

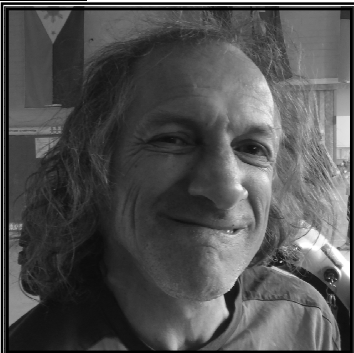
ORDER OF SERVICE:

- Call to Worship** *Andrea*
- Adoration Songs** *Music Team*
- Emmanuel*
- Creation*
- Welcome, Pass the Peace** *Rowena*
- Community News** *Bong*
- Prayer** *Andrea*
- Bible Reading**
- Psalm 148*
- Reflection/Thanksgiving Song** *Music Team*
- As The Deer*
- Children's Time** *Bron*
- Bible Reading**
- Matthew 11:25-30*
- Message** *Rowena*
- Offering** *Andrea*
- Commitment Song** *Music Team*
- Benediction** *Rowena*
- Audio recording of this service is available on the church's website.*

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Does Genesis 1 literally mean 24-hour days? What is theistic evolution? Did God use the "Big Bang" to create the universe? What was God doing before God created the universe? Why did God create such a vast universe and other planets if there is only life on earth? What does "ex-nihilo" mean? What is the intelligent design theory?

IN FOCUS:



PRAYERS:

- Nina's mother** in the Philippines passed away last Tuesday morning. The church has expressed its deep condolences to Nina's family. Pray for God's comfort as they grieve for their loss. Also, continue to pray for Nina's nephew, **Obet**, who is suffering health problems.
- Pray for our **Children's Ministry**. Pastor Bron and Kathy are working very hard for our church to minister to these young hearts. Let us help each other to discern a 'talent' invested by our God in someone's heart in our congregation. Passion and commitment in this ministry is paramount. **Sharing the love of God in this wonderful ministry.**
- As early as now, pray for the yet to be formed **Pastoral Search Committee**. We pray for godly and discerning people among us who will help us to listen to God's leading. As we have heard from Kathy's message, **integrity** is key not just of our future Pastor but of each

TRANSITION TEAM MEETING UPDATE:

23 October 2013

- Weeks of Prayer.** From next month, every week groups of people will be praying for many aspects of our church life. Hermie and Andrea are the one's organizing this. We believe in the power of God through our prayers. First up— **4-9 Nov, Reuel, King, Winnie, Rodel and Virgie**. You will be receiving more information from today.
- Refugee Sunday**— In our morning worship service on the **1st of December**, we will focus on the **plights of refugees in, to Australia and around the world**. How much do we really know? What can we actually do? Natalie, Andrea, Kathy and Bron will lead us in learning more and make us aware of our responsibilities as members of the community. **Loving people who "bleeds when cut" like you and me.**
- Commitment Sunday**—Every one of us is unique and special with gifts and resources to share. On Sunday, the **24th of November**, Len and Pastors Rowena and Bron will lead in **awakening our innate altruism**. You and I can make a difference, big time! Options on what you can contribute will be given out before that Sunday so we can pray that God will help us to **discern God's purpose and us knowing what God created us to be**. All for one and one for all!

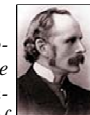
Name	Paul Sultana
Birth Date	13 March
Birth Country	Australia
Interests	I like dragons, going to the pub and drinking coffee.
Favourite Bible verse	Jesus helps me and I pray to him.
Message	<i>Please help me with my charger.</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Preethi and Franklin** sent photos of their new baby. Bron will be showing them during the community news. Look at the proud new parents and their **beautiful baby!**
- Creation and environment**—From last Sunday, today and the next two Sundays, Our worship services focus on **God's beautiful creation and looking after our environment.**
- Wednesday, 06 Nov. Monthly Deacons' meeting** from 6:15PM to 8:30PM in the green room. The diaconate are **your servant leaders**. Approach your leaders if there is anything you passionately want them to discuss and make a decision.
- Wednesday 13 Nov. Combined Deacons and Transition team workshop.** David Devine will be leading this workshop in Pastor Bron's place. They will be learning about **conducting church meetings.**
- 24 Nov—Quarterly members' meeting and Commitment Sunday.** Jot it down in your diaries. Make time to be present. You are the church. It is about you, it is about our community, it is about our obedience to God and making a difference to someone's life.
- 30 Nov**—Our final **church working bee** for the year. This time we are focusing on the front and back yard of the church. Let Bong know if you can and will come. **This is our church.** We can't afford to pay for someone else to do this for us or should we. One way of us making a statement that this is our church is by being there & "getting our hands dirty."
- Hoppers Crossing/Hobson's Bay Bible Study** meets this Saturday in Winnie & King's place @ 6PM. Studying Paul's letter to the Romans. Topic this Saturday is: Romans 5:1-11.
- Refugee support committee.** We are still calling for at least one more volunteer to work with Natalie in helping the church to be more aware of this controversial and shouldn't be divisive issue of **Welcoming, Accepting and Assisting Refugees.**
- Personal Information Permission Form**—Thank you for those who have already submitted their completed forms. Please see Bong if you need a form.

CHRISTIAN QUOTATION:

"With Nature as the symbol of all of harmony and beauty that is known to man, must we still talk of the supernatural, not as a convenient word, but as a different order of world, where the Reign of Mystery supersedes the Reign of Law?" – Henry Drummond, English banker, politician and writer, best known as one of the founders of the Catholic Apostolic or Irvingite Church, was born at the Grange, near Alresford, Hampshire. Thoroughly independent and often eccentric in his views, he yet acted generally with the Conservative party. His speeches were often almost inaudible but were generally lucid and informing, and on occasion caustic and severe.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS:



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Location: Southern most tip of Africa, bordering Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe

Language: South Africa has 11 official languages. English is the language of administration and is spoken throughout the country. The other official languages are: Afrikaans, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu.

Capital: Pretoria (executive), Bloemfontein (judicial), Cape Town (legislative). **Population:** 2011 Census—51,770,560

Religion: Christians-79.8%:Zion Christian, Pentecostal (Charismatic), Roman Catholic, Methodist, Dutch Reformed (Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk), Anglican & others (35%). Muslims-1.5%, Hindus-1.2%, traditional African religion-0.3%, Judaism-0.2%. 15.1%-no religious affiliation, 0.6%-other,1.4%-unspecified.

Society and Culture

The Rainbow Nation. South Africa is one of the most multicultural countries in the world. In addition to the indigenous black peoples of South Africa colonialism and immigration have brought in white Europeans, Indians, Indo-Malays, Chinese and many more. As such it is difficult to generalise at all on South African etiquettes and culture due to the diversity.

The Family in South Africa. The basic unit of South African society is the family, which includes the nuclear family and the extended family or tribe. In traditional African society, the tribe is the most important community as it is the equivalent of a nation. The tribe provides both emotional and financial security in much the same way the nuclear family does to white or coloured South Africans. The nuclear family is the ultimate basis of the tribe. The tribal and family units are being disrupted by changes in the economic reorganization of the country

The Rural/Urban Dichotomy. There are vast differences between the values of the rural and urban dwellers. The majority of the whites living in rural areas are Afrikaner farmers who are descended from the Calvinists. Their views on the world are sometimes narrow. At the same time they value human decency over materialism. City dwellers live life in the fast lane, which affects their outlook. People from Johannesburg can quite often be regarded as having materialistic values, and being more interested in what you own rather than who you are. They prefer to see themselves as urbane and their country cousins as less sophisticated. People from Cape Town are very proud of their city, and often appear to have a superior attitude about their city versus the rest of the country. Family ties, long-term friendships and social standing are all important to Capetonians. The many rural black communities are still rooted in the traditions of their heritage, whereas the increasingly urban black community combines their roots with the urban environment and international influences that surround them.

Meeting Etiquette - There are several greeting styles in South Africa depending upon the ethnic heritage of the person you are meeting. When dealing with foreigners, most South Africans shake hands while maintaining eye contact and smiling. Some women do not shake hands and merely nod their head, so it is best to wait for a woman to extend her hand.

Gift Giving Etiquette. In general, South Africans give gifts for birthdays and Christmas. Two birthdays - 21 and 40 - are often celebrated with a large party in which a lavish gift is given. It is common for several friends to contribute to this gift to help defray the cost.

Website Sources: Wikipedia & Kwintessential