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Season of Mission Praise and Worship Thanksgiving Service



We will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before us, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. -Isaiah 55:12

A Diocesan Praise and Worship Service was held on the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday, 19 May 2024, at the Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel to conclude our Diocesan 'Season of Mission'. The service of Thanksgiving to God took the form of a contemporary style of worship led by the host parish's band and worshipping team.

The joyful beats invoked an appropriate flare in praising and worshipping God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. It was an absolute and fitting way to celebrate the Great Feast Day of Pentecost.

As a Diocese, we were all encouraged to make use of the season of Eastertide to renew and expound on the 5 Marks of Mission: 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 through challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation; and, to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

The material provided for the Season of Mission included information to assist with sermon preparation, liturgy, small group activities and prayers. The series also created a wonderful space for parishes to engage in ways through contemplation, debate and critique that could assist in assessing where parish life interlinks with other components



of ministry, i.e. social responsibility, evangelism, stewardship and so forth.

During the service, there was an invitation to hear some of the reflections and feedback on behalf of their respective Archdeaconries. It was exciting and encouraging to hear how the Season of Mission series impacted the lives of many.

This useful information will also assist the 'Mission Desk' to evaluate and determine the way forward on our diocesan missional aims resulting in us being stronger, committed and enthused to extend and usher in the Kingdom of God.

The prayerful ambience flowing from God's Spirit to move and lead, allowed a time for corporate and personal intercessions that brought comfort, healing and assurance that only God's Holy Spirit can bring.

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THE GOOD HOPE MAY 2024

Events and Notices

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 or Parish and Main Roads, Constantia. Tickets are R100. For more information, contact Barbara Fogarty at 082 923 2544 or email: greyladiesassn@gmail.com

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NPO "What do you have in your hands": The camp is for ladies who simply need to let themselves be free in the company of other like-minded women and let go of previous clutter. Bookings must be confirmed with R500 deposit by the end of May, and the remaining amount must be paid by the end of July. For more details to contact Celeste Bredenkamp on 083 3295 139.

THE DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN Dear Clergy resence and prayers are welcomed at The Service of Ordination 100 The Transitional Diaconate Keegan Davids and Avron Flowers Sunday 02 June 2024 DATE: TIME: 15h00 PARISH OF ST SAVIOUR , CLAREMONT AT: PREACHER: Revd Moeketsi Mototjane The Right Reverend Joshua Louw will be the ordaining Bishop and celebrant. All clergy and parishioners are encouraged to attend the diocesan ordination Hergy to robe (black cassock, surplice, red stole), chapter members are to wear copes.

EDITORIAL

In the coming days and weeks, we will be part of important changes in our country and diocese. For those eligible to vote on Wednesday, May 29th, please do so and be responsible citizens. Our country is at a turning point and those who vote can contribute to a positive future.

Our diocesan Synod will take place from June 13th to 15th. Our Synod representatives will be presented with motions to consider and elections to vote for individuals to serve in various positions and bodies in the diocese. Once again, being sensible, responsible and having foresight will ensure a successful Synod and pave the way for the next few years of implementing and working as a diocese.

We extend our best wishes to Bishop Joshua for a happy birthday and pray for God's protection over him and his family as he ministers to all in our diocese.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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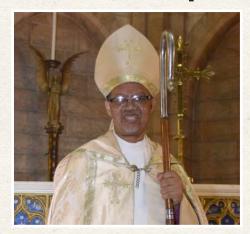
'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' (John 10:10)

Dear Friends

We have journeyed through the Great 50 days – from Easter to Pentecost – which has always been to me a period of preparation and growth for the rest of our liturgical year. As we journeyed from Easter and proclaimed that Christ is risen, we are now challenged to live this life in abundance and help others to do likewise. Remembering that we will never be able to experience abundant life until all God's people experience it, and that is what we must strive for.

Our Diocesan Soccer Tournament, now known as the Diocesan Soccer Festival, was on 1 May, Workers Day. It is just becoming bigger and better. We want to thank Reverend Basil Davids, Steven Adriaanse and George Cozett for years of committed service to make the tournament to what it is today. This year, they also brought on board some younger members, whom we are confident will take this festival to even greater heights. The fellowship and camaraderie experienced on the day makes us all proud to be part of this diocesan family and therefore winners. We want to congratulate the Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel, who were crowned winners of the under 14 and Youth competition. Well done! I know that our organizing team are already busy planning for something bigger and better which might go beyond the soccer festival as we know it now. Watch this space!

Our **Season of Mission** was from Easter to Pentecost and we want to thank Reverend Shaun and the Mission Team for preparing the liturgical and Bible Study material for us. I hope that all parishes were able to engage with it in one way or another. We've 'concluded' this step of our journey with a Praise and Worship service on the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday, Judging from the sharing of Archdeaconry repre-



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sentatives it was clear that people valued the initiative and are looking forward to more Bible Studies, etc. Please send your comments to Reverend Shaun so that the team can work on the way forward.

Our National and Provincial elections are days away and we are asking you to pray for a free and fair election. Please familiarize yourselves with the voting ballots, because, unlike other elections, when we had two ballot papers, National and Provincial, this time there will be three, an added Regional ballot. The regional ballot ensures that all provinces are represented in the National Assembly. This year, for the first time, we will also have independent candidates contesting. Please make it your civil duty to find out more and educate others before the elections. Let us make this election a topic of earnest prayer as we are aware of the potential chaos, which we don't want. Our vote must be able to steer our country in the right direction away from poverty, joblessness, lack of infrastructure, lawlessness, etc. to a land of freedom, prosperity, quality education, good infrastructure, equal opportunities, justice for all and true democracy. Your vote can make that difference, so please go and vote on 29 May 2024.

On Sunday, 2 June we will be gathering at St Saviours', Claremont to participate in the **diaco**-

nal ordination service of Keegan Davids and Avron Flowers. Please keep them in prayer as they will be on retreat from Wednesday 29 May to Sunday, 2 June 2024. Pray also for Reverend Moeketsi Motojane, our retreat conductor and preacher. Keegan will serve as deacon at St Saviour's, Claremont and Avron at St Cyprian's, Retreat.

Every three years the diocese gathers in Synod to reflect on the last 3 years and to discern the will of God for us as we move forward. This is a very important gathering for us as **Diocesan Synod** is the highest decision-making body in our diocese and all parishes and clergy are represented there. We ask for your earnest prayers as we will meet from 13-15 June 2024 at St Cyprian's, Retreat. The opening service is on Thursday, 13 June at 19h00 and it is open to everyone to attend. So be there. The first Agenda book is with your parish representatives so feel free to peruse the matters that we will be dealing with.

Our theme is: **"WITNESSING TO AND WORKING TOWARDS GOD'S NEW**

CREATION". We have sent the Synod Prayer to all parishes, so make sure that it is part of your daily prayers as well as your parish corporate prayers whenever you meet.

Please prayer for **Revd Philip Donald**, now assistant at Resurrection, Bonteheuwel as he will be instituted as the next rector of the Parish of All Saints, Lansdowne and the Chapelry of St Patrick's, Crawford. The service is on Saturday, 1 June at 2pm at All Saints, Lansdowne.

Please pray for **Revd Jeremy Smith**, on his appointment as Diocesan Young People's Ministry chaplain. Also, keep in prayer the appointment process of our next YPM convenor as we are busy with the final interviews before making the appointment.

So friends, we have much to give God thanks for and we are also confident that God will bless us as we reach out to bring about his kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. God Bless! +Joshua Louw Table Bay

Diocese of Cape Town

Happy Birthday Bishop Joshua Louw

May the Lord bestow upon you the gifts of the Holy Spirit as you lead His Church with wisdom, patience and love, serving as His faithful servant.

23rd May 2024





The **Revd Kevin David** was licensed and instituted as rector of St Aidan's Lansdowne, on 24th April 2024, by Bishop Joshua Louw.

Fellowship of Vocation (FOV) retreat

As a member of the Fellowship of Vocation, I had the privilege of attending a retreat from Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May at Christian Brothers Centre in Stellenbosch.

During this time, we had the opportunity to explore spirituality through the lens of various saints, their spiritual practices and the reasons behind their canonization.

The weekend was a transformative experience that offered 3 key aspects:

1. Self reflection and meditation, allowing us to ponder what we had learnt and how it applies to our lives.

2. Corporate worship - including morning and evening prayer as well as a midday Eucharist

3. Fellowship - which we experienced during delicious meals, collaborative cleanup efforts and informal socializing that enabled us to get to know each other on a deeper level.

In summary, I would describe the retreat as a weekend of learning, growth and most importantly drawing closer to God and each other.

The weekend culminated in a Eucharist service at St George's Cathedral in Cape Town, where Revd Dr Munta Isaacs delivered a powerful sermon on the ongoing crisis in Palestine. He expressed his gratitude for our love and support, emphasizing the need for continued compassion, love and action to resolve this situation.



I would like to extend a huge thank you to our wardens, Revds Natalie, Reeva and Mark for their dedication and guidance throughout the retreat ensuring its success.

Photograph: FOV Candidates outside the meditation room.

- Pamela Sims All Saints, Plumstead

Revd Munther Isaac vists South Africa



Kairos Southern Africa, the Revd Grant Walters, Provincial Executive Officer, and the Revd Mcebisi Pinyana, chaplain to the Archbishop.

Pastor Isaac made headlines last Christmas with his sermon in Bethelem: https://youtu.be/Md_hw_A-ols?si=YkFAhyoIP0XZE5Ix

On Sunday May 5, he preached in St George's Cathedral, Cape Town: https://youtu.be/BaGeWw2kWqg?si=Kr-BtAQ2YzvUBctD

Photographer: The Revd Abigail Hopley

The Revd Munther Isaac of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, Palestine, visited South Africa earlier this month, on what he calls "my own spiritual pilgrimage".

On a visit to Bishopscourt in Cape Town, he was blessed by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba and, from left, the Revd Edwin Arrison, General Secretary of Season of Mission service from page 1: The service concluded with participants making 'The Charge of Commitment and Dedication to Mission' to which all responded with refuelled eager and thrill in the words: "With God's help, we will!" The time has dawned where the church has to desperately love, relentlessly drive forgiveness and be the agent of transformation in a world that may not know it, but undeniably needs it.

- the Revd Yougandree Moodley - Photographer: Kazlin Abrahamse





Confirmation workshop at Christ Church Constantia

On Saturday 20 April a workshop, held at Christ Church Constantia, provided an open and enriching platform for young individuals to explore and discuss complex topics surrounding human sexuality, gender and sex. With participants from Church of the Reconciliation, Manenberg, St Philip the Deacon, Woodstock and Christ Church, Constantia, the event fostered dialogue, understanding and mutual respect among attendees from diverse backgrounds.

The primary objective of the workshop was to facilitate a safe and inclusive space where confirmation candidates could gain a deeper understanding of human sexuality, gender identities and the biological aspects of sex. Through a series of interactive sessions, group discussions and expert-led presentations, participants were encouraged to ask questions, share personal experiences and challenge preconceived notions. The workshop succeeded in creating an inclusive and non-judgmental environment where participants felt comfortable expressing their thoughts, feelings and questions without fear of stigma or discrimination.

Thank you to Jade Africa from Holy Nativity Hazendal who assisted us as a presenter and facilitator. Revd Glynis Rhodes for her session on values and Revd Melvin Booysen for his presence and support. We look forward to host more of these dialogue spaces where we can engage in robust conversations and provide a platform for young people to express themselves and have the "tough conversations."

- Revd Jeremy Smith









Diocesan College Founders Day celebrating its 175th



Who is the bishop sitting behind Bishop Joshua Louw? It is Bishop Robert Gray, the first bishop of the Diocese of Cape Town who came back in 1848 to be present at the Founder's Day Assembly of Diocesan College Rondebosch, in its celebration of 175 years.

Bishop Gray was interviewed by two Pre-prep boys who asked what inspired him to start their school, and what impressed him about the school today.

Have a look at: bobcommin.blog for poetry, spirituality, storytelling reflections - Revd Bob Commin



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Ad Laos to the people of God

As Bishop Joshua wrote last month, Diocesan Synod is

around the corner, and we ask for your prayers as the clergy and lay representatives of all the parishes in the Diocese gather from the 13 to 15 June.

Synod is a time for clergy, laity and bishops to come together and take counsel on the needs of God's church. We look at theological, pastoral and spiritual matters that should help us govern the church together for the next three years. We change our laws (the Canons) and pass resolutions to enable church order as well as to make our Diocese safe and inclusive.

Synod is marked by open and robust discussions in plenary, small Bible study groups and a "conference of synod", in which the strict rules of procedure are set aside to enable us to have a more free-ranging conversation.

At this Synod, we will be revisiting our resolution of some years ago supporting pastoral ministry to church members in same-sex civil unions and agreeing on the path forward on this sensitive matter. It has been interesting to read a recent take on the draft prayers for those in civil unions which have been compiled for the Synod of Bishops, and which I published for comment last month.

The Living Church, an independent American journal which tends to be on the conservative side, describes them as "eclectic" and suggests how unusual it is to see drafts which reflect different sides of this contested debate. I urge you to read the prayers before Synod, at: https://anglicanchurchsa.org/archbishop-urgesanglicans-to-study-draft-prayers-for-ministryto-same-sex-couples/ If you want to read the detailed description which The Living Church has published, you can do so at: https://livingchurch.org/2024/05/09/eclectic-prayers-forsame-sex-south-african-couples/

At the beginning of the month, I spent a week in Rome with other leaders of the world's Anglican churches for a meeting of the Primates



of the Communion. It was the first time we had met there and apart from having rich engagements with Roman Catholic leaders, we undertook pilgrimages to places such as the sites at which St Paul was martyred and where he was interred. A particular highlight was meeting again with Pope Francis. You can find a communique from the meeting on our Provincial website, at https://anglicanchurchsa. org.

I have just come back from the sesquicentennial celebrations of the Diocesan School for Girls in Makhanda. It was a delightful time indeed to be with Lungi back at the high school she attended – and where I first met her when I was preaching there as a student at what is now the College of the Transfiguration! In the sermon, I posed the question that has resurfaced in our country's media: Can politics and God mix? I argued that, based on the church's involvement in bringing down apartheid, it's our civic duty for every one of us to vote.

Now, as people of faith, we must make this country work in order to bring about equality and security for all. If you have the energy, I wrote a piece on "Politics and the Church— Acting Incarnationally" in the Journal of Anglican Studies some years ago. It is not a heavy read but reminds us of God in Jesus Christ who breathed the air that we breath and walked on earth while yet divine.

Please continue to pray for an end to the killings, violence and destruction of war everywhere, and especially in Gaza, the West Bank and the Sudan. And of course, go out and vote on 29th May 2024!

God bless. ++ Archbishop Thabo Cape Town





Communiqué from the Rome Meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion

https://anglicanchurchsa.org/communique-from-the-rome-meeting-of-the-primates-of-the-anglican-communion/

Mandy Hale

130th Celebration of the Church Lads and Girls Brigade

On Saturday 27 April 2024, the 4 regiments gathered at Vygieskraal for a fun-filled Sports Day.

This event was hosted by the Regiment of Saldanha Bay under the leadership of Colonel Roslin Williams and Lt. Colonel Eugene Isaacs, together with their Regimental Chaplains, Canon Dominic Van Staden and Revd Nino Julius. There has been a lot of excitement in the build up to this event as Brigade members, parents and supporters travelled from as far as Knysna to attend.

We were graced by the Bishop of Table Bay, Bishop Joshua Louw, our Regimental Chaplains Revd Richard Dunsdon and Revd Ronald Dias. Greetings were sent from Bishop Stafford Moses and the Regimental Chaplain, Revd Arthur Stephens from the George Regiment. Revd Richard Dunsdon and the Parish of St Augustine Lotus River hosted the Regiment of George for the weekend. They attended the Mass on Sunday. We thank God for their hospitality, it was much appreciated.

It was good to have fellowship with the Regiments of Cape Town, Saldanha Bay, False Bay and George. Our young people and the 'young at heart' participated in the track and field events.

Novelty races included egg and spoon, sack and boot and lace. The spontaneous response from the crowds did much for the excitement of our little ones and, more especially, the older ones (Chaplains and Colonels) which added a lovely flavour to the day's events.

A big thumbs up goes to Lt Colonel Eugene Isaacs and HOD Clarence Jacobian de Klerk. Our officers, members, parents and supporters from the respective regiments were extremely grateful for being part of this event. Thank you for your hospitality towards the staff and reserve-list members.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Service at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 8 September 2024. This will be hosted by the Regiment of Cape Town. Then we will fill the streets with music and marching and give praise to God for blessing our organisation for 130 years in South Africa.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Together we can fight the good fight of faith.

-Colonel Desiree Williams Regiment of False Bay





A Prayer for Diocesan Synod

Creator God, as we gather for this Diocesan Synod and celebrate your presence amongst us, inspire us with your Word and Sacraments,

to renew your creation by striving for peace with justice in bringing about your healing and wholeness to your church and world.

we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord.

who now lives and reigns with you, our Creator and with the Spirit, the source of all life. Amen.

13th-15th June 2024 | Church of St Cyprian Retreat

67th Session of Diocesan Synod

Theme: Witnessing to and working towards God's new creation"

The Diocesan Synod pray was sent out to all parishes to be shared with parishioners and published on all communication platforms.

We continue to keep the manager of Synod, the Ven Terry Lester and the Advisory Committee in our prayers, leading up to Synod and while in session.

Diocesan Soccer Tournament 2024

Junior Section

Youth Section

Wynberg

Nikita Green

Around April each year excitement begins to brew around the Diocese of Cape Town as Parish Churches from all corners of our beloved Diocese get ready for our annual Football Festival. Boots are dusted off, kit last used a year ago, gets prepped and the WhatsApp group is abuzz as players and supporters begin their journey towards the Chukker Road Sports Complex for a day of fun, friendship and football.

We have been at this for over 2 decades now, growing in innovation, support and numbers over the years. We remain thankful for the ingenuity of Revd Grant Damoes who, as the Diocesan Youth Worker at the time, brought this idea to life. And over the last 15 years Revd Basil Davids and his team of Steven Adriaanse and George Cozett have been colossal and steadfast in growing this humble tournament into what it has become. This year our festivities began with a launch event on the evening of the 25th April for coaches, captains and rectors of participating teams - it was a very inspiring evening acknowledging the history of the tournament and forging ahead into a new chapter. Ben Marais (National Director of Ambassadors Football South Africa) reminded us that as the church, we have the responsibility to be the Body of Christ in the world and sport provides us a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact in our communities. "We don't just coach football, we coach life!" said Ben Marais.

The Festival proper was hosted on Wednesday 1 May. This year we had 21 teams participating in the youth section and 8 teams in the Junior section; we had over 1000 people in attendance, supporting and cheering on their local Church. Our host Church for the day was St. Simons Hout bay, who cooked up a tapestry of deliciousness in the food court and all those who frequented left with big smiles. The gazebos and picnic chairs were out and you could hear the cheers reverberating through Kenwyn as teams challenged each other for the coveted prize. Even though only a few teams got trophies, friendship and community was the day's big winner as people walked away having caught up with old friends and also making new ones.

The day ended fittingly with a closing ceremony that honoured the

legacy of Revd Basil Davids by instituting an award in his name - given to the coach of the festival who best models service, dedication and commitment.

Our Team Awards were as follows:

Youth Section

Gold: Church of the Resurrection, Bontehuewel Sliver: St John's Church, Wynberg Bronze: St George's, Silvertown

Junior Section

Gold: Church of the Resurrection, Bontehuewel Silver: St Mark's, Athlone

Team of the tournament: St. Mary Magdalene, Gugulethu

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Our Individual awards were as follows:

GK: Nicholas Ehrenreich - St Mark's, Athlone

GK: Yive Sikyewiwe St Mary Magdalene, Gugulethu

Best Player: Aluve Jalamba - St Columba, Gugulethu

Best Player: Zara Andrews - Church of the Resurrection, Bontehuewel

Basil Davids Coach of the Tournament: Angelo Hannival - St John's,









