# † ANGLICAN PARISH OF MOOI RIVER

**26 JULY (KUNTULIKAZI) 2026**
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ISONTO LESISHIYAGALOLUNYE EMUVA KUKAPHENTEKHOSTI


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## WORSHIP TODAY *Ukukhonza namuhla*

| Time | Church | Service / Presider | Lay minister |
|---|---|---|---|
| 09:00 | All Saints | Revd Margie Wishart | Stuart |
| 10:00 | St Mary | Morning Prayer | Fikile & Norah |
| 11:00 | St Raphael | Morning Prayer | Gugu & Simon |

## TODAY'S READINGS *Izifundo zanamuhla*

**First Reading / Isifundo sokuqala:** Genesis / IGenesis 29:1-28
**Psalm / IHubo:** 105:1-11 or 128
**Second Reading / Isifundo sesibili:** Romans / KwabaseRoma 8:26-39
**Gospel / Ivangeli:** Matthew / NgokukaMathewu 13:31-33, 44-52

**Collect**

O Sovereign God,
Jesus Christ established your reign on earth:
let its coming be like the mustard seed
that grows into greatness,
and like the leaven that mixes with the grain
until the whole becomes greater;
to the praise of the one, holy and Blessed Trinity,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**IKholektha**

Nkulunkulu obusayo,
UJesu Khristu umise ukubusa kwakho
Emhlabeni:
Makuthi ukuza kwawo kufane nembewu
yeSinaphu ekhula ibe nkulu kakhulu,
nanjengembiliso exutshe nokusanhlamvu
kukhule kuze kube kukhulu kakhulu;
kube ludumo eButhathwini bunye,
obuNgcwele nobudumisekayo, ophila
ebusa phakade naphakade. Amen.

**THEME FOR TODAY**

*"The kingdom of heaven is like..." Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*
**What do we treasure most as God's kingdom grows?**

# † IN OUR PRAYERS

*Emithandazweni yethu*

### South Africa

Our Government of National Unity and local municipalities; peace in our communities; poor service delivery; rape, drugs and unemployment; water shortages; farmers affected by foot and mouth disease; corruption; gang violence; the safety of foreigners and their businesses; and peace in our cities.

### The world

The challenging times facing the world; world hunger and war; countries currently at war; and peace throughout the world.

### The Church & Parish

Parish Council, Church Wardens, all priests, the sick and aged, and those struggling with addiction, depression and loneliness.

### We pray especially for

Nomusa Ngcobo; Mark and Monique Olivier; Beryl Olivier; Thingo Ngobe; Nathi Dlamini; Franco Esposito; Revd Nick Kerr and David Easton. RIP. Lawrence Olivier and Mrs Zondi.

**Birthdays this week:** Cheryl Kean, Wayne Godfrey (22); Jane Motloung (25); Jo Venning,Hannah Shewan (28);Buy Ndlovu (30); Stewart Ramsey, Seithokuhle Pilsoni (31)

### Our farming community

Shirley & Graham Caldecot; Alan & Debbie Stratford; Tamsin & Ross Stratford; Shelly & Peter March; Sue & Graham Armstrong; Rose & Derrick Maphanga; Claudette & Robert Sithole; Cheryl & James Kean; Baden & Sylvia Smythe; Sven & Joy Taylor; Danie Steyn; Chris & Leigh Robertson; Fee & Rowan van Aardt; Ian & Meryl Butt; Rob & Di Butt; Stephen & Laura Butt; Marline & Josh Butt; David & Morghan Price; Stacey & Simon Miller; Clive & Ashley Stratford; Kistin & Tom Kean; Bridget & Shaun Griffin; Griffin family farm; Jeannie & Jason Shewan; Nomusa & Kosi Ngcobo; Dave & Kate Culverwell; Angie & Derek Greene; Tom & Jo Turner; Belinda & Brad Price; Ed & Debbie Erskine; Greg & Hayley Muirhead; Garth & Kylie Rattsey; Lauren & Matthew Moxham; Steve & Natalie Morris; Gavin & Sheryl Pote; Murray Pote; Rolf & Athene Henriksen; Sven Henriksen; Jane & Andrew Smith; Rory Rattsey; Rob & Hayley Mckenzie; Jeanette & Dave Sharpe; Miles & Simone March; Nick & Tiffany March; Ryan & Lisa Heynes; Gill Heynes; Angie & Mark Arbuthnot; Lynn & Ant Galliers; Lloyd & Tammy Dent; Candice & Brendon Norman; Penny & Mike Green; Roy & Sue Caldecott; Pate & Nicky Kean; Guy & Shan Smith; Nigel & Tim Blaker; Geoff & Cindy Elliott; Devon & Sue Smythe; Karen & Justin Laurens; Karen & Chris Maloney; Jo & William Bryant; Simon Green; Pierre & Debbie Le Seuer; Moller Family Farm; Worrall Family Farm; Debbie & Franco Esposito.

### Families we pray for this week

Gareth and Kelly, Jack, Josie, Bedell-Sivright; Nic and Jane Cahill, Londeka, Melokuhle, Lukhona and Zanokuhle Cebekhulu; Kate and Dave Culverwell,

John, George and Lilly Culverwell; Nomcebo, Ezinhle and Luthando Dlamini; Noncebo Dladla

### Prayer for the week

God of small beginnings and hidden treasure, plant your kingdom deeply within us. Give us patience to nurture what is good, wisdom to recognise what truly matters, and courage to choose your ways above all else. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

### Pastoral care

Please contact Revd Bronwyn if you would value a visit, prayer or Holy Communion at home.

### Prayer for our farmers

Gracious and compassionate God, we lift before You all farmers and farming communities who are struggling under the heavy burden of foot and mouth disease. You know their anxiety, their exhaustion, and the heartbreak of seeing the animals they depend on suffer or be lost. Surround them now with Your comfort, strength, and peace. Lord, sustain those whose livelihoods are threatened. Provide for families facing uncertainty and financial strain. Grant wisdom to veterinarians, agricultural workers, and leaders as they work to contain the disease and protect herds. Bless every effort toward healing, prevention, and restoration. Hold close those who must make painful decisions. Ease their grief, calm their fears, and remind them that they are not alone. Send neighbours and communities to support them with generosity, practical help, and compassion. Creator of all living things, we ask Your mercy upon the land and the animals. Restore health where there is sickness, hope where there is despair, and stability where there is disruption. Strengthen their hands, renew their courage, and bless the work of their labour. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer requests may be sent to Revd Bronwyn Kirk • 067 639 6393**

# † LOOKING AHEAD

***Okuzayo***

## ON DUTY - 2 AUGUST 2026

| | ALL SAINTS | ST GEORGE | ST MARY | ST RAPHAEL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Time** | 9am | 10am | 1030am | 11am |
| **Presider & preacher** | Revd B Kirk | Morning Prayer | Revd B Kirk | Morning Prayer |
| **Lay minister** | Gabriel | Stuart | Gabriel & Albert | Gugu |
| **Music** | Sue | Fran | Gabriel | Gugu |
| **Sacristan** | Anthia | Christine | Albert | Philisiwe |
| **Flowers** | Sue | | | |
| **Sides person** | Graham | Christine | St Agnes Guild | |
| **Readers** | Anthia | | St Agnes Guild | |

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY ***UMgqibelo oNgcwele***

**First Reading:** Genesis / IGenesis 32:22-31
**Psalm / IHubo:** 17:1-7
**Second Reading:** Romans / KwabaseRoma 9:1-5
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew / NgokukaMathewu 14:13-21

## NOTICES ***Izaziso***

- Welcome to all our visitors joining us today. We hope you have a blessed time in the Lord's house.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Mandela Day initiative. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support.
- St Mary's congregation: a reminder to donate R100 toward bricks for the Sunday School room.
- St Raphael: each family is invited to contribute toward painting the inside of the house where we worship.
- Revd Bronwyn is on leave from 24 July to 4 August. She will be on duty Sunday 2 August.
- Our Bishop's farewell will take place at the Cathedral on 11 October. More information will follow.
- For service times, parish news, upcoming events and more, visit our new website: anglicanmeander.org.za
- Please join us for a cup of tea and cake after the service in the hall.
- Thank you to Revd Margie for conducting the service while our Rectors is on leave.

| AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | 11 OCTOBER |
|---|---|---|
| Canon Daniela Gennrich<br>Gender presentation | Canon Delysia Timm<br>Stewardship | Bishop's farewell at the Cathedral.<br>More details will follow. |

## PARISH PROJECTS 2026

**St Mary's:** bricks for the Sunday School room. **St Raphael:** painting the worship space.

# † READ • GIVE • CONNECT

***Funda • Nikela • Xhumana***

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Day | Morning | Evening |
|---|---|---|
| **Monday 27 July** | Psalm 119:105-128<br>Joshua 24:16-33<br>Romans 16:1-16 | Psalm 119:129-152<br>2 Samuel 2:1-11<br>Matthew 27:24-31 |
| **Tuesday 28 July** | Psalm 119:153-176<br>Judges 2:1-5, 11-23<br>Romans 16:17-27 | Psalms 120, 121, 122<br>2 Samuel 3:6-21<br>Matthew 27:32-44 |
| **Wednesday 29 July - WILLIAM WILBERFORCE** | Psalms 123, 124, 125<br>Judges 3:12-30<br>Acts 1:1-14 | Psalms 126, 127, 128<br>2 Samuel 3:22-39<br>Matthew 27:45-54 |
| **Thursday 30 July - MARY AND MARTHA OF BETHANY** | Psalms 129, 130, 131<br>Judges 4:4-24<br>Acts 1:15-26 | Psalms 132, 133, (134)<br>2 Samuel 4:1-12<br>Matthew 27:55-66 |
| **Friday 31 July** | Psalm 135<br>Judges 5:1-18<br>Acts 2:1-21 | Psalm 136<br>2 Samuel 5:1-12<br>Matthew 28:1-10 |
| **Saturday 1 August** | Psalms 137, 138<br>Judges 5:19-31<br>Acts 2:22-36 | Psalm 139<br>2 Samuel 5:22-6:11<br>Matthew 28:11-20 |

## GIVING & PARISH SUPPORT

**First National Bank**
Account: Anglican Parish of Mooi River
Account no: 6202 373 6575
Branch code: 220525

**Soup Kitchen:** onions, potatoes, tinned fish, rice, flour, sugar beans, baked beans and samp. Donations by EFT are also welcome.

**Planned Giving:** Please speak to Jo Groesser if you need a giving number.

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**OUR CHURCHES ACROSS THE PARISH OF MOOI RIVER**

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St Mary's - Bruntville • St Raphael's - Zenzane
*Please contact the Rector for current service times and parish information.*