

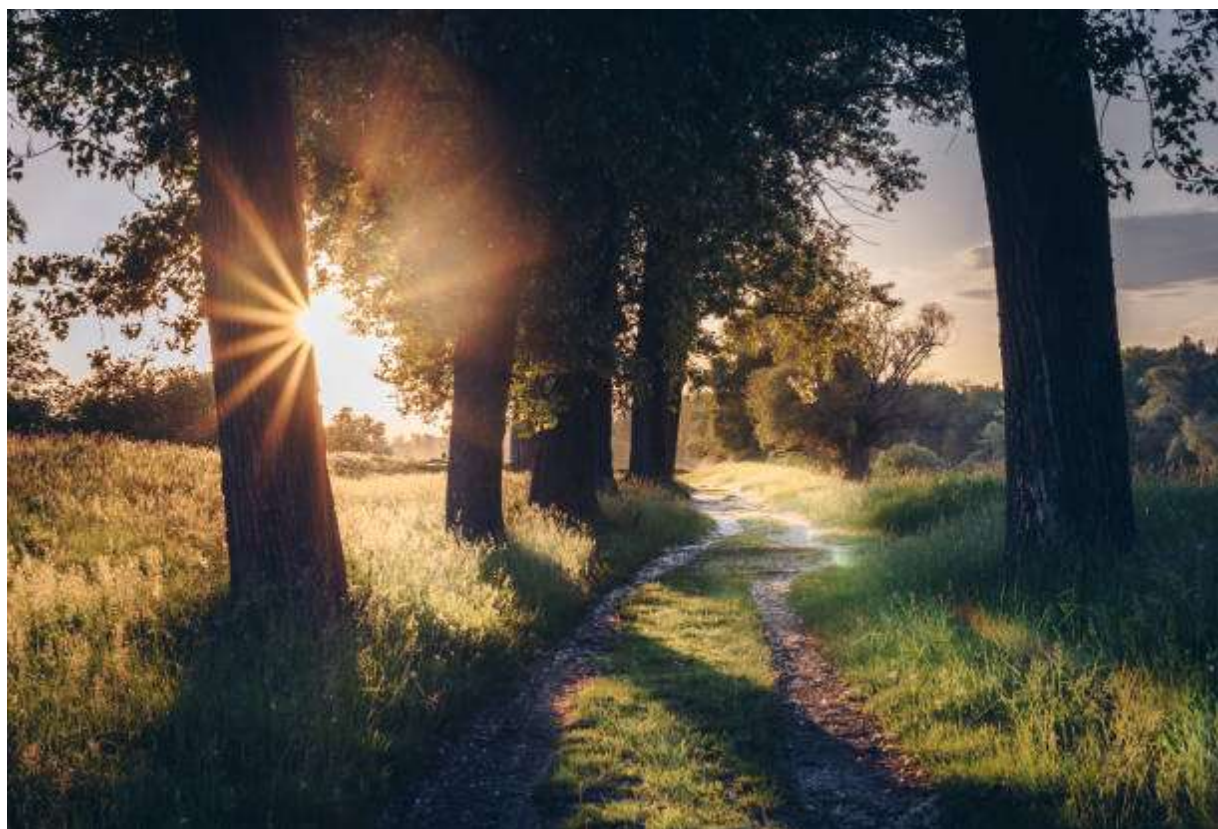
NEWSLETTER

July & August 2026

Watchword for 2026

I am making everything new:

Revelations: 21:5.



The Eastern Parish.

St Andrews East London

St. Peters Komga

St Pauls Stutterheim

St Pauls Macleantown

From the Desk of Pastor Hans-Peter von Fintel

Connected to the Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches." (John 15:5)

Have you ever noticed how quickly a branch dries out once it is cut from a tree? For a little while it still looks alive, but without being connected to the trunk, it slowly loses its strength. Jesus uses this simple picture to describe our relationship with Him. He is the Vine, and we are the branches. Our life, hope, and faith all come from staying connected to Him.

In the life of our Eastern Parish, we celebrate many joyful occasions. We baptise children, teach confirmation classes, gather for worship, share Holy Communion, and care for one another in times of joy and sorrow. Yet we also know how easy it is to become disconnected. Busy schedules, family commitments, work, illness, or disappointment can slowly pull us away from the life of the congregation and from regular time with Christ.

Jesus gently reminds us that faith is not something we can sustain on our own. He says, "Apart from me you can do nothing." The good news is that He never stops inviting us back. Through His Word, the Sacraments, prayer, and the fellowship of God's people, He continues to nourish and strengthen us.

Perhaps this month is an opportunity for each of us to reconnect. Join us for the Divine Service. Open your Bible during the week. Pray with your family. Visit someone who may be lonely. Encourage a young person in their faith. Small acts like these help us remain connected to Christ and to one another. As branches of the same Vine, we belong together. May our Eastern Parish continue to be a community where Christ's life flows through every generation, bearing fruit in our homes, our congregation, and our community.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for being the true Vine. Keep us close to You and strengthen our faith through Your Word and Sacraments. Help us to encourage one another and to bear fruit that brings glory to You. Amen.

Pastor HP von Fintel

Important Notice!

Dear members of **the Eastern Parish**, Pastor HP von Fintel has been called to St. Peters, Pretoria Lutheran Church and will leave us at the end of November 2026.

The process has begun to advertise the pending vacancy for the parish after the call committee met on Monday evening, on-line, to discuss some options.

Three possibilities are currently being explored, between the call committee and the Bishop/ Church Council and I hope that an Intern or Pastor will be elected before the end of the year.

Once suitable candidates have been identified, the necessary interviews and possible visits to the congregations will be scheduled.

Dr. Chris Johl, Chairman of the Parish Committee.

(Eastern Parish consists of: St Andrews East London, St Pauls Macleantown, St Pauls Stutterheim and St Peters Komga.)

St Pauls Stutterheim



The 2nd Hand Shop is open every Tuesday from 9am to 12noon.

Contact: Lynn Clarke to arrange drop off's of unwanted saleable items and just maybe you will find a treasure while snooping around in this little shop.



Flower Duty: - St Andrews

05 July 2026 – Renee Johl

19 July 2026 – Vera Johl

02 August 2026 – Celeste Vosloo

16 August 2026 – Pearl Coetzer

30 August 2026 – to be advised

12 July 2026 – Belinda Hawyes

26 July 2026 – Annette Fortmann

09 August 2026 – Renee Johl

23 August 2026 – Annette Fortman

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:

July 2026 – Hayter Family & Friends

August 2026 – Vera and her Team.



St Andrew's Lutheran Church Food Market 2026



4 July 2026

09hoo till 14hoo

**50 Park Avenue
East London**

Fresh Meat

- Dry Sausage
- German Sausage
- Pork Sausage
- Patties
- Meat Balls
- Mince

Frozen
 Butter Chicken
 Soups



Mega Raffle

- Curry and Rice
- Boerewors Rolls
- Cake and Coffee

- Cake
- Milk Tart
- Biscuits
- Fresh Produce
- Preserves

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Appreciation to all – for your time - be it baking sessions, sewing & crafting, or the actual sausage making days and the assistance with the many other tasks that need to be done - it is truly appreciated.



St Pauls
Macleantown:
Family News and
upcoming events:

- Both Terri Schwultz and Liesel Mortimer ran and completed the Comrades Marathon this year. Congratulations.

- Jacqui Krause: celebrating the birth of her second Great - grand-daughter – Eliana Mae Kuschula – 16th June 2026. What an amazing privilege and blessing.
- Liesel Mortimer – besides running the Comrades - she also attained her PhD. – Well done!
- Megan Schwultz celebrated her 21st birthday on the 5th May 2026.
- Marsten Greig celebrated his 60th birthday on the 6th May 2026.

Event taking place:

- Oxford Striders will be holding their annual “**Watergat**” – **15km challenge** on the 11th July 2026 from the Church Hall at St Pauls Macleantown. **Pancakes, Boerie Rolls, Hot Drinks will be on sale!**

St Peters Komga held their annual fundraiser on Saturday 27th June 2026. Once again well supported by the members, the local community and Parish Partners. The church committee would like to thank all who assisted leading up to event and on the day of their food market.



July 2026 Birthdays & August 2026 Birthdays

	July 2026			August 2026	
1	Jill Lentz	St Pauls Stutterheim	1	Lina Khalishwayo	St Andrews
3	Ethan Doulgas	St Andrews	1	Dylan Vosloo	St Andrews
5	Manfred Ottermann	St Andrews	2	Norma Ristow	St Pauls Stutterheim
5	Hunter de Coning	St Pauls Macleantown	2	Pamela Schwarz	St Pauls Stutterheim
6	Markus Köpke	St Andrews	5	Trish Krause	St Pauls Stutterheim
7	Erald Hohls	St Andrews	6	Chantel Jacobi	St Andrews
7	Andrew Peden	St Andrews	7	Christopher Korte	St Andrews
7	Gavin Tessendorf	St Peter's Komga	8	Robyn Kieck	Luther Brakfontein
8	Dawn Vockerodt	St Pauls Stutterheim	8	Tyler Pitcher	St Andrews
8	Craig Lutge	Luther Brakfontein	8	Colin Ahlschlager	St Peter's Komga
12	Bevin Ferreira	St Pauls Stutterheim	9	Logan Kopke	St Andrews
14	Justin Vockerodt	St Pauls Stutterheim	9	Erika Puchert	St Andrews
15	Lionel Korte	St Andrews	9	Michael Burger	St Peter's Komga
15	Linnay Sternberg	St Pauls Stutterheim	13	Byron Collocott	St Andrews
16	Rachel Krause	St Pauls Stutterheim	13	Gerhard Krause	St Pauls Stutterheim
18	Michael Richter	St Andrews	13	Charne Hiles	St Andrews
19	Trevor Kieck	St Andrews	14	Debbie van Huysteen	St Peter's Komga
20	Lydia Jansen van Rensberg	St Pauls Macleantown	18	Gloria Bowles	St Peter's Komga
20	Delano Lawrence	St Andrews	19	Siegfried Lentz	St Pauls Stutterheim
21	Allen Schoof	St Andrews	20	Lyle Mundell	St Pauls Stutterheim
21	Dennis Kieck	St Andrews	20	Cornel Tessendorf	St Peter's Komga
23	Kevin van der Bergh	St Andrews	21	Hannah Lemmer	St Pauls Macleantown
24	Phyllis Botha	St Andrews	22	Sheila Liss	St Andrews
24	Landon Witcher	St Pauls Stutterheim	22	Gary Hiles	St Andrews
26	Morne Human	Luther Brakfontein	27	Ryan Schwartz	St Andrews
29	Helga Ries	St Andrews	30	Selethu Khalishwayo	St Andrews
29	Bonisile Grey	St Pauls Macleantown	30	Beverly Richter	St Andrews
31	Audrey Human	Luther Brakfontein	30	Pamela Buchler	St Pauls Stutterheim
31	Joan Schreiber	St Peter's Komga			
31	Joyce Vockerodt	St Pauls Stutterheim			
31	Ps HP von Fintel				

Banking Details – For your Church / Congregation:-

St Andrews Lutheran Church

Nedbank: Vincent Park; Br Code 120621; Account No: 120 603 9922

St Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church Komga

Standard Bank: Br Code 050421; Account No: 280 736 606

St Pauls Lutheran Church Macleantown

Nedbank: East London Account No: 120 600 3103

St Pauls Sutterheim

FNB: Stutterheim; Account No: 620 467 64 256

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).

July 2026	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>05 July 2026</u> <u>5. Sunday after Trinity</u> 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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: Luke 5,1-11 Old Testament: Gen 12,1-4a Epistle: 1. Corinthians 1,18-25 Gospel: Luke 5,1-11</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>12 July 2026</u> <u>6. Sunday after Trinity</u> Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43,1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 7, 6-12 Old Testament: Isaiah 43,1-7 Epistle: Romans 6,3-8 (9-11) Gospel: Matthew 28,16-20</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>19 July 2026</u> <u>7. Sunday after Trinity</u> You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household Ephesians 2,19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: Hebrews 13, 1-3 Old Testament: Exodus 16,2-3,11-18 Epistle: Acts 2,41-47 Gospel: John 6:1-15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>26 July 2026</u> <u>8. Sunday after Trinity</u> Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth. Ephesians 5,8-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: John 9, 1-7 Old Testament: Isaiah 2,1-5 Epistle: Ephesians 5,8b-14 Gospel: Matthew 5,13-16</p>
August 2026	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>02 August 2026</u> <u>9. Sunday after Trinity</u> From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12,48</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: Jeremiah 1, 4-10 Old Testament: Jeremiah 1,4-10 Epistle: Philippians 3,(4b-6) 7-14 Gospel: Matthew 13,44-46</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09 August 2026</u> <u>10. Sunday after Trinity</u> Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance. Psalm 33:12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: Romans 11,25-32 Old Testament: Exodus 19,1-6 Epistle: Romans 11,25-32 Gospel: Mark 12,28-34</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>16 August 2026</u> <u>11. Sunday after Trinity</u> God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5b</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: Luke 18,9-14 Old Testament: Samuel 12:1-10, 13-15a Epistle: Ephesians 2,4-10 Gospel: Luke 18,9-14</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>23 August 2026</u> <u>12. Sunday after Trinity</u> A bruised reed He will not break, and a smouldering wick He will not snuff out. Isaiah 42:3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 3, 9-17 Old Testament: Isaiah 29,17-14 Epistle: Acts 9,1-20 Gospel: Mark 7,31-37</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>30 August 2026</u> <u>13. Sunday after Trinity</u> Christ says: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liturgical Colour: Green</i> Sermon Text: Acts 6, 1-7 Old Testament: Leviticus 19,1-3, 13-18, 33-34 Epistle: 1 John 4,7-12 Gospel: Luke 10,25-37</p>

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