

March 2019

Friday 1

CoolClub 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Grade 1-4

7UP 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Grade 5-7

Hood 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Grade 8-12

Saturday 2

Men Behaving Dadly 10-11.30am

Saturday 2

6.30pm Twilight Classical Music Concert in aid of iThemba

Sunday 3

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm

I believe: God Became Man

Monday 4

6-6.30pm Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome

Tuesday 5

10.00am Stay & Play

Evening Fellowship Groups

Study 4: God became Man

Wednesday 6

10.00am Fellowship Groups

Study 4: God became Man

7.30pm LIFE

Friday 8 – No Clubs due to Recharge 2019

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 Recharge 2019

Saturday 9

8.30am Valley Inter-Church Prayer Meeting. Venue St Margaret's Anglican Church, cnr 4th Avenue & Kommetjie Rd, Fish Hoek

Sunday 10 (Cycle Tour)

9.00am 6.00pm

Monday 11

6-6.30pm Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome

Tuesday 12

Hiking: 8.00am Nellies Pool: meet at Vallyland, bring a jacket, strong shoes, water & something for tea. Contact Carole 0812356809 with any questions.

10.00am Stay & Play

Evening Fellowship Groups

Study 5: God is Saviour

Wednesday 13

10.00am Fellowship Groups

Study 1: God Speaks

7.30pm LIFE

Friday 15 – End of Term

Sunday 17

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm

I believe: God is Saviour

Monday 18

6-6.30pm Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome

Thursday 21 Public Holiday

Sunday 24

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm

We believe: God is Holy Love

Monday 25

6-6.30pm Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome

Tuesday 26

Hiking: 8.00am Craggs, Silvermine Dam Area: meet at Vallyland, bring a jacket, strong shoes, water & something for tea. Entrance money/Green or Wild Card Contact Carole 0812356809 with any questions.

Sunday 31

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm

A Passion for Life: Arrested

John 18v1-27

April 2019

Tuesday 2 – Term 2

10.00am Stay & Play

Wednesday 3 AVM

Friday 5

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A Passion for Life: Rejected

John 18v28-40

St Peters Finance Update

	2018 year	Month of Jan 2019
Income	5 003 873	474 442
Budget	4 278 452	433 333
Expenditure	4 945 900	439 072
Budget	4 366 056	445 264
Surplus / (Shortfall)	57 973	35 370
Budget	-87 604	-11 931
Included in Expenditure:		
Giving to REACH SA	406 627	45 087
Giving to Missions	302 180	22 850



What are you feasting on for Lent?

"Lent" is traditionally the period of forty days leading up to Easter. Some Christians use this as a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. Some choose to observe the forty days of Lent by fasting from food. Sadly, this is often done in a fairly ritualistic and legalistic way. I know of people who give up chocolate or alcohol "for Lent" thinking that they can get on God's good side by giving up "naughty" treats for forty days.

So, what does the Bible say about Lent, specifically?

Nothing.

It's just a tradition that developed over time in the church.

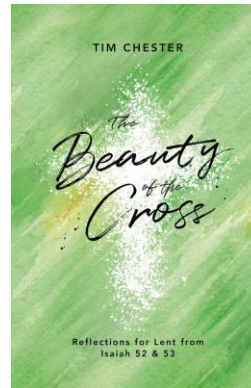
That's not to say it's necessarily a bad thing, it's just not a prescribed thing. It could actually be a good thing to use the forty days before Easter to reflect on what Jesus gave up for us, as he suffered on the cross. Changing routines and habits for a season can also help refocus us on good spiritual disciplines like prayer and Bible reading.

With that in mind, rather than "giving things up", why not use this time to start something? The best thing we could all do in the build-up to Easter is start feasting on God's Word.

Here are some suggestions:

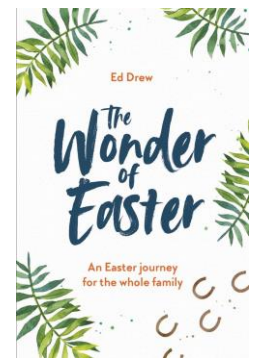
Another option would be to work through one of the following devotionals:

Tim Chester's *"The Beauty of the Cross"* offers some wonderful reflections on the "Suffering Servant" prophecies from Isaiah. You'll find wonderful explanations and reflections on well-known verses, such as the following:



"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:4-6)

If you're looking for readings which can be done together as a family I'd recommend Ed Drew's *"The Wonder of Easter"*. It's Biblical, practical, easy to use and lots of fun. It will really help you and your kids understand and apply the message of Easter.



Both of these devotionals are available as ebooks. Find out more on our website at: <https://www.stpetersfishhoek.org.za/lent-devotionals/>

For the "Wonder of Easter" book there is also an excellent companion podcast, which will actually lead you and your family through some of the readings from the book. If you're not used to leading family Bible time, these podcasts will really help make it less daunting! Search for "Faith in Kids" wherever you find your podcasts.



Our theme for this Easter is "A Passion for Life". From 31 March up to Easter Sunday we'll be preaching through the "Passion narrative" from John's gospel (that's the part of the book which records the build up to Jesus' death and the actual crucifixion). So why not set aside some time to read these chapters (John 18-20) as well as the other passion narratives in the other gospels (Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24).



Remember as well that the Easter season is also a great time to invite friends and family to church. Maybe you could use the build up to Easter to really pray for people who you would like to invite to church. Who knows, that might be the starting point of them meeting the God who invites us, through his Son, to join him at an eternal feast, in heaven.

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