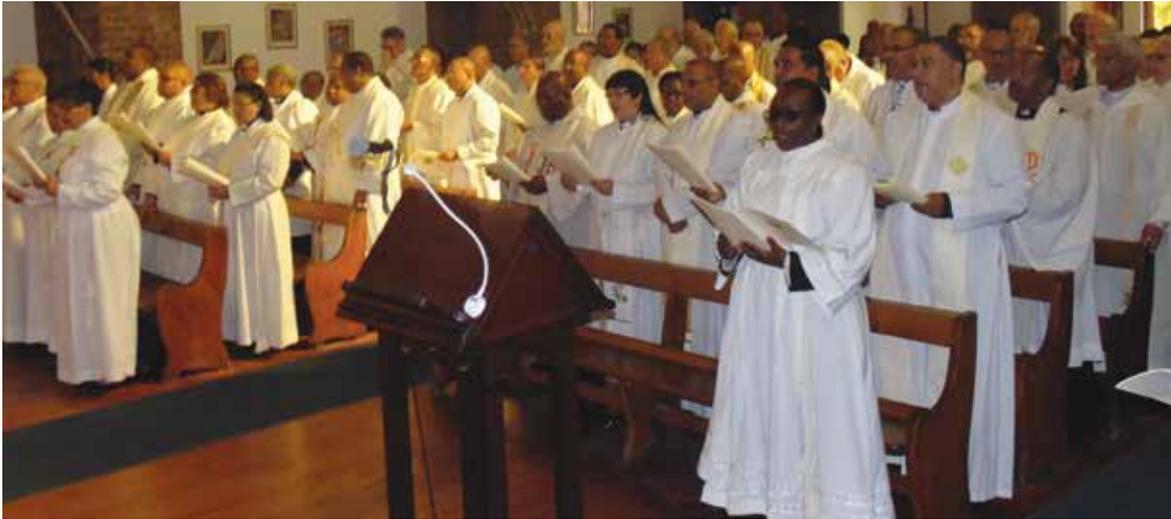


Chrism Mass at St Philip's District Six with the Renewal of Ordination vows, the blessing of the Oil for the sick and the Consecration of the Holy Chrism



Clergy, deacons, bishops (active and retired) gathered in worship and witness to renew their dedication to His service on Maundy Thursday. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba presided and Bishop Garth Counsell preached a powerful and insightful sermon. Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu was also present.

Photo: Peter van Deheuvel

Amazing Anglican response to fires in Imizamo Yethu



Late on Friday 10th March 2017, a devastating fire broke out in the Imizamo Yethu informal settlement in Hout Bay. It destroyed some 1

000 dwellings, left 2 people dead and an estimated 15 000 homeless. The Parish of St Peter, St Simon and St Andrew in Hout Bay was holding

its Alpha Holy Spirit weekend at the Apostle Battery above Llandudno led by the Revd Trevor Pearce. He and the Revd Gaile Beckett took time from Alpha to view the destruction and assist parishioners who were affected. On his return Revd Trevor sent an email via the MyAnglican system, alerting members of all registered parishes to the need for help. The response was amazing – donations of more than R 56 000 have been received, from around the country. Many donations of food, clothes, toiletries etc were also received from local parishes and these have been sorted and packed by volunteers from the parish and handed out to the fire victims.

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EDITORIAL

I was gifted with a journal for Easter which had many pages of inspirational words of wisdom. I tend to read from the back to the front and got 'stuck' on the following passage.

"Our pathways to happiness in the Lord are often straight with crooked lines. The important thing for us is to remain patient and trusting as we wait on the Lord. Continue to surrender yourself to Him and know that although He may be taking you the long way around, you will become the person He has created you to be."

Love and Light, Rebecca

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Concert by Jeremy Quickfall: The Greyladies Association presents a concert by the Vocal Unity Choir and accompanied by Jeremy Quickfall. This will take place on Sunday 28th May 2017 at 15h00. The venue will be Christ Church, Constantia and the cost is R50. For more information contact Barbara (mornings only) at 021 671 0820. Tickets can also be bought at the event.

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Dear Friends

I trust that the joy and blessing of the Resurrection of our Lord is still reverberating in your hearts and minds as we continue

to celebrate the Easter proclamation that "Christ is risen!"

Our faith is an Easter faith with the Resurrection of Jesus as its central focus. If, as many have attempted to do over the centuries, we deny the Resurrection, we have in fact no Christian faith. St. Paul declares that "...if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God..." (1 Cor.15:14-15).

The reality and power of the Resurrection pulsates vibrantly through the pages of the New Testament as it witnesses to the effect it had on the lives of those first followers who encountered the risen Christ, and equally on the community of faith that emerged as a direct result. Therefore as we, the Church of Christ today, continue to celebrate, worship and bear witness to the Lord of the empty tomb, we do so motivated and strengthened by the power and reality of the Resurrection. This is the source of our joy and hope for renewal and transformation in our corporate and individual lives as followers of Jesus. During this Post-Easter period we are reminded of Jesus' several appearances to his bewildered and

confused followers after he was raised from death. This took place to authenticate the powerful and transforming truth of the Resurrection, and to affirm and prepare them for their task ahead of spreading the good news and "making disciples of all nations".

The women who arrived at the tomb first were told by the angel; "Do not be afraid. I know you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen as He said!" (Matt 28:5-6). Our own world and society remains engulfed in gloom and fear caused by human greed, injustice selfishness, arrogance, corruption and the like. Indeed the very sin for which Jesus died on the cross.

As the Easter people of God we have inherited the challenging but faith-building task and responsibility of fearlessly proclaiming to the world that "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again". And then, having shared this good news, to ourselves authenticate the message by a real commitment to living as God's Easter community. Like those first followers of the risen Lord, we too need the affirmations that they received through those post-Resurrection appearances. The joyful and comforting truth is that, like then, Jesus can and does reveal himself to us as we go about our daily tasks and activities. We too should be alert and attentive so that we don't miss our own Emmaus road encounters with the living Christ. So as we approach the next great feasts of the Ascension of our

Lord and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, may we be renewed and affirmed through our own encounters with the risen Lord as he makes himself known to us amidst the daily tasks and challenges of life. And may we never be afraid to live out our baptismal life of faith in action by confessing and bearing witness to Him as the Risen Lord and Saviour.

We especially continue to pray fervently for our beleaguered country at this time. At the Chrism Mass I intimated that "our nation is once again at a point where we as the Church are required to live out our calling to assist in providing sound and clear guidance and direction in the face of the ravaging onslaught on justice and truth, integrity and honesty that threatens to cripple our hard gained democracy...This is the context in which we are called by God to minister and pronounce the good news and liberating power of God's love..."

May we as the body of Christ be encouraged and empowered through our own encounters with the risen Lord to fearlessly witness to the joy and power of the Resurrection.

Blessings through the Risen Christ.

Grace and Peace
+ **Garth Counsell Table Bay**

91 year old Ma Julia is selfless in her giving



Julia Kester is a 91 year old parishioner at St Mark's Athlone. She is a regular worshipper and has great love for children. She recently became aware of the plight of new born babies at Red Cross Children's Hospital and the race to knit jerseys and booties began. She knitted 12 jerseys and 12

pairs of booties in various colours within four days. She is honoured to be an Anglican and in her own words, "It is not so much about giving up something for Lent, rather it is about giving of yourself to make a small difference in the lives of others and in this case, children."

What an example to follow. Thank you Ma Julia for your Easter gift. It speaks only about the great LOVE of our Lord Jesus Christ for us.
- **the Revd Christian Hartnick**

Imizamo Yethu fire from page 1: The money is being held until rebuilding commences following the re-blocking to be carried out by the Cape Town City Council, as it is felt that the need for financial assistance will be greatest at this stage. Sadly, news came in on Easter morning of another fire in which additional houses were burnt and one more person died. Should anyone wish to donate money, the bank account details are: Parish of St Peter and Simon, Standard Bank, Constantia, branch code 051 001, account number 271 588 616. The collection point for donations of food or clothing is the Parish offices at 40 Main Rd Hout Bay (opposite the Caltex service station). - **Iona Zietsman**



Collect for Diocesan Synod 17-19 August 2017

Based on the Eucharistic lessons for the days:

Thursday 17 August	Joshua 3: 7-17	The Israelites cross the Jordan to enter Canaan
	Matthew 18:21 – 19:2	Peter asks about forgiveness within the community and Jesus tells of the unforgiving servant.
Friday 18 August	Joshua 24: 1-13	Jacob reminds them of God' work in the Exodus
	Matthew 19: 3-12	Jesus teaches about marriage and divorce
Saturday 19 August	Joshua 24: 14-29	Jacob affirms that he and his family will serve God and calls on the people to renew their Covenant.
	Matthew 19: 13-15	Jesus affirms the important place of children.

Lord of every generation,
you call your people to gather together in Synod
and to move out to follow your way in the world:
Forgive us where we have fallen short of your will for us,
encourage us to build up your people in community,
and direct us to re-affirm our covenant in your Son
that we can continue securely on the foundations that have been laid;
in Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever.
Amen

2017 Cansa Relay for Life

A team from Church of the Holy Spirit in Heideveld participated in the 2017 Cansa Relay for Life on 10th March 2017. Some of the events they participated in was the 'wig lap', 'hat lap', 'awareness lap', the 'onesie lap' and the 'purple lap' which the team led. - **Carla May**



Synod 2017 On the way together

SYNOD 2017 has officially commenced by the sending of summons to every licensed clergy and pastoral charge. We have been called to meet as people of the 'way of the Lord'. The Acts of the Apostles remind us that Early Christianity was spoken of as the Way of the Lord or the Way of God. (Acts 18: 24ff). In the Synod article published in the Good Hope April 2017 edition, it is stated that Synod from its Greek roots mean 'together on the way'.

For pastoral charges and parishioners, this common way began with the election of representatives to the Synod. These elected are people who bring the mind of the church to the assembly. Parishioners have the responsibility to pray for their representatives by name at every service.

In this way they will take you along with them. Furthermore we participate in the Synod by the proposal of measures that formulate the governance of the church and ultimately are the rules with which we effect the life of the diocese. It is our duty to propose motions that will allow our common life to be an expression of the Gospel - an example of the way of God. The ongoing life of the Synod is controlled by the various committees elected at Synod: the Diocesan Trust Board; the Provincial Synod; the various advisory committees for the election of bishops and the appointment of a dean and rector of the Cathedral.

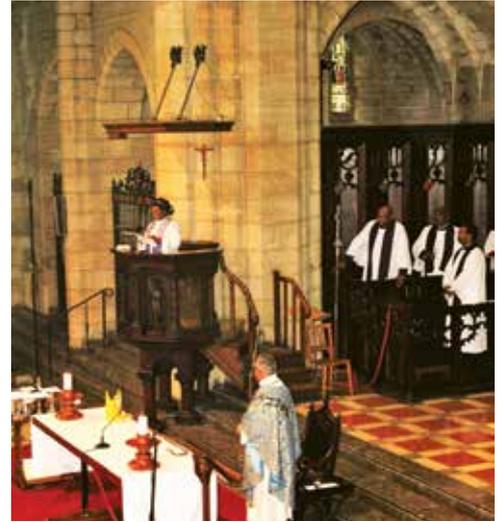
Our Archbishop has summoned the diocese to embark on this way that we may consider together the issues that confront us in the world and seize the opportunities that are presented for ministry. The Charge collects the mind of the diocese and directs our thoughts towards achieving the way forward. From the Charge we may propose further motions that seek to direct the diocese in the mission and vision of the church.

The Synod is held together by the Advisory Committee of Synod under the direction of the Bishop of Table Bay. They filter all the suggestions, motions and measures not forgetting the importance of feeding the people of God. Our worship sessions and bible studies contribute to the opening of our minds to the will of God in our time and age.

May this Synod allow us to discover our common way and may it be the way of God.

- **the Ven Karl Groepe**
Diocesan Synod Manager

Lady Day service of the Mother's Union



The Mothers Union (MU) gathered for its annual Lady Day celebrations at the St George's Cathedral on the 25th March 2017 to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation – the visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, who dared to say Yes to God.

The day has long held significance for us, historically being the day that we celebrate the faithfulness of God and have traditionally enrolled new members and paid subs.

Our members and guests came out in numbers and the service was a joyous one filled with vibrant song and dance to show that we were indeed “celebrating” God’s faithfulness.

All the branches submitted their subscriptions and we also held umjikelo for the first time. The purpose of mjikelo was to kick-

start our fundraising initiative to help run programmes for the MU at large. This year was a very special one for the Mothers’ Union as it marked the institution of our newly elected Diocesan President and Executive Committee. We also celebrated Lady Day by issuing awards and prayer candles in honour of Mrs Natalia Magodla and Sarah Daniels.

These two devout MU members were honoured in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Diocese of Cape Town. Their dedicated service, commitment to and role modelling of the MU objectives. Thank you Natalia and Sarah, May God reward you abundantly for being such a faithful servant!

The Mothers Union was particularly honoured to be blessed by the presence of Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya. She is the

first woman to be elected as a Bishop of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and of the whole African continent, and currently serves as the diocesan bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Swaziland. Bishop Ellinah delivered a thought provoking and spiritu-

ally uplifting message that challenged us to allow God to touch us like He did to Mary. Our heartfelt thanks to the Bishop for the message.

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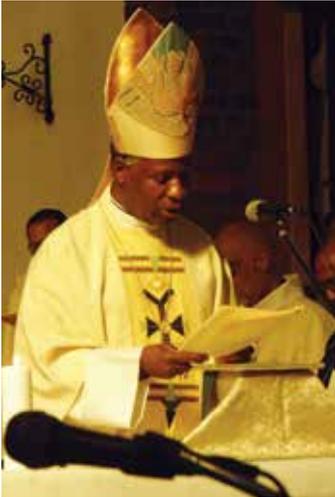
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To the Laos: to the People of God



A happy Easter to you all!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, and move towards Pentecost, we face significant challenges in the Diocese and the country.

The principal national challenge is of course the reckless action of our President in reshuffling the Cabinet in such a way that it threatens our economy, our social cohesion and the welfare of the country for generations to come. As I said at the Easter Vigil, many of us have as a result felt a deep resonance with the gospel observation in John 13:30 that when Judas left the room in which the disciples shared the Last Supper with Jesus, we are told "it was night."

But despite the betrayals of our political leaders, as people of faith we have also to say that even when darkness overwhelms us, the events at the tomb of Jesus on Easter Day signal a greater victory, a more abundant truth. At the heart of the message of the Resurrection of Jesus is the stubborn insistence that nothing is irrevocable. There is no loss that cannot be redeemed. It is never too late to start again.

Locally, whether the winter rains have started or not by the time you read this, there is a wider crisis in the Western Cape, the country and the world around the availability of water—a crisis that we addressed recently during the Water Justice conference we held at St George's Cathedral, in conjunction with Trinity Church Wall Street and other churches across the globe.

Those of us who live in comfortable homes in comfortable suburbs often take water for granted. We forget that water is not only central to our lives, but that it is sacred and frames the biblical story. Water is mentioned 722 times in the Bible. Before creation even took place, the waters were there. Water is a primal element giving birth to life. It does not come from a tap but from a river and that river comes from our Creator.

Our modern globalised society is stressing our water resources, and the lack of water impacts particularly on the quality of life of the poor. Our faith tells us that the bounty of the land, including our water resources, is to be used for the widow, the alien and the oppressed, and to be looked after for future generations.

I hope that many of you were able to join in the Bible studies which the Diocese issued for Lent 2017, which highlighted a number of the failings of our society. I also hope that its call to deep prayer, personal and corporate, will empower you for social action, whether it be in your congregation, your community or at a provincial or national level.

While the church as an institution is not an opposition party, but rather a bridge-builder—firstly for the poor and then for all in society—we encourage you as individual Christians to become involved in action for social justice, whether through political parties or other organisations of civil society. Do agitate for change, whether at a national level in our country's political life, or at a local level, in cleaning up rivers or protecting the Philippi Horticultural Area and the vast resources of water to be found in the Cape Flats Aquifer.

Finally, please keep me in your prayers at the end of May as I travel to Germany to take part in the "Kirchentag," the great festival of the Protestant Church in Germany which draws tens of thousands of young people every two years.

This year is particularly special because the church and the festival are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation brought about by Martin Luther. On Ascension Day, May 25, Chancellor Angela Merkel, a committed Christian, will engage in a conversation at an event at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin with former President Barack Obama. Then on Sunday May 28, there will be a huge Communion service ending the weekend's events on the meadows alongside the River Elbe just outside Wittenberg, the university town where Martin Luther drew up his "Ninety-five Theses"—the document which sparked the Reformation. The organisers have honoured our church by asking me to preach at the service, so I really need your prayers if I am to live up to their expectations!

God bless you during Eastertide and on Ascension Day.

+ + Thabo Cape Town



'The Passion of Christ' dramatised at St Mary Magdalene Guguletu on Palm Sunday



As the youth of St Mary Magdalene along with the Revd Nkoloti, decided to go back in time and dramatize how Jesus Christ was handed over to be crucified on the cross. Archbishop Thabo declared that "2017 is the year for young people" and we took full advantage of that by doing our best in the production.

We worked hard during the week with our rector to set the scene for the congregation in what Jesus went through to save us from our

sins. It was a cast of fourteen who made the dramatization a success. Every year on Palm Sunday the priest would read the Gospel of Matthew 27. This year it was different due to the play that was rendered. The reflection of the Gospel changed our thinking and our understanding. The play made us realise that Jesus gave it all and he died for each of us. The play touched the entire congregation to a point where they shed tears. True emotion felt in the action and every facial expression which the characters played touched eve-

ryone. To think that Jesus knew what was coming and yet he did not run away because he knew his life assignment and destiny. One of the parishioners, Mrs Nkoloti added that watching the youth dramatize "the passion of Christ" on Palm Sunday was unbearable sad. Many couldn't hold back tears, it was too painful. It made us ponder about our spiritual path. The youth were incredible! They made everyone proud and we just love them.

- Siyanda Sinukela

Lady Day service from page 5: Warm thanks to all those involved with this service – both from the side of the Cathedral, as well as from the side of the Mothers' Union, the Chaplain and our Bishop. A special thanks to our guests that came to celebrate with us as we give thanks for and be inspired by God's faithfulness. We look forward to seeing you all at our next Diocesan event (fundraising in September) and Conference in October 2017.

- Sibongile Antoni
- Photos: Desiré Martin



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