Launch Service for Stewardship Campaign
‘A way of life’

Sunday 4th October 2015, was another ‘wow’ moment when the family of the Diocese of Cape Town gathered at St George’s Cathedral for the launch of our Stewardship Campaign for 2015. The service started with praise and worship led by the St Aidan’s worship team. Other participants included a student chorale from the Fezeka High School from Guguletu as well as music by the Jazz Yard Academy from Bonteheuwel.

The service was both a celebration of our varied gifts and talents that God bestowed upon us as a Diocese as well as a thanksgiving ceremony for what God has done for us in our parishes. To enhance the theme of Thanksgiving, we requested parishes to bring a poster or collage of the outreach and stewardship programmes which already exist in parishes.

We were delighted by a recorded message of support by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba who could not be present due to prior commitments. Heartwarming words of welcome by the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Revd Michael Weeder, as well as an encouraging and inspiring message by the Bishop of Table Bay, the Rt Revd Garth Counsell, left us in high spirits. Bishop Garth emphasized the importance of stewardship as a way of life rather than ‘just another programme.’

Towards the end of the service at the ceremony of Commitment, each Archdeacon representing their Archdeaconry as well as an organization and institution representative lit a candle and together with the congregation, made a pledge of their gifts, talents and duties towards the Mission of the Church. To demonstrate our commitment, it was decided that the collection taken would be donated towards the Cathedral Roof Fund. The Diocesan Stewardship forum would like to thank all who helped, supported and participated.

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Editorial

In conversation I was given the following advice: “You get what you need and not what you want” It’s difficult to accept but sometimes common sense prevails. God has a plan for all of us - we need to trust and follow Him. He is faithful.

In my October editorial I stated that I normally take a pause at this time of the year to reflect, reminisce and recharge. In all honesty the month has not allowed me to do this and I’m taking strain. Hence the words “You get what you need and not what you want” run through my mind all the time.

And so, I pass these words on to you... If you want to be happy, be grateful for what you have not what you lack.

Love and Light, Rebecca

EVENTS AND NOTICES

ANGLICAN STUDENTS
ANHOUSE: St Paul’s AnHouse is a small residence (only 12 rooms) owned by the Diocese and for UCT students, located just off Middle Campus. We expect to have a few vacancies for Feb 2016. If you are an Anglican and will be attending UCT in 2016, you are welcome to email wardenhouse@hotmail.com to ask for an application form, which has further details.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS
PARISH SNACK DANCE: St John’s Crawford will host the above at the Athlone Civic Centre on 13th November 2015. The band in attendance will be the Strand Combo and the cost is R100 per ticket. Bring your own xyz and platter. For more information contact the parish office at 021 697 4956 or June Barnes at 072 690 1322.

UCT BIG BAND: Christ the King Claremont will be hosting the above on Friday 6th November 2015 at R100 a ticket. For more information contact Sharon Christians at 083 383 1760.

ANNUAL PARISH FETE: All Saints Plumstead invites you to the above on 7th November 2015 from 09h00. There will be a few stalls for hire, please contact Verona at the parish office on 021 797 4176 for more information.

BINGO AFTERNOON: The Athlone Archdeaconry Pastoral Care division will host the above on Saturday 7th November 2015 at Holy Nativity church hall, Hazendal. Booklets cost R25 and refreshments will be on sale. Bring your friends and family along for a fun filled afternoon. For more information contact Felicia Weitz at 072 268 1350.

BUS TRIP TO CARMEL: from 27th April 2016 - 1 May 2016 at R3150 per person. Non refundable deposit of R600 to secure booking. Please contact Tanya / Kevin Gallagher on 083 633 2864 (Tanya) 084 333 2864 (Kevin).

LITURGY AND WORKSHOPS
SONGS OF FELLOWSHIP: St Saviour’s Claremont choir is in need of twenty copies of Songs of Fellowship in reasonable condition. They are willing to pay for it. They also require a copy of Daily Prayers by Eric Milner White. Please contact Mr Alan Clapp at 021 671 8045 or 083 339 4465 if you are able to assist.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel, are running a Christian School from 18th October - 22nd November 2015. The school offers seven modules. These seven courses will be offered concurrently at a cost of R50 each. To register or for more information contact the parish office at 021 694 5362 or email resurrection@telkomsa.net

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Proverbs 1:7
“Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”
Dear friends: This edition of Good Hope contains several noteworthy contributions which I encourage you to read and reflect on thoughtfully. I draw particular attention to our Archbishop’s columns which again highlight his strong and courageous leadership at the level of both Church and society. May it also provide real fuel for your prayers.

CLERGY PILGRIMAGE TO ROBBEN ISLAND: In place of the cancelled annual Clergy Formation Week a group of 30 plus clergy participated in a one day Pilgrimage to Robben Island on 13 October. Apart from the camaraderie and fellowship enjoyed by participants, the experience proved to be informative and very moving for most, even if one had been to the Island before. Walking the Island instead of “sight-seeing” from the comfort of a bus added greatly to the experience. The programme facilitated and led by Dean Michael Weeder, was based on a pilgrimage “liturgy” that had been devised for such visits over a period by some present and past cathedral members and staff.

COLLEGE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: Towards the end of September I travelled to Grahamstown for my annual visitation to spend time with our diocesan ordinands. This was a particularly positive and useful time during which I was able to engage in depth with the new rector, Dr. Vicentia Kgabe and her staff concerning our students and the college itself. Our candidates, Chesnay Frantz (final year), Jenny Govender and Masakhanye Mawumengwana (2nd year), and Notomba Ntuli-Kamana (1st year) are all doing well and keeping the Cape Town flag flying high. Please pray for them and their families regularly. The continuing transformation of Transfiguration as an institution of learning and formation for future clergy and leaders of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and beyond is, I believe, progressing steadily. There is still a way to go towards realising the full vision for CoTT. This will only be achieved through the dedicated support, encouragement and prayers of our entire Province as a whole.

The financial needs of the college remain a challenge. I therefore urge all of our parishes as the ultimate beneficiaries of well-trained clergy, to respond with support, encouragement and prayers of our entire Province as a whole. This edition of Good Hope contains several noteworthy contributions which I encourage you to read and reflect on thoughtfully. I draw particular attention to our Archbishop’s columns which again highlight his strong and courageous leadership at the level of both Church and society. May it also provide real fuel for your prayers.

CLERGY NEWS: The Revd Denzall Snell, Rector of St Mary’s Tristan da Cunha, and his wife Sinyati returned to the mainland in mid-October for a holiday with their respective families in Johannesburg and Tanzania. They are happy and doing very well and return to Tristan at the end of January. My 2016 schedule includes a pastoral visit to them and the island community after Easter next year. The Revd Michael Bester, Distinctive Deacon, was licensed to the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr on 4 October. The Revd Marcus Slingers, Deacon, was licensed to the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr on 6th December.

CONGRATULATIONS to The Revd Sharon De Vos and Clive Francke on their recent marriage. Also to Archbishop Emeritus Desmond and Mama Leah Tutu who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and both their birthdays. Our love and prayers continue to go out to them.

We also GIVE THANKS to God for Bishop Emeritus Charles Albertyn’s discharge following an extended hospital stay after the serious health setback he suffered. We continue to pray for his steady recovery, and for Mrs Albertyn, also experiencing health challenges.

The Athlone Archdeaconry held their annual retreat at the Cappuchin Convent in Swellendam from 31 August to 4 September 2015. We were 11 retreatants with Canon Rowan Smith as our conductor. The surroundings and atmosphere of the convent provided us with serenity, peace and quietness for a spiritual experience that we all found so stimulating and refreshing.

It was a good balance of silence, rest and reflection – as the classical devotional services put it, eat well and sleep well! The day would start in silence, and we had three daily addresses which were followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at mid-day. The three thought provoking addresses were

The I am who calls you; I am the light of the world; I am the Good Shepherd. Evening prayer preceded supper and after supper we had three evenings of creative reflection and discussion namely: Reclaiming our Anglican Church Schools - an alternate educational model; The church’s stance on same sex unions; The future of the distinctive deaconate. Probables topics for our Bishop Forums for 2016?

Coming from this retreat we as retreatants can honestly say that we have the courage to face the soul searching questions facing our various ministries in the present time - Who am I ? Who is He? Where am I going...
Stewardship Education at Holy Redeemer Sea Point

Sunday, October 4, 2015 was the launch of the first Diocesan Stewardship Campaign. The Church of the Holy Redeemer, Sea Point began the stewardship campaign on the same day with group discussions and Bible study session in place of Sunday readings, sermon, Nicene Creed and prayers.

This will continue throughout the month of October and November until Christ the King Sunday. The approach is to deepen the congregation’s knowledge and understanding of stewardship as a way of life. Through the leadership of the Assisting Priest in Charge, the Revd Dr Michael Twum-Darko, selected individuals were trained as bible study facilitators to lead the discussions and the bible studies. The discussions, studies and dialogue are based on the content of the Diocesan Stewardship Programme 2015.

The groups consisted of the older and the younger generations having open discussions to broaden their understanding of stewardship and using the Word of God to join the dots to establish the culture of giving and service to God in the parish. Throughout the discussions it was evident that the parish is enthusiastic and ready to serve as a united congregation. To serve one another and support one another against the tides of materialism, envy, individualism, generational differences and greed. The discussions were buzzing with openness and there is was a renewed commitment to use the spiritual gifts according to 1 Peter 4:10..."serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God’s diverse gifts." The discussions and bible study took 45 minutes after which the groups converged to share the peace. The service then continued as normal.

We are indeed grateful to the stewardship committee and Father Michael for bringing new life into the Church of God.

- Mokgadi Matsetela

St Cyprian’s Langa celebrates their heritage

St Cyprian’s Langa under the rector Zwelibanzi Antoni is a remarkable church with a fascinating history.

On the 27th of September the church celebrated their heritage where all the congregants were required to wear traditional attire. This vibrant service was conducted by the youth with their soulful singing.

The sermon by Reverend Zwelibanzi Antoni was powerful and spoke to people’s hearts. The sermon encouraged the congregants to use the gift that God gave them wisely and not to look down on each other but rather uplift each other.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”- Mark 9:50

The service continued with joyous praising where the youth led the congregants with a lot of singing and dancing. Indeed God was present during the service. His spirit was amongst us. We thank Him for blessing the church with the ability to do everything together and at peace.

The service ended with a fellowship tea where the congregants were grouped according to their birth month where they had the opportunity to get to know more about each other.

The Heritage Sunday was a very joyful and auspicious event.

To God be the Glory.
St Cyprian’s Retreat celebrated its Patronal service

On 13th September 2015, we welcomed Father George Wyngaardt, our preacher and child of our church way back in the 70’s and 80’s. He was accompanied by his wife Jennifer.

The message he left us with was that we need to start our Christian life as Cyprian did. Cyprian taught that a Christian cannot have God as his/her Father if he/she does not have the Church as his/her mother. For the church is the body of Christ, as the two goes hand in hand.

We give God all praises and glory for blessing us abundantly with talent from our congregation during our Patronal Festival week.

Our Sunday school also rendered an item with their teachers.

- Craig Petersen

St Philip’s the Deacon hosts Bazaar and introduces Kids Ministry programme

Kids Ministry is an after school activity which brings children in the District Six and Springfield Terrace area together. Every Wednesday from 15h30 - 16h30, the Lydia Centre is filled with cheerful banter of children. The aim of the programme is Christian based but the programme offers much more to its attendees. Young children from the age of 3-12 years are ecstatic about the ministry as they look to redirect the way kids are taught about religion by doing it through more fun filled activities and interaction between the kids.

Chantall Fombe is the coordinator of this programme and spends time focusing on teaching these kids about the word of God, team building and having respect for one another. To help the programme strive in the community parents are urged to send their children to Kids Ministry and the community who have spare time on a Wednesday are asked to volunteer to assist Chantall with the growing number of children.

For more information stop by the Lydia Centre on a Wednesday at the given time and speak to Chantall.

St Philip the Deacon hosted its church bazaar on Saturday, 26 September 2015. The annual event took place at the Lydia Centre in District Six which brought the church and the community together.

The Lydia Centre was filled with excitement. Jayden Pypers, age 9, who is from the community of Springfield Terrace said it was her very first time at a bazaar. The Bazaar convenor Charmaine Abrahams said “the aim of this event was to raise funds for the church. St Philip the Deacon has a small congregation but the support is always tremendous”. On behalf of St Philip the Deacon we would like to thank everyone for their support.

– Charmaine Abrahams

“Surely there is a reward for the righteousness; surely He is God who judges in the earth.” Psalm 58:11
To the Laos: to the People of God

I write with great excitement this month about the recently-launched Stewardship Campaign. I had a prior engagement to join the Diocese of Matlosane to celebrate their 25th anniversary, so could not attend the launch at the Cathedral, but everyone who has given me feedback is positive and encouraged at the potential of the process.

You will recall that we have spoken of the need for a special focus on stewardship and giving for many years, and established a stewardship team in the Diocese. We now also have a resource handbook, developed with our neighbouring dioceses, that will guide us theoretically and practically. If you missed the launch, I suggest you order the material for your parish or organisation and then ask the stewardship team to “re-launch” in your archdeaconry. I am happy to say that the Province is so impressed with the resources that we have developed that it has endorsed the use of the material throughout the Church in Southern Africa and will translate and adapt for use in all dioceses. Congratulations to all involved, and also to the Warehouse for their exciting resource books for stewardship. We now have material from which to choose, so please use them for your own spiritual development.

As I write, I have just carried out confirmations at the Church of the Resurrection in Bonteheuwel, and am scheduled after this column goes to press to go to St George’s, Silvertown. The service in Bonteheuwel was inspiring: I left feeling that the congregation takes the liturgy and worship seriously and uses their talents to nurture one another and to anchor those committed to God’s mission; and that they are willing to be sent as transformed parishioners to share the love of Christ in a difficult context.

By the time you read this article, I will be travelling to the United States for the installation of Bishop Michael Curry of North Carolina as the new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Please pray for him, for our global church and especially for our stewardship of this special gift that we have been endowed with, the Anglican Communion. When the Son of Man returns, may he find faith in it. (Luke 18:8)

God bless you,
+Thabo Cape Town

Cape Town religious community marches against corruption

Stewardship of our time

Representatives of the South African mining sector, civil society and faith communities met at my invitation on 9th October 2015 at Bishopscourt to discuss the future of the industry in South Africa.

The meeting, which we called a “Day of Courageous Conversations,” was the first step in South Africa along a journey which began at the Vatican two years ago, when the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace hosted a Day of Reflection in September 2013. It continued with an Ecumenical Day of Reflection at Lambeth Palace in London, hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the President of the British Methodist Conference, and more recently another Day of Reflection at the Vatican.

In this process, mining industry leaders are seeking to reposition the sector as one that can be a partner for long-term sustainable development with host communities and governments. A key outcome of the global-level discussions held so far has been a recognition that the dialogue needs to be replicated at a local level in regions and countries where mining is an integral part of the socio-economic fabric.

To begin the conversations in South Africa, I agreed to host the meeting and to invite leaders from the mining industry – including both management and labour – to join representatives from the faith communities, civil society and government for a day of conversations.

About 60 participants were encouraged to share their perspectives and to hear those of others about what is needed to chart a different way forward for how the mining industry contributes to South Africa’s future.

We shared a commitment to seek collaborative solutions to the problems which threaten the sustainability of mining and the communities in which mines operate. I have every hope that the process which the discussion initiates will lead to action to develop creative new models of working constructively together. - +Thabo Makgoba

Hundreds carried posters protesting against corruption. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba was one of those who addressed the crowd at the end of the march, outside Parliament and the Presidency in Cape Town.
Jerry Giraffe Sunday School Training Workshop

Fikelela Aids Project and partner Think Twice hosted a one day - Jerry Giraffe Sunday School Training Workshop on Saturday 19th September 2015 – The programme is strongly recommended for our Sunday school teachers to bring awareness around child abuse issues that is so rife in our society. As a Church we have a responsibility to teach our little ones what is good and what is bad for them and no matter how little they are, they are special to us and even more special in God’s sight. The ten fun filled lessons teach our children that they are special and how they should treat others with kindness, teaching them body pride and what to do when faced with potential abuse. Another strong focus is on issues of HIV/Aids. Basic facts on HIV/Aids, how it is transmitted and how to keep him/herself safe from infections. This section aims to challenge the stigma we face around HIV/Aids and build a generation who is able to accept those around them that are infected and affected by the Aids pandemic. Each of the Life skill Lessons is combined with a child friendly Bible story. The programme builds important foundations for our children’s self esteem, helping them to make good choices.

Teachers that attended the workshop were from St Cyprian’s Langa, All Saints Muizenberg, St Alban’s Goodwood and St Columba Guguletu. Teachers also received a resource pack with visuals to which children re- respond well very. Much Loved Jerry – is the Persona doll that visits through- out the ten lessons and the children look forward to seeing him every week in Sunday school. Allow me to share some of the feedback we received after the training session from some of the teachers. “We will definitely be implementing some of the lessons at our Sunday school camp” – “Can’t wait to start and make Sunday School a more fun place for little ones” – “What a fun way to incorporate discipline with allot of children” - “Thank the Diocese for equipping us with new materials to add to our lessons”.

If you would like to know more about the next training session, please contact Mildred Jutzen 0834439641 or jutzenm@ctdiocese.org.za or contact Natasha 021 4693775 or fikelela@office.co.za

Letter from the newly elected minister Provincial

The Revd Dr. Michael Twum-Darko tssf, a servant of Christ, to the belov- ed brothers and sisters in the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis of the African Province, other ProVINces, the Anglican Communion and beyond; may the grace, mercy, and peace of Christ Jesus our Saviour be with you all. I am indeed humbled and honoured to be elected and in- stalled as your Minister Provincial at the 2015 APTOC in Port Elizabeth on Friday 2 October 2015. I thank you all for your continuous support for the Order and in particular, the Bishop Protector of the African Province - Most Revd. Dr. Daniel Yinkah Sarfo, the Primate and Metropolitan of the Province of West Africa (excluding Nigeria), the Archbishop of Ghana and the Bishop of Kumasi who presided over the election process. This could not have come at a better time than on the eve of St Fran- cis’ death celebration on Saturday 3 October 2015. Taking over this role from the late Rev. Fr. Nolan Tobias (of blessed memory) and the strong support from you all, represents an important new phase in the history of the African Province. My leadership comes at a pivotal time in the Province, as the Order seeks ways forward in light of numerous challenges – socially, economically and po- litically - confronting the society and the Church of God. Working with the Provincial and Regional Guardians, the African Province will continue to discern a new relationship with the society where we will earnestly and tirelessly redefine its place and identity in light of the reality of an increasingly multi-religious society, break down of law and order, moral degeneration and total disregard of God’s creation. The question is, “have the societies we live in today got a future?” A call to Francisian is a call to live the Gospel; a life to love not only our neighbours but all God’s crea- tors. St. Francis loved Christ so much so that he tried to imitate Him and in one of his writings said “We must hold fast to the words, the life, the teaching and the Holy Gospel of our Lord…” I therefore urge you, brothers and sisters in Christ, to continue to facilitate Christian education (Hosea 4:6) in the context of the life of St. Francis in your regions and local groups around sensi- tive issues of moral discernment (Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 5:1-2). May God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour bless, guide and prosper you on your jour- ney towards deeper relationship with your Creator.

Pace e Bene  Vrede en Welwillendheid  Ukuthula Noxolo

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Psalm 60:12

“Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall tread down our enemies.”
All Saints Lansdowne parish class excursion

Our day started with a quick visit to Bishopscourt, where the Archbishop of Cape Town lives. We met the Chief of Staff, the Revd Jerome Francis. Unfortunately we had to leave in a rush and were not able to see much.

We then moved on to the Diocesan Administrative offices where we were given an extensive tour by Aunty Marlene Cozett, who is the Executive Secretary to the Bishop of Table Bay and Dean of Studies.

She showed us Bishop Garth’s office and introduced us to all who assist with the smooth running of the administration in the diocese. We met Revd Richard Cogill, the Dean of Studies and Rebecca Malambo, the Communications Manager and Good Hope Editor.

Our next stop was St George’s Cathedral. Two ladies took us on an interesting tour which lasted almost two hours. We had the opportunity of sitting in all the chapels within the Cathedral and hearing the interesting history of all the stained glass windows, special sections and also special tiles dedicated to people who built the Cathedral as we know it today. The labyrinth was explained in detail to us, and our tour ended with a lunch time Said Mass conducted by The Revd Canon Rowan Smith. We ended our day with lunch at the V & A Waterfront, exhausted from the all interesting information; and agreeing that we are a part of an interesting and vast historical background from which we can grow stronger if we reach out and learn more.

Thank you to all who made this day possible.

- 2015 Confirmation Class of All Saints and St Patrick’s Church Lansdowne

A call to be the best - St Dominic’s Exam Sunday service

To counteract the high failure rate in schools in Hanover Park, the parish established a unique way to motivate school children to become successful in their endeavors and to end their year of education on a high. It is especially aimed at the matrics who would be completing their school career in a couple of weeks’ time.

A call was made, inviting all children to wear their school uniform, not excluding the rector, who wore a school tie for most of the service. The service was devoted to encouraging the learners to do their best in the time available to them and to change the statistics from failure to success, to focus on the last lap to their final exams.

- Jacques Jefthas

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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Psalm 103:5

“He wraps you in goodness - beauty eternal. He renews your youth - you’re always young in His presence.”