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A Human Rights Day walk in Newlands "Where the pulse is beating"

St Andrew's, Newlands, congregation embarked on a walk through the streets of the village of Newlands to mark Human Rights Day on 21st March 2024. The proceedings started with a welcome and opening prayer by the Rector of the parish, Ven Mkhuseli Lujabe. This was followed by a short address by Richard Buttress, a former resident of the Newlands community before the forced removals in the apartheid era in South Africa.

In his opening address Mr Buttress gave the parishioners an overview of the sites around the community that mark some of the sore points and the extent of and impact of the removals had. He used a recurring phrase "where the pulse is beating" to undergird the stories which were retold.

The walk was led by both Richard and his wife, Lauretta as the two senior parishioners at St Andrew's, who shared their childhood memories of Newlands. They related stories of the night singing at the corner of Kildare road and Oak Avenue, led by a group of men classified as Cape Malay. Mrs Engeldowne, who was classified as European, lived opposite the night singers. The local shop was owned by Bhai Dalwie who was of Indian descent. The shop was situated on one of the corners. We then proceeded to the corner of Kildare Road and King Street, where Oupa Leeu lived in Kings Lane which led to the Brigade Hall after crossing the Newlands Stream. He was the zookeeper at the Groote Schuur Zoo and was reported to have fed the lions, hence his nickname. He was classified as 'native'. The majority of the community were classified as Colored. Newlands was a settled community with different races and cultures living cheek by jowl.

The walk continued following the



Left to Right: Lauretta and Richard and in the background, Janine Tough the poem reader.

route the Palm Sunday Procession took in the 1950s. We stopped at the corner of King and Kent streets where the Nefdt and Mangaliso families were opposite neighbours. It was also the site where the Passion narrative was read on Palm Sunday back in the day. The walk then proceeded to Governors Lane, the site of the 'wall of separation' and the Oak Ave Café where fond memories were recalled of the Bahatker family.

We crossed Newlands Avenue to Van Reenen Lane and Stoney Place home to a few cottages but known by few. The harrowing tale was told in Stoney Place where Richard and Lauretta described the nailing to the tree of the forced removals notice in 1956. It was akin to the sound of the death knell, remembered as a very traumatic experience. "We listened to the forced removals from



the idyllic village to the dormitory township of Steenberg and the trials of dispossession. The leaders of the group took us through the oak lined lanes of Newlands Avenue towards the Foresters Arms. We heard several amusing stories of the Foresters. On the large grounds of Mrs 'Mums' Nefdt was an orchard! "It was one of our popular venues", they said describing the experience. The final stage was set at the school at the corner of Newlands Avenue and Palmboom Road where the Buttresses and others attended in the early 1950s together with the Brigade Hall in Palmboom Road. The walk was interspersed with the readings from 'Newlands Poems' by Janine Tough, written by Richard Buttress. The activities concluded with a discussion in the Hall, a vote of thanks and the final blessing.

As a Parish, we were humbled and moved by the experience of the walk. We gained insight into the pain that was caused by the historic events that violated the rights of many who were robbed of crucial aspects of their lives in places that once was their home. Sadly though these are fast becoming distant memories in their experiences in Newlands Village. - **Richard Butress**

Events and Notices

Diocesan **Soccer Tournament 2024:**

Tournament Day will be on 1st May 2024 at Chuckker Road Sports Complex. Volunteers from local parishes are needed to serve in the following ways: match officials / referees / part of the refreshment station team. Contact the Revd Basil Davids at St George's Silvertown at 021 633 3915 during office times.

Greyladies Association presents a concert by Vocal

Unity Choir: will take place on Sunday 26th May 2024 at 15h00 and arranged by Jeremy Quickfall. The venue is Christ Church, Cnr of Parish and Main Roads, Constantia. Tickets are R100. For more information contact Barbara Fogarty at 082 923 3544 or

email: greyladiesassn@gmail.com



Season of Mission: a call to meet on Pentecost Sunday, 3pm at Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel, for a time of Praise and Worship. More details to follow.

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EDITORIAL

Easter is a time of great celebration and joy, marked by the message "He is not here. He is Risen!" This message signifies the Resurrection of Jesus and continues for 50 days, culminating on Pentecost Sunday. During this period, known as "The Great 50 Days," we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over death and His ascension into heaven.

St Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 15:14 reminds us that without the Resurrection, our faith is in vain. Therefore, it is important to focus on cultivating joy and gratitude during this time. Let us reflect on the good things in our lives and share them with others. By doing so, we can spread the joy of the Resurrection and ask God to fill us with His Spirit of joy.

May the joy of the Resurrection fill us with hope and inspire us to live a life of love and compassion towards others.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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Gift of the Givers Fire disaster response





Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, led a delegation to visit Mfuleni, a fire site earlier this month. The delegation met with the families of the two people who died in the fire. Archbishop Makgoba also spent time with the fire victims, offering words of comfort to those still grappling with the tragedy. - Gift of the Givers



From the Bishop's Desk

"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ...Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." (John 20:19b-20)

Dear Friends

A blessed Eastertide to you all.

We are journeying through the great 40 days when the resurrected Christ continues to appear to his disciples with a greeting of peace - shalom, salaam. This greeting and appearance is important, because it means that Jesus is no longer dead but has arisen from the dead; that though they deserted him on Good Friday, he has forgiven them and wants them to continue with this ministry long after he leaves them.

Dr Allen Boesak said that Jesus's resurrection from death is God revolting against death, sin, evil and Satan. The darkness of sin is overcome by the light of Christ, where hope, justice, peace and love reigns.

It must have been difficult for some of the residents of Mfuleni, Langa and Du Noon to have hope in this risen Christ when, during this high festival of Easter, many found themselves homeless as their homes were ravaged by fires. We want to thank the 'Gift of the Givers', the City of Cape Town and others who came to aid and give new hope to the affected 1000+ people. We know that the plight of our informal and underprivileged communities is huge particular in this wintertime. We can expect more fires which will leave more people destitute, it is only the start of what could be a very cold and wet winter. This will bring its own challenges to many. It is in anticipation of this, that our newly formed Diocesan Social Responsibility Task Team is calling for your help so that we, as church, can reach out to the destitute. Parishes will receive communication regarding this initiative in the next week.

I was privileged to be part of a Diocesan-HOPE Africa delegation who visited two schools in Hout Bay and blessed a few children with school shoes. This really brightened up the faces of those learners. Some of us were reminded of cold winters endured and the joy of having



decent shoes during the cold winter months. Thanks to **Revd Miseka Mapukata**, rector of St Peter's, Hout Bay, for arranging this visit and the donors for their generosity.

It is National and Provincial election season and though it is predicted that the voter turn-out will be low, it does not deter political parties from campaigning. My experience on Tuesday evening, at a live broadcast panel discussion on Crime and Violence in Hanover Park and on the Cape Flats, indicated that in such a discussion involving political parties the focus gets lost. They guarrel with each other at the cost of the plight of communities for an end to gang violence. It is gatherings like these which might help you decide whom to vote for. Who of these parties are concerned about the plight of all God's people, especially the marginalised. Let us, as church, be the constant presence who work for a better tomorrow.

I once again want to thank all those who have worked on 'the season of Mission' material as it is such a great resource for the diocese. If you are not yet using it in your parishes, then I want to encourage you to start using it. It focuses on the 5 marks of Mission for the Anglican Communion using the Sunday lectionary readings, give small group Bible study material as well as sermon notes, etc. Don't miss out!

It was such a special occasion to accompany our Diocesan Mothers' Union as we, together with

the dioceses of False Bay, Saldanha Bay and George could celebrate Lady Day and 120th anniversary of the MU – in George. Thanks to the diocese of George for their hospitality and for the wonderful atmosphere displayed by all present. Cape Town MU made me very proud. Well Done!

On Sunday, 21 April, Dean Michael Weeder retired as dean of the cathedral and senior priest of the diocese. We thank God for his ministry at the Cathedral for the past 13 years and wish him well on this new journey of retirement. Thank you, Bonita, Chiara, Andile and Khanyisa for sharing Dean Michael with the church for all these years and may you now have him for yourselves. Our prayers are also with the Cathedral church as they enter a period of interregnum. We pray for the parish leadership as well as for those who will be conducting services there during this period. We also pray for the discernment process to find a new Dean, praying for God's wisdom on Archbishop Thabo and the advisory committee.

We are extremely happy because **Revd Kevin David** and his family has finally arrived from
Mauritius. He will be instituted as rector of St
Aidan's, Lansdowne on Wednesday, 24 April at
19h00. **Revd Philip Donald**, the curate at the
Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel, has
been appointed as rector of All Saints, Lansdowne and the Chapelry of St Patrick, Crawford. He will be instituted on Saturday, 1 June
at 2pm at All Saints, Lansdowne. Please keep
these families in your prayers.

Our Diocesan Synod is less than 2 months away. Please keep it in your prayers as preparations are now in full swing. Pray for **Archdeacon Terry Lester**, the Synod manager and for the Synod Advisory Committee.

Let us be part of God's revolt/revolution against the forces of darkness to bring about God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.' (Matt 5:16)
God bless! +Joshua Table Bay

Palm Sunday Procession for Peace in Hanover Park







The Diocese of Cape Town, St Dominic's, the Philippi Community Policing Forum and the churches of Hanover Park walked through the streets, in a procession of witness against crime and gang violence. Bishop Joshua Louw connected with the community by handing out palm crosses during the procession.

The Dean of Cape Town retires

Dean Michael Weeder was ordained as a priest in 1985 at the height of revolt against the apartheid regime. His journey to priesthood was nurtured in the streets of Elsies River, fostered and encouraged by his beloved mother, Sheila. His politics was honed in the crucible of the struggle for liberation and accompanied him through his journey to priesthood. The two combined to create a steadfast, love-based engagement with injustice in all its forms.

Husband to Dr. Bonita Bennet, and parent to Chiara, Andile and Khanyisa, his priestly journey led him through time in parishes as diverse as Ocean View, Gugulethu, Ashton, Zolani and Lotus River, a period as a member of the Black Clergy Association, and eventually to work with late Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu as the Director of the Anglican Board of Social Responsibility.

An avid writer and orator, he holds a BA (Hons) and an MA in History from the University of the Western Cape. He has published two volumes of poetry and has been invited to multiple writers' festivals. His witty and engaging observations of life mingling the everyday and the profound appear on social media, and in regular newspaper columns.

He was selected as Dean of St. Georges Cathedral, Cape Town and was instituted on the 22nd of May 2011. Michael Weeder was the first Dean elected through an extensive application and discernment process, and he has had a firm hand on the tiller steering the Cathedral through sometimes choppy waters. He inherited a leaking roof, and with a huge and collaborative effort raised enough money to complete the majority of the restoration. Nicknamed 'The Dean of Camissa', there has been an ongoing commitment to the transformation work and the place the Cathedral holds as a space of witness, vigil, moral guidance and activism.

A constant question has been 'how are we accommodating those who are not at the table?' accompanied by diligent work to expand the diversity within Cathedral life and practice. Hosting a plethora of international and local visitors from Zimbabwe to England over the years for events, celebrations and memorials, including the funeral and interment of our Beloved Archbishop Desmond Tutu, he has always found a way to respond to the prevailing social justice moments of our time with love and compassion. The last years of his tenure and the growth of the cathedral had to shift radically to incorporate the world of COVID-19 and the related lockdowns and restrictions. Emerging from this shadow was undertaken with a keen eye for renewal and re-visioning.

Having reached his mandated age of retirement in October of 2023, at the request of Archbishop Thabo Makgoba he agreed to continue his service into 2024, and during this time has embraced the cause of all those affected by war and genocide, bearing witness for Ukrainians, Congolese and not least, the current plight of Palestinians. Active in interfaith circles, he has fasted, prayed, participated in a pilgrimage to Bethlehem, marched and used his public platform to encourage witness and change.

The Wardens and Council of St. George's Cathedral are grateful for his time and legacy and are extending open invitations to join in our final farewell services.



The first was on 14th April, an interfaith Liturgy for Palestine featuring original music by Jonathan de Vries and Mokale Kaopeng, referencing influences as varied as Bach and Coltrane, Imani Winds and

the Harlem Quartet. The second was a Festival Eucharist of Thanksgiving, held on 21st April, featuring joyous choirs. At this service, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu was commemorated in a stain glass window at the Wale Street entrance of the Catheral as a symbol of hope and peace. - **St George's Cathedral**

Manager of Synod report

Every parent knows about counting down the 'sleeps' to an exciting, long expected event. Social media uses the term 'loading' as the clock ticks on in the build-up.

We have fewer than fifty sleeps to our 67th Session of Diocesan Synod, scheduled to take place from 13th – 15th June at St Cyprian Church, Retreat. We have passed the canonical cut-off dates for submissions of Notices on Measures and Motions, as well as Nominations to serve on various Provincial and Diocesan structures, but the work of the Drafting and Resolution Committee and other essential tasks continue.

Thank you to those who have made the effort to get submissions in on time!

At our most recent Advisory Committee meeting, Archbishop Thabo, proposed a working theme, 'Witnessing to and Working towards God's New Creation' with sub texts on Justice and Peace, Forgiveness and Healing, Celebration (as in 'breaking the drought' with reference to the Elijah story from the readings set on those days of Synod).

The Archbishop described the restrictions which Covid19 placed on all as 'waiting in the Upper room' and asked what effect that 'waiting' has had and what emerging from that means for the Church.

Most parishes have submitted the names of their elected Synod representatives. Please include their names in your parish prayers and pray for all who will attend.

Pray for our diocese as Synod presents us with an opportunity for the Church to discern together, and under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, what it means to make Christ Jesus real and present in our context and in situations where the Church is called to be light and love and to bring God's peace and justice to hear

- the Ven Terry Lester



Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday

The Renewal of Ordination Vows, the Blessing of the Oil for the Sick and the Consecration of the Holy Chrism took place at St George's Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, 28th March 2024. **Photographer: Malcolm Overmeyer**













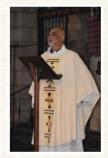
















Ad Laos to the people of God

During Eastertide this year, in the weeks leading up to Pente-

cost, we have embarked on the Diocesan Mission Season announced by Bishop Joshua in last month's Good Hope. During this process, we are looking at the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission in order to move us to a more mission-focussed Diocese in the wake of Covid-19.

The Five Marks of Mission: The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom,
- · To teach, baptise and nurture new believers,
- To respond to human need by loving service,
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation, and
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

We are being asked in this season: when did we last invite another to church for a disciple-ship occasion; and when have we given testimony of the workings of the Holy Spirit, Jesus, in our lives? At a Mass for the 175th anniversary of Bishops Diocesan College recently, I spoke about spiritual renewal, emphasising that connecting the concept of the Kingdom of God to the regeneration of the Spirit was important to Jesus, because it described the essentially spiritual character of that kingdom, and the way in which our experience of it impacts our lives.

This must lead us to ask: where and how do we see the Spirit moving in our personal lives and places? For myself, I felt it and touched it in an informal settlement recently, when I went with Bishop Josh and others on a Walk of Witness to provide a ministry of support to people who had lost their homes and their possessions in a devastating fire. Those of you who responded so generously, both with your monetary donations and your prayers, touched me deeply. Thank you. Enkosi. Baie dankie. Do please continue to give to the Pro-



vincial Disaster Fund so that we can make a difference to those who have lost everything

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Thinking of those and others who suffer in their daily lives, I dedicated honorary degrees which I recently received from Rhodes and the University of the Free State to those excluded and on margins of society. I also gave thanks to all of you and to God for having given me a voice as your Archbishop, enabling me to speak out and recommit our church to working for peace and justice. (You can find the texts of the addresses I delivered on my blog: https://archbishop.anglicanchurchsa.org/)

When you read this, it will be less than six weeks before our national and provincial elections. Please study the manifestos of the political parties, then go and vote. Then ensure that you hold to account those you have voted for, especially in ensuring a change in our socioeconomic architecture—what I describe as the New Struggle for a new society, a society in which there is equity and equality of opportunity, the kind of society in which the prom-

ises of the Constitution are fulfilled. We cannot go on like we are, with people aggrieved and struggling to meet their everyday needs—we need real socio-economic change and for all to benefit, not only those with power.

I write this as our roads are shut and those wonderful athletes run through our city, enjoying our good roads and the beautiful weather, hoping to finish, to earn a medal and celebrate their achievement. Like those runners, no one can just compete, we will also have to practise. So, I commend to you the Mission Season Bible studies as an opportunity for us to sharpen our relationship with Christ Jesus, as well as our resolve to seek his justice and peace in God's world.

Let me conclude by saying thank you to Dean Michael for his leadership and pastoral care within our diocese and cathedral. As St Paul would say about runners, well done, good and faithful servant, you have run and finished the race. Thank you for your leadership, friendship and ministry. We hope that the race is not ended for you and your beloved spouse, Dr Bennett, in public ministry.

God bless.

++ Archbishop Thabo Cape Town



Honorary Doctor of Laws for Archbishop Thabo Archbishop Thabo Makgoba receives his honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Rhodes University on 4th April 2024.

[SABC NEWS]: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba received an Honorary Doctorate (LLD) for his exemplary advocacy against corruption and the abuse of power. Vice-Chancellor Prof Sizwe Mabizela said the Archbishop is a voice of reason, dignity, and inclusivity.

Photo: Rhodes University Facebook page



The new PEO of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA), the **Revd Grant B Walters**, was licenced at the Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday, 28th March 2024 at St George's Cathedral.

Photographer: Malcolm John Overmeyer

Donation of school shoes

Bishop Joshua Louw and the diocesan Social Responsibility task team convenor, Revd Grant Damoes; together with Lay Canon Delene Mark and Melanie Pakoe of HOPE Africa visited two schools in Hout Bay to hand over new school shoes to learners.

The Revd Miseka Mapukata, St Peter's Hout Bay rector arranged the handover. Thank you to HOPE Africa for the school shoe donation.





St Andrew's Newlands joins Inclusive Church Network



St Andrew's Church, Newlands has joined the Inclusive Church Network. Inclusive Church is a network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision.

At St Andrew's, we believe God's love is inclusive of all regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, name, disability, economic status and other diversity.

God loves all of us.

The Inclusive Church statement is:

"We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of

disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which,



in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

Inclusive Church is essentially an educational organisation, promoting an inclusive interpretation of the Gospel. It is an organisation that confronts the generic problem of discrimination within the Church, and it does this by promoting an inclusive view of the Scriptures, and by appealing to the values of social justice. Inclusive Church has a strong bias towards working with partner organisations, since there is combined strength in working together, and it often produces greater insight.

By being a member of Inclusive Church, we are in a network of like-minded churches. We have access to a wide range of resources and networking opportunities to help us move forward in being a truly inclusive church.

Every month, about 20 churches are joining the network, mostly from the United Kingdom. How wonderful if we can grow the network in South Africa and we at St Andrew's encourage you to join us!

To find out more information, please visit: https://www.inclusive-church.org

Athlone Archdeaconry Sunday School Sports Day



Before COVID-19 we decided to have a sports day for the Athlone Archdeaconry Sunday School as a way to spend some fellowship with one another and our first event was a success. In December 2023, the Superintendents decided it was time to resurrect this fun event, who approached City Park Rugby Stadium Management and they graciously offered their venue to us again - Thank you Mr Lategan and Team.

Once the venue had been secured, everything fell into place, the Superintendents started planning and we could proceed with this event on 17 February 2024 which took place from 09h00 - 13h00. Our judges for the event were Ms Abigail Adams from Holy Spirit, Revd Ronald Dias from St Faith's and Revd Jennifer Swartz from St Johns - all with a background of Sunday School.

We approached Youth Impact South Africa - a community organization keeping children away from gangsterism and drugs by fighting crime through many Sports and Performing Arts Programmes. They were super excited to participate in this event. A big shout out to Jody Lees, Zoe Booysen, Shelton Phillips and Tasreek Fish - we loved having you with us and the children enjoyed the activities presented! To all those who facilitate programs for children/young people in your area, do call them for assistance. For more information, please feel free to email them via youthimpactsa@gmail.com or check out their social media pages as follows:

TikTok: @youthimpactsa Facebook: @Youth Impact SA



With St Marks, St Aidan's, St John's, Holy Nativity and St Dominc's in attendance - the event opened with prayer, the team welcomed everyone, introduced the judges and then Youth Impact SA led everyone in the Jerusalema Challenge on the field. Thereafter the games began, with egg and spoon race, obstacle courses, water sponge relay as well as 5 aside soccer.

At the closing of the event, the Cha-Cha slide challenge took place and as their take home gift - children were given medals, an energade cooldrink, niknaks and roll on from our wonderful donors.

We want to thank the following people who assisted us with the event or on the day: Mr Lategan, Fr Mike and Uncle Jack for assisting with the venue grounds, Aunty Erna for the security bands, Uncle Paul and Uncle Marcellus for the sound on the day, Aunty Sheryl for the rolls, Aunty Belinka for the water sachet donation, Uncle Graham for the take home items, Jade Africa for being the MC, Simone De Jager for being our photographer, Derrick Markgraft for assisting with parking and security, and most importantly to the parents and children for their assistance and participation in making this day enjoyable because the children did not want it to end!

Thank you to our Sunday school Chaplain - Revd Basil Davids and Aunty Linda for joining us and announcing St Dominics as the overall winner. Lastly, a HUGE THANK YOU to the Superintendents and Teachers present making this event a success.

Heres to a bigger and better event for next year!

Nadine Ross : Archdeaconry SS Chair Lorna Payne : Archdeaconry SS Secretary

Permission was given for all photographs with children







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