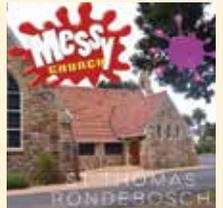


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Editorial

The build up to Christmas is very visual - trimmings, gifts, colourful lights and christmas trees. It's also a time when things get a little crazy. We want to do so much for the 'big' day and when it arrives its soon over. Christmas is more than just that. I pray that you allow the joy, peace, and light of the Christmas season to dance within you and remain with you through the new year. It's not about having the best meal and the biggest gift. The central truth of the Christmas story is this: the Child of Christmas is God.

Peace be with you this holiday season.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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Emmanuel 90th anniversary: Emmanuel Anglican Church in Wynberg celebrated its 90th birthday in October. Throughout the month various special events were held. In true Emmanuel style 'kos en lekker kuier' was enjoyed by all. We started the month's celebrations with a high tea. Our seniors were honoured for their many years of dedication with a luncheon. Sunday mornings saw koeksisters and birthday cake enjoyed by our Emmanuel family as we all gave thanks and praise to God. Our Sunday worship services were vibrant and richly blessed.

Our month long celebrations ended with a colourful and vibrant dance extravaganza. 'PRAISE HIM WITH DANCE - PSALM 150:4' Our liturgical dance group, 'Dancing for Jesus' hosted their first dance extravaganza. Special thanks to Leigh-Anne Ravens; all our moms and girls, and our upcoming junior

sound crew. Graeme Cairns, our MC kept us both entertained and amused with his 'dry' humour. Thank you to all; it truly was; 'All for one - one for all.'

Special thanks must go to those parishes who joined our celebration and shared their dance ministry with us. We acknowledge and give thanks to: St Cyprian's Retreat; St John's Crawford; St Aidan's Lansdowne; St George's Silvertown; St Dominic's Hanover Park; St Faith's Plumstead and The Key Church. Our worship was led by the Emmanuel worship band and Sons of the Kingdom. Kelly Joshua and her daughter Zoë did a very moving rendition of the song, 'Through it all'. God has truly been with us through it all, and guided and blessed us throughout these 90 years. Truly He has been- Emmanuel, God is with us.

- **Brigette Moses and the Revd Sam Beukes**
- **Photos: Seth Cairns**





Dear Diocesan family

The season of **CHRISTMAS** is upon us with messages and greetings of peace, love and goodwill abounding once

more as we celebrate the good news of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming amongst us as Emmanuel, "God with us". And rightly so, for the good news of the presence of the God of history and human salvation with his people is surely a timely and needed reminder to us all at a time such as this.

The present state of God's world and our nation in particular, all too frequently caught in the grip of despair, fear, political uncertainty and confusion, the impact of unpredictable climate changes, the devastating effect of poverty and ongoing violence on the lives of many, increasing unemployment, all scream out for an intervention that will bring renewed hope and transformative change to peoples' lives. The truth of course is that the birth of the Christ Child of Bethlehem was, and is, God's answer to this cry! Our joy, privilege and responsibility, perhaps now more than ever, is to ensure that the real message of Emmanuel, "God with us", is truthfully proclaimed, joyfully celebrated, and genuinely lived out and experienced in our daily interactions with one another.

The Christmas proclamation of the Church must restore HOPE and renew TRUST, FAITH and CONFIDENCE in the hearts of God's people. All too often prevailing human conditions leave us trapped in the grip of frustration and with a despairing sense of hopelessness. How vital for us to be reminded that Mary and Joseph's son is indeed Emmanuel, the reconciling Prince of Peace whose advent on the scene of human history can, and does,

From the Bishop's Desk



rekindle our hope. He comes to change and transform our doubts into faith, our hatred into love, our despair into hope, our brokenness into wholeness, our sadness into joy, our darkness into light. All too often we encounter and experience the effects of humanity's "lower nature" that results in so much pain and damage. Mercifully the Christmas story reminds us that our Lord was not born into a perfect world. On the contrary, the Incarnation happened in the context of exactly such human conditions of anxiety, political upheaval and uncertainty, squalor and fear. Through it God however threw open the door to renewed hope, to new beginnings and transformed lives. He longs for this to be a reality still in his world today! So let us take to heart the words of St. John when he announced that "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has (will) not overcome it" (Jhn 1:15).

May Christmas 2016 restore our hope and renew our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who came to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the whole of God's created order, not least in us who bear God's divine image. May our faith be strengthened and deepened as we worship "Christ our new born King" at this time. May we enter 2017 with confidence knowing that he is Emmanuel, God with us.

At a personal level, 2016 has been a very busy and taxing year filled with lots of activity, often positive, and at times extremely challenging, also including several travel trips beyond the diocese.

In particular, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to you all for your prayers, emails, telephone messages of support and encouragement, cards, flowers etc during my unexpected hospitalisation and subsequent recuperation during November. Your love and concern expressed for me and the family meant so much to us all.

I am feeling so much better and hoping that a spell of restful leave after Christmas until mid-January (not in ICU this time!) will further assist my complete healing. THANK YOU once again.

Thank you to all our clergy, wardens, councilors, diocesan administration staff and leaders of various ministries in the diocese and parishes for your dedication and support throughout the year.

Marion and I assure you of our continuing prayers and wish you and yours a Happy and holy Christmas and a New Year filled with joy and God's blessings.

Grace and Peace always
+ Garth Counsell Table Bay

Two bishops confirm at St George's Silvertown



The Rt Revd Alison White, the bishop of Hull assisted Bishop Garth at the confirmation of St George's Silvertown on Sunday 23rd October 2016.

Gender based violence workshop

A gender based violence workshop was conducted at Zonnebloem Hall over a period of 4 Saturdays starting on the 22nd October, 29th October, 5th November and ending on the 26th November.

The dates were planned in such a way to remind us of the 16 days of activism starting on the 25th November and ending 10th December. This newly formed partnership between Sonke Gender Justice and Fikelela Aids Project has been one of the most fruitful and rewarding experiences.

In attendance we had members of our support groups from Nyanga, Guguletu, Woodstock, Sea Point, St Mark's District Six, St James Sea Point, St Cyprian's Retreat, St Mary's Woodstock, Staff of Fikelela and Fikelela Child and Youth Care Centre.

Total number of participants in attendance over the 4 week period were in excess of 30. All of the sessions were filled with lots of information, loads of joy, laughter, tears, deep sharing and most importantly listening. Our facilitators: Precilia, Siphokazi, Rose, SK covered a broad spectrum of topics:

- Cultural models of Men and Woman
- Discussions around sex, gender and gender equality
- Gender values
- Recap sessions and reflection
- The work we do and the value it's given
- Gender socialization
- Gender fishbowl

- Violence clothesline
- Violence to respect in intimate relationships
- Taking risks, facing risks, HIV and Gender

Ending with the graduation ceremony. We have immense gratitude to each facilitator for the topics and sessions covered. Each one of us have left the workshop with a better understanding of gender based violence, the link between HIV and AIDS as well as equipping and strengthening each individual to deal with their current situations or any future incidents.

A complete set of handouts were given to each participant as well as places of referrals to anyone who required further assistance. To the Manager of Community, Education and Mobilization unit of Sonke Gender Justice, Keegan thank you for this amazing opportunity to assist us in the process of education and mobilization.

We have all learnt so much and we really enjoyed every bit of our learning and teaching. SK who taught us the song "One man needs to teach, teach equality" thank you for the energy that arises from the song and also the teaching behind it. It was awesome!

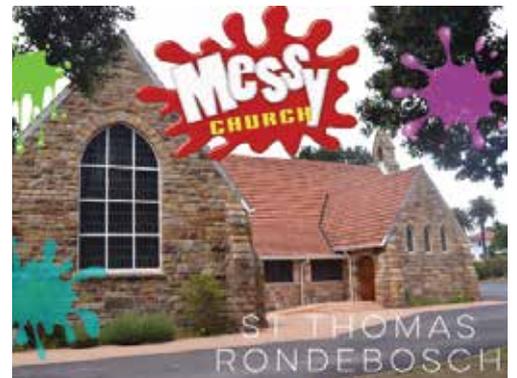
Our vision and dream as Fikelela is to have these sessions running on a monthly basis starting from February 2017. Watch out for further communication.

THANK YOU SONKE GENDER JUSTICE TEAM

Messy Church at St Thomas

On 3rd February 2017 at 18h00 at the parish hall, St Thomas Rondebosch, we will be throwing its doors open for the first time to welcome people to Messy Church.

What is Messy Church? Messy Church is a church in its own right. It doesn't follow the format of traditional church because it provides something which is tailored for families of all generations. Its values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Messy church is not a craft club, it is not a place where you can drop off your children for a couple of hours and leave, it is about learning together, worshipping together and eating together. Lucy Moore said "The 'Messy' approach also says something about a willingness to lose power, to let go of control. The messy approach lets God's Spirit blow where he will, lets learning happen that doesn't rely on teaching and enjoys discipleship growing spontaneously as well as strategically." If you would like to know more contact Revd Lorna Lavarello-Smith on revdlorna@gmail.com.





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Greyladies general update



The Greyladies Association have recently launched a new website www.greyladies.org.za, we also have moved our office at St Saviour's church, to a new streamlined one towards the back of the hall.

At our recent committee meetings we have decided to look at a new focus; mainly encouraging Sunday schools and crèches with subsidised books. Watch the website in the new year!

Note: Our newsletter 'The GLA News' is sent to every church in the 3 anglican dioceses; if there are any churches that are not receiving one or would like one emailed to them, kindly email our office: greyladies@telkomsa.net or call 021 671 0820. - **Barbara Fogarty**

Athlone Archdeaconry Retreat 29 August - 2 September 2016

Our annual retreat was held at Volmoed Centre, just outside of Hermanus. We were 13 retreatants and our conductor was the Revd Bob de Maar. The theme was 'My Baptismal journey'. This was presented in six very challenging addresses namely, 'the Stripping', 'facing West', 'facing East', 'the Dipping', 'the Anointing', and 'being robed in Christ'. The worship was very creative especially the celebration of the mid-day Eucharist. We had two evening sessions, the first was the Youth Development Programme presented by the Revd Edwin Arrison, encouraging us to send at least one candidate for training in 2017. In the second session we dealt with the resolutions serving before Provincial Synod, especially the one dealing with the 'blessing of same - sex unions'. This proved to be a most contentious issue measured by the lively discussion. The retreatants were all in agreement that the serenity and inviting nature of volmoed created the almost perfect refreshment of the soul and body. We came back affirming our Baptismal calling and facing the challenges of this transitory life, more confidently and praying:

**Lord, what we know not, teach us
Lord, what we do not have, give us
Lord, what we are not, make us
AMEN**

St Anne - who was she?

St Anne, was the mother of Mary and grand - mother of Jesus Christ. she is revered as a Comforter and Helper to those in need. How apt and relevant for the work that they continue to do today still, at St Anne's Home.

The home recently celebrated its 112th AGM making it the oldest women's shelter in South Africa.

Director Joy Lange, said, "We acknowledge those who in 1942 saw it fit to change the name of the home from 'Cape Town Diocesan Home for Friendless Girls' to 'St Anne's Home.

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Almost 'done' by the weather

The wind – and the debate raged on Friday afternoon, as traffic and trees were felled by gale force gusts, and heavy rain fell relentlessly for hours – should we cancel the EcoFair scheduled for the following day?

Thankfully, Saturday was clear, beautiful and still. Our Ecofair was the most successful to date and I have fond memories of the cheerful buzz of fair attendees, and the patient queues for our organic coffee and

home bakes. Our motto was Secure our tomorrow today: REDUCE; RE-USE; RECYCLE... and RE-INVENT! Parishioner Keith Honeyman featured his Rotosail in a world first, a modern way of generating power through adapting ancient expertise; we tasted homemade yoghurt, hosted the Garden buddy team, found out how to source "Reliance Compost's" products, planned to speak "rubbish" with recycler Cedric May and "junk" with Just Junk, continues on page 6

To the Laos: to the People of God

At the end of the week in which we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, I attended a very special occasion in the Parish of Christ the King in Sophiatown, Johannesburg.

There, at the Trevor Huddleston Memorial Centre, we received for safekeeping two awards given to distinguished fighters against apartheid: the Isithwalandwe / Seaparankoe Medal received by Bishop Trevor at the Congress of the People in Kliptown in 1955 for his courage and determination to root out the brutality and injustices of apartheid, and the award given to Abdul Minty of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

The centre is dedicated to working with young people, and on this happy occasion, I was struck by two very young artists who played guitar and sang their own compositions. You can see them in the accompanying photo. These two touched my soul and brought to me a better understanding of the Christ Child whom we celebrate this Christmas.

On the First Sunday in Advent, I drove to town to join the 08h00 Eucharist at St George's Cathedral. I had not prepared myself properly and so on my way, dressed in civvies, I stopped a newspaper vendor and asked him to lend me R100 to put in the collection. He didn't hesitate! He gave me not only R100 but a newspaper too and said he expected I would refund him on my way home. He then asked me to pray for



him too. I duly attended worship, placed his money in the collection, withdrew money afterwards and reimbursed him. I was struck by how someone who earns his keep by selling on the streets has developed such a deep and unqualified sense of caring, generosity and trust.

So this Christmas season, let us remember him and more like him who have nothing and give everything, who give their last with warmth and ask for prayers, not as an indulgence but as a real request from someone who can't get to church when I can.

May we emulate his generosity and give to those in the margins, just as they give generously and sacrificially. May we breach the inequality that makes the vendor unable to be in church, earning his living.

Also at Christmastide, may we find the young musicians in our hearts and sing for God, and may the melody of the Christ Child touch and heal us.

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


CHRIST CHURCH CONSTANTIA

from page 5: got dirty with "Soil for Life" represented by the hardworking Gugu Mazibuko – also a parishioner, as are Rob Ervine of SAValue Engineers – we explored unconventional solutions with this inspiring "free spirit". Rex Schelling discussed permaculture using his re-purposed packaging pallets.

We featured the newly established "hazardous waste unit of the City of Cape Town" as well as Petco and Newlife Plastics; Italcotto had us dreaming of efficient pellet burners and kettle cookers.

Annie Bisset, Francis Canterbury, Mrs Soltswayi, specialising in traditional personal ornaments, Golden, ("tin can flowers") inspired gifting with the Outreach Shop another attraction.

John Green and WESSA introduced "Citizen Science" and "energy and climate change"; Aquarista showcased rainwater harvesting and grey water solutions. We welcomed back two favourites, Tshisa "hot water in a suitcase" and Paul Dimaio of Spindel - an energy efficient way to deal with wet laundry. At 25 entities, entrance to our largest EcoFair to date was free.

- **Mariette Daubenton**



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- What rights must be protected when displaying photographs of children?
- That your church has the potential to significantly impact the protection and well-being of the children in your community and in the nation?

The Warehouse has just launched the book *Children, Church and the Law – a Practical Guide for Churches on the Children's Act and Other Laws related to Children*. Written by Erica Greathead, a member of Christ Church Kenilworth and former Warehouse staff member, the book describes the principles and provisions of the Children's Act and its relevance to churches in their work with children.

The Church has always been involved in caring for, protecting and advocating for children. It's what the Bible teaches, and what we have been doing throughout the ages. The church cares for children on its premises through Sunday School and other activities, as well as outside at camps, in the community and in child-and-youth-care centres. Yet many of us have little understanding of what the legal requirements are for caring for children, in this way compromising both the protection of children and of the church itself. The aim of this book, therefore, is to equip leaders in the church and all who work with children to better understand and adhere to the Children's Act and related laws.

It's a very practical book, written in simple English in a question-and-answer format. It includes a glossary of terms used, real life examples of application of the different principles, and snippets that illustrate what is being described. Colour coding is used so that the different sections are easily identifiable. The book describes the background

to the Children's Act and its aim and purpose; it outlines principles such as the best interest of the child, child-participation and cultural practices. It looks at who is suitable to work with children, what are the rights and responsibilities of parents and of children, different types of care and support for children, issues such as child labour and trafficking, and much much more.

It is hoped that this book will enable churches to deal much more confidently with all issues surrounding children and their care, and that it will prove invaluable to churches and to all who work with children. Where to get a copy: The book is available at The Warehouse at 12 Plantation Road Wetton at R300, or you can order a copy by writing to publications@warehouse.org.za. If you'd like us to do a presentation at your church or for your archdeaconry, call us on 021 7611168 or send us an e-mail.

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2017

18 February	Diocesan Sunday School service
3-5 th March	YPM Conference
2 May	Diocesan Soccer tournament
13 May	YPM & Sunday School Workshop
15 June	Praise-a-thon
17-19 th August	Diocesan Synod
September	Bible studies
7 October	Open air picnic service
November	YPM leaders quiet day (tbc)
December	Year end function (tbc)

"The YPM of the Diocese of Cape Town, commits to a year of intentional discipleship and acknowledges 2017 as a year dedicated to young people. We will use the words of Hebrews 12:2 as our guiding principle for this year, as we journey towards discipling the Youth within the Anglican Church."

Hebrew 12:2

"Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God"

Abigail Hopley *Diocesan Youth Council* hopleya@ctdiocese.org.za *0214693760*

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World Aids Day 2016

Fikelela hosted a picnic at Greenpoint Park celebrating the lives of all who are infected and affected by HIV & AIDS. The day started off by giving thanks to God for the opportunity for us to celebrate the life of Fikelela and all of it's staff, for the facilities attached to the Project and for the children who we provide care, love, guidance and direction to.

We are so often reminded to be the hands and feet of Jesus and through this physical outreach of celebrating a picnic with our brothers and sisters living with HIV we trust that this vision of "hands and feet" of Jesus is realised.

A few minutes spent sharing the HIV & AIDS Prayer: Creator of the Universe We ask for your special blessing on all infected and affected by HIV & AIDS. Help us to accept and face with courage this challenge of our time and to fight the fear; shame, ignorance, stigma and discrimination associated with this disease. Fill the hearts of

all with compassion and unselfish concern to accept and support, to treat with kindness and love those who are courageously living with HIV & AIDS. Provide strength to those caring for the sick and lonely. Enlighten those doing research and seeking ways to cure and prevent the disease. Calm the fears of those who are suffering and in pain. Fill them with courage and renewed hope. Comfort those who are dying, and console those who have been bereaved. Protect the healthy, and help us all to work together to build a healthy, loving and supportive nation. AMEN

The Department of Sports and Recreation of the City of Cape Town entertained the group. Loads of laughter, fun, experiencing the joy of being alive and sharing this with others is such an amazing way of celebrating World Aids Day differently.

Lunch followed and we sat and ate together - a reminder of Jesus taking bread - breaking it and sharing it with His disciples. We

are grateful to God for all the lessons and opportunities He teaches us by reaching out to others regardless of race, creed, colour or any other adversities.

Our celebration ended with the blessing of placing their faith in God. Asking God to grant unto them the gift of compassion and for them to live out the commandment of "Love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself."

Through this message they are mindful that we need to take this break from the groups and we wish them well over the festive season but also safe travelling mercies as they travel to the homelands.

May you be encouraged by all that we do and please contact us so that we are aware of what we can do for you.

God bless you.

- **Beverly Hendricks**

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