

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

<i>FOR PARISH OFFICE USE ONLY</i>	
Today's date	
Main Member's Surname	
Date of application	

It is great pleasure to welcome you to St George's and we look forward to getting to know you better and serving you in whichever way we can. We likewise look forward to the gifts you will bring to us – both in your friendship, and in the skills and time you are able to share with us. Your presence adds value to this community and we appreciate your membership and participation.

A LITTLE ABOUT ST GEORGE'S

St George's was designed by Sir Herbert Baker and the first part of the church was built in 1904. We have a long and illustrious history which has followed the evolution of the Anglican Church within the wider Southern African milieu. Hospitality to this evolution is integral to our identity and is reflected in our Vision Statement:

*St. George's Church seeks to draw diverse people
into its community to encounter God*

St George's values the spiritual richness of symbol, ritual, and liturgy in its worship and embraces an open-minded interpretation of Christian theology. Our teaching is informed and inspired by Scripture and is faithful to the precepts of Christian faith and practice within this culturally diverse context. We are a vibrant and active community and you will see from what follows that we engage in a wide variety of ministries both in and beyond the church precincts. It is into this richness that we welcome you and trust that you will find a spiritual home with us.

WEEKLY PRAYER AND EUCHARISTIC SERVICES

Tuesday	08h00	Quiet meditation in the Lady Chapel
Wednesday	09h30	Mass (APB <i>Anglican Prayer Book</i>) in the church
Sunday	07h00	Said Mass (BCP <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	09h00	Choral Mass (APB <i>Anglican Prayer Book</i>)
	18h00	Evensong and meditation (First Sunday of the month only: BCP)

Additionally, all High Days and Feast Days are celebrated and these events are advertised accordingly. Occasional days are set aside for Children's and Youth services, and Baptisms are generally conducted four or five times a year.

INTRODUCING THE STAFF AND WARDENS

Rector	The Revd Dr Jeremy Jacobs
Non-stipendiary Priest	The Revd Geoff Lowick (Retired)
Non-stipendiary Priest	The Revd Canon Gerard Sharp
Non-stipendiary Deacon	The Revd Dr Nigel Willis
Warden	Mr. Trevor Taylor
Warden	Mr. Colin Robinson
Alt Warden	Mr. Nick Geimer
Treasurer	Mr. Chris Cory
Parish Secretary	Mr. Gordon Brodie
Bookkeeper	Mr. Frederik Meyer
Verger	Mr. Gift Arigionero
Gardener	Mr. James Mnube
Domestic Worker	Ms. Anna Buthelezi
Security Guards	Subcontracted from Rosebank Car Guards

THE PORTFOLIOS OF MINISTRY

In addition to Sunday worship, the following list of ministries, in nine broad Portfolios, comprises the scope of work among the members of St George's. Some of this work requires little support, whilst others are always in need of additional volunteers and funding. Here is a brief explanation of all the work we do:

THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PORTFOLIO

The Samaritans	This project attends to the Orange Farm Serobeng Day Care Centre and Home-based Care Givers. This organisation looks after child-headed homes, enabling their brothers and sisters to attend school. They also care for the HIV/AIDS and cancer patients in their area.
Bread for Life Scheme	St George's provides basic comforts such as clothing and sandwiches to those who genuinely cannot afford it, ensuring that they do not go hungry. This scheme is operated by a group of volunteers who make sandwiches (and occasionally soup) which is distributed on Monday and Friday mornings.
Turning Point Home	Several members of St George's have assumed responsibility for rehabilitating and re-integrating the boys from this home back into the mainstream of society. They do this by building relationships based on transparency, love, trust, and confidence and efforts are made to assist some of the boys with their formal education. A house has been purchased to accommodate the boys (8-10 boys on average) and they are sponsored through school (usually Sparrow) in order to equip them for entry into independent adulthood.
Samaritan Sunday	This is a parish-based agency which operates after Sunday services to recruit support and donations for the aforementioned ministries. This includes food purchased from money donated from the St George's parishioners on a monthly basis. Turning Point also receives groceries

and the balance of donations goes to the Operation Relief Soup Kitchen and also to some parishioners who need a helping hand.

Soup Kitchen	This is a feeding initiative which runs a soup kitchen at <i>Christ Church Care Centre</i> on Mitchell Street in Berea. It is organised by St. Michael's Bryanston which falls under the umbrella name of <i>The Good Shepherd Street Children</i> . This scheme benefits between 30 and 70 street children in the area. On average 30 children per week receive a healthy meal provided by the centre.
Park Care Frail Care Centre	The clergy conduct a monthly services at <i>Park Care</i> home for the aged – many of whom suffer from various kinds of cerebral disease or neurological damage. A few members of St George's woman's groups also provide a tea with eats in the lounge after the service.

THE YOUTH PORTFOLIO

Youth Ministry	Youth ministry at St George's is addressed mainly in the Chaplaincy work the clergy provide to Roedean, occasionally St John's College, St Katharine's, and The Ridge.
Baptismal Preparation	Baptismal preparation classes are available, and required for all adults wanting to be baptized, or parents bringing children for baptism. These courses usually run four times a year in preparation for baptismal services.
Admission to Communion	Admission to Communion is a short course of 4 classes and takes place during the 09h00 service. It is conducted on a needs basis for children who are six or over who wish to receive communion.
Confirmation Classes	Confirmation classes are conducted on a needs basis and are currently facilitated by the clergy. The curriculum is customised and culled from courses run by other parishes in the Diocese to cater most appropriately for attending candidates.
Roedean School	Roedean School has strong links to St Georges. The clergy conduct services for the Primary School weekly and Masses for the High School four times a term and on high days and feast days. Stylized confirmation courses are also run for the Roedean girls.
The Ridge School	The Ridge occasionally calls upon the clergy to facilitate services of various kinds for learners and staff. Most often these services are conducted to celebrate special events and there is no regular requirement.
St Katharine's School	St Katharine's occasionally calls upon the clergy to facilitate services of various kinds for learners and staff. Most often these services are conducted to celebrate special events and there is no regular requirement.

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PORTFOLIO

Sunday School	Sunday School takes place during the 09h00 service on Sundays. The Children's Ministry consists of children up to the age of 12 years and is divided into three age groups, namely 3-5 year olds, 6-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds. Our aim is to move from a more regimented classroom
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experience to an integrated and fun experience. Safety, wellbeing, and care of the children is a priority for all the teachers.

THE PASTORAL CARE PORTFOLIO

- Caring for the People The Pastoral Care Portfolio strives to be a caring body, aiming to cater for the basic needs of people both in, and outside the St George's Parish (physically, psychologically and socially). Occasional needs-based situations are also addressed by means of grocery hampers. Special efforts are made at Christmas time for those who are alone. There are also some parishioners who depend on lifts to Church, doctors, and various other appointments and a lift club is in operation.
- Anglicare *Anglicare* counsellors are lay-trained in basic counselling skills and techniques and are able to address common personal problems, or refer clients to professional care if the need arises. Anglicare counsellors work under licence from the Bishop of Johannesburg and are accountable to professional counsellors.
- Marriage Preparation There is regular demand for marriage preparation courses since St George's is a popular church for weddings. Several couples are trained by *The Family Life Centre* to facilitate these courses and it is required that couples intending to get married in the Anglican Church must attend a marriage preparation course.
- Marriage Enrichment Courses The *Alpha Marriage Course* is successfully run by Chris and Daryl Jennings twice a year, in March and September. These programmes are intended for couples who have been married for some years and want to refresh or deepen their marriage relationship.
- Hospitality and Information This is a newly formed Portfolio and intends to coordinate and administer a number of frontline activities. These include the Hospitality Table at the entrance of the church on Sundays – providing welcome and information; the layout and contents of the Pew Leaflet; the information and application forms pertaining to baptisms, marriages, new members, confirmation classes, funerals, and general administration and marketing. The portfolio also manages the Parish website.

THE LITURGY AND WORSHIP PORTFOLIO

- Enabling Good Worship The Liturgy and Worship Committee's function is to survey the quality of worship at St George's and facilitate its growth. The Committee currently comprises the Clergy, the Parish and Lay ministers, the Choir, the Altar Servers, the Bell-ringers, the Sacristans and the Sides-people. All of these sub-groups play an important role and would welcome your participation.

THE SPIRITUALITY PORTFOLIO

- Spiritual Formation The spiritual formation of the Parish is implicit in all other areas of ministry, but the committee also hosts its own events. An annual weekend retreat is hosted at a venue away from the Parish. The Quiet Gardens movement, usually held at Brenthurst Gardens, host quiet mornings once a quarter. Silent prayer takes place every Tuesday

morning at 08h00 in the Lady Chapel. Spiritual direction is available from the clergy and some lay leaders are now being trained as spiritual directors. Every year a series of Spring Lectures is hosted in September. Ordinarily these events would be linked to themes in spirituality or spiritual formation.

CCS

The Centre for Christian Spirituality (CCS) is a Diocesan ministry, but operates from St George's. CCS is a Faith Based Non-Profit Voluntary Association and its purpose is to nurture and encourage ministry in Christian spirituality and mysticism. Its mission is to provide a spiritual resource and formational centre for all who seek to deepen their relationship with God, with others, and with the world through open learning and deep prayer. CCS events are usually hosted twice a month; one conversation evening and either a Quiet Morning or a Film Evening pertinent to a consideration of the meaning of spirituality in current global circumstances.

Retreats

The Parish conducts an annual retreat in collaboration with St Benedict's retreat House and these events are advertised annually.

Lent Course and Holy Week

It is our custom to conduct specialised teaching series during Lent and a series of Lectures during Holy Week to prepare us for Easter Celebrations. These are often challenging and soul-searching.

Spring Lectures

Once a year, for the duration of September, weekly lectures are hosted at the church focussing on a particular area of spiritual formation. We frequently invite well-known speakers to host these events and they are always well supported.

THE MAINTENANCE PORTFOLIO

Caring for Property

All maintenance of equipment and parish buildings is undertaken by the Maintenance Portfolio. There is always a need for church members who have useful skills in this regard: computer technicians, software experts, painters, plumbers, electricians, general handy-men, gardeners, decorators, and so on.

THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PORTFOLIO

The Parish Leadership Team

The general management and administration of the church is controlled by an annually elected Parish Council. This Council comprises the heads of all the aforementioned portfolios, the Wardens, and the Clergy. The finances are managed by a Finance Committee comprising the Wardens, the Clergy, and the Treasurer. This Committee also oversees the Dedicated Giving (DG) scheme which is the major source of the church's income.

APPLICATION FORM

Please print clearly and complete all relevant sections. Tick the relevant box where necessary:

Today's date	D	M	Y
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FAMILY DETAILS

Family surname	
Postal Address	
Residential Address	
Home Telephone Number	
Correspondence Addressed To:	

MAIN MEMBER'S DETAILS

Surname		
Name		
Initials		
Title		
Date of Birth		
Marital Status		
Baptised	YES	NO
Confirmed	YES	NO
Cell Phone		
Employer		
E-mail address		
Occupation		
School/ University (if applicable)		

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Surname				
Name				
Title				
Date of Birth				
Baptised (Y/N)				
Confirmed (Y/N)				
Cell Phone				
E-mail address				
Employer (If applicable)				
Occupation (If applicable)				
School/ University (If applicable)				

Please **tick** the areas of ministry that most interest you. Once this form is processed, a member of your chosen portfolio will contact you to explain the work and invite your participation.

MINISTRY	PLEASE TICK
THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PORTFOLIO	-
I would like to help The Samaritans	
I am happy to make sandwiches for the Bread for Life Scheme	
I would like to assist the Turning Point Home	
I can assist with the organisation of Samaritan Sundays	
I can help with the Soup Kitchen in Berea	
I can make and serve tea at Park Care on the 3 rd Tuesday of every month	
I can help to pour tea on Sundays after the church services	
I would like to get involved in the Orange Farm Project	
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND YOUTH PORTFOLIO	
I would like to teach in the Sunday School	
I can assist with Baptismal Preparation classes	
I would like to help with First Communion classes	
PASTORAL CARE PORTFOLIO	
I would like to be trained as an Anglicare Counsellor	
I can help with care for the house-bound and make parcels for the poor	
I would like to be trained as a marriage preparation facilitator	
WORSHIP AND LITURGY PORTFOLIO	
I would like to join the choir	
Become a Server at the Altar	
Become a Sacristan	
Become a Bell Ringer	
Assist with flower arranging	
Become a Sides-person (welcoming people, handing out Pew leaflets, ushering)	
SPIRITUAL FORMATION PORTFOLIO	
Join the Spiritual Formation Portfolio	
Please place me on the CCS mailing list	
THE MAINTENANCE PORTFOLIO	
I would like to assist in the gardens	
I can help with general handy-'man' work and repairs	
I can help with IT, hardware, software in the church office	
I would like to help with occasional administrative functions (folding letters, mail)	
I can contribute in a way not listed above as follows...	

DEDICATED GIVING PLEDGE FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN CLEAR PRINT:

Surname					
Initials					
Residential Address					
Postal Address					
Home phone					
Work Phone					
Cell					
E-mail					
I pledge the following amount of money for the furtherance of God's work at St George's:					
Please fill in the amount and tick your choice:	R.....	Per Month		Start date	
		Per Quarter		Start date	
		Per Half Year		Start date	
		Annually		In the month of	
I wish to make my contribution by <i>(Please tick your choice)</i>	Monthly Stop order				
	EFT (<i>Electronic Funds Transfer</i>)				
	Envelope (<i>Envelopes will be provided for monthly and quarterly contributions</i>)				
BANK DETAILS	Bank:	Standard Bank			
	Branch:	Parktown			
	Branch Code:	000 355			
	Account Name:	Parktown Parish Council			
	Account Number:	200481606			
	Cheques payable to:	Parktown Parish Council			