitte von Fintel

28.06.2025 – Sheila Liss

05.07.2026 – Bettina du Buson

Should you ever want to bring flowers for the Altar, please let Vera Johl know and your name will be added to the roster.

Tea Duty @ St Andrews:

May 2026: Lucille Jooste & Penny Family.

June 2026: Schlüter, du Buson, Hohls, Fortmann.



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For more information contact:

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St Pauls Stutterheim



7th June - after the 10.30am H/C service and Children's Ministry, you are all invited to enjoy some Fellowship and Soup in the hall.

The 2nd hand shop in Stutterheim -

is open to the public every Tuesday from 9am to 12noon.

This is an outlet for the church to generate some extra income.



Arrangements can be made for collection of goods.
For more information, please contact Susan Howes.

The St Andrews Jumble Sale that took place on the 1st & 2nd of May was very successful – for which we are extremely grateful. Please when you start “spring – cleaning,” or decluttering of homes etc – think of us, by dropping off or arranging collection for your unwanted goods.

Blanket – Handover – from the Sweetpeas – Gonubie Glen.

For the past of couple of years St Andrews has been entrusted with literally 1000's of blankets – which have been distributed within the Border Area to organisations – like Old Age Homes, schools, crèches, care centres, hospitals, etc.



On the 28th May we will once again be receiving these blankets for distribution. The guest speaker will be a representative from “Breath of Life.” Truly a task of love and empathy shown by many knitters, sponsors and special ladies. Donations of wool or in completed - knitted items are always.



Birthday Celebrations!

	May 2026	Birthdays		June 2026	Birthdays
1	Les Hayter	St Andrews	1	Zac Howe	St Pauls Stutterheim
1	Olivia Lutge	Luther Brakfontein	5	Amelia Köpke	St Andrews
3	Adam Krause	St Pauls Macleantown	6	Stacey Sternberg	St Pauls Stutterheim
6	Megan Schwulst	St Pauls Macleantown	8	Giselle Iveson	St pauls Stutterheim
6	Oliver Collocott	St Andrews	8	Amy Storm	St Pauls Stutterheim
6	Daniel van der Bergh	St Andrews	8	Carmen Storm	St Pauls Stutterheim
6	Marsten Greig	St Pauls Macleantown	10	Shirley Muller	St Pauls Stutterheim
7	Vera Johl	St Andrews	11	Hayden Sonnenberger	St Pauls Macleantown
7	Tyson Krause	St Pauls Stutterheim	12	Reece Daniel	St Pauls Stutterheim
9	Brenda Burger	St Pauls Stutterheim	12	Neil Kirchoff	St Andrews
11	Jennifer Krause	St Pauls Stutterheim	13	Cheryl Piater	St Andrews
13	Pearl Tessendorf	St Peters Komga	13	Rowan Weyer	St Andrews
13	Desmond Oliver	St Andrews	14	Nompiliso Grey	St Pauls Macleantown
17	Ian Holland	St Andrews	14	Gary Iveson	St Pauls Stutterheim
17	Patsy Shenk	St Pauls Sutterheim	15	Gillian Schoof	St Andrews
17	Lorraine Bottcher	St Pauls Stutterheim	15	Nathan Lentz	St Pauls Stutterheim
18	Eva-Bell Lutge	St Andrews	15	Keith Kumm	St Pauls Macleantown
19	David Mortimer	St Pauls Macleantown	16	Matthew Lentz	St Pauls Stutterheim
22	Hans Dörksen	St Andrews	16	Deon Schwartz	St Pauls Macleantown
24	Brian Schwulst	St Pauls Macleantown	17	Mona Schütz	St Andrews
24	Ros Lentz	St Pauls Stutterheim	17	Wesley Mortimer	St Pauls Macleantown
26	Megan Penny	St Andrews	18	Audrey Paper	St Pauls Stutterheim
27	Lucille Jooste	St Andrews	19	Myra Krause	St Pauls Macleantown
31	Christopher Sonnenberger	St Andrews	21	Clint Lentz	St Pauls Stutterheim
			22	Lorraine Weyer	St Andrews
			24	Doreen Hayter	St Andrews
	<i>Wishing you:</i>		24	Beverley Daniel	St Pauls Stutterheim
	<i>Happy Birthday</i>		26	Sunelle Ferreira	St Pauls Stutterheim
	<i>with many</i>		28	Merle Wittstock	St Pauls Stutterheim
	<i>spoils and in the</i>		29	Jake Burger	St Pauls Stutterheim
	<i>company of family</i>		29	Carter Burger	St Pauls Stutterheim
	<i>& friends.</i>		30	Tyde Moss	St Pauls Stutterheim

Apologies – should there be a birthday entry omitted – please forward information or correction to: Bettina 0832950506 or email: bdubuson@gmail.com

Family News:

In loving Memory:

- **Holland Family:** – sincere condolences extended to Ian & Family on the passing of his father on 16.03.2026.
- **Sonnenberger Nadine:** passed away on the 30th April 2026 – we extend our sincere condolences to the families, friends and the St Pauls Macleantown congregation.
- **Braun Siegfried:** Passed away on the 26th April 2026 – condolences to his family, friends and the St Pauls Stutterheim congregation.

Contributing/ Paying Stewardship is a calling:

To be church together costs money, and we cannot shy away from this reality. It is good for all of us to reflect not only on God's blessings, but also on how we will support God's work among us. It is a way of living out our faith with gratitude and commitment: Knowing that speaking about finances can make some people feel uncomfortable. Yet it remains part of our shared responsibility as a congregation and a congregational member.

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For the ease of identifying your stewardship/ contribution/ payments, please use your surname and initials as a reference when depositing or making electronic fund transfers (EFT).`

May 2026

03 May 2026

4. Sunday After Easter - Cantane

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvellous things.

Psalm 98:1

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon Text: 2 Chronicles 5: 2-5 & 12-14

Old Testament: 1 Sam 16: 14 -23

Epistle: Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Gospel: Luke 19: 37 – 40

10 May 2026

5. Sunday After Easter - Rogate

Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me! Psalm 66:20

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon Text: Matthew 6: 5 – 15

Old Testament: Exodus 32: 7-14

Epistle: 1. Timothy 2: 1 – 6a

Gospel: Luke 11: (1-3) 5-13

14 May 2026

Ascension

Christ says: I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.

John 12;32

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon Text: John 7:20 - 26

Old Testament: 1 Kings 8:22 – 24 & 26 - 28

Epistle: Acts 1; 3 - 11

Gospel: Luke 24 (44-49) 50-53

17 May 2026

6. Sunday after Easter - Exaudi

Christ says: I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. John 12:32

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 31 -34

Epistle: Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

Gospel: John 16:5 – 15

24 May 2026

Pentecost

Not by might is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory. Isaiah 6:3

Liturgical Colour: Red

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1 - 21

Old Testament: Genesis11: - 19

Epistle Reading: Acts 2: 1 – 21

Gospel: John 14: 15 -19(20-23a) 23b – 27

31 May 2026 - Trinity

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His Glory. Isaiah 6:3

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon Text:Numbers 6:22 - 27

Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 (9 – 13)

	<p>Epistle Reading: Romans 11, (32) 33 - 36 Gospel: John 3:1-8 (9-13)</p>
<h2>June 2026</h2>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>07 June 2026</u> <u>1 Sunday after Trinity</u></p> <p>Christ says: He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; he who rejects me rejects He who sent me. Luke 10:16</p>	<p><u>Liturgical Colour: Green</u> Sermon Text: Acts 4: 32 - 37 Old Testament: Jeremiah 23;16 - 29 Epistle: 1 John 4, (13 – 16a) 16b-21 Gospel: Luke 16": 19 – 31</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>14 June 2026</u> <u>2. Sunday after Trinity</u></p> <p>Christ says: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28</p>	<p><u>Liturgical Colour: Green</u> Sermon Text: Matthew 11: 25 -30 Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1 - 5 Epistle: Ephesians 2(11-16) 17 - 22 Gospel: Luke 14 (15) 16 – 24</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>21 June 2026</u> <u>3 Sunday after Trinity</u></p> <p>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:10</p>	<p><u>Liturgical Colour: Green</u> Sermon Text: Micah 7: 18 - 20 Old Testament: Micah 7: 18 - 20 Epistle: 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17 Gospel: Luke 15: 1 – 3 , 11b -32</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>28 June 2026</u> <u>3. Sunday After Trinity</u></p> <p>Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2</p>	<p><u>Liturgical Colour: Green</u> Sermon Text: Romans 23: 17 - 21 Old Testament: Gen 50:15 - 21 Epistle: Romans 12: 17 - 21 Gospel: Luke 6: 36 - 42</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>05 July 2026</u> <u>5. Sunday After Trinity</u></p> <p>It is by grace you have been saved through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8</p>	<p><u>Liturgical Colour: Green</u> Sermon Text: Luke 5: 1 - 11 Old Testament: Gen 12; 1 – 4a Epistel: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25 Gospel: Luke 5: 1 - 11</p>

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