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Celebrating 190 Years of St Paul's Rondebosch

Writing on Easter Day 1934 to the people of St Paul's Church, Rondebosch, on the occasion of their centenary, Archbishop Francis Phelps had this to say: "The purpose of God's church in a parish is for the conversion and sanctification of those who live there and worship in the parish church. As there has been growth in the past, so, by the mercy of God, there will be in the future. As those who have gone before us have sacrificed greatly, so let us offer our sacrifices, which must not cost us nothing. And, as the endeavour of the past has been richly blessed (as these records show), so let us be of good cheer and continue our service with brave hearts."

At the beginning of the nineteenth century the church in the Cape Colony was in a parlous state. The clergy were unlicensed and subject to no control. For any episcopal ministration it had to rely on the visits of the Bishop of Calcutta who called in on his way to and from England. It is to one of these visits that we have to attach some importance.

On 31 August 1832, Bishop Daniel Wilson visited the Cape on his way to India. Over the next ten days he confirmed 300 persons, preached four sermons, celebrated Communion twice, ordained two priests, and consecrated two church sites, one being for the erection of a church in Rondebosch.

The building of the new church was completed early in 1834 and was opened for Divine Service on Sunday, 16th February 1834, in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs D'Urban. The church was designed by Major Mitchell in the Gothic style, roofed with thatch and



was able to accommodate 150 people. On its ninth anniversary, a collection was made for the purpose of providing a gallery. This gallery was completed in 1845 and provided accommodation for a further 100 people.

On 29 June 1847, Robert Gray was consecrated in London as the first bishop for Cape Town. He travelled around England for the next few months, speaking about and collecting money for his new diocese.

On 27 December 1847, with his wife and family, Robert Gray boarded the "Persia" and set sail for the Cape, arriving on 20 February 1848.

St Paul's, like some of the other churches already in existence before the arrival of Bishop Gray, adopted a

less than cordial approach towards the new bishop. As a result, they refused to attend or send any representative to the synods summoned by Bishop Gray.

On 6 November 1872, St Paul's elected a lay representative to attend the assembly called to elect a successor to Bishop Gray, who died on 1 September 1872. These events were preceded by the creation of the Church of the Province of South Africa in 1870.

In 1848, it was proposed that St Paul's be enlarged to seat 450 people. However, financial constraints meant that not all the proposed changes could be made. In 1865, a porch was erected.

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EDITORIAL

We look forward to what God has for us this New Year. The new experiences will we go through and what lessons will we learn.

As we navigate through the coming months, may we pray for wisdom, patience and more kindness. May we allow ourselves to learn from the past and move forward with an openness to receive what God wants us to have. New experiences may not all be good but trust God's timing. He will give us rest and peace.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Love and Light, Rebecca

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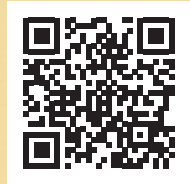
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St Paul's Rondebosch 190th from page 1:

St Paul's church, as it stands today – excepting a few minor changes, was completed in 1884, when a new chancel was added, the nave extended, and what had been called the south aisle became the Lady Chapel. The bell turret was given by the children of John Bardwell Ebden as a memorial to their father.

In 1864, the idea of a mission chapel on the Camp Ground was first mooted. A sum of three hundred pounds was collected and it was decided to ask Mrs Sophie Gray, wife of the bishop, to produce a set of plans. The foundation stone of the chapel was laid by Mrs Gray on 22 October 1864 and the building was completed and formally opened by Bishop Gray in July 1865. It was used primarily as a mission school and chapel for many years.

In 1865 a school and church services began at Black River, in a building constructed of wood and iron called "the Pondok".

The need to enlarge the mission chapel on the Camp Ground became pressing and work began in April 1903. This eventuated in St Thomas's, much as it stands today. Further expansion took place at more or less the same time in the area then known as Milner, now Athlone.

Services began to be held there in 1902, first in the open air and later in tents. In 1904 a commodious wood and iron church was erected and dedicated by Archbishop West Jones on 25 April, the Feast of St Mark.

At the older mission station of Black River, the

original "Pondok" was replaced by a well-constructed chapel called St James and dedicated by the archbishop on 23 June 1905.

As a consequence of the enormous growth of the population of the Cape Flats, there was a need for a further mission station in Rylands, four miles east of Rondebosch on the Klipfontein Road. A site was acquired and, on Saturday 5 June 1920, St George's Church Rylands (now Silvertown) was opened for worship by Archdeacon R Brooke.

Such was the development of the mission work on the Cape Flats that the need to separate the mission churches from the parish proper began to be the subject of urgent debate. This led to the Flats becoming an independent charge. In May 1925 it was constituted as the parochial district of Athlone and a former assistant priest of St Paul's was appointed priest in charge.

It is worth noting that from a very early stage the parish had established schools at St Paul's and St Thomas's and also at the three mission stations of Black River, Athlone and Rylands. At the same time, however, St Paul's had long cherished the dream of having its own parish hall.

It was only in 1922 that a hall was then built. It was formally opened by Archbishop WM Carter on 29 May 1923.

The organ still in use at St Paul's was a gift made in 1884 by Mr TJ Anderson in memory of his wife. The reredos over the high altar was given by Archdeacon and Mrs Badnall in

memory of their daughter Blanch Elizabeth. The choir stalls were a gift from Mrs Badnall.

In its centenary year, Captain WD Hare provided St Paul's with a lych-gate in memory of his ancestors who are interred in St Paul's churchyard. The next major event in the life of St Paul's was the decision to allow St Thomas's to become an independent parish. This took place in May 1947.

The University of Cape Town has been an ever-present neighbour of St Paul's, hovering as it does over the parish. However, the parish has never made any claims of association with the university other than through its Anglican chaplaincy, whose chaplains on occasion have been part of the St Paul's staff.

Preaching at St Paul's on Friday 16 February 1934 on a line from 1 Samuel chapter 7 verse 12, "Ebenezer - Hitherto hath the Lord helped us", Archbishop Phelps concluded with these words: "We profit by the past. Let this be our hope for the future so that those keeping the two-hundredth anniversary will be able to praise God for victories as we do this day."

One hundred and ninety years is not far from two hundred. I expect that it will not be long before you as a parish begin to turn your minds to how it is you are going to celebrate the bicentennial of St Paul's Rondebosch.

God bless you all! - **John Ramsdale**

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Dear friends

Seasons greetings to you all.

We thank God for His eternal presence during 2023. We have experienced times of pain, loss, bereavement, failures, joys, successes and so many more. It is through the grace of God that we are still standing strongly.

The New Year is upon us and may we be filled with new energy, hope, opportunities and great expectations that 2024 will be a wonderful year for all of us.

Some activities that we can look forward to are our National and Provincial Government Elections, Diocesan Mission Season (Easter to Pentecost), Diocesan Synod (13-15 June) and ACSA Synod (25-27 September).

1. National elections 2024:

I want to encourage everyone to make sure that you are registered for this important Provincial and National election. At this point it is not important to discuss whom to vote for but to make sure that you don't lose out in exercising your democratic right to vote.



Please register online: <https://registertovote.elections.org.za/voter-online-registration/overview> or wait for the announcement of the next voter registration date.

2. Diocesan Synod 13-15 June 2024:

This is the highest decision-making body in our diocese, which happens every 3 years and your prayers are imperative for this event.

Please discuss in your parish and archdeaconry meetings any matters that will assist in the growth of our diocese. Make sure that you elect your parish representatives at your next vestry (they are normally 2 adults male and

female and 1 Youth 18-25 years old). More information will come soon.

3. Diocesan Mission 2024:

We are very aware of the impact that Covid-19 still has on the growth of our congregations in so many ways. One of the initiatives to enhance growth for our diocese is to declare the Great 50 days between Easter and Pentecost as our Mission Season. Pentecost Sunday will be the culmination of this season and the intention is to have a Diocesan Thanksgiving service then.

I have appointed Revd Shaun Cozett as the convenor of our Mission Season. We will soon announce the team that will be working with him, but if you have any suggestions, do not hesitate to contact him.

Archdeacon Reeva Mulder will be instituted as the rector of All Saints, Plumstead, on Saturday, 3 February 2024 at 2pm. Please come and support.

I want to wish you all a Christ-filled and prosperous 2024 and I am looking forward to us working together to further Christ's kingdom in this diocese, country and beyond.

+Joshua Table Bay

Shared Moments and Festive Cheer

On the morning of Saturday, 25th November 2023, All Saints, Plumstead hosted a senior's brunch, creating a delightful atmosphere for reconnecting with old friends and savoring delectable eats.

The event served as a heartfelt tribute to the cherished seniors within the church community, offering an opportunity to express gratitude and celebrate their significant contributions.

The gathering, adorned with both familiar and new faces, emphasized the community's unity and the joy derived from shared moments.

Additionally, All Saints, experienced a blessed Christmas season, highlighted by the presence of Bishop Joshua and Joan at the Midnight Mass. Both Christmas services were family orientated and focused on a sense of community.

- Caitlin Smith



Ryan and Jesse are off to CoTT



My name is **Ryan Marshall Baatjies** and I am married to Nadine with a daughter named Mia. I was born and raised in the northern suburbs of Cape Town, in a little area called Belhar. The parish I belonged to was St. Mary Magdalene, Belhar. I was involved in youth ministry, Sunday School and both the marimba and gospel band.

My family, including my parents and siblings, still belong to the church and my dad has been a lay minister in the parish for approximately 30 years. My wife and I got married in December 2016 and moved to Retreat. I then started as the YPM Coordinator at Emmanuel Wynberg (part of St. John's Parish Wynberg), where I was a member, worked and served until December 2022. The church we are currently attending is The Church of the Holy Spirit, Kirstenhof.

When I was 19 I sensed the call to the ministry. I was not sure what it meant at the time. By the time I finished my Theological degree at 22, I still wasn't entirely sure. However, before we got married, I told my wife that I would possibly one day offer myself to FOV and explore the call to the ordained ministry.

In 2020, when I finished at the St John's Leadership Academy, I felt that it was the right time to explore FOV. I spoke to my then-minister, Revd Sam Beukes, and he agreed that he sensed that call as well. The parish rector, Revd Duncan McLea then wrote the letter to the Bishop and I got accepted into FOV.

It was a surreal experience because it was about 10 years of back and forth, but there I was. I really enjoyed the experience, getting to journey with amazing individuals. I learnt a lot from the wardens and the various presenters. It was not at all what I expected. It was interactive, open and invited conversation.

I really enjoyed the experience and appreciated the knowledge gained in the space as well as on the retreats. I appreciate the wardens and the work they have done to create the program and introduce us to a richer insight into the width and breadth of the Anglican communion.

I had five mentors who at different stages really shaped my ministry. **Revd Cheryl Uren** was a truly amazing role model and ministry leader. She pushed and encouraged me to dream and put myself out there.

Revd Duncan McLea has been someone I could turn to for advice and has been a guiding voice for me over the past six years.

Revd Canon Natalie Simons-Arends has been supportive and a sounding board who would listen, discern and pray with me.

Revd Clifford Jones was my rector for a short time but taught me a lot about pastoral care and truly being there for people.

Keegan Davids has been a friend and mentor in youth ministry as well as in many other ways too.

I am currently in charge of Youth and Young Adult ministry as well as

sung worship and AV support at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Kirstenhof. My expectation at CoT is to learn, grow and develop. Learn more about God, God's church and more about what it means to be called to the ordained ministry in the Anglican church. To grow in my relationship with God and my experience of faith. To develop a deeper understanding of the Anglican communion, work and witness of the Church of God.



I am **Jesse Pastor** and I grew up in Kenwyn. I live with my parents, grandparents and younger sister. I am 27 years old and unmarried. My home parish is St Faith's, Plumstead.

At St Faith's I was employed as the Parish Youth Worker for around 7 years. I was also a lay minister and an altar server. I joined the Anglican Church at the age of 18, prior to this I belonged to the Methodist Church.

I first sensed a call to serve in the church during my confirmation year. It was through this that I was approached to be the parish's youth worker. During my tenure as youth worker I had the privilege of leading our parish youth group, young adults group, teen church, liaising with Children's Church, facilitating confirmation, planning annual youth camps and holiday clubs. The greatest gift was to be able to journey with several teenagers in the parish who are now all young adults. I learnt so much from them and continue to do so today, not as their youth worker but as a friend.

I had the privilege of serving with Rectors: Revd Grant Damoes, Revd Canon Andrew Hunter and Revd Ronald Dias, all of whom have journeyed with me and created opportunities for me to live out my ministry, prayed with and for me.

I joined Fellowship of Vocation in 2021 as the country was emerging out of hard lockdown. Prior to this, I was also part of the St. John's Leadership Academy which richly formed me. My time in FOV allowed me to slowdown with ministry and to look inward and to intentionally discern God's will for my life. There were many times when I left FOV sessions feeling uncertain, however with time, I understood more about what and to what God is calling me. I am grateful for my Fellowship of Vocation warden, Ven Reeva Mulder, for journeying with me and helping me to make sense of many things. I will always remember our discussions during our meetings around her dining room table, for me, this is where the 'tyre hit the road' in helping to clarify my vocation.

In 2022 I was appointed as the Diocesan Young People's Ministry Coordinator. As someone who is passionate about parish ministry, it was a challenge to be in a different parish context almost every week. However, I soon realised that this too was a gift. I appreciated ministering with so many people across our Diocese.

I will be at the College of the Transfiguration for three years and am registered for the Bachelor of Theology. I am looking forward to being part of the college community and the rhythm of prayer and study. I am going with an open mind and heart so that I can postufe myself to receive from God and continue to discern as I study.

An African witness in solidarity with the Christians of the Holy Land

The **Very Revd Michael Weeder** joined an international delegation of Christian leaders in December who went on a Christmas pilgrimage to Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

The Nativity Scene, Manger Square, Bethlehem

This Christmas past was the first time I was absent, in all the years of ministry, from the parish in which I served. During Adventide some of the Christian leadership of the church in the Holy Land called upon us, their siblings, to stand alongside them in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

With the consent of Archbishop Thabo and the support of the cathedral wardens and council and Bishop Joshua, I was able to respond to this heartfelt call. On Christmas Eve I was part of a group of ten South African Christians, which include the Revd Frank Chikane and Bp Ivan Abrahams of the Methodist Church, who gathered on Christmas Eve outside the Church of the Holy Nativity on Manger Square in Bethlehem.

Tariq Salsaa, the artist who recast the traditional Nativity scene, spoke explained that it was "against the coloniser." It reference an ancient civilization: "The holy family are Canaanites as well. Extension of ancient civilizations. Colonisers with no roots have come to take ours. The statue represents the Virgin Mary and all mothers. The colour grey is the colour that has overtaken Gaza. Barbed wire represents the Occupation. The Shepherd carries his displacement package. Displacement of history.

The three kings come with shrouds for the bodies, the gifts we received from the world. The angels, the children the martyrs of Gaza of Herod. The ceiling has fallen like those of Gaza. The shaped of rubble that of the Gaza Strip. The star of Nativity is a hole in the roof. It is still a sign of hope and peace. It will remain as we will always be here."

AND I HEARD A VOICE

For a long, harsh time, I could not write about the dead of Gaza, those whose bedrooms, or school playground or their mama's womb were their graves. Something held me back. Held me firm from page and pen. Until now, on this dark, cold night in a city where the Bosphorus flows between one sea and another, and Rumi's tomb, a nine-hour car drive away. But, today. Today, a woman spoke in a tone of thornlike grief, how, in this theatre of the war on Gaza, many have sofa-soft front row seats. Today, from a barricaded, distant archipelago of pain, a recording of a doctor speaking of how he had held a nine-year old boy, unsighted by the shrapnel from a bomb. Perhaps it fell near where he was playing in the park. Bunking school. Pranking a friend. Maybe it had hit the roof of the room where he was sick in bed. Just for that day. When asked his name, he answered, from the darkness all around and from within, with the querying certainty of the wisdom of prophets and saints still to be born: "Am I alive, or is it the voice of heaven I hear...?"

©Michael Weeder

**Al-Quds 'Freedom for Palestine' Conference,
14-15 January 2024, Istanbul, Turkey**



Sitting with Bp Ivan Abrahams in front of a painting depicting Jerusalem through a hole in the wall



Above: Manger Square, Bethlehem

Below: Call to pray: But what a serendipitous privilege to awake to the call to prayer in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, our Christ and liberator.





We begin the New Year amidst conflict abroad and political contests at home as we look on with horror at the war between Israel and Hamas, agonise over the continuing conflict in Sudan, and hear the loud voices of squabbling politicians both within and between the parties gearing up for our national and provincial elections later this year.

The fighting in the Middle East has drawn intense scrutiny across South Africa, no more so than in Cape Town, where we have important communities supporting both Palestine and Israel and where Anglicans hold strong views on both sides. If you are confused about the issues, I recommend following last year's Lenten Bible Studies, which noted that the modern state of Israel should not be confused with the Israel of the Bible. You can see the first of the studies here: <https://bit.ly/3HmMx8>

In my Christmas sermon, I addressed the fighting in the Middle East, where after two months the death and destruction inflicted on Gaza had already matched that in the notorious bombing of Dresden in Germany in World War II. I said it is as if the military wings of Hamas and Israel have reverted to fighting by the standards of atrocity deployed in wars of the early 20th century, with both sides committing war crimes and with leaders on both sides guilty of rhetoric which constitutes incitement to genocide, or which will be interpreted as such by their followers.

Soon after the Daily Maverick published excerpts from my sermon, South Africa filed its case against Israel in the International Court of Justice in The Hague, where one of the lawyers representing our country was Professor John Dugard, a leading legal academic in the struggle against apartheid and one-time Chancellor of the Diocese of Johannesburg. I

Ad Laos to the people of God



issued a prayer for the court as the case began, which is published in this issue of Good Hope, and I urge you to pray for the judges, including our former Deputy Chief Justice, Justice Dikgang Moseneke.

I found our presentations to the court chilling. Based on our experience in South Africa, I found it impossible to accept the contention from Israel's lawyers that the court should not base its ruling on "harsh statements" by Israel's leaders – those suggesting that all Palestinians, including women and children, were legitimate targets – but on the policy and decisions of Israel's war cabinet and security cabinet. Our Truth and Reconciliation Commission did not find policy documents showing that killings and torture were explicitly authorised by the apartheid government. But when its foot soldiers appeared before the commission, they justified their atrocities by quoting precisely the kind of rhetoric from our cabinet ministers which Israel's leaders are using.

Although the court does not have to decide

at this stage whether Israel is guilty of inciting genocide, it does have to decide whether to order the country to take measures to curb the death, destruction and human suffering being experienced by Palestinians. Whatever the outcome of the case, our application to the court has already had some effect on Israel, with their leaders softening their rhetoric and their military saying their war is against Hamas and not the people of Gaza.

Please pray for the people of Sudan, where more than 9,000 people have been killed since the civil war between two military forces started last April, and where 17 million people are suffering high levels of acute food insecurity as a result. This conflict gets scandalously little attention in the international community.

On the 30th anniversary of our political liberation in South Africa, we need to recommit ourselves to the economic liberation which we have not yet achieved. As our politics reconfigures itself, that too can be confusing. I urge you to ignore the bickering and personal attacks and demand that political parties – both old and new – spell out their policy decisions, enabling you to make wise choices when you enter your voting station later this year. And of course, pray for a peaceful process in which the true will of the people is expressed.

Finally, in all the controversy and uncertainty that surrounds us, let not the still small voice of our God – the God who says you are my children in whom I am well pleased – be drowned out. May this be your experience, and that of your families and everyone around you, throughout the coming year.

God bless

++ Archbishop Thabo Cape Town

A Prayer for the International Court of Justice

Archbishop Thabo issued the following prayer, for the case in The Hague on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th January 2024 in which South Africa asked the International Court of Justice to interdict Israel from its actions in Gaza.

*Lord, the world – your world – is sick of war.
Religious leaders sometimes call this anachronism "just war";
But wars kill and instill fear in your children,
Wars blind your people to reality and truth,
Whereas you call us to search for non-violent solutions to human conflict.*

*Seeking that all should live in peace and that hostages of war are released,
We turn our gaze today to The Hague,
We pray for members of the International Court of Justice,
That they will say "Yes" to justice and peace, and
"No" to violence and conflict.*

*We say this war in Gaza, Israel and Lebanon must stop,
That it's time to reveal your truth and bring all war to an end.
Be with all who sit around tables seeking peace,
Speak to the moral conscience of soldiers,*

*Speak to those who supply weapons to the world's killing fields,
Turn their thoughts and deeds to those of peace.
We ask this in your name,
For you are the Life and the Resurrection.*

Amen

Heritage Appeal for St John's Church, Wynberg

St John's Church, Wynberg Turns 190 years old

We celebrate the 190th birthday of St John's Church building in 2024. Although a worshipping Anglican community had been in existence in Wynberg since 1806, the building was consecrated on 19 July 1834. The main building is a classified 'Heritage' resource and we are entrusted to take care of it and the other buildings on our site.

Living Stones

We recognize that 'the church is not a building,' but rather the people, a family of 'living stones' being built into a 'spiritual house' (1 Peter 2:5). Having said that, we have bodies and our faith and obedience to Christ is always in physical space. Our worship, communion with Christ and one another, is in a particular context. In this environment, we grasp the meaning of the gospel and are able to put the needs and interests of our neighbors above our own.

Shared History

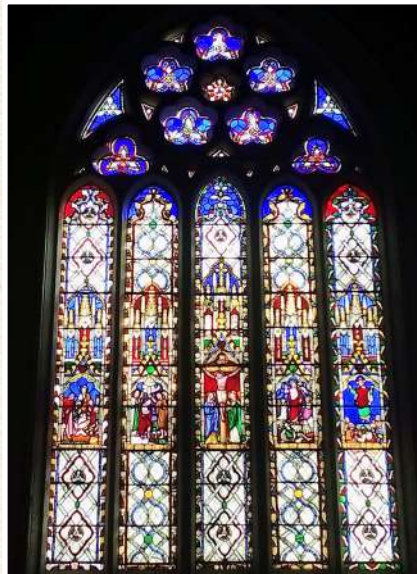
It is a daunting task maintaining, caring for and developing all that is entrusted to us. As we look back on the history of St John's, we realize that this place is precious to many people around the world, who grew up as part of the St John's community, were baptized, married or where

family members had their funerals.

We Will Remember

We are also commended to remember God's goodness and faithfulness to us over the years in enabling us to truly be the people of God. The song, 'We Will Remember' could be re-written with our own history in mind.

We will remember the works of your hands
We will stop and give you praise
For great is your faithfulness...



We would love to curate the stories and photos of our rich heritage of St John's and invite you to share them with us. Details below on how to do this.

Passing on Good Things to the Next Generation

Our 'heritage' is not simply preserving our buildings as if they were a museum, but in valuing and passing on good things to the next generation. We do have the responsibility of taking good care of the old buildings, but are also called to develop our space for the use of the current and future generations - our children and young people - as they make history here. Top of our list for us in this regard is refreshing and renewing our youth and children's facilities in the hall including the furnishings. Adequate finances have not been available so far.

Invitation to Participate

We would like to invite you to participate with the current community of St John's in a number of ways, as you are able:

1. Contributing financially to the repair and maintenance of our St



John's heritage building. And also to the development and care of the other facilities on our site.

There are, in fact, a number of items that are in need of repair and these will form part of a 'five year plan', in line with Heritage Building guidelines.

Of particular urgent concern to us is the church roof and gutters, which have a number of critical leaks, that in turn are causing damage to the inner walls. This specific project will cost us R150,000.

If you would like to make a financial donation please inform us on office@stjohns.org.za where possible so we can purpose it correctly and use the following details:

Account: St John's Church Wynberg

Number: 071758593

Bank: Standard Bank

Sort Code: 051001

Reference: Heritage_(Surname)

2. Practically helping with gardening and other projects under the guidance of our Property Team. Contact Selwyn Barnes: selwyn@stjohns.org.za

3. Sharing your stories and photos that make up part of our rich St John's history over the years. We would LOVE to curate these stories and share them in this historic year. You can email stories and photographs to Kathy de Smidt: kathy@stjohns.org.za

4. Join us in Fundraising efforts, such as our Market Days, High Tea or Heritage Dinner this coming year. For more information contact Wendy Venkatiah: wendy@stjohns.org.za

5. Pray with us that all we do may be wise and God-honoring and for God to supply all our needs. Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Psalm 127:1

If you would like to discuss any of this further please feel free to email Revd Jeremy Jobling, our Minister in Charge: jeremy@stjohns.org.za or visit our website: www.stjohns.org.za



DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN
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**APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE POSITION
OF DIOCESAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY
COORDINATOR**

Reporting to the Bishop of Table Bay and the Diocesan Administrator, you will be responsible for the following:

Duties

- Facilitate training and leadership development for young people, not only for ministry but for society, so that we raise up a generation that keeps to our Christian values and be responsible citizens.
- To organize at least 2 events for young people in our diocese which will take place around 16 June, Youth Day and September, which is Young Peoples Month.
- To facilitate diocesan outreach and mission events.
- To assist in the setting up of resources for bible studies, camps, etc.
- To offer advice and pastoral support for young people and those who lead them.
- To assist parishes and organisations with their own YPM planning and visioning.
- Interpret the needs of young people to the Church and provide ways and means on how to best address them.
- Assist the diocesan administration for diocesan gatherings or meetings such as Diocesan Synods, Elective Assemblies, Diocesan Standing Committees etc.
- Assist with day-to-day administrative tasks within the diocesan administration.
- The YPM Coordinator shall report to the Diocesan Administrator for staffing purposes and to the Bishop of Table Bay for ministerial or pastoral concerns and needs.

A qualified candidate will have:

- Minimum Grade 12 (Matric) or equivalent
- Police Clearance Certificate
- Computer literate (Able to operate Microsoft Office)
- Able to speak, write and read English and one other language (Afrikaans or isiXhosa)
- Experience in working with Young People
- Be a Baptised and Confirmed Anglican who is a regular communicant.

Preferred skills and Qualifications:

- Qualifications in Youth and Child Work
- Theological Study
- Lay minister
- Driver's license

To Apply

Forward your CV and a letter of motivation as to why you would be the best candidate for the position (including the email addresses and telephone numbers of three contactable referees) in assured confidence to vanrooyenc@ctdiocese.org.za.

Correspondence will only be conducted with shortlisted candidates. Should you not hear from us within two weeks, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Closing Date

29 February 2024

Inaugural gathering of 6 African Anglican Women Bishops in Limuru

A daily account by the Rt Revd Vicentia Kgabe, Bishop of Lesotho through her Facebook page:

"Thank you! Ke a leboha! Ke lebogile! Baie Dankie! Enkosi! Ngiyabonga! Asante! You enveloped me in your prayers and well wishes, we made it safely in Limuru, Kenya. We began the day with a Eucharist service led by the Diocesan Bishop of Mount Kenya South, Bishop Muturi. I had expected a small congregation, but the chapel was full and vibrant.



I look forward to the program of the day/week and learning from my sister bishops and the experts in various fields, who have invited to be in conversation with us.

I am deeply moved by the hospitality and the love we are being showered with and the empowering conversations we are having and will continue to have. We thank God for the time we spent together during our retreat and now we return to our respective dioceses inspired and energised.

The retreat concluded with a press conference attended by several media houses. This was followed by a closing worship service where The Right Revd Prof. Joseph Galgalo, the Provincial Secretary of the Anglican Church of Kenya, preached.

After the service, we shared a meal with clergy, laity and representatives of St. Paul University. Shukrani kwa ajili ya upendo na kujali kwa ajili yetu." #africa6

The press Statement released after the Inaugural Gathering of the 6 African Anglican Women Bishops can be watched at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVI4oyuDcwk>

#africa6 bishops are : The Rt Revd Elizabeth Awut (Rumbek, Episcopal Church of South Sudan), Rt Revd Dr Dalcy Badeli Dlamini and Rt Revd Dr Vicentia Kgabe (Eswatini and Lesotho Respectively, Anglican Church of Southern Africa), Rt Revd Filomena Tete Estevão (Christo Rei/ BOM, Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique) Rt Revd Emily Onyango and Rt Revd Rose Okeno (Bondo and Butere Respectively, Anglican Church of Kenya).

The Host Diocesan Bishop Rt Revd Charles Muturi led an opening Holy Communion service for the workshop attendees.

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