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# EDITORIAL

May God's love surround you, May you have that sense of His presence, His comfort, His encouragement, His strength, His grace and His love, to love beyond where you thought you could keep on loving.

Don't look at your level of faith as your strength for answered prayer. Look to Jesus, who sits at the right hand of the Father, perfecting your prayer. The more you learn about Jesus and His love of the deepest form, the more your faith increases.

Trust that God at this very moment is working to restore and even better your circumstances, because He is!  
**Love and Light, Rebecca**

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# EVENTS AND NOTICES

## FUNDRAISING

**Christmas in July Dance:** Church of the Resurrection Bonteheuwel will be hosting a dance on 7th July 2017 at the Goodwood Civic Centre. The band in attendance will be the Strand Combo and the cost will be R150 per person.

**Patronal Festival Dance:** St Matthew's Claremont will host the above at the Wittebomme Civic on 6th October 2017. More details to follow in next edition.

**Parish Bazaar:** Church of the Resurrection will host the above from 6-7th October 2017. Coupon booklets available at R50 each. For more information contact Amanda Manuel at amandam2711@hotmail.com

## SITUATIONS VACANT

**Parish Secretary:** St Mark's Athlone would like to appoint a secretary to perform office administration duties; manage the reception area; attend to

the correspondence; control hall hire bookings and process financial transactions etc. The candidate will be expected to work Monday - Friday from 09h00 - 16h00. Applicants must be Anglican and be in the possession of a Grade 12 certificate. The candidate must be able to use the MS Office suite competently. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Please forward your CV and covering letter to the rector, the Revd Chris Hartnick. Email address chartnick@telkomsa.net by 31 July 2017.

## YOUTH APPEAL

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By the time you read this column, the 15th June 2017 is past and you have missed your opportunity to contribute to the Synod. It is the due date for giving notice of motions and the nominations for the various elected positions. You can now curl up on your couch and wait for the next Synod of the Diocese.

However all is not lost.

Provision is made at Synod for additional motions to be presented. Under Standing Rules of Provincial Synod (Standing Rules of the Provincial Synod pg 177, Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa), the following are allowed :

- A two thirds majority of Synod may allow notice of an urgent to be given during Synod on a situation arising since the beginning of the six weeks prior to the date fixed for the

commencement of Synod

- A motion that arises from the Archbishop's Charge, or is referred to Synod by Conference or by a meeting PSC/DSC or Episcopal Synod held immediately before Synod.

There are other procedural motions that can be entertained by Synod as described in par. 30 (a)(iv) of the Standing Rules.

These are the two instances through which your participation in the matters of Synod and the work of the Diocese can happen.

The Archbishop's Charge can be equated to the State of the Church Address and gives an overview of the Diocese. Imagine the Archbishop is surveying the Diocese from the top i.e. an helicopter perspective but for the mission of the Diocese to be fulfilled those in distress must set off flares to indicate areas of concern.

To assist in this matter, the Archbishop has welcomed the operation of a twitter account: <https://twitter.com/Tips4Thabo> #DCTSynod2017 that parishioners may indicate concerns and possibilities for mission and ministry. You have an opportunity to make your ideas known.

On the 17 August 2017, our Diocesan Synod commences with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral Church of St George the Martyr, CAPE TOWN. If you have not been elected or invited, make every effort to attend. Hear the Charge of the Archbishop firsthand and support our diocese.

A packed Cathedral will serve as a powerful statement of Mission and Ministry to the City. No person must feel excluded from Synod.

- the Revd Karl Groepe: Synod Manager

## March and Prayer service from page 1:

One of the roles of the Mothers Union (MU) is to promote family life and the protection of children through praying, enabling and campaigning. The current wave of abuse, including murder, against women and children in our country is of great concern to us as the MU. We know that many women in our country (including those that are in the MU) have experienced abuse and violence in their lifetime, often in the hands of someone they know, love and trust.

It is with this context in mind that on the 3rd June the Mothers Union hosted a prayer service that was preceded by a peaceful march.

The mothers felt compelled to add their voice to the many voices that say KWANELE... ENOUGH IS ENOUGH and that God needs to give us the strengths to speak out against violence and for Him to also intervene in curbing this scourge.

The silent march to the St George's Cathedral was led by women clergy, the MU executive and council members plus clergy spouses and was attended by many women, children and men. The marchers covered their mouths with masking tape as a symbolic gesture of how they've been silenced and they carried placards with messages of appeal to stop the violence and killing of women and children.

His Grace, Archbishop Dr Thabo Makgoba welcomed the marchers at the Cathedral. After entry into the Cathedral the women were encouraged to speak out about their own

abuse and that of other women and there was a symbolic removal of the tape before everyone broke out in song singing SENZENI NA / WHAT HAVE WE DONE.

We were moved by a testimony from a survivor of abuse Ms Thobeka Yose and also received encouragement from men when a speaker (Mr. Aviwe Mtibe) from Sisonke Gender Justice appealed to the men to put an end to the abuse, violence and killing of women and children.

Our heartfelt thanks for the support shown to us on the day. We have no doubt that God has heard our prayers and He will intervene in putting an end to the abuse and killing of women and children. We look forward to the rest of our journey as we continue wrestling with God until He blesses us! (Gen 32)

KWANELE.....ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Below are some testimonies from some of the mothers union members that were part of the march.

"Ma'am thank you to all that were involved in planning Saturday's event. I am still overwhelmed by the holy spirit as I type this SMS. uThixo is speaking to me and I feel I have strength to speak out and do something for myself. Things are not good in my marriage. I don't know how many times he beat me but today I feel I can say KWANELE. Enkosi"

"Morning. I simply can't not share this one with you. A colleague of mine saw us on T.V on Saturday and today here at work she

asked to talk to me in private and she broke down in tears telling me about her abusive husband. So indeed she removed her tape!"

"I sincerely would like to thank you for yesterday. I made a decision to join the mothers union because I wanted to grow in the church. Since I started I was asking myself why I'm here, I asked God to give me clarity. Yesterday was it for me!"

- Sibongile Antoni





## Africa month celebration with Potluck at Holy Redeemer, Seapoint



Holy Redeemer in Sea Point celebrated Africa Month in May with a Potluck. This year's event took place on Sunday 28 May after church. Participation was not only by members of Holy Redeemer, but also from St James Sea Point, St George's Cathedral and St Paul's, Bree Street. We had food from many African Countries as well as popular South African dishes which mesmerized many who attended the event. The most interesting cuisines were the peanut butter rice

bread and peanut butter soup with chicken.

Holy Redeemer's Church Wardens and Parish Council seized the opportunity to thank the outgoing Archdeacon Ven Karl Groepe and presented him with a gift on behalf of the parish. Priest in Charge of Holy Redeemer, the Revd Dr Michael Twum-Darko also took the opportunity to acknowledge Ven Groepe's leadership in the Waterfront Archdeaconry in the last 7 years and thanked him for his sup-

port at a time when the inner city parish membership was dwindling due to cost of living. Father Michael added that the only means of sustaining the parishes is not only through pledges and Sunday offerings, but recognising and optimizing the value of the parishes' assets and property. Giving Ven Groepe his gift, the church wardens wished him well and success with his new role in the Diocese as the Synod Manager.

The Potluck event raised R8 200 from tickets sold. There were also generous cash donations from individuals in support of Holy Redeemer's ministry.

In his welcoming and opening remarks, Rev Dr Twum-Darko reiterated that events such as potluck at Holy Redeemer are meant to create a community which sees its hope and the world in light of the Christian Faith. This, he added, has been demonstrated by members from different parishes and even retired clergy joining to celebrate the Africa Month at Holy Redeemer.

The next fundraising event is a braai on Sunday 3 September 2017 at 13h00.

## Holy Trinity Belvidere in Knysna untouched by raging fires

In early June 2017, Knysna and surrounding areas were affected by devastating fires which left seven people dead. The blaze was fanned by gale force winds which left more than 10 000 people displaced and nearly 500 structures destroyed. Initial speculation suggested that Holy Trinity was damaged by the fire but the rector, the Revd Jerome Prins in a facebook post wrote, "This is the house of God ... no weapon formed against it shall prosper ... there she stands a living witness of God's love and mercy towards us ... Holy Trinity Anglican Church Belvidere." Sadly, three parishioners lost their homes.

On 8th June 2017, the Bishop of George, the Rt Revd Brian Marajh in a statement said, "... we visited Knysna and surrounding areas to ascertain for ourselves the extent of the damage caused by the recent fires. We are satisfied that all of our buildings are unaffected and we can confirm that the historic church building in Belvidere and its Rectory is still intact and suffered only smoke damage. We thank God for His protection and grace upon our people and buildings. We wish to extent

our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones and pray that they may find comfort and strength in their faith..."

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On Trinity Sunday, 11th June 2017, Father Jerome, parishioners and visitors gave thanks to God for keeping the church safe and undamaged by the fires which were evident around the perimeters of the church grounds. "It was an emotional and joyous morning to be at The Holy Trinity Church. Thank you for opening your hearts South Africa - the love and support cannot be expressed enough. We trust you Lord, We trust you Lord," one of the visitors expressed. Continue to support and pray for those affected as well as the fire fighters, shelters and carers.

- **Rebecca Malambo / Photos: Desiré Martin**



## To the Laos - to the people of God

Thank you for your prayers for our trip to Germany for the celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Lungi and I first travelled to Berlin, where I gave a Bible study on Ascension Day, and then to Wittenberg, the university town where Martin Luther lived and worked, where I preached to a gathering of 120,000 the following Sunday.

The “Kirchentag”, the biannual assembly organised by lay members of the Evangelical Church in Germany, is always a big affair, perhaps to be compared locally to the ZCC’s huge Easter gathering at Zion City, Moria, in Limpopo Province, or perhaps to Angus Buchan’s recent gathering in the Free State. But those events display a fraction of the sophistication of the Kirchentag, which this year was really something else.

The organisers wanted to create an opportunity for secular Europe to see that in the German context in particular, faith and especially the Christian faith is still alive. Moreover, the celebration underlined the fact that Luther was of course not a Lutheran! He was a Catholic who, in challenging the practices of the church, set off a chain of events which enabled the whole of Europe to reflect deeply on its body politic and to redefine philosophically its attitude towards its people. As I said in my sermon, by mobilising millions of people in an unstoppable movement to embrace the right to participate, Luther was one of the true fathers of democratic freedom.

Placing the celebrations in the context of the seasons we have just observed—Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity—it was just amazing on Ascension Day to witness Chancellor Angela Merkel and former president Barack Obama sharing a platform in Berlin. There they spoke openly about their Christian faith and how its values and principles guided them in moments of doubt as they led their nations. Their witness challenged us to take seriously our own faith in dealing with economic, political and social issues, underscoring what we normally say



Archbishop Thabo with spouse, Lungi, Angela Merkel and chair of the Council of Evangelical Church in Germany, Bishop Heinrich Bedford - Strohm.  
- Photo: Kathrin Erbe / Kirchentag

in our church, that God is God of all or no god at all. It was also wonderful to see the laity, young and old, taking charge, subtly reinforcing the message to those of us who are ordained that this was not a clerical event with dog collars and things. It was rather a movement, almost of the spirit, of Pentecost, where lay people were witnessing



Laughing with President Frank - Walter Steinmeier  
Photo: Kathrin Erbe / Kirchentag

together in a huge array of events: in Bible study, in workshops, in exhibitions and then at the concluding service at Wittenberg.

I had not imagined that people would be so committed to travelling to Wittenberg and in such large numbers. They were discouraged from using their cars and so piled into trains coming from all over Germany and Europe, wearing the distinctive orange scarves of the celebration, singing and praising God as they came. From the station, they had to undertake a pilgrimage of some distance to get to the temporary stadium set up on the banks of the River Elbe.

There we experienced a taste of what we celebrate on Trinity Sunday—the unity of the Trinity, reflecting the call that we need to break down barriers of denomination, class and geo-political boundaries and remember that we share one common humanity. For Communion, there were altars pitched across the vast expanse of the stadium, each with a tree branch and a group of clergy and laity concelebrating. I wondered in my blog afterwards: could this be the real meaning of breaking bread together, little altars where the people are?

Please continue to pray for me in my archiepiscopal ministry, within the Diocese, the Province and abroad.

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



# Archbishop Meets SA Deputy President Ramaphosa

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba met South African Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa at Bishops Court in early June 2017, where they discussed structured partnerships between Church and State. Areas covered by such partnerships include the National Development Plan, the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC), youth employment and the promotion of values which give South Africans hope and help them observe best practices.

After the meeting, Archbishop Thabo made a call for special

prayer: "We pray for peace, stability and courage in our country. We pray for the South African Council of Churches as it meets over the coming days, and for the SACC's 'unburdening panel' which hears the concerns of public servants who want to share details of corruption."

In the Bishops Court chapel, from left, PEO Horace Arenz, Chief of Staff Jerome Francis, the Archbishop and Public Policy Officer Desmond Lambrechts. Father Lambrechts is praying for the Deputy President.



## Fikelela appeals for assistance

Warm greetings from your Fikelela family. Unbelievably we have already journeyed together for 6 months of the year 2017.

We are approaching the winter months and the cold weather affects behaviour. For this very reason we wish to highlight our experiences over the past couple of months.

Several Parishes have given Fikelela the opportunity to engage with Confirmands around our confirmation program Survivor Africa. We are highlighting concerns around the issues that these young adults are struggling to deal with.

Fikelela has the ability and the capacity to educate these young people and to support with these issues that they are highlighting as struggles. Examples are self-esteem, body pride, confidence levels, bullying, dealing with their sexuality and their behaviour. After the Survivor Africa program has been completed with them, we are also able to offer our life skills program Agents of Change. This is an added participatory teaching peer to peer model that would strengthen our young adults to be more equipped around their choices and coping mechanisms.

On behalf of these young people we as Fikelela are appealing to the Parishes within the Diocese of Cape Town to call on us to provide the service to the young people who are seeking assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us we are very willing and able and we want to ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER.

Our child and youth care centre is based in Christmas Tinto Street, Khayelithsa, a temporary safe care facility for up to 40 children. We have become a multi-racial, multi-cultural Centre. 'Your child is my child' Your assistance and support for us to run the Centre is becoming quite critical now.

We are appealing to our parishes within the diocese to support the project attached to Fikelela. It is a wonderful opportunity for Sunday Schools and Youth groups to visit and engage in a practical way and spend time with our children. Our amazing Jerry Giraffe programme equips young ones to know the dangers of strangers, good touching and bad touching and the importance of their bod-

ies. Parents who struggle to teach the young group age 5 – 10 years, please do enquire about the programme. A recent statistic shared, 20 Children murdered in Cape Town since the beginning of the year. That is frightening! Together we can make a difference.

Offering support and being a support are two key elements of ministry. More and more we are discovering people who are infected and aware of being infected, yet they share openly that they have no knowledge of this disease. Amidst our thinking of we are tired of hearing about HIV awareness the need for ongoing awareness education is still urgent.

Support groups the safe space and place that we offer people, to feel the love of Christ, to be the love of Christ. A wonderful opportunity to be brought to your knees and experience with us the stigma, the rejection, the loneliness, the pain of not being loved. Each client receives a monthly food parcel which the Organisation receives as a gift. Our journey is one of reality.

Attached to our support group structures is also an opportunity to teach people skills like sewing, beading, knitting, crocheting, fabric painting, basic English classes.

Hospital Ministry - It is at the ARV sites at the various facilities that we experience the emotion of people who have just been diagnosed for the first time, young and old. It is at this point that we comfort them, take them on a journey of renewed strength and hope. They are referred to our various support groups where they can be supported. At the hospital we offer the clients 2 stop hunger meal packs. We are seeking helping hands if there are any to assist at the facilities.

Your Fikelela family is asking for your kind assistance, if any additional information is required or clarification of information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ways in which you can assist, whether it be financial, physical, emotional, spiritual we prayerfully ask for your consideration of our appeal.

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# Diocesan Youth Council weekend away in Pringle Bay

"There are three types of people in this world... people who makes things happen; people who let things happen and people who ask "What's happening?"

Reflecting on this statement that is precisely what the DYC training weekend was about. The end of May the newly elected DYC went on a training and fellowship weekend in Pringle Bay.

With much excitement and various personalities this was surely a fruitful working time spending together in prayer worship fellowship and new friendships being formed.

In order for the new Diocesan Youth council and chaplain to understand the structure, vision and mission of the Young people's ministry in the Diocese it was important for every team member to share their purpose and passion.

Thus what is it that they as individuals can contribute to this ministry/world and how can they make a difference. Time was also spend on the policies document for a clear understanding of their role and responsibility. Staring this new chapter as DYC we looking forward to be intentional in all our endeavours, building a movement for God's

Kingdom and to accept everyone for who and what they are.

Please do continue to pray for us.

- **Abigail Hopley**



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- **Beverley Hendricks**

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