

Bishop Garth celebrates the 10th year of his Consecration as Bishop of Table Bay



My dear colleagues and friends
Firstly, my very sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to you all for your warm messages and wishes of congratulations on the recent 10th anniversary of my consecration as a bishop in the church of God.

I was quite overwhelmed by the many greetings received and more particularly by the wonderful service of Sung Evensong in our cathedral church on 13 July during which this personal milestone was acknowledged and celebrated.

Once again my sincere thanks to all who had a hand in that beautiful act of worship, not least Archbishop Emeritus Njongonkulu Ndungane for

the inspiring and challenging sermon he delivered. Above all I give thanks to God, the Lord of the Church and of my life, for his abundant and unmerited grace that has enabled me to offer myself in humble response to His call to serve in the ordained ministry as deacon, priest and bishop.

As ++Njongo reminded us, our vocational response is to the Lord who deemed it fit to call us despite our several limitations, weaknesses and failures.

I am personally very conscious of this and therefore extremely humbled and grateful when I reflect on 10 years in the episcopate and now almost 35 years of ordained minis-

try all told. This vocational response, we were also reminded, involves our willingness to offer ourselves in ready service of others as an imitation of Christ himself and for the sake of God's Kingdom.

Power, position and status hold inherent dangers and temptations that all in leadership have to contend with.

For this reason I will always be indebted to the many positive and godly role models I have been fortunate to have had in my life.

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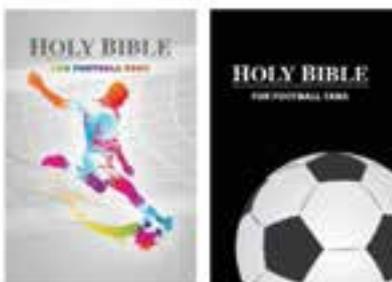
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Editorial

We've had much to celebrate as Anglicans in recent weeks. The Anglican Ablaze Conference brought worshippers together from near and far. All have been enriched by the experience and magnitude of the Holy Spirit present each day. The highlight for many were not only meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, but accepting Christ and opening their hearts to receive the plans He has for them.

We celebrate as a Diocese, the 10 year anniversary of Bishop Garth's Consecration. We thank God for his ministry as our Shepherd and ask that God continues to guide and encourage him.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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EVENTS AND NOTICES

AGM

The Greyladies Association: Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Greyladies Association will be held at St Saviour's Parish Hall, Brooke Street, Claremont, on Monday 1 September 2014 at 15h30 for 16h00. Refreshments will be served before the meeting, RSVP by 22nd August: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings 09h30 - 12h00. Call Barbara Fogarty at 021 671 0820 or email: greyladies@telkomsa.net

FUND RAISING EVENTS

Snack Dance: Leliebloem Child and Youth Care Centre presents the above at the St John's Hall on 29th August 2014. The dance will commence at 19h00 to late and the cost is R60 per person. The dress code is smart casual. Bring your own platter and XYZ (live DJ and band with a difference). For more information contact Cathy on 021 697 4947.

Cabaret: join us at St Dominic's Hanover Park in a day of celebration on Saturday 9th August 2014. The Cabaret starts at 11h00 for 12h30 and the cost is R60. A light lunch will be served and there will be entertainment.

Spring Dance: Emmanuel Anglican Church invites you to a Spring Dance in the Wittebome Civic Centre. Rosmead Avenue, Wynberg on Friday, 12 September from 19h30 to 00:45am. Music supplied by COOLSOUNDS and the cost is R100 per person. Bring your own platter and XYZ. For more information contact Glenda Cairns at 082 265 0307.

Alpha Dinner: The Emmanuel Alpha Group

invites you to the above on Saturday 23rd August 2014 at 18h30. The guest speaker will be the Revd Allan Smith and the cost is R60 per person. For more information contact Graeme Cairns at 083 314 7994 or Glenda Cairns at 082 265 0307.

Weekend away: To Brenton - on - sea, 16kms from Knysna. Join the Mother's Union of St John's Crawford from 21- 23 February 2015. For more information contact Emelia Francis on 083 794 2589 or 021 691 0763 by mid July to avoid disappointment.

Carmel 2015: St Aidan's Lansdowne will be hosting the above from Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May (includes 3 working days). The cost is R2600 per person (includes everything) and a non refundable deposit of R300 is required. For more information contact Kevin Gallagher at 021 705 7680 / 084 333 2864. To make a reservation contact Esme on 082 421 5092.

RETREATS

The Desert Experience: Sooner or later we all will experience a spiritual desert experience. Perhaps you have already experienced it or maybe you are there right now. To find God's presence and promise in hard times, we need to come away and spend time in His presence. The first encounter will take place from 21-23rd November 2014, Friday evening at 17h00 to Sunday 14h00 at Schoenstatt Constantia. Costs are R1300 which includes teas, meals, accommodation and resources. The retreat can only accommodate a maximum of 12 people. Contact the Revd Ashley Petersen on email: ashleypetersen247@gmail.com for further information.

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Because of this I have, to the best of my ability, always tried to mirror in my life and ministry, especially as a bishop, something of the servant leadership of Jesus marked by care for others before myself, faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Recently I was asked how I would want to be remembered one day. If at all, I would wish it to be for such reasons, especially bearing in mind the words of St. Paul in 1 Cor.4:1-2 "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy..."

There have been many memorable and blessed moments during the past decade. These include the great privilege of presiding at 200 Confirmation services, confirming about 4000 candidates (the rest of the confirmation services were done by the Archbishop and retired bishops); Ordaining 15 clergy and instituting and licensing 45 Clergy. So too the opportunity to visit and worship in a different context every week where I am powerfully reminded that "we who are many (though different) are one body for we all partake of the one bread".

An added joy has been the opportunities to experience the wider Anglican Communion and building new relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ in several parts of the world. There have also been some difficult, challenging and painful experiences and, of course, moments of personal failure and inadequacy. I thank the Lord for His forgiveness and grace during such times and for the constant and prayerful support of Marion and our children.

And the next 4-5 years till retirement? Again, without being aimless and without vision, I have slowly learnt to "sit lightly" on my/our own plans and to be more open to the God of surprises and His plan for our lives and ministries.

Our task is to learn how to discern God's plan, to seek to discover "what God is doing in God's world" to quote Archbishop Thabo. Then having done so, to act in humble faith, obedience and trust. So I pray that "His grace may indeed be sufficient and made perfect in (my) weakness.." as I continue into the future alongside you all in our shared journey of worship, witness and service.

Be blessed.

Yours in His service
The Rt Revd Garth Counsell
Bishop of Table Bay

Anglican Ablaze Conference

"well worth doing and exceeding our expectations"



An Anglican priest from South Africa has described the Anglicans Ablaze conference as "well worth doing and exceeding our expectations" adding "God came and met us and did more than anything we could have hoped for."

In an interview with ACNS, conference coordinator and Director of Growing the Church (GtC) the Revd Trevor Pearce said: "We thank God for bringing us together in one conference and for the unity despite our different cultures, languages and worship styles." The Anglican Ablaze conference brought together about 2,000 delegates from eighteen countries and forty-three dioceses from Southern Africa and other parts of the world, for five days of prayer and sharing from July 2-5.

A special Listening Team headed by Bishop of Swaziland Ellinah Wamukoya had the major task of praying, listening and sharing what God was saying throughout the whole conference.

On the final day of the conference, Bishop Wamukoya said that God had revealed to them the "need to go out to the fringes to share the Gospel" including the need for

"the Church and Anglican leaders ourselves to be transformed." Young people showed up in large numbers and played a major role throughout the whole conference. They were challenged by various speakers on the need to rise up and help bring about transformation in the Church and society.

A young Anglican, Khozi Khoza, said, "God is raising up an army with Joshua's anointing. If God is going to bring about transformation in our society, it will be through the Church because it's God's solution to the systemic problems plaguing our nation." Her brief but spirited preaching was well received by conference delegates. Some participants said her sermon was confirmation that young Anglicans are capable of contributing significantly to the growth of the Church.

At the end of the conference, a number of delegates, particularly young people, committed their lives to Christ after an invitation to do so. They were welcomed and advised on how they can grow in their Christian life.

- **Bellah Zulu**
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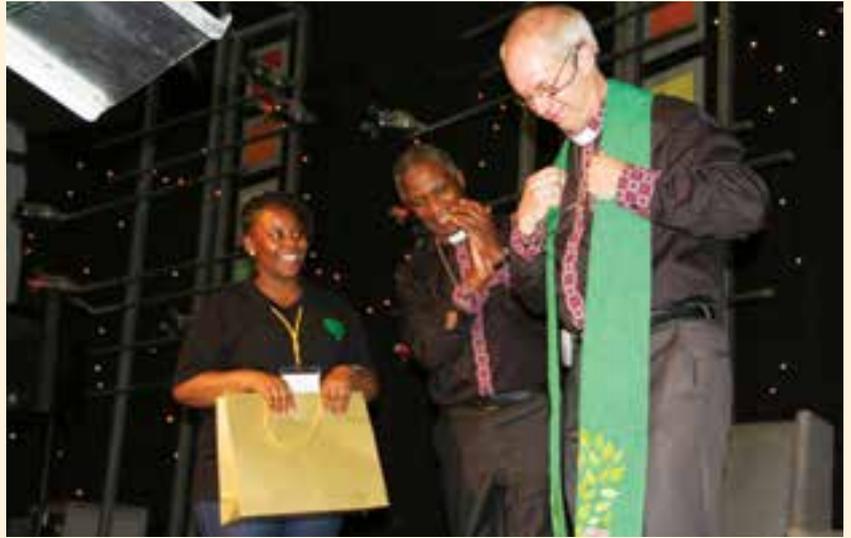
Going green at Anglican Ablaze

One of the themes at Anglicans Ablaze was care for Creation. We were blessed by the inspiring messages of the Revd Victor Mughogho from Malawi who challenged us by sharing the reality of climate change in Malawi. God created the world before he created the Church!

The young green Anglicans took responsibility for organizing recycling at the event no mean task with 2000 attendees!

Ncumisa Magadla handed over a creation stole on behalf of the young Green Anglicans to Archbishop Justin Welby. This was a kind gift from African Praise.

If you want to become part of the movement, join us on facebook at Green Anglicans.



Welcome baby Sarah Zintle Frantz

Proud parents, Chesnay and Samantha Frantz, welcomed the new arrival on 27th June 2014, weighing 3kgs. Chesnay is an ordinand at Cott.

Baby Sarah received a blessing from Archbishop Thabo on 6th July at the Arts Festival Eucharist in Grahamstown. We wish them well as they settle into a routine of being a family of 3.



DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

Gracious God,
You have loved us into being
and given us a glimpse of the wonder of your love
in your Son our Lord.
As we gather in our Diocesan Synod,
may we follow his example,
that **anchored** in your love,
we may **commit** ourselves to your vision,
and be **transformed** by the presence of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and
glory, now and
forever. **AMEN**

YPM Service at St Martin's Bergvliet



Coming back to the Cross: on the 20th June 2014, approximately 300 young people attended the celebration service representing more than 16 parishes in the diocese. The guest speaker was Nicholas Haupt.

Archbishop's Endowment Fund for Theological Education

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Christmas in July at Church of the Holy Redeemer

Think of the Holy Redeemer Church and the first thing that comes into your mind is a forgotten, small but growing congregation in Sea Point. There is nothing small about the functions and fundraising the Church of Holy Redeemer caters for.

On Sunday the 13th of July 2014, Holy Redeemer Church in Sea Point, hosted its Annual Fundraising Christmas in July. This year it was all about style and class. From the table settings and winter Christmas décor to the dress code - indeed top star quality.

Whilst the Catering and Hospitality Committee got to show off their cooking and catering skills, the youth got to show off their serving

skills as they were the waiters and the waitresses of the affair. Different types of foods were prepared and served. From traditional, exotic and even to everyday type of foods. The choice was all yours. A very big thumbs up to the crew who put it all together under the leadership of Mrs U Bailey.

The purpose of the fundraising was to raise funds for the church and to revamp the old kitchen to a new state of the art kitchen. The fundraising exceeded its target beyond expectation.

The occasion was full of fun and brought back old memories of the "home comers" as it was a platform for people from different parishes, old and new parishioners to come together to relax, share ideas while enjoying the delicious meal and soft Christmas carols.

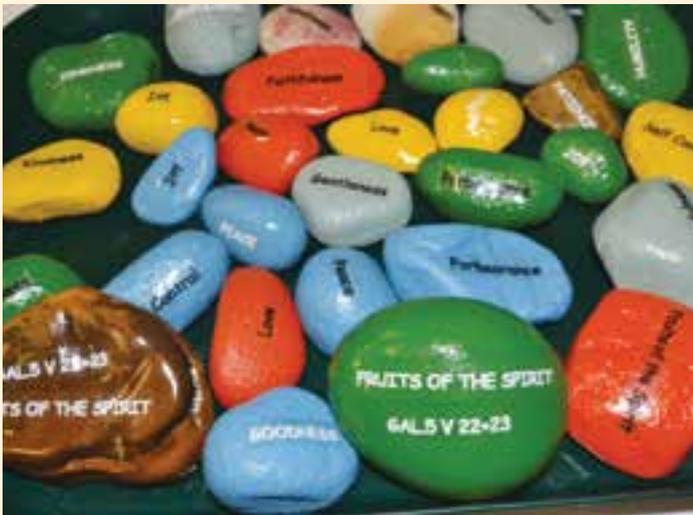
Not only was the event fulfilling, but it was very entertaining as well. The feed back from most of the people who attended the function, it was truly a day to remember.



So you might want to book your seat now for next years' Christmas in July at Holy Redeemer Church and not to miss out.

- Nyasha Precious Ishemunyoro

Arts and Crafts at St Andrew's Steenberg



The class meets every Wednesday morning after service from 11h00-13h00. We are a group of 21 ladies and 1 male. We are a very close and committed group and we work very well together.

We welcome all new ideas and encourage our members to share their ideas and talents with the rest of the group. We are very fortunate to receive donations from fellow church members and people from the community. We do a variety of different crafts

such as: candle wicking, embroidery, cross stitch & Australian cross stitch, charm bracelets beading, decoupage, tea showers, appliqué, bookmarks & cards knit & crochet.

We also create crafts out of recycled materials like bottles, plastic bags, hangers & newspaper.

We do have exhibitions and we do sell our handiwork to the community.

- St Andrew's Arts and Crafts



What a waste!

In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus miraculously provided food for over 5000 people from a few loaves and fishes. What we often don't think about is what happened to the waste? Conferences and workshops leave us with left over food, and piles of rubbish. So what did Jesus say that day?

When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." John 6:13

They gathered up twelve baskets of leftovers. I wonder what happened to those leftovers? Surely there were some very grateful people who had food on their plates that night. Jesus didn't have the nightmare we often face of piles of polystyrene containers and bags of litter. But God's message is the same to day "let nothing be wasted!"

So what is the big deal about waste?

Firstly – we are wasting a junk-load of money! Waste disposal in Cape Town is a critical issue – because we are surrounded by mountain and sea, we have limited access to landfill. The cost of rehabilitating land fill is astronomical – Stellenbosch recently spent R18 million rand on rehabilitating a landfill site. Once the current landfill is full, we will have to transport waste further and further distances at great cost.

Currently there are 750 trucks moving up and down everyday collecting waste. This costs you – the tax payer – R220,000 per week!! This is money which could be used for housing, education or health.

Secondly - we owe it to our children and grandchildren. Whatever ends up in landfill stays there for a long, long time. For instance a milk carton takes 5 years to decompose, a foam cup takes 50 years, a plastic bottle 450 years, a "disposable" nappy 550 years, and a plastic bag between 200 to 1000 years. What will your great, great, great grandkids feel when they see your plastic bottle still here in 2314!

The good news is this - it can create money and jobs! Nationally, recycling has created over 29000 jobs, and created R15.3 BILLION in the last year. So if we just throw our waste away we are throwing away job opportunities for many people

So what can I do?

First of all, reduce! Ask yourself – do I really need to buy that item? Can I do without or re-use what I already have? For example, why not buy yourself a bottle to carry water and give up on buying bottled water! Buy a fabric bag to take for grocery shopping. Secondly – give away ! What you think is junk is a treasure to someone else – clear out your

cupboards and give away old clothes, toys and general stuff! And thirdly find a way to recycle – can your church take this issue seriously? This is a service you can offer to the community and to the planet. If you recycle in bulk you can also possible earn some money by doing so.

Please contact Green Anglicans if you are interested to find out more.

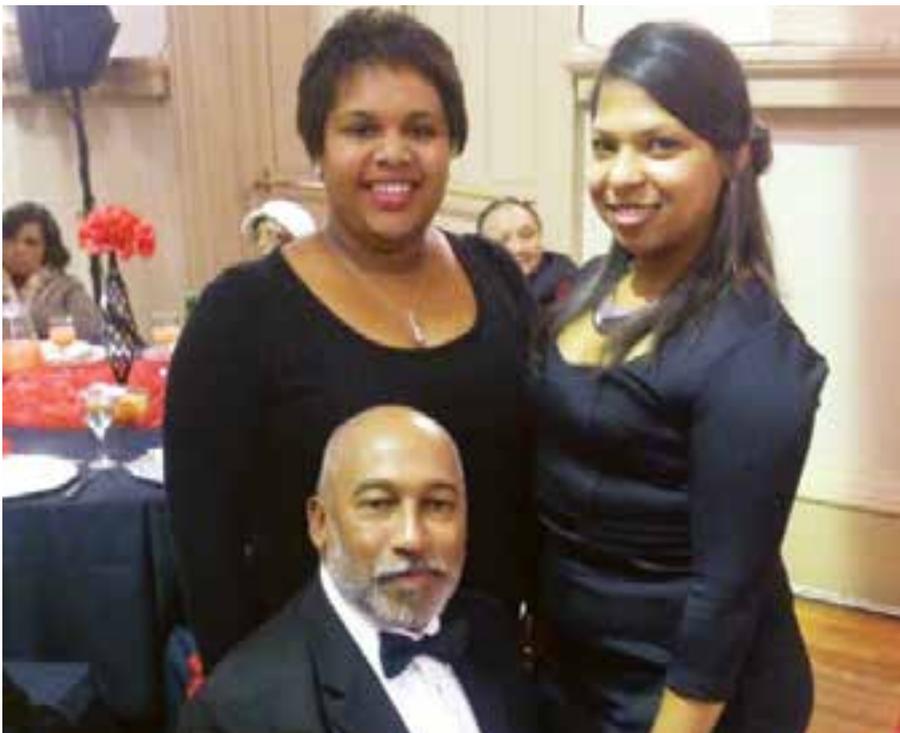
- Revd Rachel Mash

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IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN



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Diocese of Cape Town bags Innovative award at PYC



This award was given to the Diocese of Cape Town for the work done by the Diocesan Youth worker, Abigail Hopley, Chaplain and Team (DYC) on their method of presentation at PYC as well as their participation and guidelines during the PYC Consultation. Abigail has also been elected to serve as an Executive member on the Provincial Youth Council. The photo on the left was taken at the Gala evening. In the photo is Abigail Hopley, the Revd Donovan Meyer and Jade Africa.

St Michael's Child and Youth Care Centre

I began my career some thirty years back as a young (and very naïve!) child and youth care worker at St Michael's Child and Youth Care Centre so hence my absolute delight in being able to come back and work here in December 2013.

I have observed the changing face of child care over the years and although we have moved to a place where we (as child and youth care practitioners) now do what is deemed to be in the child's best interests, we are still sadly, a society where we place children/youth in unbearable situations and hence the need for residential care.

Originally St Michael's Child and Youth Care Centre was established in 1872 by the Grey Ladies (Anglican nuns at the time) to provide a safe haven for 220 children who had been orphaned by the ravages of the wars at that time.

It has since transformed into an innovative, therapeutic and developmental residential environment for 25 severely abused young women between the ages of 12 and 18 years who are seriously traumatised (mainly through sexual abuse and/or rape) and removed from their families by the courts for their own safety and protection.

We very recently agreed to take on a programme currently run by James House whereby we will provide highly specialized 24 hour care for up to eight girls (aged 12 – 16 years) with extremely difficult to manage behaviour.

This programme will operate from the 1st of October 2014. We will continue to nurture and impart much needed life skills to our current youth who remain our priority.



Our current programmes include

- Residential/Life Skills Project
- Family Reunification Project
- Independent Living Unit/Project
- Tracking Footprints Project

(still in the planning stages)

Our projects/programmes are run on the SPECS concept which looks holistically at the youths' development and as such addresses the (S) social, (P) physical, (E) emotional, (C) cognitive and (S) spiritual aspects of their wellbeing. The SPECS concept coincides with the Circle of Courage and its four components – Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity.

I often wonder how we measure success and when I am requested to write about a success story I tend to come from my own perspective.

To me, true success has to do not with levels of education or what vocation we have chosen but with resilience. It is this precious component that we in the child and youth care field are tasked with developing

for children and youth in care. One of our youths has truly accomplished this. She was removed from a violent and abusive home.

During her time with us she managed to gain the all-important insight into her family's problems. She has also worked on her own issues whilst completing her Matric last year.

She has returned home where she is now able to deal with the issues that this family face. She has also been accepted at a tertiary institution to study drama. She is comfortable with her family and although there are still problems she deals with them and grows stronger by the day.

I feel truly blessed and privileged to be working at St Michael's Child and Youth Care Centre. I trust that God will continue to shine His light upon us and guide us as we do this very important but challenging work.

- Michelle Linger, Director



Provincial Youth Council: was held in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman from 9th - 13th July 2014 at St Cyprian's Cathedral. The theme was Re A Aga (We are building).

Photo: AYSA (Anglican Youth of Southern Africa)

Heathfield High Youth Alpha



Recently, a team of volunteers, coordinated and led by Growing the Church, offered a Youth Alpha course at Heathfield High School. For the months of April and May, the team had the blessing to befriend and walk along the faith journeys of many students at the school.

It was a very blessed two months for both students and team members. For each session, the course had an average of 42 students; and on the Holy Spirit Day, eight students either made new professions of faith or rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Serving as facilitators and presenters, team members included Fr. Basil Davids and Amanda Ohlsson (St. Andrews Steenberg); Wayne Curtis (All Saints Plumstead); Mike Cheney, Grace Bridgeman, and Duncan Hobbs (Christ Church Kenilworth); Michael Murphy (St. Luke's Diep River); Lindy Byneveldt (GtC and St. Martin's Bergvliet); Nicole Corlew (GtC and All Saints Plumstead). The team sends a special thanks to All Saints Plumstead, St. John's Wynberg, St. Luke's Diep River, and three private individuals whose financial donations made the course possible.

The team also thanks Keegan Davids (St. John's Wynberg) and Kyle Martin (St. Martin's Bergvliet) for serving as guest presenters, Marina Jo (St. Luke's Diep River) for the catering, and Mark Engelbrecht and Ms. Sheril Reid-Jacobs, the principal and Afrikaans teacher respectively, for their invitation and support of the course.

- Nicole Corlew

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