Mandela Day, 67 minutes clean-up in Nyanga

On a very cold Saturday morning, on Madiba’s birthday (18 July 2015), Archbishop Thabo Makgoba partnering with Holy Cross Nyanga and Green Anglicans honoured the late President, Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Mandela Day 67 minutes, a symbolic act of public service, was combined with Archbishop Thabo’s campaign against inequality and to conserve the environment. This campaign was welcomed by the Archdeacon of Ibongoletu - the Ven Mzolisi Mpambani as well as Priest in Charge of Holy Cross Nyanga - the Revd Ernest Mototjane. They were accompanied by parishioners and the youth - AYF who were the driving force behind this campaign. The Holy Cross Nyanga AYF with the Motale Trust later distributed socks for homeless people and delivered soup and bread in celebration of Mandela Day.

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EVENTS AND NOTICES

AGM / MEETINGS
The Grey Ladies Association: Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Grey Ladies Association will be held at St Saviour’s Parish Hall, Brooke Street, Claremont, on Monday 7 September 2015 at 17h00 for 17h30. Cheese & Wine will be served before the meeting. RSVP by 21 August. For more info contact Barbara Fogarty on 021 671 0820 Mon, Tues & Thurs 09h00 – 12h00. Email: greyladies@telkom.net

FUNDRAISING
Annual Matinee Dance: St Matthew’s Claremont presents the above on Saturday 26 September 2015. The time is 14h30 for 15h00 - 20h00. The dance will be held at Savio Hall (at Salesians Church Hall), Lansdowne. Music by Aubrey Mulder and Twinzspin (Jade & Shad) Cost is R60 per person. Please bring your platter and XYZ. There will be lucky draws. Tickets are available from Ronnie Nagel at 072 643 8168 / Allen Accom at 083 412 5067 / Noel Paulsen at 082 351 4659 or Wavell Williams at 082 594 0669.

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67 minutes for Mandela Day from page 1: The cleaning – up started at Holy Cross Church, Nyanga with a prayer from the priest in charge. A welcome was followed by an address by the Archdeacon Mxolisi Mpambani and Mr Vuyo Zondani the Ward councillor applauding the church participation in uplifting the Nyanga community. Nyanga, well known as number one with its crime rate in Cape Town, was blessed with the presence of Archbishop Thabo. He walked the streets moving to the taxi rank focussing on cleaning the poverty stricken streets, accompanied by Bishops court staff, clergy, and fellow Anglicans.

This 67 minutes clean-up campaign ended with a period of reflection from Archbishop Thabo, a moment of silence, and an address to the community to commit to act on daily cleaning, reduction of crime and inequality. A huge thanks to SAPS Nyanga for patrolling during the campaign and all stakeholders for the donations. Homemade jam jugs were given to the community by Greenways Hotel and Archbishop Thabo also donated socks in aid of the AYF campaign “Warm Feet.” A prayer and vote of thanks from Archdeacon Mpambani concluded the clean-up campaign.

- Onica Louw-Msutu

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Proverbs 29:25
“Fear is like a trap. But if you trust in the Lord, you will be safe.”
The Revd Richard Cogill was licenced during a morning Eucharist service by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba at Bishopscourt on 23rd July 2015 as the new Dean of Studies of the diocese.

Father Richard is based at the Diocesan office at Zonnebloem.

Photos: the Revd Canon Mark Andrews

Diocesan Stewardship Forum Orientation Day

On Saturday 11th July 2015 a Stewardship Orientation day was held at Zonnebloem Estate, attended by various stewardship representatives of both Parishes and Diocesan Organisations. Harvesting our resources in the following areas were addressed: Social Justice, Christian Education initiatives and Social actions in our Parishes and Organisations.

Photos: the Revd Shaun Cozett

“So you must change your hearts and lives! Come back to God and He will forgive your sins.” Acts 3:19
John 15:9

“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.”

Athlone Archdeaconry Men’s group hands out school uniforms in Bokmakierie

GIVING HOPE: On Thursday 11th June 2015, the Athlone Archdeaconry led by the Ven Joshua Louw and the Archdeaconry men’s group consisting of St George’s Silvertown, All Saints Lansdowne and Holy Nativity Hazendal handed out school uniforms to some disadvantaged learners at Bokmakierie Primary School in Hazendal.

Celebrating 74th wedding anniversary

Mr and Mrs Voegt celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary on 14 June 2015. The couple were married in 1941, by Father Barker at St Luke’s Church, Salt River. They initially lived in Woodstock, then moved to Queens Road, Walmer Estate.

Their eldest child, a daughter, Florence was born on 14 November 1942. Subsequently the family moved to St Leger Street, off Hanover Street, and stayed there for 28 years. The second child, a son, Lawrence was born on 5 January 1951, and is currently living in Sydney, Australia. Mr and Mrs Voegt moved to Square Hill, Retreat in December 1963 and worship at St Andrews in Steenberg, where they are still active members.

Photo: Malcolm Overmeyer

Church of the Resurrection Bonteheuwel hosts Christian school

When our rector, the Revd Terrence Rhoda, mentioned that our church will be a having Christian School, my first thought that came to mind was “What is Christian School?” I was curious at first but as the time drew closer I became excited as there was a buzz and eagerness within the parish. We were offered five modules, which were:

- “And immediately…” Exploring the Gospel of St Mark (Father Terrence)
- “Not angels but angles” Discovering what makes us Anglican (Father Shaun)
- “Taking selfies with Jesus” Being young and Christian today (Revd Allen Goliath)
- “Many churches one heaven” Churches journeying together in Christian mission (Revd Goni Babu)
- “I will hold your people in my heart”, Engaging in intercessory prayer (Revd Max Motojane)

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St Dominic’s Hanover Park wins Diocesan Soccer tournament

The 12th Diocesan Soccer Tournament was played in rainy, windy and stormy conditions. It was wet, muddy and slippery, but that did not stop St Dominic’s Hanover Park from walking away with the Grand Prize of being crowned Diocesan Soccer Champions for 2015.

Twice we were contemplating to stopping the tournament because of heavy rain and every time it cleared up so that we could continue. It was tough on the players and of course the spectators moving from field to field, but that did not stop them from supporting their teams and cheering them on. In spite of the conditions the soccer was still of the highest quality. Not only did St Dominic’s win the tournament, they also walked off with all the individual awards as well.

Top goal scorer, Goalkeeper of the Tournament, as well as the Player of the Tournament. They also scooped up the Team of the Tournament. And on top of all these achievements, they were also host church for the day.

The main final was a ding dong battle between St Dominic’s and St Mark’s District Six with St Dominic’s winning on penalties. The Plate Section was won by St Aidan’s Lansdowne who beat St Cyprian’s Langa on penalties in that final. My sincere thanks to all who attended the event in spite of the rainy weather.

Prepare yourselves for something bigger and better next year God willing. The next tournament will take place on 1 & 2 May 2016.

- the Revd Basil Davids
- Photos: the Revd Shaun Cozett

Diocesan Healthcare Fund AGM

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Diocesan Health Care Fund was postponed and will now be held at St Stephen’s Parish, Pinelands, on Tuesday 18 August 2015 at 10h00.

Members have received the Fund’s Annual Report in the post. We welcome your attendance at the Fund’s AGM.

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“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.” Psalm 55:22
To the Laos: to the People of God

We bring a special focus across Southern Africa this month to the importance of training Anglicans for ministry, leading up to Theological Education Sunday on August 23. But in South Africa, we also mark Women’s Day, so a word about that also.

At the Elective Assembly we held in the Diocese of Natal last month - where the diocese elected Bishop Dino Gabriel, currently the Bishop of Zululand, as Natal’s new bishop - an articulate young woman challenged us never to forget the needs of women in the elective process. We would do well to heed her words as we select leaders and make other choices as the leadership of the church.

On Theological Education Sunday last year, we raised about a million rand for the College of the Transfiguration (COTT), our full-time training institution for the ordained ministry. This year, we are appealing to all of you again to give generously. In times such as these, we need theologically trained leaders who will in turn encourage everyone in the church - clergy and lay people - to be theologically attuned. With a sound theological grounding, we can approach the world with the eyes of God, seeking the mind of Christ in the varied challenges we face, from those posed by the changing earth system, seen in global warming, to those which result from the inequality of our societies, experienced in the desperate conditions in which so many of our people live.

In a rapidly-changing world, most people are not finding the meaning and happiness they desperately want. Nor do we find it easy to interpret our role in such a way that we can balance the pursuit of personal benefit with the pursuit of the common good of us all. In this situation, it is the theologically-trained mind which is able to instil hope and see the hand of God holding us in the midst of everything.

Your college, COTT, has come a long way since it and its predecessors were established more than a century ago. I say “your” because the college belongs to all of us. I am happy to say that our dream of having an Anglican university is becoming a reality, thanks to the work of Prof Barney Pityana in ensuring that we can offer a bachelor’s degree and a higher certificate in theology as well as a diploma. We now have a School of Ministry headed by the Revd Mike McCoy. The leadership development programme is an excellent partnership of the college with the United Society (US, formerly USPG) and the NGO, HOPE Africa, as is the course on theology and development. We still have a disproportionately high number of men as clergy but the growth of women in leadership - notably the appointment of Dr. Vicentia Kgabe as Rector - helps us in our efforts to encourage women to train for ordination and to assume positions of leadership in the church. However, we have financial challenges in growing COTT. We need bursaries for woman students and to fund the work of woman theologians. Dr Kgabe is ensuring that we move from provisional to full registration as a degree-awarding institution, and to remain registered we need to meet certain standards. We need to have a library and staff offices, for which we need to build an administration block, and we need to meet health and safety regulations. We need to maintain old buildings and convert them to new uses.

So while we have achieved much, the road ahead is long. We must develop the college not only for the future of our Province and the Anglican ethos in Southern Africa, but for the church in Africa - for we accommodate students from Sudan, Zimbabwe and Mauritius, as well as exchange students from abroad and, previously, from Haiti. Whether you give R10, or R100, R1000 or a million, please give whatever God moves you in your heart to share for our Theological Education Fund and to ensure the sustainability of the church. Thank you in advance! ACSA - Theological Education Fund Standard Bank, Thibault Square Branch, Branch code: 020 909, Account number: 070562423. In the words of verse 23 of the book of Philo: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”

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Africa Regional Forum

The Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) in partnership with the Anglican Alliance hosted a consultation of Provincial Secretaries and Provincial Development Officers at Rosa Mystica Spiritual Centre in Nairobi.

The consultation took place on 08 – 12 June 2015 under the theme “church life and holistic ministry in Africa: bridging the gaps”. It is acknowledged that Provincial Secretaries and Development Officers are strategically placed to give impetus to strategic interventions in Provinces.

Below are some of the topics that the consultation grappled with:
- 5 Marks of mission: milestones and gaps
- Lessons and Experience sharing
  - Context where Christians are a minority group
  - Ministry in a multi ethnic and multi religious context
- Church ministry in the context of internal political strife and conflict
- Church’s response in epidemics and disasters (Ebola, Xenophobia, Refugees, etc)
- Economic empowerment
- Introduction of ACSA’s e-reader project to the continent
- Transition from Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals

Given that some of these issues have global dimensions, the consultation was attended by Provincial Secretaries from Asia and the Pacific through the auspices of the Anglican Alliance. CAPA arranged a field visit to three agricultural projects which can be replicated in other areas and they are: Hydroponics farming and Farming God’s way. The delegates also got an opportunity to see biogas demonstration for a household setting.

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa was represented by the Ven Terry Lester and Mr Mropeng Mohola. Other Provinces represented at the gathering were Indian Ocean, Uganda, Sudan, West Africa, Egypt, DRC, Tanzania, Kenya, and Burundi.

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Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”
**Statue Vandalism at St Mark’s District Six**

On the 2 June 2015 - The people of St Mark’s District Six were shocked to find 3 statues thrown over. One granite statue has been severely damaged and the 2 marbled angels battered by vandals.

The three statues erected around our church have been standing in their poised position for over 15 years. Each of the statues weighs more than ½ a ton and certainly needs more than one person to move.

The statues carry a lot of sentimental value to our church. Fifteen years ago when the St. Peter’s graveside in Mowbray now known as St. Peter’s square was sadly demolished - Mr Donald Hendricks and the late Fr. John Oliver were granted permission to bring these statues to our church in memory of loved ones that passed on and who were buried there. There is no political link to these statues and we are devastated with what happened on our Church property. We trust that the Cape Town Police who are investigating the matter will be able to provide us with some relevant answers.

St Mark’s District Six is a much loved place of worship to the wider community and students and we wish to advise other parishioners to be alert to this type of vandalism.

- Mildred Jutzen

**Christian School from page 4:** We could choose one for the duration of six weeks. I asked God for guidance and discernment in choosing the appropriate module, which will make me grow as a Christian. After much prayer, I decided on “Not Angels but Angles” module, which looks at the prayer book and discovering what makes us Anglican.

Classes were held on a Sunday afternoon between 15h00 – 17h00 starting with praise and worship followed by tea and fellowship and then class. The planning was impeccable. As I am involved in ministry, I thought this would stand me in good stead but to my surprise it took us back to 597AD as we travelled over six weeks from Rome to England to South Africa and from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer to An Anglican Prayer Book of 1989. For me this was a learning curve as to where I originated from as an Anglican. As we draw to the end of the course I feel I have grown spiritually. As a person I never regularly said morning and evening prayer and this has renewed me and inspired me because I feel that saying morning and evening prayer has made me uniquely Anglican. I found it encouraging to learn that the whole Anglican family are busy in prayer, worship and witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The course on a whole was very informative, interesting, educational and well presented. I’m sad that we are nearing closure but look forward to doing another module in the future.

I would advise and encourage all Anglicans to do the course. We will be hosting Summer Christian School, which will be held from 18th October 2015 – to 22nd November 2015 with certification on the 29th November 2015.

- Athena Mentor
  - Photos: Marcé Frans and Clive Adams

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“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” Ephesians 4:7
The Provincial Youth Conference was held the 1st - 5th of July 2015 at Modderpoort near Ladysbrand approximately 130Km away from Bloemfontein. The conference was well represented and came together with the goal of finding a way forward to ‘Reclaiming our Youth’ - the theme of the conference.

We started the program with an introduction to the annual Provincial Youth Conference and Eucharist service where the Chaplain, the Revd Calvin from the Diocese of George shared the Word and gave his address as Provincial Chaplain. He shared that we are heading into a new generation where technology is unavoidable and that as a church we need to learn, adapt to the changing times, or we will be fighting an upstream and losing battle for our young people. We need to speak and share what is relevant, current and immediate issues in society and not be afraid to speak openly in Faith. The consultation started with discussions which included the budget, vision, leadership, goals and youth issues in and not limited to Southern Africa. A few of the issues addressed were following the theme “Reclaiming our Youth” where we sat down in our cluster Diocese (“cluster” being the group of dioceses next to one another e.g. Cape Town, Saldanha and Falsebay as a cluster). We discussed where the real issue resided and realized many issues came from a large dynamic collection of variables in our communities. We then attempted to draw up possible solutions as the church, deliberating on the way forward. There were many points that were “noted” by the Council and we feared that as the PYC consultation (being the body of Diocese discussing matters) the Council documented our feedback on the issues and possible solutions, stating that at a later stage they would decide and delegate the way forward for appropriate Diocese and organisations, where we felt as a collective of young people and clergy, we were in a single location together, competent and capable of choosing the appropriate solutions for the country. We then proceeded into another discussion, selecting the three most common and relevant issues affecting our Youth Ministries but once again, in attempting to identify the contributing factors of these 3 issues, we came up with possible solutions and once we presented them to the council, they once again “noted”. This frustrated many of us, and we felt we deserved a positive reaction from the council providing us with a way forward which would be drawn up with a deadline, otherwise we would become another platform of discussions and not much action.

We got to the point of the Provincial Youth Conference where Bishop Dintoe our guest and Chairperson Bino, and members of the PYC Council gave their reports to the consultation. It was open to discussion and was in depth, and relevant to the young people and clergy of this day and age. This was aimed to help and assist the growth of young people instead of stunting their growth in the church by using age as a boundary and excuse. In conclusion the outcome of the Provincial Youth Conference left much to be desired as we had hoped to walk away with answers to the issues plaguing our country such as gangsterism, violence, lack of faith, teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, depression, suicides and loss of young people participation in the community and parishes. The Provincial Youth Conference was a blessing. I felt honoured to be in the presence of many clergy - sharing their troubles and fights for Christ in their lives as well as the many blessings they had experienced left a positive mark on my life as a Christian.

- Benjamin Swile

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