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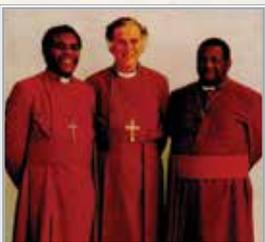
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## EDITORIAL

Good Hope celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2020 and in recognition of this milestone, it has been given a 'facelift'. Since inception, its objective has always been to communicate the latest happenings in the diocese and spread 'hope', highlighting the good being done.

In the Scripture, 'hope' is a gift from the Spirit. From time to time, we meet people who live out a honest faith and through our witness of it, a hope stirs inside us. We trust the same will be true for us too. There is no true definition of hope, it can mean anything to anyone. The gift of hope shines light into inner depression and outer oppression. It signifies that all is not bleak and that God has already won, and in the end, so have all of us.

As you celebrate Christmas with your loved ones this year and welcome a new year; let hope, love, faith, and joy be part of your thanksgiving.

**Love and Light, Rebecca**

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES

**PATRONAL DANCE:** St Paul's Bree Street, will be hosting its Patronal Dance on 31 January 2020 at the Goodwood Civic Centre. The cost per person is R130. The dance commences from 20h00-00h45 and there will be a Cheese and Wine in the foyer. The band in attendance will be the Sweet Sounds. For more information, contact Marilyn on 084 726 9407/ 021 4231568.

**VALENTINE'S DAY SNACK DANCE:** St Mark's District 6 will be hosting the above on Friday 14th February 2020 at the Athlone Civic Centre. The dance commences at 19h00 - 00h30. The band in attendance will be the Elgineers. Tickets are R150 per person which will include a snack platter on each table. To secure your tickets, Whatsapp Nerina Lawrence at 082 354 6889.

**VALENTINE'S DANCE:** St Mark's the Evangelist, Athlone, will be hosting a Valentine's

Day dance on 14th February 2020 at the Wittebome Civic Centre, Wynberg. The theme of the evening is *Love is in the air*. Cheese and Wine will be served from 19h00 - 20h00 and the dance commences at 20h00-00h45 and the band in attendance will be Sweet Sounds. Bring your own platters and xyz. For more information, contact Lorraine McKinnon at 084 760 1488 or the Office at 021 697 1357.

**CARMEL TRIP 27 APRIL 2020 - 1 MAY 2020: the cost is R4000 per person** which includes accommodation, excursions to Monkeyland, Featherbed and meals (breakfast and supper). There are only 8 places available on first come basis. The full amount to be paid by the end of March 2020. For more information contact Tanya at 083 633 2864 or Kevin at 084 333 2864 / 021 7057680 for details.

### DIocese OF CAPE TOWN



#### GUILD OF THE SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY (GSS) CENTENARY MUG

The GSS is selling these mugs at R60 each in a box. It has the

centenary logo on the front and the Servers Guild prayer at the back. For orders or queries, they may email Khile on [knabelse@gmail.com](mailto:knabelse@gmail.com).

## New Chaplain for the AWF

The Revd Jenny Govender was commissioned as AWF Chaplain on 16th November 2019. Her licensing took place during the Thanksgiving Service at the Church of Holy Nativity, Hazendal by the Vicar General of Table Bay, the Ven Keith de Vos.

A warm welcome to Revd Jenny. We look forward to her spiritual guidance and leadership.

Long service certificates were also awarded to members who served for more than 40 years - in appreciation for the years of service and contribution to the Anglican Women Fellowship.

- Sheila Stoffberg



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### Dear Sisters and Brothers

Our Diocesan Anglican Women's Fellowship (AWF) held their annual thanksgiving Eucharist service at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Hazendal on November 16. Nearly one and a half centuries ago it was recognised within the Anglican Communion, that women have an indispensable part to play in the church, society and the world. Just over a half a century ago this same recognition gave rise to the need for strengthening women's organisations within the Anglican Province in Southern Africa. The AWF service of thanksgiving acknowledged God's goodness and grace which has enabled its members to exercise sterling ministry and to work selflessly when they serve the parishes of our Diocese. Without women's ministries the church would be much the poorer. In spite of this long history of women's involvement on all levels there is still so much work to be done when it comes to gender equality, women's rights and women in leadership both in the church and society. May God bless them as they seek to serve God in the world.

St George's Cathedral was yet again called upon to host an extraordinary special event on Sunday afternoon 24 November. This time the occasion was to celebrate the launch of a new translation of the Bible. Among the many advantages to improving the translation of the Bible, the launch of this version of the Bible is an attempt to make it more user friendly for people who use sign language. Archbishop Thabo was deeply moved to be part of a service where the majority of people in attendance use sign language. It is clear that the Holy Spirit is powerfully at work in the depth of silence and through the use of our hands, body language and facial expressions as a means to communicate with others.



May God continue to bless the work of the Bible Society.

Our Diocesan Fikelela AIDS Project held a three kilometre fun walk to mark World AIDS Day with a difference on Saturday 30 November. Preceded by prayers, choruses and words of encouragement at St Thomas Church, the walk was led by members of the church lads and girls brigade through the Bishop's School grounds ending with a picnic on the cricket field. As the outgoing rector of St Thomas' it was so good to see the church filled to capacity with enthusiastic people, eager to participate in a noteworthy event. Fikelela is another important organisation of our Diocese. This time of the year, their ministry links us to the call by the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and World Council of Churches (WCC) to focus on ending violence against girls and women during the 16 days of Activism against Sexual and Gender Based Violence. The AACC and WCC called on all churches to mobilise in order to create awareness of HIV&AIDS and

of sexual and gender-based violence. We acknowledge the Diocesan Fikelela Aids Project team for their ministry and hard work and congratulate them on hosting a very successful event.

This Advent, as we look forward to celebrating the birth of the Christchild, let us remember all women and children who have suffered abuse and violence. There is no doubt that the Jesus Christ of history and of our faith came to end violence in all its manifestations. Luke reminds us: "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11). The Christmas story is of great significance not only for Christians but for the whole world. The question is why? What makes Jesus special? Why should the world take notice? The good news announced at Christmas is that this child incarnates a new vision of Peace on Earth. It is peace through social justice. When everyone has a fair share of the resources of God's earth, then peace will reign. Jesus manifested God's vision of peace through justice. Jesus embodied this by his act of non-violent resistance to the injustice of structural violence, which enabled exploitation and corruption and the violence of war and occupation. Subduing and subjugating people into submission through violence or the threat of violence as the means to achieve peace is never lasting and never will be. The Christmas story is adamant that there is another way, the way of Jesus. It is rejecting violence in all its manifestations and following a path of peace through social justice. Read it. Digest it. Pray it. Live it!

I wish you every joy and blessing this Christmastide and for the coming New Year.

**Grace and Peace**  
**Keith De Vos**

## Fikelela Fun Walk : beyond 16 days of activism

A fun-filled day took place on 29th November 2019 at Bishops Diocesan College school grounds with more than 250 participating in the 3km fun walk. The morning started at St Thomas Rondebosch with Rob Coombe, the interim Chairperson of the Fikelela Board lighting a candle and highlighting the 4 ribbons that were chosen as part of the journey. Fikelela works closely with the Department of Community Safety and adopted the theme 'beyond the 16 Days of Activism.'

**Red:** symbolic of World Aids Day / HIV& Aids and remembering all who have died and all who are living with the virus.

**Green:** symbolic of protecting our children and keeping them safe. We all have that responsibility, let's educate and empower our communities.

**White:** symbolic to gender based violence awareness - an opportunity for all to get involved and putting awareness strategies in place so that we can raise the level of education to eliminate violence against women and children.

**Black:** symbolic of the 16 Days of Activism (25th November-10th December). We commit and pledge to support efforts not just for today but beyond the 16 days of activism. Education should start at home, at the work place

and in your place of worship.

Our MC was Aden Thomas of Heart FM 104.9. What a delightful person! He set the tone and mood and had everyone in stitches. The Vicar General, Ven Keith de Vos embraced our MC Aden Thomas and told him that his 'hot'. He felt the temperature rise in the church which was packed as he has never been able to do so. This brought about so much laughter. Father Keith then went to investigate and discovered that the heaters had been turned on. The brigade from the four sectors of the diocese led us down the pathway of Bishops College.

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## Living on the Island of Tristan da Cunha

We arrived on Tristan on the 8th September 2019, a Saturday afternoon at approximately 16h00.

An icy wild wind greeted us. I remember getting off the helicopter and seeing this dark mountain towering over us, as if it was reassuring me and saying, "it will be alright." I love mountains, they are always a beautiful sight. I was very thankful for solid ground under my feet, I don't have sea legs.

We have now been on Tristan for almost 4 months. Tristan grows on one. We have made peace with the wind but really experiencing difficulty with the internet. We have experienced two fierce storms in close succession and lost all communications: no TV, no internet, only partially now, and no phone. Roofs and containers were blown over, and buildings flooded. No lives lost, no injuries. We thank God!

The Islanders are very pleased that they have a priest. St Mary's, is doing well, many thanks to Carlene Green, Eddie Rogers and Lars Repetto who kept the church going. Lars has reluctantly retired due to ill health. Church services are well attended and two young ladies were admitted to first communion, April and Kailey Swain (see in the picture on the right). We have also held our first Healing Service. We find the people of Tristan warm and caring.

May God bless us as we serve His people.

- Revd Margaret van den Berg, rector on Tristan da Cunha



## St Michael and All Angels Observatory outreach



The Outreach Group at St Michael and All Angels, Observatory hosted a tea and lunch for staff members of the Heathfield branch of the Deaf Community of Cape Town on 12th November 2019.

This was one of their outreach functions for the year. Seated in the centre of the group is Fr Tony Hogg who has served the parish during the interregnum. - **Michael Meyer**

**Fikelela Fun Walk from page 3:** The Bonteheuvel walking ladies taught some line dancing and the Zumba Woodstock instructors had the children moving. A drumming session followed and people found it therapeutic. Our DJ was cool and kept the atmosphere joyful and vibey.

Support groups who joined us, enjoyed themselves and were vocal about how grateful they are to Fikelela. Everyone who participated in the walk were in awe of the beauty of the surroundings. A special thank you to Bishops College for making this possible. The Co-ordinator highlighted that 1200 young girls between the ages of 15-29 are infected weekly. HIV&Aids education is not receiving the attention that it needs.

The braai area was busy with boerewors rolls prepared for the children of Fikelela. Thank you to Keith and Donny for braaiing and to Stacey, Gail, Taryn, Chanelle, Aaron and Luke to ensuring the lunch was sorted. Thank you to Sara Baird of KFC who arranged meals for the support groups as well as a drawstring bag with goodies.

Our kiddies corner had jumping castles and kept the little ones busy, it was wonderful to see and hear the joy and laughter. Thank you to the EPWP workers who assisted as marshalls. Thank you to Jade for offering to do the nails, our young people offering their services and investing their time in the lives of others is priceless. Thank you to the fun walk witness committee for your contributions and to the photographers: Luke and Chanelle Sylvester; Jesse Pastor and Aaron and Stacey Hendricks. There are still 200 goodie bags left with the wording from the Fruits of the Spirit on the front and a snood / tope inside with the same wording. These bags can be purchased for R50 from the Fikelela offices at Zonnebloem.

- **the Fikelela Team**

# Off to Cott (College of the Transfiguration, Grahamstown) they go ...



**Kieran Groepe:** It is quite different when you reflect on your calling a few months before you're about to leave for seminary as opposed to when you first receive notification of the church's outcome of discernment. Both occasions are decidedly overwhelming.

At times I've felt that I was an unlikely and unworthy candidate for any sort of ministry. However, I'm not the first person to feel this way, nor will I be the last.

These feelings can be more pronounced when you grow up in the church, with a priest

for a parent. Placing myself in the comfort and encouragement of all that God is has been an ongoing modification in identifying what God wants for me particularly.

God calls people in various and unique ways to vocations, and that is how I would best describe the "How I got here" part of the journey. I was an altar server at Simon of Cyrene Parkwood since the age of 4 and a chorister at the Cathedral of St George the Martyr from the age of 6.

An assessment taken in Matric matched my personality with a profession in law, education, industrial psychology and ordained ministry. I didn't at 17 think that God was calling me via a personality test.

I grappled in between studies, competitive ballroom dancing and work as to why I felt strongly drawn to ordained ministry. Why did the celebration of the Eucharist look and feel different to me now? Prior to my first meeting with the then Dean of Studies in June 2017, I decided to take some time out to prayerfully contemplate on what was taking place. In this the gospel of Luke 22:42 resonated with me that day and weekend.

The process of Fellowship of Vocation and the Vocational Guidance Conference has been one of revealing God's will and trusting of all that is taking place. I often describe it as the most intense interview of my life, but it has most importantly been a fellowship of sisters and brothers seeking the will of God together at various parts of our individual journeys.

My year at the Centre for Student Support Services at UWC as a facilitator and academic counsellor was profoundly enriching and coincided with the greater part of FOV.

I leave all that I've ever known, trusting in God's will and praying that I encounter God and God's world at the College of Transfiguration. I believe I will continue to be formed both spiritually and theologically.

Pray that God's word may be fulfilled in me. Pray that God's will, not mine, be done. Pray that I continue to take the cup of servanthood with blessing and with the assurance of God's love. Pray for me, always.

**Leon Siphe Nyaba:** I am Leon Siphe Nyaba, uMzi-ma uCeduma uBhomoyi, born and bred in Cape Town however my family originates from Nyalasa Village in the small town of Cala in the Eastern Cape.

I am a child of the parish of Church of the Holy Cross, Nyanga which has moulded and shaped me to this day.

My family moved from Nyanga to Khayelitsha while I was still a young boy in the 1990s however

we continued to worship at Holy Cross Nyanga because of our roots being embedded in that Parish.

Holy Cross Church is my home as it is the place where my relationship with God has matured over the years and where I express my faith and showcase my God-given talents. I have been exposed to various roles within the Parish such as chairperson of the Girls' and Bafana Friendly Society (GBFS) and later Vice-President of the GBFS within the Diocese. I have served on the Parish Council at Holy Cross Nyanga since 2013 to date. Currently I am a member of Bernard Mizeki Mens' Guild and a licensed Lay Minister in the Parish since March 2017.

I felt God's call upon my life as far back as 2010 but at that time, like the prophet Jeremiah, I felt I was too young and decided to ignore it and pursue my studies at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, where I completed my National Diploma in Human Resource Management in 2014. By God's grace and with the guidance and prayers of the Reverend Moeketsi Mototjane I finally took the step to explore my vocation through the Fellowship of Vocation (FOV) in 2017.

During my time in the FOV programme I learnt a lot about myself in relation to God my Creator who has called me. My experience in FOV and in the interviews leading up to the Vocational Guidance Conference, I understand what it means to be called by God to the ordained ministry and the implications of this calling upon one's life and those around him/her.

I am deeply humbled by the opportunity that has been given to me to go and study at the College of the Transfiguration in Makhanda. I look forward to being at COTT as I will acquire theological education, develop practical skills in leading and ministering in the complexity of life as it is today.

As I move to Makhanda, I leave behind my family, friends and fellow parishioners of whose prayers and supported I am assured. As I continue my journey I intend to live as God intends me to live, fully aware that I am being mended as God has called me to be a mender too.



# Anglican House of Studies at UCT (Anhouse) an Anglican presence in the campus that provides a 'home away from home' to students



The Anglican House of Studies (Anhouse) at the University of Cape Town is a faith-based community of students, dedicated to nurturing both Anglican and non-Anglican students while studying at the University of Cape Town.

The community includes the warden's office responsible in the daily running of the house and in attending to the needs and wellbeing of students; the chaplaincy that epitomizes the Anglican presence in the campus, including the students' spiritual oversight and direction; and the Anglican Society (Ansoc) that serves as a visible link between the university and the Anglican presence. This makes of Anhouse a 'home away from home,' a fellowship of learning and prayer within the wider community of the University of Cape Town, yet with its own distinctive ethos and practice where mutual respect, gender equity, self-worth, participation, diversity, and inclusion are values that bind the community together. As a community we bring nothing exceptionally new; we have come to learn from local practices and the experiences of other communities. Our work builds on the efforts which have evolved over the years since the inception of the Anglican Chaplaincy at the University of Cape Town aimed at providing students with a caring ministry and a 'home away from home' while continuing their studies. Sadly, the tragic incidents of violent crime we have come to face as a city and as a nation have deeply disturbed our purpose as a community, forcing us to desperately re-examine our core mandate as a residence provider. We had to reconsider the safety and wellbeing of our students as a matter of course and seriously take residential life as a key component in our ministry.

Anhouse is conveniently located, squarely at the heart of Middle Campus, in a secure and safe neighbourhood, overlooking the Law Faculty, which makes it attractively suitable to many students who would like to make of their journey in the Campus a 'home away from home.' While we are eager in providing accommodation to as many students as we can, we are only capable of accommodating a limited number, given the limitation of our space. Therefore, candidates are encouraged to apply ahead of time when considering taking up studies at the University of Cape Town. While priority may be given to Anglican applicants, applications are open to all, hence we appeal to every diocese and parish to assist in encouraging those who wish to apply to do so in time. Unfortunately, at the moment, no space is left for 2020.

- Revd Dr Isaías Ezequiel Chachine - (Chaplain)

## Anhouse adventure

*St Paul's Anhouse residence has been a place that I'm proud to call my second home. My stay had its perks; from learning how to care for the environment through Carol's insistence of sorting garden jewels (compost) and recycling of waste, to the values of social interaction brought about through braaing to celebrate academic and social achievements, birthday celebrations commemorating our brethren growths, and, monthly gatherings to keep up to date with the academic and social development. These are all values that have a special place in my heart, and I will treasure them always.*

*I'm happy to have shared some of my Tanzanian culture, especially cuisines, which have fortunately brought about the nick name 'Chef' around the house. I'm also very fortunate to have put my leadership, engineering, 'hidden tech' skills to good use by helping at different occasions. I feel fortunate and blessed to have joined St Paul's community and I believe anyone who will join in the future will have an exciting time and wonderful company.*

*I want to give thanks to the following personnel whose support has made life at Anhouse a pleasant stay. St Paul's Anhouse committee, by offering accommodation throughout my stay in Cape Town - Carol Hartley, our wonderful warden anyone could wish for. Her understanding and care has made my stay pleasant and memorable. The Revd Dr Isaías Chachine, for his spiritual care and continuous encouragement at school and social life during our difficult times. The Revd Canon Reeve Mulder for her immediate attention whenever asked for, her kindheartedness is a value Anhouse is lucky to have. God bless Anhouse, God bless St Paul's chaplaincy. Dankie.*

- Ansfrid J Lekundayo



# A bishop remembered

Patrick Monwabisi Matolengwe and I were virtually twins, if you can call two people born 12 days apart twins. Patrick was born on 12th May 197. I once said to him, "Are you aware that while you being born, King George the 6th and Queen Elizabeth were being crowned in Westminster Abbey. I'm surprised, you were not called "Coronation Matolengwe."

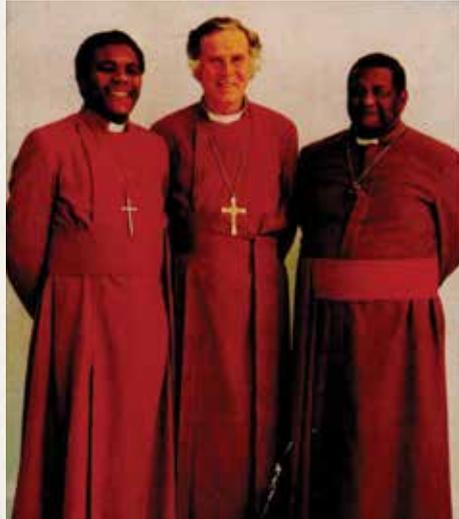
Patrick was born in Graaff-Reinet and when he reached school going age, his parents David and Emma enrolled him at the St Philip's Primary School. He then went on to Healdtown High School and this was followed by a Teacher's Diploma at Lovedale Teacher's College. After teaching for a few years, he went on to become a Court Interpreter in Laaiplek on the West Coast and it was now that he began to consider a vocation to the ordained ministry of the Anglican Church.

This was further encouraged by Archbishop Joost de Blank. After being accepted as an ordinand, he began his training at the Bishop Grey Theological College situated on the Zon-nebloem Campus in Cape Town, and finished at the newly established St Peter's College at the Federal Theological Seminary in Alice. He was ordained a Deacon in 1965 and priested in 1966. His first appointment was that of an assistant at St Michael and All Angels, Herschel in the Eastern Cape and it was now that he was introduced to pastoral ministry in a rural environment and he became involved in many and varied community development projects.

In 1969, he applied to the Diocese of Cape Town and was appointed Priest-in-Charge of Holy Cross Nyanga. Nyanga is a vast, sprawling black township, situated on the verge of the City of Cape Town but beset by the horrendous social and political problems which was being further exacerbated by apartheid. The prospect of ministering in such an environment would have filled even the most daring and resourceful with misgivings but with courage and determination, Patrick set about facing the challenges such as growing militancy and political awareness of high school students. The break down in infrastructure, the plight of parishioners living in overcrowded conditions, men forced to live as singles in migrant workers' hostel and ever increasing informal settlements springing up on the borders of the parish. He was also responsible for getting a scout group going for which he was appointed a deputy commissioner and Patrick was also a founder member of the St Mary Magdalene and Bernard Mizeki Guild.

As the government went about its business, hell bent on dividing people so the church sort ways and means to bring people together. One such way was the creation of the regional deanery council's i.e combining or grouping parishes together across the racial divide.

Patrick Matolengwe was the first black priest to be appointed a regional dean, he was also appointed a canon of the diocese. In 1976, the



**Left to Right: The Rt Revds Patrick Matolengwe, Philip Russell and Charles Albertyn.**

diocese held an elective assembly to elect a successor to Bishop Walter Wade who had retired. Patrick was nominated and later declared the elected Suffragan bishop of the diocese of Cape Town. He was 39 years old. Patrick was consecrated on the 21st November 1976. The diocese had already embarked on a program of regionalisation and when Bishop George Swartz was appointed 1972, he was given an episcopal oversight of the southern region, Bishop Patrick was now given oversight of the western region. This resulted in him having to travel vast distances when visiting his parishes in this far flung western coastal region.

The region was mainly made up of fishing villages and depressed rural communities and presented many challenges. Patrick meteoric rise did not sit comfortably with some and it was they who put him under the spot light and to interrogate both his performance and the decisions that he made and being subjected to this kind of scrutiny began to take its toll on someone as sensitive and as vulnerable as Patrick and things began to go wrong for him and this resulted in his decision to resign. It was suggested that he should go to America for some time out. All of this I was very aware of and I recall arriving at Church House on a Friday morning in early 1988, armed with the information that Patrick was leaving. I went into the office of the diocesan secretary, Robin Harper and said "are you aware that bishop Patrick is leaving today." He said "what time, I said 11h00. He said you and I are going to see him off." We arrived at Cape Town International (DF Malan) airport and waited. Robin said we must get him something, so we went to the duty free shop and found some placemats with scenes of Cape Town. Robin paid for it, asked for it to be wrapped and then handed it to me and said give it to him when he comes. A while later Patrick arrived, accompanied by his wife and children and all his luggage (he was travelling alone). We went to him and hugged him and I handed him Robin's gift and I said, "when you are having your dinner

and you look at these pictures, think of us." We wished him well, said goodbye and left. Years later, he said to me, "I will never forget Robin Harper or yourself. You were the only ones to see me off when I left South Africa."

In America, far from the toxic and malignant political atmosphere of South Africa, Patrick was able to heal and now began a new phase in his ministry when he was appointed Dean of All Saints Cathedral Milwaukee and later assistant bishop of the diocese. Once again Patrick threw himself into his work with enthusiasm and dedication, in dealing with the problems facing this community, and they in turn responded by embracing him with love and respect.

In 1994, while on a visit to his aging mother, Patrick contacted Archbishop Desmond Tutu and extended to him, an invitation to visit Milwaukee. This was 1994 and things in South Africa were moving very fast and Bishop Tutu could not commit himself to such a visit but it all came together, the following year when on 12th May (his 58th birthday), Archbishop Tutu landed at Chicago O Hare' airport and (in Patrick's own words) for the next 4 days wowed the people of Milwaukee with his energy, his resilience and his humanity. The visit was a great success and a coup for Bishop Patrick coming as it did, so soon after our first democratic election and involving so closely involved in the liberation struggle.

On a personal level, this was a wonderful opportunity for these two bishops of the Church of the Province of South Africa (CPSA) to meet and find each other again. America afforded Patrick the opportunity to study again and he studied a Master's Degree in Theological studies. In recognition of his work in the diocese, Nashotah House conferred on him a Degree of Doctor of Divinity. Throughout his ministry, Patrick enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Nompumelo whom he called Nolusapho and his children. When Patrick retired, he returned to South Africa and continued to minister in many and varied capacities in Graaff-Reinet, Johannesburg and even assisting Bishop Oswald Swartz in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman. I spoke to Bishop Patrick for the last time on 12th May 2017, his 80th birthday. I rang his number in Johannesburg, the voice that answered was frail but unmistakably his. I said congratulations on this great milestone and was greeted with silence. I said Bishop Patrick, this is John Ramsdale phoning from Cape Town. He began repeating my name over and over. I think willing himself to remember who I was. I wished him well and said goodbye. As replaced the receiver, I was overcome by a deep sense of sadness. He died 31st May 2019.

I will always think of him with love and respect as someone who was such an amazing example of courage in adversity. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

- John Ramsdale

## Holy Redeemer Sea Point celebrates its 98th anniversary

The Church of the Holy Redeemer Sea Point held its 98th Anniversary Service and Patronal Festival on Sunday 24th November 2019.

We also remember the first forced removals in the Western Cape of 1961. Former residents shared their experience and stories with the congregation from the time of the first notice that arrived in 1957 to the first traumatic removals. The stories shared by the community was dignified and pleasantly presented.

Ms Ursula Lawrence (the longest serving resident at the parish since the removal) did the Welcome.

Mr Leonard Lopes related to Life before the forced removals and also the life struggles in Bonteheuwel afterwards.

The community became closer to one another and accepted their new environment,



they adapted and stood tall. He thanked the mothers and fathers for their endurance and quoted the words from Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu at the TRC: "FORGIVING is not FORGETTING; but actually REMEMBERING - REMEMBERING that it's not your right to HIT back, but a second chance for a new BEGINNING!"

Margaret Isaacs and Envor Barros shared their stories too. Envor's grandfather committed suicide before the removals took place.

We ended off with tears and laughter and watched a lengthy digital video clip of all former residents in the old days which was shown in the church hall.

Thank you to Ashley Paulsen for making the video clip possible, it can be viewed church at any time as it is now Holy Redeemer's property. Thank you Father Michael Twum Darko for making it possible. God Bless!

- Leonard Lopes

- Photographer: Heinrich Gordon



## St Philip's District 6 crafters exhibition

On Saturday 2nd Nov 2019 the St Philip Crafters D6 had their Bumper Exhibition at the Lydia Centre (old St Philip School). The class is run by Margaret Isaacs formerly from Bonteheuwel.

We meet weekly on a Monday at 10H00 at the Centre. In reaching out to the community, we would like ladies/men of any age who has time on their hands to come and join our group. - Audrey Farao



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