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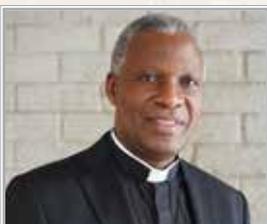
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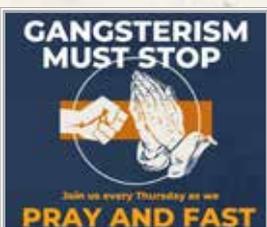
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AYF Revival at St Cyprian's Langa
'God's predestined identity'



On Friday, 21 October 2022, the Anglican Youth Fellowship from St Cyprian's - Langa hosted a night where God's presence was felt by many. The evening started with the Eucharist and ended with a Revival Service, with dinner served between the services which gave the youth time to fellowship and mingle.

The inception of the revival evening was from a point of bringing God's people back into the church, more especially the youth. The drift was mostly due to the dreadful virus, Covid-19, which has left many in despair, some lost loved ones, others lost jobs while others lost their faith and hope.

The theme was **God's predestined identity** from Ecclesiastes 6:10 "Whatever exists has already been named, and what humanity is has been known; no one can contend with someone who is stronger." (NIV version).

The sermon delivered by the Revd Magadla hit a spot when pointing out that the youth should receive courage again and become proactive, flexible (factoring the times we live in) and goal-driven in order to lead future generations in and out of the church graciously. It was a pleasure to have the Revd Magadla deliver the sermon as he was amongst those that initiated AYF and carried it through, handing the baton over to those that followed them. Glorious music and sharing of the word were the order of the day! This was definitely from a different realm, with the presence of God and angels felt from deep within souls.

The evening was graced by the presence of Revd Tshatshu (St Cyprian's Anglican Church); the Ven Mototjane (Claremont); Revd Canon Maci (Saldanha Bay); Revd Lujabe (Plumstead); Revd Magadla; Revd Glynis Rhodes (YPM Chaplain); Revd Mzamane (Gugulethu). Mel Awu (UCT ANSOC YPM Councilor) and Jesse Pastor (YPM Co-ordinator - Diocese of Cape Town).

It was such a pleasure to welcome distinguished guests from young to old, different parishes and denominations. The Archdeaconry of Bhongolwethu was well presented by St Cyprian, St Columba, St Mary Magdelene, Holy Cross, Eluvukweni and Church of Resurrection.

Many were inspired and prepared to come back to church. In addition to that, they were keen to spread the gospel and bring more people back to God. #BrightLight #BrightFuture - **Sinovuyo Gcobisa Dumeko**



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EDITORIAL

This month's focus is on Child and Youth Care centres: their role, the challenges they face and the successes they celebrate.

My late mother was a product of Leliebloem. She and her twin were sent there at the age of twelve when my grandmother passed away and my grandfather was too frail to care for them. They spent more than seven years at Leliebloem and made lifelong friends who are still part of our lives. Leliebloem was where my mom was introduced to the Anglican church, having been born a Moravian. She had the opportunity to meet the Archbishop a few times, having been responsible for taking documents for signature. She used to share her stories of travelling on the bus and later walking up Bishops Court's leafy streets. Her circumstances didn't prevent her from achieving her goals as she was able to study teaching at Zonnebloem Training College and made a success of her life. As children, my brother, cousins and I regularly visited Leliebloem, first in Walmer Estate and later in Crawford. My mother always believed in giving back. Leliebloem shaped her and she shared many stories of living there. We met her house mother, Ms Clarke, who spent many Christmases and Easters with us, once she retired. I have immense gratitude for Leliebloem; it's part of my heritage. I urge you to read pages 4 and 5 and assist where you can, financially or in kind.

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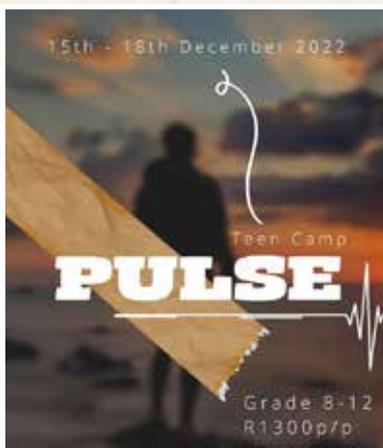
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Revocation of Consecration at St Raphael's Chapel

The 09th November 2022, witnessed the Revocation of Consecration of the Chapel at St Raphael's. The service was presided by the Rt Revd Margaret Vertue, assisted by Dean Ronald Philips and Revd Wilfred Meyer, Chair of the St Raphael's Commission.

The Chapel was filled with emotion as the Eucharist was celebrated for the last time before being handed over to Sparks School for use next year. In attendance were retired Bishops Garth Counsell and Christopher Gregoroski, Dean of Cape Town, the Very Revd Michael Weeder and the assistant Provincial Treasurer were amongst the many who attended the special service. Also present were former wardens, family members who have remains of relatives in the memorial garden and representatives from St George's Cathedral. - **The Diocese of False Bay**



Bottom right: Bishop Margaret removes her vestments as a symbol that the Chapel will no longer be used for divine worship.

Top right: Closure of the Chapel door by Bishop Margaret and John Farmer, current warden at St Raphael's.



"Each one must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Dear Friends!

This is normally the time of the year when most parishes have their stewardship campaigns. We reflect on what stewardship is all about and how we can be good stewards. We are sometimes introduced to projects outside our congregation that we can adopt or contribute to. It is in that light that I am addressing you in bringing 2 such projects to your attention and asking for your assistance.

Anglican Child and Youth care Centres

As you might have noticed we are dedicating this month's edition to our Child and Youth care Centres: Leliebloem Youth and Children Centre in Crawford, Fikilela Child and Youth care Centre in Khayelitsha, St George's Child and Youth care Centre for Girls in Wynberg and St Michael's Child and Youth care Centre for Girls in Plumstead. We give thanks to God for the dedicated service provided by the staff in very challenging times and for the leadership and hard work of the various governing bodies. We also want to thank all companies and individuals who sponsor these institutions, because we know that without your generosity, their doors would have been closed. Children's homes are playing such an important role in our society. They provide a home for children who could easily have been on the street or in overcrowded government facilities. Through these Child and Youth care Centres, the church is assisting the government in caring for children and yet, the government is not providing the necessary funds to run these Child and Youth care Centres. So, I am appealing to parishes and individuals to build up a relationship

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with these Child and Youth care Centres and become possible donors. When I spoke to the directors, they told me that the most valuable contribution that you can make is to visit and through that initial contact, you will decide how best you can contribute.

Because all our Child and Youth care Centres have similar challenges, we have decided to form a coordinating body consisting of the directors and chairpersons of all the Child and Youth care Centres with Reverend Allen Goliath as the facilitator and individuals in the field of social work, legal expertise, medicine, property, finance, etc. If you would like to come on board to assist, please contact my office. As you are aware, the needs of our Child and Youth care Centres are for the whole year, so your assistance is always needed.

I pray that this will become one of your commitments as you are rededicating yourselves to God for the new year.

Eluvukweni, Crossroads

We are grateful to God that all our church buildings are permanent structures, but this is not the case for this congregation, who have been worshipping together for a long time in an informal sink structure. We want to thank

all the clergy and people who have for years formed part of this congregation. Thank you to Canon Rachel Mash who is presently the priest, taking responsibility for this congregation.

This zinc and concrete slabs structure are very much affected by weather conditions so, in the summer, it's very hot and in the winter very cold and it rains through the holes in the roof, but one thing is for certain, the worship and welcome of the congregation is always warm. The congregation has been fundraising a substantial amount of money which will make it possible to start with the building of the church and hall in the new year. This is a notification, that our diocesan Lenten Appeal for next year will be towards raising enough funds so that the church of Eluvukweni, Crossroads will have a permanent church building, like any other congregation in our diocese. We will provide further details in the next Good Hope edition, but feel free to contact our diocesan administrator, Lay Canon Charleen Van Rooyen or Canon Rachel Mash.

Examination Season

We have entered the end-of-year examination season and I ask you to keep all those involved in education in your prayers. I know that besides the normal anxiety of this time, untimely loadshedding can just worsen things, but do your best in preparing ahead of time. Let us keep each other in prayer and do only our best and we will be successful.

In conclusion, please remember that 'God loves a cheerful giver', so let us do our part in bringing joy to other people's lives and I am sure that God will bless them and us richly.

May God bless you richly!
+Joshua, Table Bay

Second Sunday School Workshop

"I assure you, that whosoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Mark 10:15

St Michaels hosted its second Sunday School training workshop on 8 October 2022. Again, children's church leaders trekked from all over Cape Town to make their way to the training venue in Observatory. Old friendships were reinforced, new friends were made and teachers from different parishes had the opportunity to train together.

Bishop Joshua and Jesse Pastor also made their way to the training venue to participate, meet and greet and to motivate some of the teachers in the diocese. Whilst sharing a few motivational words, Bishop Joshua recalled how he as a child, tried to resist going to Sunday school at all cost. Fortunately for him, he

had an "I take no-nonsense," older sister, who dragged him by his ears to Sunday School every Sunday. At first, attending classes went uphill for the young bishop, but then, as time passed, he couldn't wait for a Sunday morning to go to one of his favourite places, the Sunday School. A strong lifelong foundation for his Christian spirituality was laid. He stressed the importance of Children's ministry, and even more so, the importance of training teachers to teach God's Word.

He said that there was no formalized teacher training nor a curriculum for Sunday schools to follow on a diocesan level. He saw the initiative of St Michael as a starting point in this direction. Centralising the Sunday School ministry was a possible way to go.

Jesse Pastor said that children's church leaders needed to network, chat and share resources naturally and consistently with each other. One of the ways of achieving this goal was by optimizing the use of social media.

It is proactive and most people own a mobile. We needed to chat more on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp groups, create a blog or whatever other social media apps that were available.

Charmaine Manuel, our facilitator, transformed herself into an illusionist /ventriloquist / practical theologian/ children's church trainer and all the other hats she wore on the day. So much so, that many participants asked whether she was an illusionist or whether she was a theologian.

All Participants who completed the training, received a certificate of completion, the knowledge and the confidence of how to use simple bible illusions in their ministry.

There will be repeat workshops 1&2 beginning of 2023. Should you have any queries to further training and training material, please WhatsApp call: Jackie Zils on 083 454 9628 / Shanlin Woo 073 901 5215.

Child and Youth Care Centres in the diocese



Fikelela Aids Project (FAP) Celebrating 20 years of making a difference

Fikelela is an outreach initiative of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Town which started as a Christian response to the HIV and AIDS pandemic. The word Fikelela is an isiXhosa word meaning 'to reach out'.

The Fikelela Child and Youth Care Centre, situated in Khayelitsha, was founded in 2000 as a short-term residential care facility for up to 40 vulnerable children and it remains the responsibility of the Fikelela Aids Project. We are accountable to the Department of Social Development (DSD) as well as to all our donors and funders.

Children are placed with Fikelela through a court order and our role and responsibility is to nurse them back to health, care for and love them, as best we can, until they are either reunited with family or placed with foster families. We currently have 37 children, as prescribed by DSD and 28 staff members. Together we strive to be the beacon of hope for our children. We believe in a holistic approach when caring for our children and we soon see them begin to blossom.

Apart from the DSD subsidy we receive for each child, we rely heavily on charitable donations in order to survive. Therefore, we desperately need your support and our appeal to the Diocese of Cape Town is to walk alongside us and assist us with giving our children the best love and care that they so rightfully deserve. We are asking you to help in any way you can, either by financial contribution or by investing your time and energy with us.

As well as monetary donations, we need people to donate their time and energy, whether it is just to be a listening ear or a prayer buddy, assist with fundraising, teaching our children to read and write or sharing God's love with them. We need volunteers both local and international to help us raise our profile in the wider environment and improve our social media platform. So, please tell our story to others, invite friends and family to donate R10 or more a month and make your commitment for a year.

How do we make a difference? A brother, his two sisters and their two cousins were placed with us for a long period of time. Their burning desire was to be placed with their grandmother, which took far longer than we anticipated. When the day finally arrived for the children to leave Fikelela, it was the child who was always very quiet who turned around at the gate and said, "I want to say thank you to Fikelela for all the love and care you offered to all five of us. Thank you!" It was such a powerful moment for everyone and we realised that, despite her quietness, we had helped this young girl to grow and develop her self-confidence. We are a registered NPO/PBO so we are able to issue S18A receipts.

NEEDS LIST:

- School uniforms, school shoes, white /grey socks
- School stationery
- Clothing for boys aged 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-11

- Petrol – commuting children to 7 schools daily
- Electricity
- Medication
- Cleaning materials
- Staff development and training

I invite you, on behalf of our beneficiaries, to contact me to find out more about our story and how to become involved. Be a friend to the project and assist us to grow. **Beverly Hendricks** / Project Director / Email: beverley@fikelela.org.za / Cell: 083 2855 977 / www.fikelela.org.za

Leliebloem Child & Youth Care Centre

Leliebloem House is a registered, not-for-profit organization, a Residential Care Children's Home for 60 children from troubled families, i.e. children who are in difficult circumstances and in need of specialist care and intervention. The organisation has been rendering children's services for more than 154 years in the Western Cape. These children remain with us for a minimum period of 2 years as a result of being found in need of care and protection by the Children's Court.

Despite the efforts over the years to secure long term sustainable funds in order to execute its mandate, to render appropriate developmental and therapeutic services to vulnerable and at risk children and youth in the Western Cape, we have not been successful in doing so.

Due to the lack of funding we re-registered from 84 to accommodate 60 children since 2017. We accommodate all children from all backgrounds: i.e. religion, creed, ethnic groups etc.

In order for us and all of the other 50 children's homes in the Western Cape to succeed in rendering on-going services to the children placed in our care by the Children's Court we need sustainable funds. This unfortunately is the problem we sit with because CSI has shifted their focus to education which means that we do not get access to the billions sitting in CSI. The CSI investors should shift their thinking so that those who need the funding can get access to it.

Current Funding Crisis

We receive a monthly subsidy of R3276 pm per child from the Department Social Development, Western Cape. This amount is to cover costs relating to accommodation, transport, clothes, food, therapeutic intervention services, education, the general care and well-being of the children entrusted in our care. The current cost to have a child in our program is approximately R9000.00 pm per child. We have a staff compliment of 34 that includes social workers, child and youth care workers, assistant child and youth care workers, support services staff, administration staff, maintenance and driving staff, finance and the Director. Currently, the subsidy represents ±85% of our total income.

The consequences for us are several:

- Our staff salaries are not competitive yet they are more qualified and competent;
- We lose staff on a regular basis to better offers, often from State institutions (not necessarily in DSD).
- We spend precious time fundraising when we should be spending more time caring for the children; AND the challenge is that CSI changed their focus to education, and we don't benefit from this!
- Most importantly, the children receive the very basic of services, which are less than what is due them.

Every child deserves to have the best childhood we can give them but unless we get an increased grant from the WC Government, we cannot make that possible.

- **Francisco G Cornelius** Director

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St George's Home for Girls

St George's Home for Girls situated in Bute Road Wynberg is celebrating **160 years** of caring for some of the most vulnerable children of our society and provide them with care, love and a safe haven in which to grow. We are the second oldest Child & Youth Care Centre (CYCC) in South Africa.

On August 15, 1862 the first child was admitted to St George's Orphanage in Roeland Street Cape Town. The Home was founded by Mary Arthur of England after Bishop Robert Gray asked her to open a home for orphaned girls. Three years later and due to the increase in orphans they moved to a larger house, Granite Lodge in Harrington Street. During the 1870's there were 200 orphans and so Ms Arthur opened a mission school at which some of the girls were trained to become teachers of the younger ones. She died in 1891 and Thomas Fothergill Lightfoot succeeded as the superintendent. With the ever growing numbers of orphans they moved to Rosebank where Princess Alice (mother of Prince Philip, duke of Edinburgh) opened the home and later again moved to Claremont and finally to the present location in Wynberg which was opened by the Archbishop of Cape Town, Robert Selby Taylor.

We provide a loving home for 38 girls between the ages of 3 and 18. "Girls who are placed here often experience neglect, abandonment, abuse and trauma in their families or communities. Often, it's impossible to send the child back to their community or family as the conditions there have not improved or the perpetrator might still be living in the area. We also care for children infected and affected by HIV/Aids. The goal is to reunite the girls with their parents or extended families but it's often not possible. The girls have to learn from a young age to be independent in preparation for when they have to leave the Home. We provide very important programmes e.g. Therapeutic, developmental, Life Skills and others, to build them up so that when they leave the Home, they are better equipped than when they arrived. We also teach them important skills through a transition to independence and mentorship program so that they can learn to be independent especially after school and leaving St George's. Some of these skills include drawing up a CV, finding a job, interviewing skills, budgeting, saving money and more.

There are various reasons why the girls are placed at St George's. Some of the girls come from single parent families where unemployment, alcohol or drug abuse is prevalent. Some are neglected and abused, either sexually, physically or emotionally. Some are at-risk because of poor parental control, emotional or physical deprivation. Since Covid-19 many parents have lost their jobs and can no longer feed and care for their children. We are also seeing more children in the 11 to 16 year age group from failed foster placements and those with behavioural problems being placed in CYCC's. The girls are all placed with St George's Home by the Children's Court, because of the inadequacy of or a complete breakdown in the primary care environment. Our girls receive protection, therapeutic and psychiatric treatment, feeding, clothing, housing and their own bed to sleep in. Some of the girls, before arriving at St George's have been sleeping on the floor or four in one bed.

All our girls attend schools within the surrounding areas. There are 9 different schools they attend and need to be transported to and from school each day. Few girls travel with public transport and the rest walk to school. Transport costs, over the past two years, has doubled because of the rising cost of petrol and diesel. The costs for all pre-school and Grade R pupils need to be paid and there is no exemption for these girls. We are sometimes asked what impact the home has made on the children. This is difficult to quantify because it can't be seen immediately, sometimes only after many years. We make huge differences in the lives of our girls. You can help us do that too. St George's Home is a place of healing. Many girls arrive hurt and traumatized. We want to

see them whole again so that when they leave they can go on to have their own family and live as a whole person. Our staff, especially the Child Care Workers (house moms) are encouraged to give love, especially to the little ones. Many children have not been nurtured properly and need all the love we can give. Help us put the smiles back on the faces of our girls.

On Sunday August 21, the Home's Annual General Meeting was held. As we celebrated 160 years, we unveiled a plaque commemorating the milestone. Graeme Cairns, the Director, stated that he would love to see the Home continue for another 160 years of caring for the kids of Cape Town. To mark and commemorate the 160 years we are requesting and asking people to donate funds in amounts of 160 e.g. R 160, R 1,600, R 16,000 or R 1.6million all of which will continue to build and ensure that the legacy of caring for kids of Cape Town continues for years to come. Invest in the lives of these precious souls and change their futures.

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 ACCOUNT NO.: 071 88 3304
 TYPE: Cheque a/c
 SWIFT CODE: SBZA ZAJJ

If you are able to assist in any way feel free to contact me on 021 797 0292 or e-mail on graeme@st-georges.org.za.

- **Graeme Cairns Director**

St Michael's Child and Youth Care Centre

We are situated in Plumstead, taking care of 25 teenage girls in need of care. Our girls are placed by the court. We have developmental and therapeutic programmes to assist in reclaiming the true essence of a young woman.

Our year was extraordinary; we hosted 2 events, youth day and our first ever Alumni event, we had our ex-clients sharing their journey. We had successful fundraisers in the year: a High Tea, Youth Day, the Barnyard and Phenomenal Woman. Our events were a success with tickets being sold out and we are grateful to the amazing staff and the fundraising team for the extra effort they put in. We had our AGM in September and we have new board members who have joined, we welcome them with warm hearts. Family reunification is one of our goals. In the year we managed to reunify four of our young people, we wish them well and a blessed future. One of our youth graduated at UCT with Honours in Finance. The current youth have been progressing in their grades and we have one youth in Matric. The growth we see in the young people gives us the energy to do what we do best. We have amazing volunteers who have been facilitating our developmental and therapeutic programs. We are grateful for the extra mile they put in to help us achieve our mission and vision.

"When gratitude becomes an essential foundation in our lives, miracles start to appear everywhere." - **Emmanuel Dagher**





Thank you for your prayers for next week's visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury and his team to Cape Town. Do come to St George's Cathedral at 4 pm next Thursday, November 24, for Evensong with Archbishop Justin.

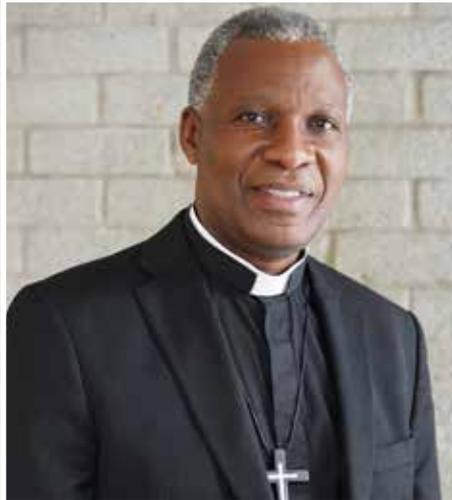
As we focus this month on the Diocese's care for the most vulnerable among us, our children, it is instructive to draw the links between their welfare and the most significant challenge humankind faces, namely climate change.

The Black Sash reported recently that although South Africa is not a country that is classified as "food insecure", nevertheless, almost 6.5 million people go to bed hungry every day. And the situation is aggravated by rising prices – analysts at Trading Economics report that food prices rose by nearly 12 percent in the year ended September.

I recently joined a webinar organised by the Ecumenical Foundation of Southern Africa, which brought together several experts to discuss how to end child hunger. In my contribution, I said it was admirable that the child support grant paid by the government is helping more than 12 million children. I also welcomed the feeding schemes organised by many schools and the government's social distress grant introduced in response to the Covid crisis. But I pointed to statistics showing that nearly one in five households suffer moderate or severe hunger. The Black Sash has also reported that the child support grant is inadequate to meet the nutritional needs of children, leading to debilitating economic, social and psychological consequences for the children, their caregivers, and their households.

My appeal as a faith leader was that all sectors – business, agriculture, academics, researchers, government and the faith community – are instruments in God's hands and

Ad Laos to the people of God



that we have a moral obligation to use the resources and the skills God has given us to care for the most vulnerable in our society. In this instance, we need to fast-track collaborative programmes to end child hunger in our city and country.

As faith-based institutions which are well established in communities throughout the country and have expertise and experience in caring for the vulnerable and the poor, we have a unique capacity to assess what is needed where we live and to ensure that local communities take part in designing and implementing projects. In this way, we can ensure that communities are partners in programmes to end child hunger and not mere beneficiaries.

Across the world, and in Africa in particular, there is a direct link between climate change and the conditions contributing to child hunger.

Ahead of the COP27 climate talks, which are now coming to an end in Egypt, the Mo Ibra-

him Foundation (founded by the Sudanese telecoms billionaire of that name) pointed out that although Africa has accounted for only 3.3 percent of global emissions over the last 60 years, it is the continent worst affected by climate change. Temperatures are increasing faster than the global average and are projected to continue during the rest of this century.

Especially alarming is that Africa is the most affected of all world regions by drought and the second most affected by flooding, with at least 215.3 million people affected since 2010. The ten most climate-vulnerable countries globally are in Africa, and our continent faces the worst climate-related security risks – most linked to water. The result? Over half of the 78 million people expected to be pushed by climate change into chronic hunger by 2050 live in sub-Saharan Africa.

So as climate change impacts those with the least capacity to mitigate its effects, more and more people are being forced into abject poverty. As was the case when children's homes in our Diocese were being established, society experienced great suffering.

What can we do about the situation? First, let us support our children's homes in the Diocese. Then let us also act in our own parishes and communities to alleviate hunger and join the efforts of groups such as our own Green Anglicans to help mitigate the effects of climate change to avoid the homes being over-subscribed in future.

God bless you as we enter the Advent season, contemplating what the Incarnation means for our faith and how we live our lives in our communities.

**God bless,
++Thabo Cape Town**



"Come let us build the walls": On 22nd October 2022, Archbishop Thabo made history when he visited the Anglican Church of Eluvukweni in Crossroads. A vibrant service was

Historic visit to Eluvukweni Crossroads

held welcoming Archbishop Thabo, the first Archbishop ever to visit the church. The congregation met him at the gates and entered with a wonderful song of praise!

The Archbishop encouraged the congregation with the words from Nehemiah 2:17: "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem."

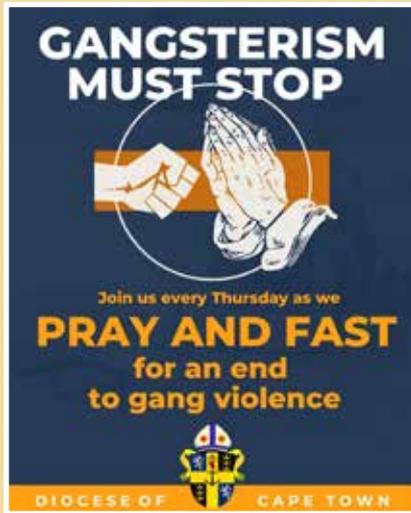
The choir sang beautifully, the Sunday School performed a lovely dance. A wonderful cake was enjoyed, purple to honour the visit by the Archbishop, with the wording from Nehemiah 2 written on it.

The Archbishop planted a purple bougainvillea as part of the Anglican Communion forest with these words: "We come to you to dedicate this tree as a symbol of the spiritual life of the congregation of Eluvukweni, rooted in this community of Crossroads, but part of the global family of the Anglican Communion. May this plant dig deep roots and grow wide branches, giving beauty to bear witness to your abundant love"

The history of the Church: The congregation was founded in 1974 by Bishop David Russell. It became an outstation of Holy Cross in Nyanga and in 2007 a parochial district under Rev Dano. They have been

worshipping in an informal building for all these years, during the violence the building was burnt down and they had to rebuild, at which point the parish was given the name "Eluvukweni" meaning resurrection. The congregation have been faithfully giving and have also received some wonderful gifts from other parishes in South Africa and overseas. The building fund now stands at just over R2 million and the target is R2.5 m. The plans have gone through the Diocesan structures, the rezoning and consolidation process with the City is complete. The plans will still need to be lodged with the City and the parish hopes to start building in 2023.

Considering a parish based response to gangsterism



Bishop Joshua convened a working group as a follow up to the clergy conference where the resolution focused on the impact of gangsterism on the lives of people living in the affected areas.

The meeting was held at Braehead House, Thursday 26 October 2020. Those in attendance: +Joshua Louw, Michael Weeder, Basil Davis, Ronald Dias and Ronald Muller. Sharon de Vos tended an apology.

1. THE DIOCESAN MAGDALENE FORUM

This name was considered for the group but not discussed or decided on. The motivation was premised on how Mary Magdalene, accompanied by a few other women - despite the sad tragedy of the brutal killing of their young friend, Jesus - set off at dawn to observe the necessary ritual of preparing his body for burial.

They were in a state of grief at both the death of their dear companion and the quenching of the hope he had awoken in their lives. Yet like so many of our parishioners, especially so the womenfolk, they stoically went about doing all that was required when someone in their community had died.

They had set forth, despite the dangers of the early dawn, to engage the consequence of the violence of the times they lived in. Expecting a corpse, they encounter the Lord alive, and Mary become the apostle to the apostles.

As such, our mission and purpose is guided by the teaching inscribed on our souls

that we, "Be not overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21).

2. INTENTIONAL CARE OF CLERGY AND FAMILIES

2.1. The committee members to suggest names of persons committed to providing pastoral oversight of clergy and their loved ones.

2.2. Clergy ministering in troubled areas would be privy to a sabbath respite and granted a weekend off at least once a quarter.

2.3. Relief clergy would be compensated, when required, from a purse other than that of the parish.

3. TRAUMA COUNSELLING RESOURCES

Discussion in this area was framed by the wisdom that "none but ourselves can free ourselves." The tools used, while sourced from outside the affected communities, should generally be adapted to local conditions and contextualised by the spirituality and prayer practise of the local parish members.

4. A WEEKLY DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

4.1. Every Thursday would be a diocesan day of prayer and fasting

4.2. Clergy are encouraged to say the Evening Office on that day in a church in their archdeaconry

4.3. One Thursday in the month clergy are called upon to gather at one of the parishes in the affected areas to say Evening Prayer corporately.

EXPLORE FAITHBASED EXCURSIONS

The question considered here, recognises that the slave and Khoe Khoe descendant communities do not have intentional and self-worth instilling rites of passage. The absence of such makes the man-child especially receptive to the ways that organised gang formations provide alternate ways, albeit alienating in practice, of belonging.

Attention will be given to secure faith-based initiatives that seek to constructively develop models of building community while focused especially on strengthening the sense of self of young men.

The Cathedral Ash trees



The Cathedral and Confirmation class

In his incisive reflection on the history and meaning of the stained glass in St George's Cathedral, Revd Chris Chivers,

refers to an understanding he once held of the central image in the Gabriel Loire window as being that of a Black Jesus.

Chivers' thoughts are guided by a theological understanding of the universality of the Christ person in salvation history. He cites one of the Magi in WH Auden's For the time being: "To discover how to be Christian now is to follow the star." A perspective contextualised by the Cuban patriot, Jose Marti, who premised his life cause on the conviction "that there was only one motherland, and that is the human."

The doctrine of the incarnation has always been central to the Anglican approach to ministry. It strongly informed our response to injustices in any form. It is for this reason that St George's Cathedral, because of the role it played in the struggle for justice, is referred to as "The People's Cathedral."

Our place in the struggle is memorialised, inter alia, in the form of plaques, the stained-glass windows, and statues such as the African Madonna.

Today it is also the site of interment of the mortal remains of our prophet and mystic, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu. The place near the high altar is marked by a lit candle and fresh flowers, often sourced from the gardens of parishioners.

There is much of interest that the public and specifically Anglicans are unaware of. Who knows that the six trees on the cathedral's steps represent the pillars that were demolished in 1953.

The trees stand as a memorial to the foresight and creativity of the caretaker at the time, Lolwana Lawrence Maguba. It was he who planted the Cape ash trees now marking the spots where the columns once stood.

Confirmation candidates especially are encouraged to visit the cathedral and to own it as their cathedral, a legacy and testament to their faith as believers, here at the southern point of Africa.

**- the Very Revd Michael Weeder
Dean of Cape Town**

Ibongolethu Archdeaconry Choir launch



Music unites. Whether it is the bass sound from the drum, the clapping of hands in a rhythmic way or even the melodic and harmonious tunes from a choir, we unite.

It is that same unity that we witnessed on Saturday, 5th November 2022, at the launch of the Ibongolethu Archdeaconry Choir - the first of its kind for the Diocese of Cape Town.

The birth of this choir is the vision and dream of the late Revd Mlamli Mfenyana. For the longest time, he had always dreamt of forming a Diocesan Choir to lead songs and praise at all diocesan events.

To ensure that this dream became a reality, even after Revd Mfenyana's passing, something had to be done. However, it was only after the death of Dumisani Nyamza, a choir conductor at St Mary Magdalene, who was also a soldier of music, that the real work began.

There was always a goal, but a strategy was put in place this time. The aim was to "start small, not bite more than can be chewed". About 73 choir members from St Cyprian's Langa, St Mary Magdalene Gugulethu, Holy Cross Nyanga, St Columba Gugulethu and Eluvukweni Crossroads parishes worked in collaboration.

Collaboration, resilience, commitment and persistence were evident at the event as the choir stood on the podium and delivered a resounding performance that left those in attendance in awe.

The performance, which included hymns from the Anglican Hymnal Book, was so captivating and spiritually active that we would like to believe that it not only touched the audience but created an energy that transcended through to the souls of those who had faithfully departed.

A segment of the event also honoured musical stalwarts within our Anglican community. Stalwarts such as Mr. Zibi and not forgetting the late Ven Mlamli Mfenyana, Mrs Nokuzola Mbaliso, Mrs Nobuhle Somi, Mr Bangumzi Nqinileyo and Mr Dumisani Nyamza.

Remembering the work of these fallen heroes is only a drop in the ocean compared to their contribution to the Anglican choral music

community. It is our hope that the Diocesan choir lives up to their expectation and continues to grow, touching the hearts of many parishioners and those seeking the Lord's refuge.

We deeply appreciate every member of this team for showing relentless effort for this project.

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