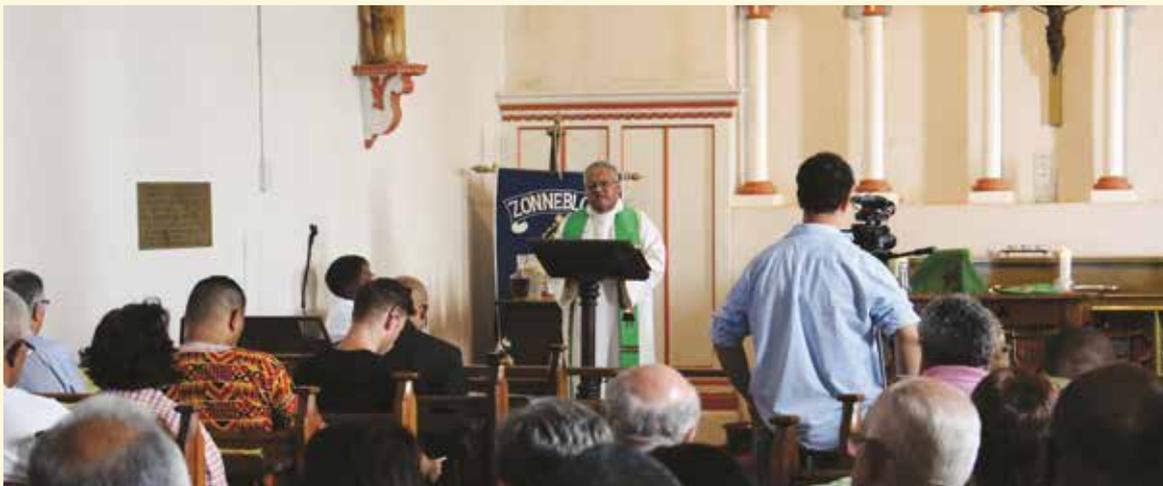


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Lent is a reminder to be a blessing to others, the Church and the world. We're called to sacrifice our needs for the sake of our loved ones, to share our wealth with the poor and our time and talents with our community. We're called to be generous with words of kindness, gratitude, and affirmation.

Is Lent the only time to embody these qualities or should it be a way of life? We all have our personal view on how our Lenten journey should be.

Whatever you do, always be the best you can be - to yourself and to others. May the season of Lent linger on in your heart, mind and spirit.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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New ordinand for the College of the Transfiguration

I am Miseka Mapukata, a single mother of two handsome boys. I was born in the township of Langa in Cape Town; however, my parents relocated to Gugulethu when I was three years old.

I spent most of my childhood and adult life in Gugulethu. Both my parents were staunch members of St Mary Magdalene which made me a member as well.

I got actively involved in the life of the church since a young age i.e the Sunday school and Youth Fellowship.

As I grew older I continued to be part of the church structure e.g. PCG organization, my leadership skills were tested as I led a cell group, lay ministry and the Altar Servers Guild.

As a lay minister in the church, I was fascinated by the Word of God, sharing of the Good News, reading of the Bible and the life of the church as a whole. I enjoy pastoral work and interacting with people on all levels.



During 2015-2016, I was nominated by my parish priest to be of the F.O.V to test and increase my spiritual discernment. I am grateful for the strict and firm hand of our

teacher and facilitator, Mr Hendricks (affectionately known as Gerald) for his teachings and positive leadership during the 2 year formation. I learnt different ways to get close to God and to listen to Him. In 2017, I went through the V.G.C. interviews with the support and prayers of my church members, spiritual directors, F.O.V. facilitators, friends, family, my priest, brothers and sisters.

God was revealed to the V.G.C. panel (who were also praying so hard to decide on the suitable persons) among others. I was also chosen to pursue ministry studies at COTT, of which I am so humbled.

With God's help, I hope to learn more about the history of the Anglican church at COTT and in depth Christian Religion.

I hope to be empowered with information that will be instrumental to help me deal with challenges and issues in the ministry, and above all, I hope to gain knowledge that will ensure God's word is being spread all over.

- **Miseka Mapukata**



Adapted from the sermon preached by Bishop Garth Counsell at the Opening Eucharist of the Water (In)Justice Conference on 3rd February 2018

Water; a natural everyday commodity common to all, needed and used by all. Water; given rich symbolic meaning and significance by many and accepted by most, if not all, faith traditions as sacred and hallowed. Water; which in Genesis 1 “was there at the beginning before the creation of the world took place”. Water; the first indication of the miracle of childbirth. Water; primal element and requisite for existence and sustenance of every living thing. Water; used at Christian baptism, symbolic of new life and initiation in Christ and the household of God. Water; without which human existence and survival would not only be under threat, but impossible. Water; this sacred and essential resource, yet much to our shame for so long taken for granted by many – unacknowledged as precious, sacred and hallowed – wasted and misused without a thought or care – a precious source, some believe used and manipulated in the power plays and machinations of some.

Until that moment, like the present, when rain-bearing clouds have disappeared, reservoirs are running dry, restrictions are forced upon us, Day Zero looms large, and humanity in response goes into frenzied and reactionary panic and anxiety, the consequences of which are visible and felt all around us at present.

Our focus on Water Justice has its genesis in our 2017 Diocesan Synod, which resolved that 2018 be “The Year of Water”. This includes a focus on Water Justice during Lent and holding a Water Justice conference. Our intention is thus not to panic nor to become embroiled in the unfortunate and political “point-scoring” and blame game that is taking place at a growing rate between those in the corridors of power.

Instead, as a faith community we reaffirm our belief that we have a moral and faith responsibility. This essential resource is a precious and sacred gift through which life and the earth is renewed and sustained. This focus on Water Justice offers us an opportunity to acknowledge, and also confess, our part in the misuse and taking for granted of this precious life giving resource because it has seemingly always been there in unlimited quantity.

John 4:14 reminds us of the deeper significance of water and the meaning attached to it by Jesus himself in relation to our spiritual journey and new life he makes available to those who would receive and accept him as the source of living water. Like the Samaritan woman at the well we too may become a “stream of living water gushing up to eternal life. This passage also reminds that drought and thirst are experienced not only at the

physical level but comes also at the much deeper spiritual level. The effects of this kind of drought can be as, and even more, intense and devastating and restrictive than the physical effects of the drought we are living through presently.

Sisters and brother in Christ, in most crises there is often the opportunity for positive outcomes and I believe this situation is no different. We have an opportunity to come together in cooperation with a common vision and purpose. Let us therefore find and commit to long-term efforts and lasting solutions. We have an opportunity for community building. Let us therefore develop unselfish, respectful and generous attitudes towards one another.

We have an opportunity as Church to remind ourselves and others about sustainable use of all the water resources in the world. We do this in response to the One who Himself is the source of Living Water.

May we fulfill our calling to be a people overflowing with Living Water and be life giving to others.

- the Revd Shaun Cozett

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Licencing at Bishopcourt's chapel



The Rt Revd Garth Counsell licenced the Revd Dr. Isaias Chachine as chaplain to the University of Cape Town (left) as well as the Revd Mcebisi Pinyana as assistant priest to the Archbishop of Cape Town (right) on 8th February 2018 at Bishopcourt's chapel.

A welcoming service for the UCT chaplain will take place on Sunday 4th March 2018.

- Photographer: John Allen

St Paul's Cape Town celebrates 160 years of thanksgiving and a renewed call to mission



The 160th anniversary service of Holy Eucharist was a joyous celebration of more than 250 worshippers present. The 150 year old organ with a choir of 65 voices and a brass band assembled from many churches, and special guests. The altar party included the Archbishop of Cape Town, 5 former rectors and assistants as well as St Paul's own. As the Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, preacher and celebrant began his sermon; he offered thanksgiving to the present congregation and also to members missing, living and dead, including the three former rectors and assisting priests present. He encouraged them together with their new rector to a prayerful and thoughtful discernment of God's call upon them in this day and time. The Archbishop also commended the Parish for their pledge to "A Renewed Call to Mission" in the 160th Patronal Service Booklet.

From the very earliest days of its existence in 1858, through the callings and tireless efforts of hundreds of their own, GOD in Christ has called and enabled us through worship, prayer, and teaching to be servant ministers sent out in love to people of every kind and in every need not only in Bokaap, but wherever needed. From our formation as a Mission Congregation (1858), and later as a Parish Church (Building consecrated in 1880), together in our love for Christ and one another, we have been sacraments of Evangelism to others, but also servants to the least of our sisters and brothers in need. Immersed in these two callings upon our corporate life, we have despite and ebb and flow in our

numbers always been truly dedicated to the poor, the hungry, the illiterate, the sick, and the despised. A few of those ministries with others resulted in the Somerset Hospital, St Monica's Maternity Home, St Paul's School (second oldest in Cape Town (Bo Kaap), an Orphanage and Shelter for street children, and in 1993, our Guest House providing affordable accommodation for travellers and open to all in such need.

There is perhaps no greater icon of the mission in God than our founding Priest and Rector, Archdeacon Thomas Fothergill Lightfoot. Through each of 16 Rectors, from S.W. Lavie through the four former Rectors who were present, in bad times and in good, each has strived to keep St Paul's vibrant as the earliest members intended, enabling its members to reach out in Christ's name.

Today the challenge is as great as it has perhaps ever been for our active members are older, or have moved away, and thus pledged income continues to decline (income from the St Paul's School, our parking lot, and our last successful mission, the St Paul's Guest House keep us going). But the good news is that countless businesses and thousands of persons have moved into the city all around us creating an exciting atmosphere.

Thomas Lightfoot (his portrait hangs in the Church) was assigned to St George's Cathedral by our first Archbishop, Robert Gray, but soon sent him as a missionary to people from Long Street upward into the Bokaap. With his many followers from St Paul's, and later

from churches of every denomination and faith, Christians and Moslems amongst them, we grew in numbers, but more importantly we became an enduring friend, neighbour and servant in our beloved Bokaap's eventual prosperity.

We the people of St Paul's Church celebrate and give thanks to God and the many whom have lived and died for our first 160th year believe that in light of conditions still working against us (declining numbers, a scattered and increasingly inactive membership, poverty, racism, and growing numbers of people for whom the Church is irrelevant and ineffective, WE MUST, and WE WILL recommit this Parish to a renewal based on the two cornerstones which our founder laid down and lived. May God prosper us in these vows. We pray too that every Community of Faith celebrating with us today, become partners with us in this renewal of "loving one another (ALL others) as Christ loved us!

- Photographer: Edwin Joshua



New leadership: licensing and institutions around the diocese



The Revd Jerome Francis was instituted as rector of St Saviour's Claremont and Good Shepherd Protea on 19th December 2017, by the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba.



The Revd Allen Goliath was instituted as rector of All Saints Lansdowne and St Patrick's Crawford on 14th January 2018 by the Rt Revd Garth Counsell.



The Revd Reeva Mulder was instituted as rector of St Paul's Rondebosch on 24th January 2018 by the Archdeacon of Rondebosch, the Ven Keith de Vos.



The Revd Gaile Beckett was instituted as rector of St Peter's Hout Bay as well as the Chapelries of St Simon and St Andrew's 28th January 2018 by the Rt Revd Garth Counsell.



The Revd Joshua Louw was instituted as rector of St Paul's Cape Town on 7th February 2018 by the Rt Revd Garth Counsell.



The Revd Mandla Sibeko was instituted as rector of St Mary Magdalene Gugulethu on 10th February 2018 by the Rt Revd Garth Counsell.



To the Laos - to the people of God

By the time you read this edition of Good Hope we will be well into Lent, and I hope you are using the lenten resources provided by the Diocese which focus on water justice. Prompted by the Green Anglicans, we have been giving special attention to the issue for a year now, beginning with conferences in London and Cape Town, and webcast internationally, and guided by the Diocesan Synod resolution declaring 2018 as "The Year of Water". Thanks to the work of many of you, we face the current crisis in Cape Town equipped with material to help us root our responses in our faith.

As I have said before, our current predicament highlights the way in which those of us – in urban areas at least – have lost our sense of the sacredness of water. We have taken it for granted, seeing it as something that comes out of a tap. But it does not come from a tap, it comes from a river and that river comes from our Creator.

The biblical story both begins and ends with water, from Genesis:

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters... (Gen 1)

to Revelation:

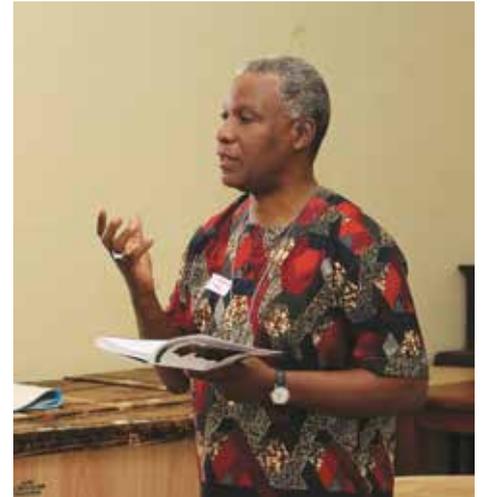
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. (Rev 22)

In times past, many of us have taken for granted filling our swimming pools with high-quality municipal drinking water, while others have to stand in line to fetch water from a communal tap. Now that we are faced with the prospect of running out, we can reconnect with water as something holy and precious, a sacred gift from God, not to be wasted, its sources to be nurtured.

At the Diocese's recent conference on "Water (In)Justice", one of our parishioners, Dr Kevin Winter of the Department of Environmental & Geographical Science at UCT emphasised that there is no need to panic over what the politicians are calling "Day Zero". He underlined the message that if we all work together and each limit our usage to 50 litres a day, we don't need to run out of water. I endorse his message by urging you not to panic but rather to turn crisis into opportunity.

We need to soak this crisis in prayer, to share our water-saving strategies in our congregations, take them back to our homes and offices, and sustain the reduction in consumption that we are beginning to achieve. Please don't stockpile water and don't allow anyone in your communities to exploit the crisis by turning water into a commodity for the rich, selling it for profit.

Let us also not talk about "Day Zero" as if – should it come to pass – the taps running dry means the end of everything. Looking at the crisis from a biblical perspective, the sense of void and nihilism associated with the phrase "Day Zero" should be foreign to us. Our faith is one of ever new beginnings, one which tells us there is always hope, so let us rather talk



of "Day One" – the day on which we make a new start and adopt a new way of living, one more appropriate to an era of climate change and adaptation.

Lastly, we cannot talk of water without talking of sanitation. I have had a passion since coming to Cape Town for ensuring that people in poor communities have proper sanitation, leading "Walks of Witness" in areas such as Makhaza and Khayelitsha to highlight their woeful lack of proper toilets. As we move into a new era of water saving and a more equitable sharing of resources, let's campaign not only for running water for all but for proper sanitation for all.

May you have a blessed Lent and a glorious Easter.

God Bless
+Thabo Cape Town

RMS St Helena retires after 27 years of ferrying

After 27 years of ferrying passengers and goods between Cape Town and the Island of St Helena, the RMS St Helena sailed for the last time to the Island on 24 January 2018.

The Directors of St Helena Line LTD hosted a reception on board the RMS St Helena on 23 January 2018 to mark her final sailing from Cape Town to St Helena. Pictured with Captain Adam Williams from left to right is Gerardo Garcia (Stella Maris Chaplain – Catholic Church), the Revd Karl Groepe (MtS Chairperson), Mr Barry Isaacs (MtS Treasurer), and the Revd Ashley Petersen (MtS Port Chaplain). The Mission to Seafarers was the designated meeting place for all passengers travelling on board the RMS St Helena from Cape Town to the island. The ship will be retired on her arrival in Cape Town mid-February. With the airport fully operational, the 5 day trip to the Island by sea, has now been replaced by air travel with an approximate 5 to 6 hours travelling time. - **the Revd Ashley Petersen**



Women clergy celebration



This year the Diocese of Cape Town hosted the annual women clergy conference for the Western Cape. This was a special one for us, as we celebrated 25 years of women's ordination at St Thomas Church in Rondebosch. Sister clergy from Saldanha Bay and False Bay joined us for a day of fellowship, reflection and challenges.

We started the day with laughter therapy led by the Revd Pam Parenzee – and experienced with great hilarity the healing benefits of laughter. Our key note speaker was Dr Rev Vicentia Kgabe, rector of College of the Transfiguration. We were challenged deeply to learn more about St Mary Magdalene, the first evangelist. Instead of being recognized as one of the apostles, the hierarchy of the church began to link her name to that of a prostitute. Sometimes strong women get called all sorts of names!

In small groups we then shared our experiences of the gifts that God has brought to our church through ordained women and also what are our challenges going into the future. As a church we are still not embracing an inclusive language and we need to model this at all Diocesan services. As women we need to take our places in leadership positions even if aren't great fans of meetings!

And then, in closing, we were able to celebrate with our two brand new rectors – the Revds Reeva and Gaile led us in the closing Eucharist. Wa thint' abafazi, wathint' imbokodo. When you strike a woman, you strike a rock.

AWF fellowship at Newlands Forest

On 13th January 2018, the AWF had a retreat at Newlands Forest, it was attended by 90 members and conducted by the Revds Sam, Mageza and Nhyila.

Revd Sam conducted the morning service and blessed us by the Word of God from Romans 12:3-13 (Personal Responsibility). Praising songs and Psalm 23 uplifted the spirit. The morning session was concluded with Song of Zachariah and then headed for breakfast. Revd Mageza conducted the second session and based her sermon on Tapestry. She enhanced on Romans 12 4-5 and this was followed by a quiet session and meditation.

The last session was covered by the Revd Nyhila, which was based on the Angelus and keeping in prayer the back to school program.

- Yolisa Sibeko



Eucharist in Kirstenbosch



The first Church in Creation got the year off the a great start. The group of at least 50 people of every age started off from Constantia Nek.

Readings and prayers were said along the two and a half hour walk. They arrived in the beauty of Kirstenbosch Gardens and from under a shady tree, with a big rock as the table, we had a glorious Eucharist celebrated by the Revd Shaun Cozett together with the new student chaplain for UCT, the Revd Isaias Chachine from Mozambique.

The morning ended with a picnic in Kirstenbosch gardens.

- the Revd Lynn Pedersen

Leliebloem gives thanks for 150th anniversary

Leliebloem House Children's Home is 150 years old this year. To celebrate this auspicious event about 200 people gathered at St Mary the Virgin, Woodstock at a Thanksgiving service to commemorate the organisations' achievement in providing humanitarian services to the vulnerable, orphaned and at risk children of the Western Cape. Despite trying times the members of the board, staff and volunteers stayed committed to the cause, so that specialist developmental programs could be offered for the children and their families.

We were graciously honoured to have the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba as the chief celebrant to officiate at the service. Also in attendance and co-celebrants were the Rt Revd Garth Counsel (Bishop of Table Bay), out-going Archdeacon Joshua Louw (Athlone Archdeaconry) Fathers Donovan Meyer and the Chaplain to the Archbishop.

The spirit-filled band St Cyprian's, Retreat and the marimba group from St Mark's, Lavender Hill provided the music and livened up the service with their melodies and songs. Words cannot describe the atmosphere that was created and everyone joined in the praise and worship throughout the service.

In his sermon the Archbishop expressed his joy to be able to share in this great occasion and celebration. He said Leliebloem is one of the most critical centres in our community offering services that are vital to the livelihood of humankind today. He goes on to say that the philosophy of the Centre speaks of something very dear to his heart – "uphold-

ing a Christian ethos in service to God, across different backgrounds of belief, culture and religion".

The Archbishop said the Old Testament reading of Isaiah (40:21 – 31) where people have gone through experiences of exile and estrangement in their communities and the New Testament reading of Corinthians (1 Cor. 9:16 – 23) where people suffered similar fates of immorality, that led to numerous deprivation, is similar to what we are experiencing in today's challenges in our communities. He said as we consider these readings we should look at the hope that it brought the people of those times, and the hope they could bring to us, for Leliebloem House and other institutions and organisations working in our communities in the Diocese and the country.

He challenged us by asking the following questions: as members of the Leliebloem House community, what questions would you ask God in the light of social injustice today? What perceptions of God would you have today? What answers would you expect from God for yourselves? Would you be like the Israelites in exile and compare God with other gods? Or would you be like Job and question the integrity of God? In his message he also refers to the three readings that testify to the presence of despair but once there is faith, there is redemption and salvation. He says that we can look back over the last 150 years and identify with this, the image of despair that our forbearers experienced when they saw the social ills of our society and also what we experience today.



But he goes on to say, we can acknowledge and draw on the hope that we all brought to peoples' lives, life-giving for generation after generation. And like Isaiah, challenge the exiled that we should understand and pray to God for justice and mercy, and know that God is able to answer all our needs. As far as the future for Leliebloem House and other institutions we were asked the following questions: Are we doing enough in our Homes? Shouldn't the Homes in the diocese be working more closely together? Is government doing enough? Should we be challenging provincial and national government more to step up and help with more resources and more efficiently? What can be done to improve on what we have?

We are grateful that our shepherd addressed pertinent issues relating to the challenges faced by our communities and the role that both the NGO's and the Church should play in trying to alleviate the scourge of poverty, crime, social ills broadly and the future of the country. This should not be taken lightly, and we should step up to the challenge and muster support from Government, business and communities so that we can ensure a good future for our children. As Director of this extraordinary organisation, I wish to thank all who supported us over 150 years; government, church communities, business and individual people. I pray that the celebration will linger on in the memories of all associated with our organisation. In the words of the Archbishop: "May we all strive to make our homes places where God's people may find love, comfort, tranquillity and peace; homes like the home of Simon, where people find the person of Jesus.

- Francisco Cornelius
- Photographer: Edwin Joshua



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