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The official newsletter of the Diocese of Cape Town  
(Anglican Church of Southern Africa ACSA)



**Spiritfest 2017**

## To Grahamstown with Bonhoeffer


**Dramatic Reading:**  
John Ramsdale  
presents



# Bonhoeffer

As a Christian, would you have killed Hitler?

Hear John Ramsdale bring to life the riveting story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was executed for his part in the plot to kill Adolph Hitler



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[www.spiritfest.co.za/2017/07/03/bonhoeffer](http://www.spiritfest.co.za/2017/07/03/bonhoeffer)

My journey to Grahamstown began exactly 6 months before it actually took off. On 2 January 2017, I was sitting in my kitchen having my first cup of tea for the day when my telephone rang. A voice I did not recognize said "is that John Ramsdale," I said that it was indeed. The person said "I want to ask you a question to which I hope the answer will be yes, that is all I need at this moment." I asked what is the question? She said would you come and do your Bonhoeffer presentation at the Grahamstown National Festival of the Arts in July. I was total bowled over by this but I said "yes."

The idea for a Bonhoeffer presentation dates back to 2015 when the Dean of St George's Cathedral asked if I

would consider doing something in the cathedral during Holy week. I said I would think about it and when the Lent programme was circulated I saw that I was down to do something on Monday night in Holy week under the heading 'The way of the cross'. I had to think fast and come up with something. It was then that the idea came to me of telling the story of the life and death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a young pastor and theologian of the German Church who took on the might of Hitler's evil Nazi empire and paid for it with his life. I consulted various sources and was able to come up with version of his life ending with his death by execution aged 39 in 1945. And which I could tell in approximately 1 hour. It was this compilation which they wanted me to bring to Grahamstown.

My companion / sponsor and I set out for Grahamstown on Sunday 02 July 2017. We flew from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth and drove to Grahamstown arriving there in the late afternoon. On Monday 3rd July, I did my first performance in St Patrick's church in the centre of Grahamstown. It was presented under the umbrella of the Spiritfest. It was well received with a better than expected audience I was told. On the next two days we were able to attend some of the festival events on offer and to visit various places of interest, including the Anglican Cathedral, the impressive monument Theatre complex and the beautifully situated monastery of the Order of the Holy Cross just outside Grahamstown. We were also able to just walk about and soak up some the sight and sounds of Grahamstown. On Thursday 6 July I did my second performance which was equally well received and on Friday 07 July we left Grahamstown in bright sunshine with a 28 degree temperature. We flew from Port Elizabeth and arrived back in Cape Town at 14h00.

So ended six quite extraordinary days in which I was privileged to be a part of one of the artistic highlights of the year 2017. - **John Ramsdale**



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## Diocesan Synod 2017

Please continue to pray for our upcoming Synod from **17th - 19th August** and for the Advisory Committee, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, St Thomas Rondebosch (hosting parish) and the Revd Karl Groepe - Synod manager. The **Opening Eucharist takes place at St George's Cathedral on Thursday 17th at 19h00** and the **Synod reconvenes at St Thomas Rondebosch on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th August at 06h00.**

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# EDITORIAL

**Peace:** "It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart."

In order to get to that point, we must stop giving our power away to people, circumstances and situations. We possess that power to determine whether to be joyful or bitter. In all situations, its how we respond which is the deciding factor. As we all strive for this, I wish you peace in your heart, mind and soul.

Philippians 4:7 (NIV) - And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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# EVENTS AND NOTICES

## FUNDRAISING

**The Greyladies Association:** notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Greyladies Association will be held at St Saviour's Church Hall, Brooke Street, Claremont on Monday 11th September 2017 at 15h00 for 16h30. Refreshments will be served before the meeting. Please RSVP by 24th August. For more information contact Barbara Forgarty on 021 671 0820 Mon / Tues and Thurs: 09h00 - 12h00, or email: greyladies@telkomsa.net

**Patronal Festival Dance:** St Matthew's Claremont will host the above at the Wittebomme Civic on 6th October 2017. More details to follow in next edition.

**Parish Bazaar:** Church of the Resurrection will host the above from 6-7th October 2017. Coupon booklets available at R50 each. For more information contact Amanda Manuel at amandam2711@hotmail.com

## SITUATIONS VACANT

**Parish Secretary:** St Mark's Athlone would like to

appoint a secretary to perform office administration duties; manage the reception area; attend to the correspondence; control hall hire bookings and process financial transactions etc. The candidate will be expected to work Monday - Friday from 09h00 - 16h00. Applicants must be Anglican and be in the possession of a Grade 12 certificate. The candidate must be able to use the MS Office suite competently. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Please forward your CV and covering letter to the rector, the Revd Chris Hartnick. Email address chartnick@telkomsa.net by 31 July 2017.

## YOUTH APPEAL

**St Dominic's Hanover Park:** Our younger class aged 2-5 years are very active and currently sitting on the floor in our hall during Sunday School. We would like to appeal to our diocese for donations of used carpets and scatter cushions for the children to sit on. If anyone is able to assist, please contact the Sunday school superintendent, Lorna Payne at 021 691 0310 during office hours (09h00 - 13h00) alternatively 078 682 0794 or stdominics@telkomsa.net



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During June I was once again privileged to be part of The Eighth Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue that took place in Nairobi, Kenya bringing together bishops and archbishops from Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Canada, England and the United States of America. In the spirit of 'continuing indaba' following Lambeth Conference 2008, this gathering continued the pattern of respectful listening, discussion, and fellowship, structured around the Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer, according to the Kenyan liturgy.

Here are edited extracts from the latest Testimony released following our gathering entitled **"A Testimony of Mutual Commitment and Pulling Together – "Haraambe"** (The full Testimony is available on our diocesan website: [www.ctdiocese.org.za](http://www.ctdiocese.org.za)).

**"There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light." John 1: 6-8. (Cf also Chpts 4:28-30,39-42; 17:20-21 and 1 John 1:1-3).**

We learned about Haraambe, a principle unique to the founding of independent Kenya yet existing in every traditional community by various names. Haraambe means to pull up together, join hands, to build up, especially in times of community need when resources are scarce. It arose in the context of political and social fragmentation. Haraambe is a collective effort in which all voluntarily participate in a commitment for the common good, creating a new identity, a new vision for community, greater opportunities when everyone's contribution is welcomed. We are grateful to Canon Francis Omondi acted as a listener and provided guidance into the history, power and possibilities of haraambe as a theological framework for including all and forming community in processes of change.

The new Kenyan Primate, Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit, personally came to warmly welcome us and later returned to speak of the Anglican Church of Kenya, with more than six million members in thirty-eight dioceses, plus the Military Episcopate. We learned about their clear and focused strategic plan for the next decade to close the gap between Christian faith and Christian practice, to engage social media as a means of evangelism and disciple building, and to integrate social transformation with personal faith development. By so doing they hope to regain a role for the church as a key opinion-shaper in the public square and a convenor of public discussion of the values that support the fullness of human life to which our faith testifies: physical, spiritual, intellectual, moral.

The 22 bishops present considered the cumulative experience of this consultation since it first met in London in 2010. Growing organically from 12 in the first gathering, some 49 bishops have now been involved in the process. We remain entirely committed to this vital work with one another, as we are convinced of the unique productivity and value of our gathering. We considered how our configuration could best facilitate our conversations as we look to Lambeth Conference 2020 and beyond. We recognized much that we have valued in these dialogues, which has changed our ministries and our lives - e.g. Myths and stereotypes, misunderstandings and propaganda have been broken down. It is also clear we have so much more in common than the issues that divide us and threaten our unity at this time.

Similarly there have been surprises - e.g. Listening first hand to someone is very different from reading about each other. And in spite of our differences, often resulting from our global contexts, mutual respect, deep friendship, hard won growth of trust and deep commitment to one another and to this dialogue has developed. We have committed to gather again next year in London, Ontario, Canada to continue this dialogue and journey together



as Anglican leaders. For the second week in Kenya I was joined by Archdeacon Joshua Louw and Fr. Grant Damoes for a review of the series of Peer Mentoring Workshops arranged by Trinity Church Wall Street for the Anglican Church in Africa which we had attended during 2015/2016. (More about this in the next edition).

**Diocesan News:** Fr. Matt Esau, UCT Chaplain, retired at the end of June after serving in various capacities over many years, while Fr. Richard Cogill our Dean of Studies, has tendered his resignation effective the end of August to return to the USA. Mr David Bailey's contract as Diocesan Property Manager also concluded at the end of July. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to them for their dedicated ministry and contribution to the life of our church and diocese. We wish Fr. Matt and David well in their retirement and to Fr Richard blessings in the ministry he is due to take up in The Episcopal Church of the USA.

**Grace and Peace**  
+Garth Counsell Table Bay

## The Spirituality of Synod

On the 17th of August 2017, the clergy, parochial representatives and members of the Diocesan family will make their way into Cape Town whilst workers will be streaming out of the city homeward bound. On Friday and Saturday our Synod members will rise at 04h00 to attend the daily sessions of the Diocesan Synod. These actions remind us that we are embarking on a pilgrimage. May the song in our hearts have the refrain: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the Lord's house' " (Ps. 122:1). We begin to feel the urgency and hope expressed as we enter into the dwelling place of God. Our Synod begins with the Eucharist and is followed by Bible Study to steep us spiritually. During the course of Synod, a special place of prayer has been set aside for constant prayer and vigil. A synod candle lit at the constitution of Synod in the Cathedral will burn to remind us not to forget the presence of God in our midst. It also allows the whole Diocese to commit to prayer and join the hearts and minds of those engaged in discussion. It would be wonderful if parishioners would offer themselves to be intercessors during this period. Offer special prayers for the Archbishop as he presides over Synod and directs our thoughts in realising the purpose of God for our time. - **the Revd Karl Groepe**

## Holiday clubs hosted by some parishes in the diocese

### St Dominic's Hanover Park



St Dominic's Hanover Park had a very successful holiday club during the second week of the school holidays. About 120 children attended the club every day and a good time was had by all. The week was lead by Fieroza and a team of 17 young people from the parish. A new aspect of holiday club this year was a Teen Holiday Club which was run from 16h00 to 18h30. We had just over 50 young people for the afternoon sessions. We are very grateful to Scripture Union for their training, support and material for the children and to Abigail Hopley, the Revd Rachel Mash and the others who came and assisted us for the afternoon sessions. - **the Revd Gilmore Fry**

### St Cyprian's Retreat



Retreat Holiday club took place from 10th - 14th July. The week consisted of a morning program for grades R-7 and an evening program for grades 8-12 lead by 70+ volunteering leaders from the youth of St Cyprian's community. Each program had many hands on deck which made it a success. The children learned bible verses, new songs and things about the bible many children were never really exposed to. The week opened discussion point and allowed for many questions to be asked. It also included a few outside visitors, such as the police who spoke about the importance of coming to ask for help and not to be afraid of the police. The Pink Ladies also visited and took fingerprints and measurements of all the children and Safeline did a program on how to say 'No'. There is power in prayer, please continue to pray for our young people, our communities and for the church. - **Ashleigh Cozett**

## Emmanuel Wynberg



Emmanuel Church in Wynberg is a local church at the heart of the community, as it is amongst many schools and other places of learning and noticed, amongst others, a need for children to find a safe place learn and have fun in a positive manner. They do this by creating a theme and memory verse and completely expound it to reach and teach the kids a fun and interactive way to learn about the Bible and the amazing lessons it teaches. This year Emmanuel Holiday Club (EHC) took place from the 17th - 21st July and the theme was "Secret Agents" based on Matthew 10 verse 26. The stories used to convey how God works in mysterious ways were 'Daniel in the lion's den', where the Angel is God's secret agent as the angel kept the lion's mouth shut. The other story is about 'Rahab' assisting the Israelites, where the spies and Rahab are both the agents for God. The next were 'Ehud', one of the Judges, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The lessons taught were by means of games, activities crafts, the theme songs, memory verses as well as a drama that leaders acted out each day. The leaders were majority high school level (Grades 8 - 12). It was a really fun and creative way to have the leaders and children learn the wonders of the Bible in a unique and contextual manner. - **Ryan Baatjies**

## St Martin's Bergvliet



St Martins Holiday Club 2017 (7-14 July), took on the material from Scripture Union. The theme was 'L'Vaya Mzansi Road Trip'. This theme has not only taught the kids many valuable lessons such as, kindness, the importance of unity, forgiveness, salvation and hope but it also allowed us to embrace the different cultures of South Africa. The Junior Programme consisted of skits, crafts, praise and worship, games, bible stories, bible promo's and object lessons. They all received a snack before they went home. The Teen Programme consisted of games, ice-breakers to get to know each other better, praise and worship, a talk, ministry time and each evening ended off with refreshments. This was all done to introduce the kids to the Christian faith and the love of Jesus. Jesus did amazing work in the one week, children were lead to Christ and the general behaviour and manners of the children changed. It was a blessed and fun-filled week, the team worked well together and overall it was a very successful and blessed Holiday Club. - **St Martin's Church Bergvliet Holiday Club 2017**

## Sea Sunday at the Mission to Seafarers



Sea Sunday is the global celebration of the enduring and vital work of the Mission to Seafarers.

It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bring-

ing us goods we often take for granted. It is our biggest fundraising event of the year where parishes would contribute to the work of the Mission to Seafarers through special offerings during their services.

On Sea Sunday, churches be-

come a powerhouse of prayer and fundraising for our work, each year on the second Sunday in July where they join with thousands of Christians from around the world who come together to pray, celebrate and fundraise for our vital work.

In partnership with the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) - the Catholic church we celebrated Sea Sunday service at the Mission to Seafarers followed by fellowship and light refreshments with seafarers who joined us on the day.

- the Revd Ashley Petersen

## Messy Church has exceeded all expectations Praise be to God!

On 3rd February 2017 we launched our first Messy Church at St Thomas Rondebosch after months of planning. We have seen new families arrive each month to join us and we are delighted that friends from other churches in the Diocese as well as other denominations have come along to see Messy Church in action.

It is something quite special to see people of all ages taking part in the crafts, the worship and the meal. Without a doubt Messy Church is about community, the whole event each month is a community effort, we are blessed at St Thomas to have a wonderful team of people who make Messy Church happen, from the food, to the crafts, to the worship. It is about community in that people from all walks of life are drawn to come

to know God in a way that is relevant and accessible to all ages. And it's about community in that it reflects a God of unconditional love and is a safe space for people on the messy edges of church. It is a community of hospitality, expressed by eating a meal together. Messy Church at St Thomas wouldn't be complete without our Prayer Tent. What started as an idea for a quiet corner developed into a prayer wigwam and grew into a Prayer Marquee. At each session of Messy Church there is the opportunity to step out of the hustle and bustle into a space where we can offer up prayers to God in a creative way, or just by sitting quietly with him.

So far we have explored the themes: Who Is God? Who Is Jesus? Who Is The Holy

Spirit? Easter; Pentecost and Discipleship. Our themes for the rest of the year will be: Love God; Love Your Neighbour; Love Your World; Feeding Of The Five Thousand (where we will possibly be having the biggest Messy Picnic ever) and we will finish the year with the Christingle in December.

I love the way Messy Church challenges the whole church community to think further about why we are here and what God wants us to do next. Please pray for us as we try to keep up with all that God is doing amongst us - we thank God so much for the gift Messy Church is to us. If you would like more information about Messy Church, or you would like to become part of the team, please contact Revd. Lorna on [revdlorna@gmail.com](mailto:revdlorna@gmail.com)



# STOP Human Trafficking Awareness Workshop

HOPE Africa recently facilitated a STOP Human Trafficking awareness workshop at St Paul's Anglican Church in Philippi.

The workshop was attended by 55 participants, comprised of both young and old parishioners and community members.

Human trafficking is a global crime affecting countless victims around the world - yet its actual scope remains a mystery. Human traffickers trick, transport, trap and use victims for their own selfish gains.

According to the South Africa National Human Trafficking Resource Line, someone becomes a victim of human trafficking every



30 second. It is further reported that approximately five out of four victims of human trafficking are women and girls. Therefore,

anti-Human Trafficking activities needs to be on the agenda of every parish in the province. The participants of the workshop

were encouraged to be involved in the following:

- Prevention of trafficking in persons
- Protection of victims of human trafficking
- Prosecution of trafficking offenders

The workshop also included a play performed by two male actors portraying the horrors of human trafficking and the drug trade.

If you who know or suspect any human trafficking activities in your area, please call the South Africa National Human Trafficking Resource Line - 0800 222 777.

## GtC disaster relief update

Bishop Martin, the Board and Staff of GtC would like to thank everyone very sincerely who donated to the disaster relief fund for the victims of the Knysna fire and for the victims of the Western Cape storm. By the grace of God and through your generosity we have raised the sum of R104 800.00 which has been distributed as follows:

1. Diocese of George was allocated 50% of the monies because of

the huge need over a vast area. The remaining 50% was divided between the 3 Western Cape dioceses.

**2. Diocese of Cape Town asked us to give their share to George as their needs were already met through an outpouring of generosity.**

3. Diocese of Saldanha has asked that Hope Africa administers their share.

4. Diocese of False Bay said they will use their share to meet the needs of the people of Lwandle and Philippi who were greatly impacted.

Bishops Brian, Garth, Raphael and Margaret have asked us to convey their heartfelt thanks to all who made donations. Thank you for your amazing generosity, for being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.

"When I was hungry...thirsty...naked, you reached out and met my need." Thank you!

If you wish to respond to this email, please email our office at [office@growingthechurch.org.za](mailto:office@growingthechurch.org.za)

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

- the Revd Trevor Pearce

## Athlone Archdeaconry responds to recent Southern Cape fires

After seeing the horrific scenes of the devastating fire in the Southern Cape on television, the Athlone Archdeaconry responded to our brothers and sister in the Diocese of George by asking their parishioners to donate clothing which was taken to the Southern Cape.

The response was so overwhelming that a large truck was hired to transport the clothing.

## YPM Praise-a-thon

On Thursday, 15 June 2017, the Diocese of Cape Town's YPM hosted their very first Praise-a-thon, which was hosted at Church of the Holy Spirit, Heideveld.

The event commenced around 21h30 with ice breakers and introductions from the council members and other youth leaders. This turned into great fun and set the mood for the evening - 'unity amongst the children of God'.

Praise and Worship followed in the church, led by the bands from Holy Spirit Heideveld and St Dominic's Hanover Park. Old and new songs were sung throughout the designated time and proved to bring out the "handeklop" vibe from all who attended.

The highlight of the night - the rave party - warmed us all up with a good amount of dancing and socialising. While the party was going in the hall,

those who preferred a quieter approach could engage in fellowship over a game of cards or dominoes in the church.

At around 03h00, all were invited to watch a movie called "The Shack" that was being played in the church. "The Shack" is a Christian movie about a man (Mack) whom suffered a family tragedy. Mack spirals into depression and begins to question his beliefs.

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### YPM Praise-a-thon from page 7:

Mysteriously, he receives a letter urging him to journey to an abandoned shack in the wilderness. Here, he meets a trio of strangers that helps Mack to find important truths that will change his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.

Throughout the movie, the youth could make use of the War Room (a place of internal eval-

uation and reflection) and the Prayer Room (a place where any prayers could be said in secret and in confidence). These rooms brought about some tears, as well as some new-found strength within our youngsters.

We ended off the night with a Eucharistic service celebrated by the Youth Chaplain, the Revd Chesnay Frantz. Often, we as young people get so caught up in our lives and end up getting disconnected from God.

The Praise-a-thon was a great way to help each other to reconnect with God and with one another.

A big thank you to all whom helped to organise and attended this event. The Diocesan Youth Council looks forward to many more events such as this one. To all our youth: you are never alone; Our Redeemer lives.

- Errin Louis

## Archbishop's Education Endowment Fund for Theological Education

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## Licensing of the Revd Karl Groepe as Synod manager



During a staff Eucharist at Zonnebloem on Wednesday, 14th June 2017, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba licensed the Revd Karl Groepe as Synod manager, in the presence of staff, family and friends.

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