

## St Paul's Rondebosch youth are Followers of Christ united spiritually (F.O.C.U.S)



F.O.C.U.S Youth (Followers of Christ united spiritually) officially opened its doors in February of this year. Our mission is to provide a platform for a diverse supportive community of young united individuals, dedicated to spreading love, faith and worship. As a deaf friendly youth group, we have dedicated our year plan in a manner that is empowering for our youth members and expands our skills in communicating and reaching out to all members of our community.

Our chosen season for outreach is winter. Thus, F.O.C.U.S youth had an outreach day on the 29 June 2018 where we had members of our youth group, volunteers from Wynberg Boys' High School, our priest Revd Reeva Mulder and other very willing youthful members of the community join us in our mission of making sandwiches to be delivered to night shelters and those living on the street!

F.O.C.U.S outreach day was a great

success! As a youth group we would like to extend our gratitude for the monetary donations of St Paul's Rondebosch parish. We thank all the volunteers who braved the rainy weather and were willingly to assist us in making sandwiches as well as the parishioners and members of the community who came in to drop donations. All in all F.O.C.U.S Youth collected: 50 odd loaves of bread, 3 butters 7 tins of jam, 6 peanut butter, 2 cheese spreads, 1 mayonnaise, 1 grated cheese, 1 tuna mayo, 42 packs of 2 minute noodles, 10 packs of sugar beans, 15 tins baked beans, 3 cans of tuna, 4 toothbrushes and 3 bars of soap. We made more than 500 sandwiches and delivered to night shelters in Wynberg, Lansdowne and Kensington / Maitland area.

Thank you once again for making our first F.O.C.U.S Youth Outreach Day a great success, we salute you!

- Angela Bailey



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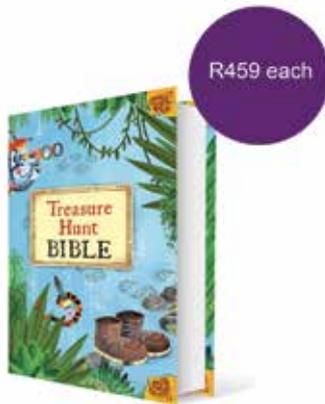
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## EDITORIAL

I'm a planner and I like order in my life. I find myself sometimes thinking about days ahead instead of focussing on where I am at present. I've had to teach myself to be present in the moment, even if it's not where I want to be but to make the best of the situation. It has actually taught me to slow down and realize that everything doesn't need to be completed all at once. My thinking has become clearer, I feel more rested and automatically my temperament has become more tolerant and calmer. It's an amazing transformation instead of feeling rushed and tired. Wherever you are, commit to being there, completely. Life will take care of the rest because we are exactly where we should be right now.

**"Whatever the present moment contains, accept it as if you have chosen it. Always work with it, not against it."**

Love and Light, Rebecca

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### AGM

**Greyladies AGM:** Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Greyladies Association will be held at St. Saviour's Church Hall, Brooke Street, Claremont on Monday 10th September 2018 at 15h30 for 16h00. Refreshments will be served before the meeting. Please RSVP by 24th August. For more information contact Barbara Fogarty on 021 671 0820 Mon/Tues/Thurs: 09h00 – 12h00, or email: greyladies@telkomsa.net

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Weekend away to Langebaan:** St Paul's Rondebosch invites you to join them on a weekend away from Friday 10th - Sunday 12th August 2018. The total cost per person will be R1800 and includes accommodation at Windtown Hotel, meals and transportation. For more information contact Zerrick Bailey at 066 145 6799.

**Cantata / Choral afternoon:** All Saints Lans-

downe will be hosting a Cantata/Choral afternoon on Sunday 12 August 2018 at 15h00 as part of our 110 year anniversary celebrations. Entrance is free and refreshments will be served after the event. For further information please contact Deon Fester at 0828961860.

### SERVICES RENDERED

**Events co-ordinating and catering:** A qualified chef in the business for 29 years who can cater for all functions: corporate, church events, birthdays, weddings and funerals. If any church, or individual is interested, you may contact Andrew Blazey at anr.Blazey@gmail.com or call 064 727 4527 for more information.

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**September 2018**

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In churches:  
9th September

# Western Cape Consultation Archbishop's Commission on Human Sexuality

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, with support from the Synod of Bishops, established the Archbishop's Commission on Human Sexuality in May 2017. The Commission's purpose is to enable broad consultation within the Church around diverse human sexuality towards a report and motion on Canon 34 (which deals with marriage) to be presented to the Provincial Synod in 2019. A specific driver of this process is the need for the Church to minister to those in Same-sex Marriages and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ) community in the context in which the Anglican Church operates in the complexity of Southern Africa.

The Western Cape Consultation – drawing together the Dioceses of Cape Town, False Bay, Saldanha Bay, and George – met in Hanover Park from 22-23 June 2018, and is part of a process of broad participation in this discussion taking place throughout the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA). The purpose of the Consultation was two-fold: to create a safe space for discussion between the representatives of the four Dioceses, which included laity, clergy and Bishops, around diverse human sexuality; and to model a process of facilitation and discussion that can be implemented at Archdeaconry and Parish level.

In introducing ourselves we were asked to answer two questions: "Who am I?" and "How do I know God loves me?" For most this proved quite challenging as we were not allowed to describe ourselves by what we do!



We were then encouraged to reflect on our vision for an inclusive Church, and this produced some helpful insights, and a growing recognition that too often as Church we are gate-keepers of heteronormative patriarchy in terms of our theology, liturgy, and language, which is a barrier to many who identify differently and yet wish to participate in the life of the Church in all fullness. An important insight is the need for introspection around our primary faith-identity as children of God, and a willingness to reframe and realign our struc-

tures around the outcomes of such discernment, which will likely move us from a "we vs. them" mentality to "us" and an awareness of the transformative power of relationship.

We acknowledged that awareness of difference is a human trait, and that diversity is one of God's gifts to humanity. However, diversity on all levels – culture, race, class, sexual orientation, etc. – should never be a barrier to our treating each other with kindness and love; and structures that create barriers to us being able to truly and deeply welcome one-another as we are need to be interrogated, challenged, and removed. We need to be courageous and prophetic not only in grappling with structures, but more specifically in interrogating doctrines and concepts that back up such barriers. As an example, our current doctrine of sin needs to be examined as there is an inconsistency in saying that those among us who identify as LGBTIQ in their sexual orientation are loved by God, and that as baptised and believing people they may share in full membership of the Church; and then to hold the manner in which they need to show affection and intimacy to be sinful, and exclude them from the sacrament of marriage. Another example is our construct of what defines "family" in a world where single-parent families, same-sex couples with children, are increasingly common alongside the more traditional image.

- the Revd Mark Long



## The subject Life Orientation is about life: it's aspirations and challenges

The announcement, some weeks ago, by Minister of Basic Education Ms Angie Motshekga that History will become a compulsory subject from grades 10 to 12 by 2022, was interesting but sadly the introduction of History as a compulsory offering is at the expense of the subject Life Orientation and has sparked off a debate on many levels. This means that learners between the ages 15 – 18-year old will be deprived of the one subject that supports them in developing holistically and in building our country.

The negative effects on the morals and values of our learners will have dire consequences for communities in the years to come. Life Orientation is the only subject that deals with:

- Values and morals and moral dilemmas;
- Religions, beliefs and respect for all religions;
- Social, personal and physical development, healthy living and health promotion;
- Career guidance and the approach to work, and work ethics.

Life Orientation is the only subject that tries to help learners to become citizens who will promote Ubuntu, peace, respect for diversity and understanding and respect for different religions.

Many of these core educational issues are focussed on in Grades 10-12 in Life Orientation. It is also the age at which learners are most at risk of harm from social problems such as gender abuse, blessers, human trafficking, rape, violence, drugs and alcohol abuse and dropping out of

school and youth unemployment. Life Orientation was designed to equip children to make the right choices in their lives before they are misled by peer pressure and run the risk of becoming total wrecks before they finish high school because of drug abuse and sexual promiscuity.

South Africa's National Youth Policy (2009-2014) defines youth as persons from 15-34 years old.

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This age range is characterised by the transition from childhood into adolescence and adulthood. It represents an important period of development and change in a young person's life. An important feature of this age range are the vulnerabilities young people face at this time as a result of their lack of independence, lack of maturity, propensity to take risks and susceptibility to peer influence.

In addition, learners will get no career education, so will be left floundering when it comes to making proper subject choices aligned to their pursuance of a career. This dilemma will contribute even more to our overly high youth unemployment rate. This will affect mostly learners from working class parents, as private and well-resourced schools have the necessary funds to employ full-time counsellors.

ABOLISHING Life Orientation from the school curriculum, at this crucial time in the history of our country, will contribute to more moral decay and social ills. Our parents, teachers and religious leaders need to take a firm stand and say: how can we help to strengthen Life Orientation - but not scrap this vital subject that is unique in trying to address societal challenges. Religion as moral education is already marginalised to a great extent in schools; now it will be obliterated.

Continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we respond to this curriculum change.

- Walter J Mercur  
Anglican Board of Education (WC)

## AWF Church of the Holy Spirit wins diocesan fundraiser



**Proud moment:** these ladies won the shield at a Diocesan fundraiser, the Imejikelo at St Mary's Magdalene Gugulethu. The Church of the Holy Spirit Heideveld, raised the most funds. From left to right, Sophia, Doreen, Pauline, Gertrude and Moira.

## Sea Sunday 2018



Sea Sunday 2018 was celebrated on 9 July at the Mission to Seafarers in the Port of Cape Town.

A time of worship, fellowship and celebrating the work of seafarers globally. Cape Town is a much loved port city for many seafarers. With the dedication and support of our ecumenical partners, we gave thanks to God for all who brave the mighty oceans of the world. Often a place of hardship and loneliness for many seafarers. However its also a place where God is with those who put their hope in Him.

We give thanks to the Parish of St Cyprian's Retreat for their generous monetary donation and gifts of beanies presented at the service. A group of women who do not want to be named, donated goodie bags for seafarers consisting of toiletries, socks and a sweet treat. They are known to me as the Friends of the Mission, quietly in the background giving generously out of their limited resources.

The combined choirs of St Cyprian's and St Andrew's under the guidance of Keenen Priestly as well as Peter Doren and Just Friends provided excellent music. We thank God for all who supported Sea Sunday through their presence or prayers. We continue to give thanks to God for the doors of the Mission to Seafarers, Cape Town that we can open daily to welcome seafarers of many nations around the world despite the many challenges.

- the Revd Ashley Petersen, MtS Chaplain

# Gafcon: “Proclaiming Christ faithfully to the nations”

Greetings from the land of the birth, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. The Global Anglican Future Conference was held in Jerusalem in June 2018. It was one of the largest global Anglican gatherings of leaders, brought together. There were 1,950 representatives from 50 countries, including 316 bishops, 669 other clergy and 965 laity. A unanimity of spirit was reflected throughout the Conference as we met with God in the presence of friends from afar. We celebrated joyful worship, engaged in small group prayer and were inspired by presentations, networks and seminars.

We met together around the theme of “Proclaiming Christ Faithfully to the Nations”. Each day began with common prayer and Bible exposition from Luke 22-24, followed by plenary sessions on God’s Gospel, God’s Church and God’s World.

We renewed our commitment to proclaim the gospel of the triune God in our churches and in all the world. We were reminded in his opening address: “God’s gospel is the life-transforming message of salvation from sin and all its consequences through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is both a declaration and a summons: announcing what has been done for us in Christ and calling us to repentance, faith and submission to his Lordship.” It involves the restoration and reaffirmation of God’s original crea-

tive purposes. It is addressed to men, women and children and it is our only hope in the light of the final judgment and the reality of hell. The centre of the gospel message is this one person, Jesus Christ, and all that he has done through his perfect life, atoning death, triumphant resurrection and glorious ascension. In our daily expositions, we followed Jesus’ path from the judgments by Pilate and the Jewish leaders, to his death for us on the cross, to his breaking the bonds of death on Easter morning and to his commission to the disciples to proclaim “repentance for the forgiveness of sins in his name to all nations” (Luke 24:47). The uniqueness of Jesus Christ lies at the heart of the gospel: “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). The gospel confronts us in the midst of our confusion and sin but it does not leave us there. It includes a summons to repentance and a call to believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15), which results in a grace-filled life. The ascended Christ gave his Spirit to empower his disciples to take this gospel to the world.

The gospel of God creates the church of God. Through the invitation of the gospel, God calls all people into fellowship with his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. One Conference speaker reminded us: “In the councils of the church, we should not mimic the ways of the world but gather to pray, to praise (i.e., to be eucharistic), to consult, to decide, and if nec-

essary to discipline. These gatherings should be properly conciliar in nature, decisive in moving the church forward in its mission and common life. There should be the will to exercise loving but firm discipline to bring sinners to repentance and restoration.” Likewise at the Communion level, there are times when the leadership must come together to exercise its responsibility to discipline an erring member.

In the world into which we go to proclaim the gospel, we shall encounter much which will need us to walk in paths of righteousness and mercy (Hosea 2:19; Micah 6:8). We commit to encouraging each other to give strength to the persecuted, a voice to the voiceless, advocacy for the oppressed, protection of the vulnerable, especially women and children, generosity to the poor, and continuing the task of providing excellent education and health care.

## OUR GLOBAL ANGLICAN FUTURE

To proclaim the gospel, we must first defend the gospel against threats from without and within. We testify to the extraordinary blessings on this Conference, which leads us to call upon God even more, that the Anglican Communion may become a mighty instrument in the hand of God for the salvation of all and the transformation of the world. We invite all faithful Anglicans to join us in this great enterprise of proclaiming Christ faithfully to the nations. - **the Revd Allan Smith**





## To the Laos - to the people of God

I am writing from the United States, where I joined a number of other archbishops from around the Anglican

Communion at the triennial General Convention of The Episcopal Church, our sister church in America. It's the equivalent of our Provincial Synod, only it's much bigger - as you might expect in Texas! I was asked to give a presentation on the Care of Creation to a plenary session of the Convention and to be a panelist on Racial Reconciliation arranged by the Center for Anglican Communion studies of Virginia Theological Seminary.

But I write mainly to tell you about my excitement at the latest development in our theological education initiatives. News has just come through that the Department of Higher Education and Training has issued a certificate of registration for our only residential seminary, the College of the Transfiguration in Makana (formerly Grahamstown).

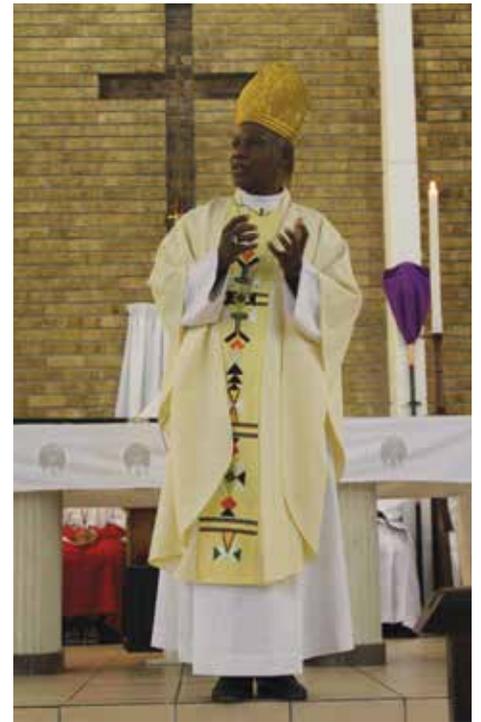
This confirms that Cott can award the Diploma in Theology, the Advanced Diploma in Ministry and the degree, Bachelor of Theology. As we have progressed along the long road to become a degree-awarding institution, we have in recent years been operating under provisional registration. My dream is that one day, as per a past resolution of Provincial Standing Committee, we will become a University College of Transfiguration.

As someone who has made education of all kinds one of the priorities of my archbishopric, I am so happy. This is a proud moment for all of us.

To paraphrase Nelson Mandela, whose 100th birthday we have just celebrated, education opens all doors. Now I appeal to all of you, please step up your support for theological education so that we can ensure that we not only replace retiring clergy but train new priests and deacons to meet the growing demands for innovative ministry in the Diocese.

Please support the Archbishop's Theological Fund, and Cott in particular. You might consider adopting a Cott student, and donating to Cott in your will. The Archbishop Thabo Makgoba Development Trust donates a modest R100,000 per annum as an example. Above all, choose a day to spend 10, 20 or 30 minutes praying for Cott. You can use their website as a prayer resource: <https://www.cott.co.za> Please also financially support Theological Education Sunday when your parish observes it.

Looking ahead, we will now proudly enrol Cott as a member of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC), the world-wide network of Anglican institutions. Please pray also for the commission headed by Professor Barney Pityana, who did so much to bring us where we are with Cott, as he heads an investigation into the future of the college and of theological edu-



cation and formation in the Province. The Pityana Commission will bring a report to Provincial Standing Committee in September. Once again, congratulations to the Rector, Dr Vicentia Kgabe, Cott staff and the Advisory Board on Theological Education and Formation as well as the Cott Council.

**God bless you.**  
+ Thabo Cape Town

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## Diocese of Cape Town ordinands at Cott

Left to right: Mr Ronald Muller and Ms Miseska Mapukata.

## New licensing in the diocese



The Revd Keith Muller was licensed on 24 June 2018 as an assistant priest to St George's Cathedral by the Ven Joshua Louw, Archdeacon of the Waterfront. **Photo: Desire' Martin**

## Sunday school training in Athlone Archdeaconry



The Athlone Archdeaconry Sunday school participated in a four week Sunday school training programme from 25 April - 16 May 2018. The first training session took place at St John's hall and was facilitated by the Revd Anthony Williams and the Ven Alex Ernest visited that evening too. The rest of the training was facilitated by Sedrico Husselman. This took place at St Mark's and the Revd Chris Hartnick participated in our session. The training was described as 'awesome', 'enriching' and 'inspiring'. Teaching children is a privilege and honour, to be in a position to plant seeds that will enable our children to go out into the world and draw strength from the Word of God. - **Nadine Ross**

## Holiday club at Church of the Reconciliation Manenberg

During the month of July 2018, we received approximately 95 children per day and we thank God for the opportunity we had to facilitate the children and keep them safe.

It was a challenging but rewarding week for us. A big thank you to the team of facilitators, without you this would have not been possible. To the Department of Community Safety and the Fikelela AIDS Project thank you for this initiative. We trust we will be able to work together in the near future again.

- **Winnifred Khatib**



# YPM camp: "Catching fire - igniting our faith in God"



The camp was about coming together and functioning as one body of God.

Camp in a whole was nothing short of an amazing experience, from the activities to the speakers to obviously the food, but most importantly the personalities on the camp.

Meeting new people with a fresh idea of what life looks like and their encounter with God is so inspiring one must think that the church is moving a step closer in the right direction and that's what the camp was all about, young people from all over the Diocese coming together and seeing how others do things whether it be in another Archdeaconry or another continent, learning from one another.

- **Chaern Golding : Holy Nativity, Hazendal**

Die kamp was baie lekker, ek het nuwe mense ontmoet en vriende gemaak. Ons het so baie dinge geleer. Ons as jong mense moet omgee vir ons bejaardes, soos bv toe ons by die ou-etehuis was, het ek gesien hoe een klein ding vir daai ou menses gelukkig kan maak.

Ek het ook baie geleer van ons land se geskiedenis met Apartheid en al daai dinge. n' Mens het regtig 'n ander gevoel daaroor gekry, want ons as jong mense weet nie regtig hoe dit was nie. Die uitstappie deur Distrik Ses met ons bejaarde wat daar gebly het, het ons regtig meer insig gegee.

Die geestelike kant van die kamp was 'breath-taking', veral die 'Cathedral'. Ek het nooit geweet daar's so baie geskiedenis in ons kerke nie, en ek het nog nooit so 'n groot kerk

gesien nie! Die oggend en aand devotions het my ook geleer dat mens moet net jou dae reg begin en reg afsluit, want ons kan dit nie alleen doen nie. Die Duitsers was definitief een van my hoogtepunte.(na die Cathedral natuurlik)

Ek het nogal baie van hulle kulture en gewoontes geleer en vriende ook gemaak. Beste kamp wat ek nog ooit op was! Baie dankie vir die geleentheid.

- **Olivia Duiker**  
**All Saints Hopefield**

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