

## Provincial Youth: year of the young



The Provincial Youth Council Executive met at St Bede's College in the Diocese of Mthatha in February 2017. Read more on page 7.  
**Photo: Tony Lawrence**

## Diocesan leaders slam Bromwell Street eviction threat

The church leaders in our diocese have called on the city, private developers and courts to help residents of Bromwell Street in Woodstock to find alternative accommodation nearby. The residents face eviction to Wolwerivier, 25 km out of town.

In a statement issued in February, Bishop Garth Counsell and the Diocesan Chapter called the proposed removals "apartheid-style evictions". They added: "It is shocking that the poor have to resort to the courts to fight for their democratic right to a home close to their place of work, school, essential services and livelihood opportunities." The full text of their statement follows:

### Relocation of Woodstock Bromwell Street Families

The Bishop and Diocesan Chapter of the Diocese of Cape Town note with great sadness the recent events sur-

rounding the relocation of the Bromwell Street families. It is shocking that the poor have to resort to the courts to fight for their democratic right to a home close to their place of work, school, essential services and livelihood opportunities.

Our Bill of Rights (Act No. 108 of 1996) defines that "everyone has the right to have access to adequate housing"; and that "the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realization of this right."

Relocating these families to Wolwerivier will add further expenses to the pockets of these struggling families and will result in further poverty and hardship and emotional trauma. Furthermore, 'apartheid style' evictions are unacceptable under our constitution and the wealthy should

refrain from displacing families for their own ends and turning residents into 'refugees' in their own town. The recent comments by Judge Leslie Weinkove, who asked, "What's the point of being near a school? What's the point of them being near transport? Where are they going to go?" are of great concern to us and highlight once again an indication that somehow the moral compass of our society has shifted. Residents in our communities, unemployed or not, should be treated with dignity and respect. The complaints of these residents are valid and the comments made by the Judge are grossly insensitive. We appeal to the Woodstock Hub, City of Cape Town and the courts to reconsider the proposal to relocate these residents to Wolwerivier and to assist the families in finding accommodation closer to their places of work and other services.



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# EDITORIAL

Our Lenten journey should be seen as a blessing. It's an opportunity each year of letting go of what holds us back. It's an important time for us so that we can refocus and embrace the good news of the Resurrection at Easter.

We are reminded by the symbolism of Jesus on the cross, that we need not be afraid of death. Death in all forms can be liberating. Let light shine out of darkness ...

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)  
 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Love and Light, Rebecca

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# EVENTS AND NOTICES



## FUNDRAISING

**Trip to Goudini Spa:** The Golden Oldies of St Luke's Diep River invite you to join them on a mid week trip to Goudini Spa from 27th - 31st March 2017, departure at 12h00. The cost is R1050 and a deposit of R100 must be paid. For more information contact Gertie Thompson at 021 715 6443 or Lorraine van der Horst at 021 712 8711 or 082 569 9440.

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- 2 May** Diocesan Soccer tournament
- 13 May** YPM & Sunday School Workshop
- 15 June** Praise-a-thon
- August** Synod
- September** Bible studies
- 7 October** Open air picnic service
- November** YPM leaders quiet day
- December** Year end function




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**When:** St George's Cathedral, 8 Water Street, Cape Town  
**What:** 23rd - 25th March 2017  
**Cost:** Free

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Lent is a key period in our church calendar that provides us with the special opportunity for prayerful reflection on our corporate and personal response to the Lord of the Cross, and on his call for us as the baptised to participate fully in the ministry and mission of God's people in God's world. I want to highlight 2 areas for our specific focus and practical attention this year.

Firstly our **2017 LENTEN APPEAL**: As communicated to all the clergy in my Christmas Ad Clerum, I am formally launching the **ELUVUKWENI PAROCHIAL DISTRICT** (in Crossroads) **BUILDING FUND** beginning with this year's Lenten Appeal. I had previously written about this project and the struggle around acquiring the site from the City authorities which our present temporary structure occupies. Given the significant progress made in this regard we are sufficiently confident to now maximise our efforts towards realising this goal.

Fr Siyolo Dano and the congregation are conscious of the mammoth task ahead and are going to require all the support and encouragement they can muster over the next few years to see this dream turn into reality. This Appeal provides our diocesan family the opportunity to participate in this project through

awareness, prayer support **AND** financial contributions through sacrificial giving this Lent, and beyond.

A colourful poster and an information pamphlet has been prepared and will be distributed giving some historical background to the establishment of this growing congregation that has been faithfully and patiently worshipping in a makeshift structure for several years.

I urge all Parish Councils and congregants of the diocese to please make this a particular focus of your regular prayers and practical giving this Lent. Any contributions should kindly be made payable to: The Diocesan Finance Board and clearly marked "2017 Lenten Appeal".

Secondly, the **WATER CRISIS**: I need hardly draw attention to the critical water shortage we are facing especially here in the Western Cape - in fact the worse in 37 years! Without good unseasonal rainfall soon, along with radical, practical water saving actions by **EVERY** citizen, our dams will run dry resulting in disastrous consequences for us all.

World Water Day is on 22 March and our cathedral will be hosting a Water Justice Conference with an international link-up from the 23-25 March. Do see further comment and details in the Archbishop's Ad Laos and elsewhere in this edition.

Once again I urge that we embrace this as part of our two-fold Lenten discipline and commitment by i) **PRAYING** earnestly for good rainfall that will replenish our dams, and for responsible water usage by every consumer, and ii) **ACTING** practically and decisively to ensure that YOU are implementing and maintaining water saving measures in your homes wherever you can. **PLEASE** take this seriously and play your part by **ACTING IMMEDIATELY** to save water – **EVERY DROP COUNTS!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our two new distinctive deacons, **The REVD PATRICIA GORDON** and **The REVD GLYNIS RHODES** who were ordained on 16 February and who will serve as non-stipendiary deacons at St. Andrew's Church, Steenberg and the Church of Christ the King, Claremont respectively. Do hold them and their families in your prayers as they settle into their new ministries.

I wish you a blessed and holy Lent that will lead to spiritual growth and enrichment as we draw closer to the Lord of the Cross who came amongst us "not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many".

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

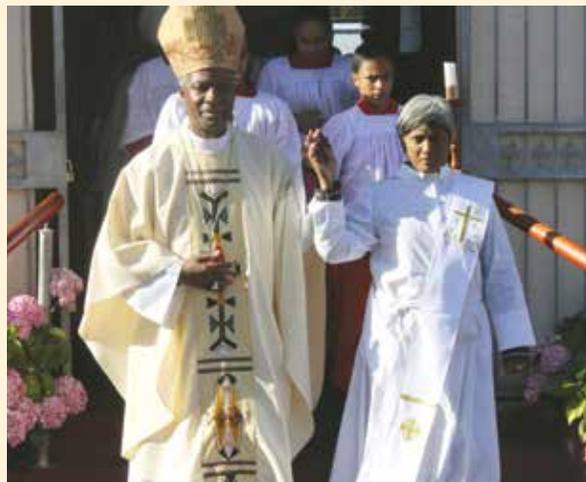
## New Chaplain for Red Cross Children's Hospital



The Revd Melaney Klaasen was licensed on the 19th January 2017 as the hospital chaplain for Red Cross by the Rt Revd Garth Counsell.

The Revd Melaney's contact details are:  
**Office:** 021 658 5451  
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## Ordination reflections



Having been a deacon for the past year and reminding myself continuously that one never ceases to be a deacon, my ordination to the priesthood on the 14th of December 2016 was indeed a blessed occasion. It was special, as one is just so humbled by this calling to be God's servant to God's people.

On the Ordination Retreat, I was blessed to have Bishop Garth come in and do sessions with me with reference to the priestly vocation, and the transition from diaconate to priesthood. He really shared pearls of wisdom with me - I am deeply grateful for our time together. The service itself was momentous as it took place at the parish I'm serving my curacy. It made the occasion more personal and every time I enter the church I am reminded of my Ordination day and the words spoken to me as well as the vows taken. The beauty of ordination its not a space of arriving - I don't think one ever 'arrives' as a priest, but we remain on a journey- a journey of serving and loving God and God's people. If I were to sum it up in one word: HUMBLING.

- the Revd Chesnay Frantz, assistant priest at St George's, Silvertown

11th December, not just another milestone in my life but a step into the next phase of my life's journey. This special day meant that I am finally fulfilling God's will and purpose for my life. God' work had begun in me and will continue in me. It also meant being surrounded by my family and friends.

My excitement and joy was further fuelled by the washing of my feet, an act of humility and servanthood, to which I too commit myself in prayer and action constantly.

"Emmanuel", God with us, God with me. Amen.

- the Revd Jenny Govender, deacon at Church of the Reconciliation, Manenberg

## St George's Cathedral - dedication of new choir lights

Evensong November 20th 2016 saw the dedication of new lights in the choir stalls at St George's Cathedral. The lights, a gift of the Friends of St George's, were designed to replace the wooden candle holders made by the late Joe Ekstein which had become damaged by years of use. The new lights are two-tiered, with candles in glass shades placed above a fitting with LED electric globes which shed light downwards onto the choristers' music. Generous donations from members of the Cathedral and Friends helped to make this gift possible.

At the start of Evensong Alan Rogers and Mpho Ndebele, Friends of St George's committee members, lit tapers from the tall candles on either side of the High Altar. The tapers were then handed to two choristers, who lit the candles on either side of the choir stalls. As the candles were lit, so were the colours in the choir illuminated: the choristers' red and white robes, the dark teak stalls, the deep red and gold of the clergy vestments. At the far end of the Cathedral, light



was still coming through the stained glass of the glorious Great West Window. The Dean said a prayer and spoke the words of dedication and blessing of the new lights.

The service of Solemn Sung Evensong followed. The choir, in lovely voice for the occasion, sang Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C and the anthem 'O thou Central Orb' by Charles Wood, under the direction of Cathedral Organist Grant Brasler. In his sermon the Dean spoke of the hard work and sacrifice that often precede a single historically important moment. He drew an analogy

of the months of planning and preparation on the part of The Friends and others that had brought about this event. After Evensong, the congregation, choir and visitors gathered for wine and snacks in the Dean King Hall. The Chairperson of the Friends, Winston Adams, thanked those whose donations had fully covered the cost of the fourteen lights (at R1500 each). A plaque will be installed to record the names of the donors and those whom they wish to be commemorated.

On behalf of the Friends he thanked the designers and builders of the lights, Neil-Ramsey, Conrad and Tanya from NRD Lighting Concepts who were present, and Vernon Smith who completed the wiring, Grant Brasler and the choir for the beautiful music, the Dean for his support of the Friends, and Father Richard Cogill who as Cathedral Precentor in 2014 had initiated the idea of the lights. May they long continue to beautify evening worship at the Cathedral.

- Mary Bock

# Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury visits Cape Town



The Most Revd Justin Welby presided at Evensong on 30th December 2016 at St George's Cathedral.

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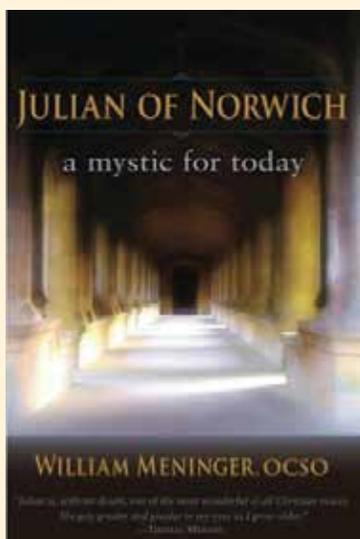
## Book review: Julian of Norwich a mystic for today

Fr William Menniger provides a lucid commentary of 'Julian of Norwich, a mystic for today.' I understand this book to give the reader a peek into the life of a recluse in the time when the church and state were fraught with political, social and economic upheavals, no different than today.

The visions she received centered on the person and sufferings of Jesus and she desired to be a part of those sufferings. Such visions were not easy to express and therefore the mystery thereof takes her deeper and deeper in wanting to know more and to experience more of 'this' God who is always with us; who wants to be sought by us and who desires to have an intimate relationship with each of us.

Her favourite saying 'All shall be well...' speaks to the fact that God's providence overcomes all sin and suffering and that He is the foundation of our prayers.

It made me realise more and more that we were made for God and not for ourselves, we are restless and sometimes choose prodigal ways before we find our rest in Him.



Reading this book gave me the sense of wanting to live closer to God; to have a deeper sense of His presence and also to live a life of love and compassion in the world. Without sometimes knowing it we all have a deep longing for God. She teaches us that 'it is ridiculous to place your trust in anything less than God'

She reminds us that regardless of whom we are and where we are, we need to know that God is with us and that it pleases God when we seek Him. This book speaks of consolation and desolation, a state we go through on a daily basis.

Julian's reference to the motherhood of God resonates with me because of God's loving and nurturing nature. She reminds us that there are many hidden mysteries that will only be manifested when we are worthy of them and in God's will and time.

For me knowing that despite our human ignorance and folly, God loves us as only God can, is a great comfort.

- Marlene Cozett

The Catholic Bookshop NPC stocks this book at R156.

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## To the Laos: to the People of God

By the time you read this, almost all of our universities are expected to be open for the 2017 academic year, and students, parents, teachers and staff will be in our prayers as studies are resumed. I have agreed to join a platform, known as the National Education Crisis Forum, which is convened by the former deputy chief justice, Dikgang Moseneke, to bring together different stakeholders to ensure, in the forum's words, "that the right to education enshrined in the South African constitution becomes a lived reality for all..." As the forum seeks to broker a long-term solution to the crisis, please support us and commit to helping in whatever way will resolve this educational, economic and also political challenge to our country. Perhaps you could build this concern into your Lenten observances, using the resource that the Province has produced to help you. <http://archbishop.anglicanchurchsa.org/2016/12/the-archbishops-lenten-course-2017.html>

In January I spent nine days in the Diocese of Madhya Kerala in the Church of South India, learning how they do mission through markets in particular, and preached at their Convention Eucharist. <http://archbishop.anglicanchurchsa.org/2017/01/sermon-delivered-in-diocese-of-madhya.html> There I was also struck by the commitment to education of the Moderator of the

church, Bishop Thomas Oommen, not only in words or feelings but in practical ways. Their church schools educate 35 000 pupils! Most of the offerings at the Sunday Eucharist – generously and spontaneously given – were shared with the schools to encourage them to keep up their high standards of performance. Both parents and the whole community are involved in education through the church. We too can emulate their example, especially by supporting our universities whose vice-chancellors are trapped between students' demands on the one hand and government policies and often inertia on the other. At Diocesan Synod from August 17 to 19, it is my prayer that we will commit the diocese to becoming part of finding a lasting solution to our educational crisis.

As we went to press, the latest City Council figures showed that Cape Town's water reserves have dropped to nearly a quarter of the storage dams' capacity, if you count in the fact that the last 10 percent of water cannot be accessed. Even at Bishops court, we have seen that the Liesbeeck River has been very low for most of the past year. This is another area we need to commit to addressing at a diocesan as well as a parish level. The scarcity of water is real, whether or not you believe in climate change. I do.

Last month I helped to launch a worldwide Anglican initiative called "JustWater" in which churches on four continents – Africa, Australia, Europe and North America – are uniting in support of World Water Day 2017.

<http://www.stpaulsinstitute.org.uk/dialogue/st-pauls-institute/article/2016/oct/05/anglican-churches-around-the-globe-launch>

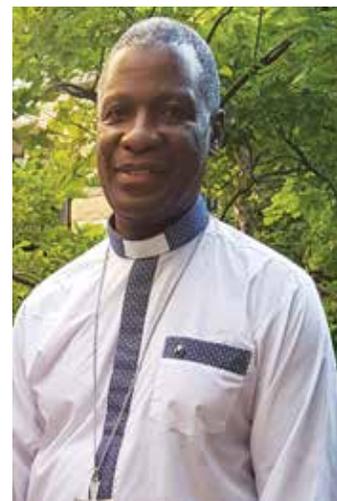
As well as being at the launch at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, [http://archbishop.anglicanchurchsa.org/2017/02/water-is-life-sanitation-is-dignity\\_6.html](http://archbishop.anglicanchurchsa.org/2017/02/water-is-life-sanitation-is-dignity_6.html)

I will be speaking during the Water Justice Conference at our own St George's Cathedral, which takes place from March 23 to 25. <http://www.sgcathedral.co.za/2012-05-10-18-11-08.html>

If you want to supplement our Provincial Lenten Bible Studies with a focus on water justice during the Sundays in Lent, you will find prayers and other material in a short resource document produced by Trinity Wall Street, St. Paul's Cathedral and St. George's.

<https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2017/lent>

I commend it to you for reading and discussing. But above all, use water sparingly in your own



personal lives by fixing dripping pipes, showering instead of bathing where you can, keeping your showers short and possibly harvesting rain water.

In the Diocesan office, please keep Mrs Charmaine Johnston and her family in your prayers after the tragic and sudden death of her husband, Darryl recently. We extend to Charmaine our heartfelt prayers.

May Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, lead you as you transform educational institutions to serve the public good and even as we use water wisely to be in solidarity with those who lack proper water and sanitation in our country.

**Have a blessed Lent!**  
++ Thabo Cape Town

## Water Justice Conference 23rd - 25th March 2017

Cathedrals and churches on four continents have come together to raise awareness and activism about water. As part of this initiative a conference on Water Justice will be held at St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, from Thursday 23 March to Saturday 25 March 2017.

The conference at St George's Cathedral is the Cape Town leg of an international conference

organised by Trinity Institute in New York in partnership with St George's Cathedral (Cape Town), St Paul's Cathedral (London), and St Paul's Cathedral (Melbourne). The proceedings of the global conference will be webcast live mainly from New York. The conference will include a session at 15h00 on Friday 24 March to be addressed by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba – this session to be webcast di-

rect from Cape Town. Speakers at the conference include acclaimed climate change, conservation and social justice experts and advocates Senator Barbara Boxer, Maude Barlow, Archbishop of Polynesia, the Most Revd Winston Halapua, Dr Katharine Hayhoe, Dr Christiana Z Peppard, and Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba, Dr David Toomey and Kim Stanley Robinson. The re-

gional conference in Cape Town will feature local speakers including Professor Sue Harrison, Director of UCT's Future Water Institute, and Dr Kevin Winter of UCT's Department of Environmental and Geographical Science. The Cape Town leg of the Water Justice Conference will include also additional content pertaining specifically to the Southern African region.

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## New youth leaders at St Simon's

The parish of Hout Bay welcomes its youth leaders, Chireez and Kirt Phillips (on the left and right of the Revd Gaile Beckett). They were licensed at St Simon of Cyrene on 29th January 2017. They are pictured with the clergy and some youth at the service.



### Water Justice from page 6

The detailed programme is in the process of finalisation. The Water Justice Conference, timed to coincide with UN World Water Day on 22 March, is a response of the Anglican Church to the water crises that, driven most critically by climate change, are on the rise worldwide. Access to safe, clean water for drinking and for purposes of sanitation as well as agriculture, is becoming increasingly problematic in many parts of the world including Southern Africa. It is also becoming increasingly inequitable as the poor and marginalised have most difficulty in accessing safe, clean water and are most vulnerable in the face of floods and rising ocean levels.

Water is not just a water issue – it is a justice issue, a human rights issue and an issue of the rights of all creaturekind. As Christians, we are called to act for justice and against injustice, just as we are called to care for God's creation and all creaturekind. As water crises abound, faith communities can help and the Anglican Church believes that we have a responsibility to do so.

The purpose of the Water Justice Conference is:

- to develop a deeper appreciation for water as a sacred gift, nurturer, and sustainer of life,
- to gain a better understanding of the relationship between water issues and climate change, and between water issues and other critical issues like our food choices; and
- to learn what we can do to address water issues of access, pollution, drought, flooding, and rising sea levels.

Infused with spiritual principles and common prayer along with science and solutions, the Water Justice Conference will examine what connects and empowers us to take unified, faith-based action on the front lines of the water justice movement. The conference is not a 'one-off' event. It is part of the broader justwater2017.org initiative which is an open resource to help equip community and church leaders as advocates for water justice. Just-Water is intended to grow to include other organisations that wish to participate, bringing together business, science, religion and the arts to help deepen understanding and build a shared community for action to address the water crises that abound – most immediately in our own case in Southern Africa, the crisis of drought.

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## Focus on the year of the young from page 1

A major emphasis is being placed on the spiritual development of our children and youth as it is during their formative years that the best positive impact can be made and strong foundations can be laid.

To this end, the Provincial Youth Council Executive met at St Bede's College in the Diocese of Mthatha to plot the way forward. Two key initiatives will drive the process forward, viz.:

1. The Year of the Young – Provincial Synod last year, and the Archbishop, has declared 2017 as the Year of the Young across ACSA. In essence, we hope to raise much awareness of the ministry to the children and youth and the various challenges that growing up holds for them.

The focus of February month was on Edu-

cation (both academic as well as spiritual formation) and in March we will focus on the rights of children. Other themes to follow will focus on Children at risk, Parents (and Fatherhood), Health and wellness, Compassion – and children, involvement of children and youth in ministry, children impacting communities through social action, caring for orphans and parentless children, etc.

2. Anglican Leadership Academy – the Provincial Synod has also approved the establishment of the Academy for skills training and development, both for young people, but especially for the 10000 or more volunteers (viz. Sunday School Teachers, Children's Workers, Youth Leaders and Pastors, Confirmation Teachers, etc.).

We covet your prayers and support as we seek to effectively prepare our emerging generation through discipleship and service, to the Glory of God.

**Tony Lawrence**  
(Provincial Youth Coordinator)



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## St Dominic's Hanover Park celebrates Back to School service with the Mayor

The parish of St. Dominic's Hanover Park celebrated their Back to School service on Sunday 29 January 2017. They invited the mayor Ms. Patricia De Lille, councilor van der Rhee, Mr. Benjamin principal of Mountview as well as 6 schools in the area to join them for the service. The service was characterized by lively worship led by the parish band, liturgical dance and the youth choir.

The mayor encouraged the learners to apply themselves to their studies and to say "NO" to drugs. She also encouraged the parents and grandparents to play a meaningful role in the education of their children. Danielle Fourie, one of the young people in the parish who matriculated in 2015 and passed her first year law at UWC shared her

experiences with the learners. The main speaker was Carol Williams, a child of the parish. Carol has passed her LLB degree at UWC (cum laude), was placed on the Dean's honours list, and was granted a bursary to study in Berlin last year. She used three "negative" words and encouraged the learners to turn them into positives. Use your past failures as stepping stones to future success, stand up to the bullies and don't bully other children, don't procrastinate, do what needs to be done. The general feeling expressed by the congregation was that it was good to be in the house of the Lord.

- the Revd Gilmore Frye



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