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ASF Western Cape region licensing and Welcome service



On Sunday, 18 February 2024, the Anglican Students Federation (ASF) Western Cape (WC) Region, gathered at St Paul, Rondebosch, for the annual St Paul's Student Welcome Service. This also accommodated the inaugural licensing of the ASF WC Region Committee, which will be rotated between the three Dioceses. ASF is a Provincial Family of Students and each Region has its own Leadership. The chairperson of each region has a seat on the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC).

The ASF President, Rhine Toby Koluti, PhD Candidate at UWC, was in attendance for the auspicious morning. Each branch (Campus) has their own Anglican Society (AnSoc), and this feeds into the region ASF.

Bishop Joshua was the Celebrant and Preacher and the UCT Chaplain, Revd Dr Isaias Chachine read the gospel and our beloved Priest in Charge, Revd Stephen Middelkoop, provided support and ensured all

went well. Learner, Iqsaan Salie-Mark (Diocesan College) read the first reading and student Jos Cedras (UCT AnSoc) read the second reading. Liturgical Dancers added spark to the service, with a beautiful liturgical dance, this was done by Mrs Joan & Ms Zoe Louw and all marvelled at this beautiful dance.

The learners came in school uniform and Bishop Joshua gave them an opportunity to introduce themselves, this was a beautiful '5-seconds of fame' for the Juniors, and they were all equal to the task.



The following Region Leaders were licenced into office, to lead the WC Region:

- Noxolo Mdedelwa** (Chairperson – SU),
- Enkosi Gxono** (Secretary General - UWC),
- Jos Cedras** (Treasurer – UCT),
- Qiqq, Somngca** (Gender, Education & Transformation Officer– UWC)
- Liliso Nomnganga** (Media & Project Officer – CPUT),
- Boitumelo Motjetje** (UWC Chairperson)
- Atang Mafa** (UCT Chairperson)
- Lubabalo Qosi** (SU Chairperson)
- Chumani Jele** (CPUT Chairperson)

The offertory hymns were student-led and AnSoc came prepared with their iGubu (African Drum) and had the parish in all sorts of praise and dance!

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Dear friends

Greetings to you and I pray that your Lenten journey has been blessed thus far.

Lent is a time when we do some serious introspection regarding our walk with God and one another and try to improve on it.

We always endeavor for this period to be less busy, so that we can spend more time in prayer and meditation, but we are also aware that it is the beginning of the year when there is much activity.

Schools and tertiary institutions have opened their doors and I want to wish all learners, students and educators a fruitful year. Do your best amidst all the challenges. I had the privilege of attending and presiding at the Education Sunday service at St Paul's, Rondebosch, where we also commissioned the regional executive of the Anglican Students' Federation – Western Cape.

We are very grateful that our Anglican Societies are active at UCT, CPUT, UWC and Stellenbosch. So, if you are a student at one of these institutions, I encourage you to make contact. I know that UCT meets every Thursday evening at 5-6pm for Bible Study at An-House and have a student service on a Sunday at St Paul's, Rondebosch at 11am.

It is the season of Vestries, so my prayer is that all vestry meetings will go off well and that the new leadership that will be chosen for your parishes will be committed and dedicated in the things of God. Remember also that it is our Synod year, 13-15 June 2024, more details will follow.

Please pray for **Canon Stafford Moses** who

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will be consecrated as the third bishop of False Bay on Saturday, 24th February 2024 at All Saints Cathedral, Somerset West. Keep his wife, Bishop Yvette and daughters, Melanie and Bethany in your prayers.

Our Synod of Bishops will be held in our diocese from Monday, 26th February to Friday, 1st March 2024. Please keep Archbishop Thabo in your prayers as he will preside over this very important gathering in the life of ACSA. The Bishops and Vicar-Generals will be worshipping in parishes across our diocese on Sunday, 25th February 2024.

Our President has announced the 29th of May 2024 as our election day and I once again want to urge you, if you have not yet registered to vote, to do so. This will give you, as a citizen of this country, the right to vote in the government whom you feel will be able to lead our country to a prosperous future for all.

I am journeying with the people of St Dominic's, Hanover Park on the Wednesday eve-

nings in Lent, Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday. We are all aware of the ongoing gang warfare in our communities and my presence in the community is just a symbolical way of showing that we care and continue to pray for an end to the senseless killing on our streets. We are in the process of planning an ecumenical Procession of Witness on the afternoon of Palm Sunday.

I invite you all to join us as we will be marching through the streets of Hanover Park praying for peace in our communities. We are not only praying for Palestine and Ukraine, but that God's Kingdom will reign over all the earth.

Please keep **Revd Notemba Ntuli** in prayer as she is in the Lentegeur Rehabilitation Centre after spending a few weeks in Groote Schuur Hospital. Pray for God's healing. We pray too for strength to her family and the parish of Holy Cross, Nyanga.

The **Ven Melaney Klaasen** will be instituted as rector of St Mark's, District 6, Cape Town on Sunday, 3rd March 2024 at 3pm. All are welcome to attend.

We are hoping that the **Revd Kevin David** and his family, from Mauritius, will be arriving soon on our shores. The provisional date for his institution as the rector of St Aidan's, Lansdowne is Saturday, 9th March 2024 at 2pm.

As we Journey through lent, let us keep our eyes on the cross and continue to spread the love of Jesus wherever we go.

God bless!
+Joshua Table Bay



The Ven Reeva Mulder, archdeacon of Rondebosch was instituted on 4th February 2024 as rector of All Saints Plumstead by the Rt Revd Joshua Louw.



Consecration of the Bishop of False Bay

The Revd Canon Stafford Moses

Saturday 24th February

Livestreamed

Cathedral of All Saints,
Somerset West, Cape Town

ASF regional licensing from page 1: Refreshments were enjoyed at the end of the service. AnSoc encourages all members to prepare for the upcoming Provincial Conference, in July, hosted in the Diocese of Lesotho. This conference is rotated and each geographical province (or Country) gets a chance to host. In true AnSoc style, the second last item on the agenda of the day was the Zazise Part (Introduce yourself) where each member is asked to introduce themselves - who they are, where they are from and what they are studying. The final item on the agenda was 'Praise and Worship' in the Church yard where many choruses were rendered. AnSoc friend, Adrian, led with playing the gubu and showing us that one gets to learn many skills very quickly.



ASF WC is alive and looking forward to supporting our president at the Provincial Conference in Lesotho. Each branch will engage in fundraising leading up to July as the cost for each student is R950.

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St Paul's Anhouse

St Paul's Anhouse, a student residence for Anglican students, is owned by the Board of Trustees of the Diocese of Cape Town. The physical address is 13 Stanley Road, Rondebosch (opposite the University of Cape Town middle campus) and it serves the dual purpose of being a mixed gender student residence and the office of the Anglican Chaplaincy for the University of Cape Town Community. (ANSOC)

The house consists of twelve single rooms. Each room consists of a single bed, wardrobe, and desk. Students are required to supply their own bedding and towels. There are two bathrooms, with a shower (one bathroom has the shower above the bathtub) and four toilettes available to residents.

The residence is a self-catering facility. The kitchen consists of a microwave, two stoves and six refrigera-

tors/freezers (which are shared by two students). Each student is also allocated a cupboard in which to store their groceries. The house also has a common room (lounge) and a big spacious garden where students can entertain visitors.

The students run a robust bible study at 6pm every Thursday. All students are welcome.

Unfortunately, the house cannot accommodate physically challenged students, as there are a lot of stairs, and all the living quarters are upstairs.

The majority of students are post graduate students from around the African Continent.

Due to popularity of the residence, it is advisable to contact the warden in September should you wish to apply for a room.



Our ordinands at CoTT: Left to right - Revd Gregory Amos, Ryan Baatjies, Jesse Pastor and Sithembiso Mbuqe.

Preparing Spekboomme for upcoming Confirmations

John-Paul Roberts and Bino Teboho Makhanyane from Green Anglicans diligently nurturing and preparing spekboome for upcoming confirmation services.



Reflection on Canterbury Cathedral

The **Revd Abigail Hopley**, the Archbishop's personal assistant, reflects on a conference she recently attended at Canterbury Cathedral, to which seminarians and newly-ordained clergy from around the Anglican Communion were invited.

To paraphrase the opening remarks of the Very Rev Dr David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, "History is something that will always be with us, not to dwell in it but to help us create a meaningful and better today and tomorrow."

This was one of the many inputs I experienced while listening, worshipping and walking while spending time at Canterbury Cathedral, Lambeth Palace (home of the Archbishop of Canterbury), the Anglican Communion Office in London, and, in Canterbury, St Martin's Church, the oldest church in England in which people still worship, and St Augustine's Abbey, named for the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

I was privileged to be one of 27 candidates from 17 nations who were selected from around the Communion to attend the Canterbury Cathedral conference, held in the city where Anglicanism, our denomination of Christianity, was founded.

The course highlighted the significance of our rich diversity as Anglicans. Diversity is often seen to bring division, but at the conference we and realised anew that our diversity can help to build and serve one another, our communities and God's people in God's world.

Living in community for the past couple of weeks with my brothers and sisters in the Communion made me mindful of the many common challenges we face as God's church. Conversation and storytelling allowed us to grapple with serious matters.

We engaged with one another on a wide range of topics, such as reconciliation, social justice, mission, discipleship, environmental issues, canon law, human dignity, the clash of cultures and women's ministry in the church, learning that the church is sometimes responsible for mishandling these issues. We might claim that we are not under the laws of colonialism any more, but we surely see the fruits and practice of colonialism in a different form today.

In the past couple of days, I was awakened by the words of the Rt Revd Rose Hudson, the Bishop of Dover, who just popped in to greet us. From her I learned that we need to be more confident Christians!

This opened my mind, and helped me rethink how, in our different callings and gifts, we can fulfil the mission of God in the places where we find ourselves. This one-line statement was not only profound for me but also embraced the two night-sold out "Silent disco dance" that was held in Canterbury Cathedral. It was an opportunity for the young to experience church differently, getting them into church, which we don't see so frequently.

The conference was indeed a provocative course, helping us to rethink how we can and need to change how we do ministry, and reminding me that we are all God's people, not only proclaiming it with our lips but living it out.

We need to listen more, love more, and be open to differences that lead to opportunities. We are called urgently to step up in our calling, serving not only those in our comfort zones, but also ministering to those who we tend to overlook, especially those whose lives do not affect us immediately.



At Lambeth Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby.



Left to Right: Revd Abigail pictured with seminarian Antonio Joseph from the UK and the Revd Johnwerni Maryoe from Australia. Right - Revd Abigail standing next to the Chair of St Augustine.



Above: Participants for 2024 Canterbury Cathedral course

Right: Ash Wednesday with the Rt Revd Dr Jo Wellis and Anglican Communion staff





Dear People of the Diocese,

This month I am sharing with you the first of my Lenten reflections, which concern the role of business in reforming and re-energising our country. You can read it below.

The next reflection, which you will find online on my blog, will concern education. Let us acknowledge the efforts of all our schools, educators and the parishes which have just celebrated Education Sunday. Also, please let us continue as parishes to support the schools in our communities. (Blog address: <https://archbishop.anglican-churchsa.org/>)

In the coming days, the Bishops of the Province will be in Cape Town, some to preside and preach in various parishes, and all of them to take part in the first meeting of the Synod of Bishops this year, from February 26 to March 1, Please pray for them.

Lenten Reflection on the role of business in South Africa

One of my greatest disappointments about our country today is how cynical we have become, particularly when it comes to the role of business in public discourse. One of the lessons my father taught me that has stuck with me was never to become a cynic, reflected in the saying: "A cynic is one who, when smelling the scent of flowers, looks around for a coffin. Don't ever become that person."

Those who know me know that I am the antithesis of a cynic. Yet, as I travel the country, the overwhelming reverberations of the conversations I have are that cynicism captures the national conversation, spirit and attitude in almost all segments of our South African society, particularly business. This has become the spark, the catalyst for a series of editorial challenges I plan to preach and write about over the next six weeks. My goal is to share with you my thoughts on the opportunities the various sectors of our country have to impact positively our upcoming election in the short term and shape our future in the long term.

As we enter the season of Lent, our lections stress that true fasting seeks, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, to loose the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free, which in South Africa today means growing our economy with the aim of sharing its fruits more equitably.

Where to start? Perhaps it is no more complicated than having the courage simply to say: "Enough is enough!" In society we always pay

Ad Laos to the people of God



a penalty for indifference and inaction. Unquestionably, taking action always involves risks, but adopting a position of comfortable inaction carries much greater risks.

In South Africa, we have long had a love-hate relationship with business and the success that can be derived from it. Thirty years after winning our political liberation, despite falling short of our objective of achieving economic liberation, our relationship with business has improved considerably.

For many it has grown from hate to love, largely because it has been seen as democratic—ethically conducted, it spreads its benefits broadly, and success in it is often viewed as a matter of merit, not just luck. Not only that: it has become the tie that not only binds the culture but defines it to a large degree.

As a result, many South Africans have developed an almost religious belief in the power of business. The durability of the business community through all our country's crises and the vortex of governmental corruption, ineptness and incapacity has led to the belief that the sector can remedy all of our challenges and deliver the country to the promised land. This is testimony to the quality of many, but not all, of our business leaders—especially of those who represent quality of character, make values-based decisions and genuinely have South Africa's best interests in both their hearts and their minds.

Business has in many areas been seen positively for the last two decades or more, but it will be viewed positively only as long as it is seen as capable of delivering the goods. The great question is, how will the business world cope if and when it cannot meet everybody's needs? What is it going to be like for people if the bottom falls out?

Today, as our economy keeps cooling, as the government displays its inadequacy, and as we contemplate an election in which we have an unprecedented range of new parties to choose from, I believe that 60 million South Africans would like business leaders to contemplate and answer a number of questions:

- How can I help create equal opportunities for all?
- How can my business work to overcome the continuing inequality in a society which claims to want to eliminate it?
- How can I reduce the polarisation being pushed by some political parties?
- Given the positive attitude to business of many young people, how can companies be a catalyst for championing youth voter registration?
- How can business use their political influence responsibly?
- What role can business play in exemplifying courage in meeting these challenges?

There are three practical steps business can take to address these questions:

The first step is probably the most difficult. It involves the business community showing its spine by refusing to do any business with the state without government making a tangible shift towards meeting its responsibilities, addressing inequalities of opportunity and service delivery, and making demonstrable efforts to root out systemic corruption.

The second step is for companies to create working groups at top executive and board level to draw up corporate political responsibility strategies, as distinct from corporate social responsibility strategies, focus on the company's role in creating the architecture for the future state of South Africa.

The third step is to have these executive-level committees answer the six questions that I've asked above, and to consider whether it isn't time for South African companies to rethink, redefine and reset their corporate social responsibility strategies to align with corporate political responsibility strategies.

In urging business to take this path, I am conscious that corporate leaders face complex questions about whom they represent and on what basis. Big business has traditionally avoided taking overt political stances; after all, why would they want to alienate potential customers? But in reality, the line demarcating business from politics has never been more than a convenient fiction — one that becomes less credible with each passing year.

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Ad Laos from page 6: In other parts of the world, companies are urged to balance the interests of all their stakeholders, not just shareholders but their staff, their customers and their potential customers among the wider population. But the desire to balance stakeholder interests and speak up for employees or customers on high-stakes societal questions is colliding with the realities of divided, polarized workforces, political dysfunction, and anger about corporate hypocrisy.

What is needed are considered and deliberate strategies for speaking up. Lacking both the authority and the mechanisms to advocate or represent everyone's interests in a coherent way, corporate leaders risk undermining both their businesses and other societal institutions when they claim that they can — or feel that they must.

My friends in business tell me that companies tend to make three big mistakes when setting and publicising societal, political, and environmental priorities.

Firstly, they aspire to speak out on too many issues to appease stakeholders in the short term. Making a public statement is often a way to compensate for, or distract from, a lack of meaningful action. Secondly, organisations fail to set tight priorities, ending up with a laundry list of too many goals and aspirations. When companies suggest that they can address every relevant issue, they over-promise and under-deliver, fuelling impatience and diminishing trust. Thirdly, senior leadership teams tend to set strategy and goals in isolation from the rest of their workforce or delegate the task to teams of consultants.

Business experts urge that changing the way they determine their priorities — and whom they involve — can correct all three errors. They need to listen to a wide range of concerns and opinions, including those of their employees, then focus on the handful of issues they are truly capable of prioritising.

In South Africa, we are seeing strong external as well as internal drivers that are forcing companies to define themselves as social and political actors in addition to their traditional role as economic engines. Putting one's head in the sand is no longer a viable option — whether leadership teams like it or not. Perceptive and innovative businesses move proactively with these trends and turn them into opportunities and competitive advantages.

Of course, we need to be careful not to expect business — or for that matter government, or any other institution — to create heaven on earth. When we put too much confidence in any worldly system, it is bound to disappoint us at some point. So business, and the great striving that accompanies it, will continue to be one of the most significant forces in South African culture, but it will always struggle against people's need for a perspective that is beyond these worlds. We all have to get used to that tension.

It seems to me that at our best, we have held individualism and a communitarian spirit in creative tension. We need to keep doing that if we are to maintain social stability. In my view, we are in a period in this country in which our faith in capitalism has combined with a radical sense of individualism to create a dangerous degree of selfishness. It is expressed in the sense, "I have got mine; you get yours. I am going to hold on to mine, and I will support a system that allows you to hold onto yours, but I am not going to give you any of mine." Even worse, there are political and government leaders who justify corruption with the phrase, "It's our turn to eat." Those ways of thinking corrupt capitalism, putting a sharp, mean face on a system that has the capacity to do great good.

If you treat success in business as life's ultimate goal, then it becomes a great, glowering, impressive, but empty and futile, tin god. Business must be a means, not the end.

God bless

++ Archbishop Thabo Cape Town

Diocese of Mzimvubu elects new Bishop



The **Venerable Phumzile Cetywayo** has been elected as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Mzimvubu.

Bishop-Elect Cetywayo, 46, who currently serves as Arch-deacon of Matatiele and Vicar-General of the Diocese, was elected on the fifth ballot during the first day of an Elective Assembly of the Diocese.

Please pray for him, his wife Lindiwe, their two sons, and the Diocese as they prepare for his consecration and installation.

The Revd Grant Walters
Provincial Executive Officer

Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday took place on 13th February 2024. A wonderful time of fellowship and eating delicious pancakes were the order of the day across the diocese.

Featured parishes are above: St Paul's Cape Town and left, St Saviour's Claremont.

Sunday School Teacher Training



Revd Basil Davids (Sunday School Chaplain) and his wife, aunty Linda also joined us at Training (even though he was on leave at the time) we appreciate you taking the time to join us.

We want to thank Uzwelo Youth Development for the sessions provided as teachers could walk away confidently and ready for the new Sunday school year.

Should you wish to contact Uzwelo Youth Development, please speak to Shaun on 0767677039, as they also facilitate youth leadership sessions as well. You can check out their facebook page - @Uzwelo Youth Development

A special thank you to the Superintendents for arranging this event and to the teachers who made time to attend this event, getting the tools to strengthen their teaching and improve their Sunday school ministry!

The Athlone Archdeaconry Sunday School had their Sunday school teacher training on 20.01.2024 at Church of the Holy Nativity in Hazendal. The session was facilitated by Uzwelo Youth Development.

The following topics were presented:

- Preparing a Sunday school Lesson
- Teaching with Technology
- Sunday school Leadership
- Teachers who touch lives

We had all the Sunday schools represented on the day - St Dominics, St George's, St John's, St Mark's, St Aidan's and Holy Nativity. The feedback received was that it was enjoyable and alot was learnt. They especially enjoyed the group sessions/think tanks, coming up with new ideas and sharing ideas of what has worked previously at the various sunday schools.



- **Nadine Ross** : Archdeaconry SS Chair

- **Lorna Payne** : Archdeaconry SS Secretary

Education Sunday around the diocese



The annual Education Sunday service took place on Sunday 4th February 2024. Learners and educators were prayed for and parishes committed their support to offset the academic year. Parishes featured above are: St Andrew's Steenberg, St Peter's Mowbray and St Thomas Rondebosch.

We would love to hear from your parish, send articles and photographs to Rebecca Malambo at malambor@ctdiocese.org.za or call 021 469 3766.

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