

The Cathedral Visitor

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The Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew & Saint Michael – Bloemfontein



SILENT NIGHT
Holy Night



A Happy Christmas and New Year to All
Mahlohonolo a Keresemese le a lemo se setjha ho lona bohle
Geseende Kersfees en «Voorspoedige Nuwejaar»

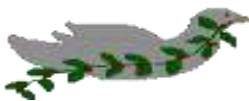


*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.*



*The Dean Fr Lazarus Mohapi,
Fr Sam Zenzile,
Fr Albert Anko-Cobbah,
Fr Ernest Moipolai,
Bishop Tom Stanage,
Fr David Tanton,
Fr Reg Huskins,
Sandy Botha,
Cheryl and Basil Schroeter,
Paulina, Hilda, Anna,
Justice and Major.*

*wish all and sundry in the Cathedral Parish
a truly blessed Christmas
and a joyous and peaceful 2014*



PEACE ON EARTH



*A quilt of experience,
stitched together with
the never-ending thread
of prayer.*



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*Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and
The fullness of God's Grace in 2014.*

Dear friends in Christ,

Advent-tide and Christmas-tide Greetings



The understanding of Advent as a Season of Preparation has to a large extent, been lost on our generation. This is the result of a combination of many factors: a world view that encourages the modern society to want everything and to want it now, the end-of-the-year festivities for many different groups in society, clubs and businesses, the pressing preparation for the summer holidays. To say nothing about the commercialization of Christmas with 'shopping days to Christmas' counted from October. I am always amazed to notice the Christmas decorations and specials in our shopping malls as early as October.

All of these carry within them a sense of the immediate that must be satisfied right away, and the sense of a period of waiting is completely alien to contemporary culture. The arrival of a Christmas feast can easily come as a complete anti-climax. We are caught up in instant products e.g. Instant coffees, porridge etc. In fact the preparations for the celebration of the birth of Jesus have been completely overshadowed by the dual aspect of Advent: the preparation for the second coming of Christ, and only shift focus from 16 December to the coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem. The biggest challenge we have as Christians is to avoid the trap of celebrating Christmas without Christ.

A third element that militates against the proper understanding of the season is that so many 'traditions' that are so faithfully followed have their roots firmly embedded in a Northern Hemisphere winter celebration that makes them quite inappropriate for a blazing summer climate. It is a reminder that all liturgy needs to be rooted in the lived experience of the faith to avoid becoming a fantasy that is out touch with the reality of life.

Perhaps most significantly is the way that the customs and symbols of Lent have been superimposed on Advent. The two seasons are quite different and Advent should not be experienced as another Lent. ***The Lenten season is about self-examination and abstinence: Advent is about hope and expectation.*** It is for this reason that for many years now congregations have been using the colour blue representing Mary, the mother of our Lord – for Advent; reserving the penitential purple for Lent. Also purple candles on Advent wreaths have been replaced with white candles without a Rose candle, reserving Rose Sunday for Lent (the Rose candle being a remnant of the time when the Sundays *in* Lent were observed as Sundays *of* Lent and a break in fasting was thought to be needed by mid-Lent.)

Advent is a season that reminds us that we live in the tension of the "already – but not yet" of our faith. Our salvation has been secured in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but we live in the time before it is fully experienced, fully consumed. ***We live in a period of waiting and Paula Gooder reminds us that, in Advent, "The meaning is in the waiting".***

We are therefore waiting for the coming of Christ the Babe, who took our human nature (Incarnation) upon Himself. God in Christ Jesus comes to meet us and assures us of his infinite love.

We give thanks to God for all his wonderful gifts in 2013. I know many members of this Parish Church have lost their loved ones in 2013. In two months we had 10 funerals. I know this Christmas will not be the same, but may you all be assured of God's love, now, always and beyond 2014.

Merry Christmas and Happy blessed 2014.

Dean Lazarus Mohapi



Latest Newsletter



as heard by Sandy Botha

At this time of the year we'll start with a birth.



Christopher and Nicola Kettle have a daughter, Stella, born on 14th November in England. Grandparents **Mike and Charlotte Kettle** are thrilled!

Christopher and his sister Elizabeth used to be servers here at the Cathedral. Elizabeth and her family will be visiting Bloemfontein for Christmas.

Stella Kettle, cautiously being checked out by Thandi, the family friend, guard dog and protector.

People are travelling again – Joy Steven and her daughter Ruth are in Newfoundland, Canada for Christmas with granddaughter and daughter Kim.

Joy says they will have a “true postcard white Christmas!”



Kevin Corrigan and Kathy de Witt have left for India together with a large group of supporters for the SA Goju Kai Karate World Championships in which her son, JJ, was chosen to take part at Vivanta By Taj. Congratulations and good luck!



Edna Todd has gone to visit her son in Darwin, Australia for three months;

AND

Brian Cooper and family are going to the Seychelles for Christmas!



NORINE VAN ARKEL

turned
80 YEARS OLD
on
21ST DECEMBER!



News of ***Paul and Baby Lange's*** grandchildren:



Liam Nel has a black belt in Karate.

Justin Nel has just obtained a BSc Geology degree

AND



Michelle (Brown) has been promoted

to accountant 4 at PWC.

They are the children of ***Ansie and Errol Nel.***

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

Delysia and Sigi Hoehne have at last moved to Siesta Retirement Centre. We hope you both will be very happy there.



Willie Viljoen, son of ***Nicol and Martina Viljoen*** was married to Driekie Steenkamp at Christ Church Arcadia in Pretoria on 23rd November.

Sylvia van der Merwe's granddaughter, Candice van der Merwe, was married on 14th December in Cape Town. Congratulations!



We mourn with ***Harold and Deirdré Elsmere*** (and Catherine, their daughter) who lost their only son and brother, Andrew (25), in a car crash on 1st November.

An ex-parishioner, ***Shirley Theron (Myburgh)*** died in Cape Town on 1st November and her ashes were blessed here at the Cathedral by ***Fr Willem Vermeulen*** who used to be a staff member at the Cathedral. It was so good to see him again, even if it was under sad circumstances.

Another ex-parishioner ***Paddy Jones***, died on 28th October following an operation here in Bloemfontein. He had retired to Settler's Park Retirement Village in Port Alfred where he lived for quite a few years, but still popped in to the Cathedral every now and again. We will miss your generosity of spirit, Paddy. The people of the Retirement Village said that he never refused to help anyone who needed transporting or help of any kind.

Julian Myers' sister died in Kimberley on 25th November.

Paddy Brown, widow of Alan Brown, died in Bloemfontein on 20th November. Alan wrote the history book on the Cathedral. They had been living in Rustenburg, but following Alan's death about three years ago, Paddy moved back to her daughter, **Diane Pienaar**, in Bloemfontein.

The Schroeters, Basil and Cheryl are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new grandchild to be born towards the end of June. Berneen, their elder daughter, and Pieter Muller are overjoyed that Tayla might have a younger brother or sister in the future.

Some of you will remember **Fr Michael Everitt** who came to us from Blackburn Diocese for three years in the 90's – his mother passed away recently and we hold all these people up to God in prayer.

Fr Gareth and Mariana Jones

have moved from Ficksburg to King William's Town and Gareth was officially installed as Rector of Holy Trinity KWT on the 1st September, 2013 and are very happy there.

Fr Gareth was also part of the Cathedral staff and we know that he is the son of a very proud mother **Doreen Jones**.



On the sick list we continue to pray for the complete recovery of **Charles Walbrugh** after the accident.

Estelle Middlecote is not well at all and we ask you to pray for healing for her.

Gertie van der Sijde is also in need of prayer.

On a brighter note: what a wonderful atmosphere there was at the **Cathedral Bazaar** held on 26th October! A record R66 000 was raised and we give thanks to God. Please see the list of sponsors elsewhere in this magazine.



Thank you to Stephen Grimsley and one and all for an amazing team effort!

Also thanks must go to **Eldrid and Liola Borraine for organizing the Karaoke evening** on 29th November. For those of you who didn't want to come in case you had to sing: that is not the case. Just to relax with friends and listen to the music was fun enough. And you still got a lovely meal as well – for R60! Bargain! About R4 500 was raised.

All of the **Face-Book** fans out there will be pleased to know that the Cathedral is now also on Face-Book! You will find it under "**The Anglican Cathedral of St Andrew and St Michael, Bloemfontein**". Please "**like**" our page and tell all your friends to "**like**" it too!

Those of you who have family in *the Garden of Remembrance* will have no doubt, already seen the difference the beautiful grass makes to that area. Thank you to our parishioners who have donated the R22 000 that was needed for that. Now we need to install irrigation from the borehole into a tank with a water softener in it, so that the stones will not become marked from the lime. It will be much cheaper in the long run to use borehole water to keep the grass looking at its best, than municipal water. This system will cost about R23 000. Any donations can be sent to the Parish Office. Banking details can be found on the back of the magazine. Thank you so much! **I would like to point out that not one cent of Cathedral funds has been spent on the revamp of the Garden of Remembrance.**

Gussie Roberts, mother of **Gerald Roberts**, has passed away on Wednesday December 18th. Our prayers and thoughts are with **Gerald, Karin, Tessa, Kate and Gareth** as well as all the family. The funeral will take place at the Cathedral on Friday 27th December. Gussie and her late husband Arthur, were among the first people to enjoy tea and coffee after the 09h30 service every Thursday in the foyer. This is now such an institution that when the office is closed, like now over Christmas, the ladies and gentlemen are at a loss as what to do!

Congratulations to **Lance Philip** (our music director) who achieved a Master's Degree in Conducting.



Lindiwe Mdhuhli passed the Honour's exam in Practical Theology and she hopes to continue with her Master's degree next year.



On hearing the terribly sad news that our beloved Madiba had died on 5th December, Fr Lazarus sprang to work organizing a Requiem Mass to be sung in his honour on Friday 13th at 12h00. The service was well attended and the candle was lit to celebrate his life and all that the man, **Nelson Mandela**, meant to us here in South Africa.



It has been a great pleasure to have **Taschka du Plessis** (nee Erasmus) back in Bloemfontein with her parents while her husband, **Reinart** has been travelling the length and breadth of Africa on work-related matters. So it was with much anticipation that baby **Mischka** was baptized at the Cathedral on 10th November (Reinart timed it perfectly between trips!).



“Me, too!” It wasn’t the words Diane expected from Ben – his communication skills are increasing exponentially. He recently realised that ‘s’ pluralises objects, so cat and cats, but beautifully applied it to sheep – ‘sheeps’ Even as I was recounting this, he had adjusted to the exception, and reclassified a flock as ‘sheep’. It was almost sad that he was making such progress.

Helping in the garden, he needed to stop for chocolate covered raisins. Woe betide you if you try to liberate one – but he will eventually offer one if you are in favour. After steadily munching and even sharing, Ben looked in dismay at the empty pot. “Do you want some more?” Grandma asked. “Yes, me want more.” (Actually ‘me’ is more like ‘mea’) “That’s ‘I want more’, Ben” corrected Diane. “Me, too!” responded Ben as he followed her to the kitchen. A little later, Ben was helping to empty Granddad’s trugs filled with the grass clippings from mowing the lawn. Confident of his own strength and ability, he seized a full trug, and Grandma rushed in to help, realising it was much too heavy for him. Diane reassured him, “You take the heavy side and Grandma will help with the lighter side.” Her plan was obviously to take the bulk of the weight so he could think he was in charge and doing most. Ben responded, swapping sides and taking Grandma’s handle, “No, you take the heavy side – me only little!”

We laughed at his grasp of language but in a sense, his lack of communication. It is a great joy to see the grandchildren growing in their language and communication skills, but even when you have the language, the concepts can prove tricky: we had been back and forth to the Isle of Man regularly, and the language was ‘we’re going back to England’. We moved from Cheadle Hulme to Disley and then one day about a year later we drove through Cheadle Hulme. Tom, aged about 6, looked out the window, recognised the area, and said ‘Oh look! We’re going through England!’ His older brothers roared with laughter, but you can see how ‘back to England’ led him to think the area he had lived was ‘England’.

Abstract concepts are even harder to handle. It’s reckoned that children can only really handle abstract concepts once they’ve reached double figures – and there are some adults for whom the concrete is always their preferred medium of thought. How hard, then, to conceive the nature of God, his glory, his pure righteousness yet displayed with his boundless love, his immanence coupled with his omnipresence, his impassability expressed through a yearning for his people with a grieving heart over their sin. How does our God communicate without us misunderstanding and coming up with the kind of howlers that make us smile at our children or grandchildren?

God communicates in his Son. This is the Christmas message of great joy and good news - we celebrate a living God who came to visit us so that we might truly understand. The message to Mary told her that the child would have the characteristics of God himself: **“...the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God”** (The Bible Luke 1.35), while Joseph was reminded of the prophecy in Isaiah where the child to come would be called **“...‘Immanuel’ which means ‘God with us’.”** (Matthew 1.23). John took the creative side of God, his self-fulfilling Word, and summarised the momentous occasion as **“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”** (John 1.14), and later recorded Jesus’ self-declaration, effectively ‘if you want to know what the Father’s like, look at me!’ in the words: **“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”** (John 14.9b), which St Paul restated in the words: **“He is the (visible) image of the invisible God.”** (Colossians 1.16). This is the heart of the Christmas message – God makes the hard abstract ideas about his nature solid and easy to comprehend by coming to us in His Son. The manger will point onto the cross, where his perfect love and perfect righteousness meet in the definitive judgement that opens the door to heaven we had barred through our sinful ways. God in Christ speaks a simple language that we may comprehend, believe, and be saved. What a gift! No wonder we have something to celebrate.

Praying that in Christ Jesus, his birth, his life, his teaching, his suffering, his death and his resurrection, ascension and exaltation you may hear God speak with clarity and order your life with the certain hope of eternal joy God in Christ came to bring.

Your servant in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Simon Cox.

Rev’d Canon Dr Simon Cox
Rector of Bispham All Hallows
Area Dean of Blackpool

Bispham All Hallows



THE CATHEDRAL AWF GROUP:



On the 12th October, 2013 the AWF Group visited the **CANSA KATLEHO CARE HOME** in Bloemfontein's Mangaung Township which was established in 1990 and is one of the AWF projects that they are involved in.

They took parcels of toiletries for the Cancer patients there and prayed and fellowshiped with them.



Katleho is run by the internationally acclaimed organisation **CANSA** and was created to provide accommodation for poor patients from surrounding areas who receive cancer treatment at the National Hospital. Were it not for the home, indigent patients on radiation treatment, which sometimes lasts as long as nine weeks, would be forced to sleep in the hospital's passages or waiting rooms because they cannot afford transport back home. Through his work, the home manager, has observed that a patient needs comfort not only for the physical but also for the spiritual and mental needs so that they can recover from cancer. Because Katleho provides exactly that kind of comfort the home has become a safe haven for many people battling cancer.

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*I greet you all
in the name of God the Father,
God the Son
and God the Holy Spirit.*

WHAT A DAY!

With GOD on our side we achieved the unachievable by topping the money raised in last year's Bazaar and on behalf of the council I take this opportunity to thank GOD and everybody for participating in this year's bazaar.



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A True Story: As a youngster my husband attended St. Thomas Aquinas Convent School. One day the nuns announced that they had **rosaries for sale** and my husband was one of those who trotted up to buy one. But the nuns, knowing he was an Anglican, refused to sell him one, and instead phoned his mother to explain what had happened. When he got home his mother asked him why he had wanted to buy a rosary, and he replied *"All the other children use them when they do their sums"*.

Anonymous

IT WAS GOOD TO BE 'HOME' ...




John Irving wrote in *The Cider House Rules*: *"When time passes, it's the people who knew you whom you want to see; they're the ones you can talk to. When enough time passes, what's it matter what they did to you?"*

I was in two minds having to travel back to Bloem, and particularly to the Cathedral, to fulfill **Shirley Theron's request** that I officiate at her Memorial Service on Wednesday, 13th November 2013. It was with a heavy heart, as the reasons for my resigning as a stipendiary priest from the Diocese at the end of 2006 rose up before me like a tsunami from hell, that I turned into the Cathedral gates just after 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon ... and I wished I had rather stayed in Uitenhage!

The Dean's welcome and generous hospitality, however, coupled with the warm reception I received from Basil, Cheryl and Sandy in the Church office and also from Charlotte Kettle and Paulina soon saw my fears dissipate and it felt good to be 'home' again! It was good also to meet with Pam de Vries and to have been afforded a couple of minutes with **+Dintoe Letloenyane**, and to meet with **+Tom Stanage** who had come to play the organ.

Apart from a few wrinkles, greyer hair and expanded girths on most of us, and the walls at the Garden of Remembrance, nothing much had changed at the Cathedral in my almost 7 year absence. I was surprised at the ease with which I remembered the words at the early morning Eucharist, enjoyed with +Dintoe, Fr Lazarus and Fr Reg and Stephen Sondiyazi!

Too soon my short sojourn at the Cathedral was over and it was with a heavy heart, this time filled with sadness, that I drove out of the Cathedral gates shortly after midday on Wednesday ... sad that I was leaving behind a few souls who are so evidently representative of the good people at the Cathedral. Clearly, despite a comment I posted on FaceBook on 11th April 2012 and used to my disadvantage, there is some truth in the adage "**once an Anglican, always an Anglican**".



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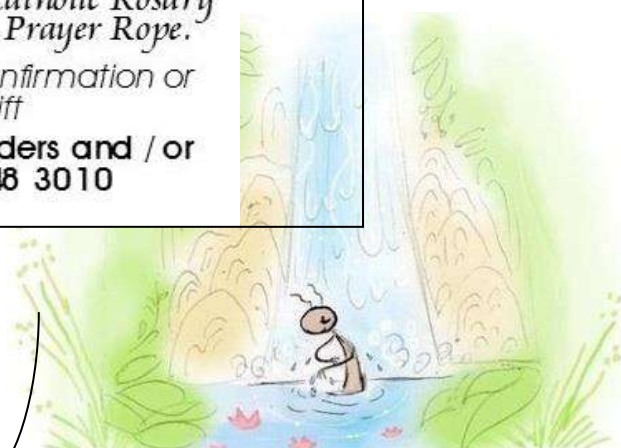
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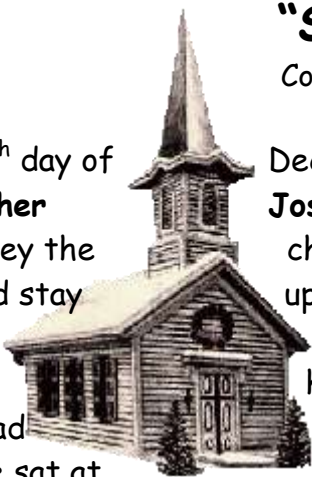
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~ François

2013

"Song From Heaven"

Condensed version by Hertha Pauli



On the 24th day of Austrian Alps, **Father** All through the valley the Eve, and they could stay frozen paths they valley looked like a The young priest had With open Bible, he sat at

December, 1818, in Hallein, an age-old village in the **Joseph Mohr** sat alone in his study, reading the Bible. children were filled with excitement, for it was Holy up for Midnight Mass. On their way down the open, carried rush lights, so that from the village the huge Christmas tree with a hundred moving candles. no eyes for the valley that was so festively lighted. his oaken study table working on a sermon for the midnight service. He read again the story of the shepherds in the fields to whom the angel came and said: *"Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour..."* Just as Father Mohr read this passage a knock sounded at his door. He admitted a peasant woman wrapped in a coarse shawl who told him of a child born earlier that day to a poor charcoal-maker's wife living on one of the highest alps in his parish. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant that it might live and prosper. ***Father Mohr was strangely moved on his visit to the poorly lighted ramshackle hut where the young mother lay on a crude bed smiling happily, with her baby asleep in her arms.*** The scene certainly did not resemble the manger in the City of David, yet the last words he had read in his Bible suddenly seemed to be addressed to him. Returning to the valley, he saw that the dark slopes were alight with the torches of the mountaineers on their way to church, and from all the villages far and near bells began to ring. ***To Father Mohr a true Christmas miracle had come to pass.*** Sitting in his study after the midnight service he tried to put down on paper what had happened to him. The words kept turning into verse, and when dawn broke Father Mohr had written a poem. And on Christmas Day his friend, ***Franz Xavier Gruber, music teacher*** at the village school, composed music to fit the verses. Village children hear the priest and the teacher singing. The church organ was out of order, so the pair were using what they had - two voices and a guitar, which Franz Gruber played. ***"After all,"*** they said, ***"the Lord can hear us without an organ."*** They did not know that this anniversary of Christ's birthday was also the birthday of a great Christmas hymn that would be known in all lands where there is a Christmas, and that four little children would one day start it on its way to fame.

Of all the youngsters in the Zillertal valley in the Austrian Tyrol, the ones with the most beautiful voices were the four **Strasser children**, Caroline, Joseph, Andreas and little Amalie, who was called Maly, and was so young that she couldn't pronounce the words correctly. ***"Those Strassers,"*** the people used to say, ***"sing just like the nightingales."*** Like the nightingales, too, every spring the four children travelled northward to Leipzig, in the kingdom of Saxony, the site of the great annual Trade Fair. For their parents were glove makers, and it was the children's job to display and sell the soft chamois gloves that were sought far and wide. Leipzig, at Fair Time, was an exciting city and at times the youngsters from the Zillertal felt lost in the bright and curious crowd, ***But they did just what they did at home when their spirits needed lifting - they sang together.*** The song they sang most, because it was their favourite, was ***"Song from Heaven."*** ***Karl Mauracher, the famous Zillertaker organ builder,*** had taught the children the song. Once he had been called to a

neighbouring village to repair an organ, and when his work was done he had asked the organist to try it out. The organist was **Franz Gruber** and somehow he slipped into the Christmas melody he had composed for **Father Mohr**. **"I never heard that song before,"** the organ builder said, with awe in his voice. **"Would you mind if I took it with me? The people where I live would appreciate it."** Gruber had offered to write it down, but Mauracher told him not to bother – he had hundreds of songs in his head and one more would make no difference. The song quickly became popular in his valley, and was called **"Song from Heaven"**. The organ builder didn't realize that he had brought back a truly valuable gift from two unknown composers to the entire world. The children found the song's charm worked in the busy city; passers-by stopped to listen and were enchanted by the beautiful, melodious tune. One day an elderly gentleman, who introduced himself as **Mr. Pohlenz, Director General of Music** in the kingdom of Saxony, gave them tickets to one of the concerts that he conducted regularly in the *Gewandhaus* – the ancient guild house of the drapers of Leipzig. The youngsters were delighted. When they entered the brilliantly lighted auditorium filled with silk-hatted gentlemen and ladies in rustling gowns, they felt timid and were glad to be led to inconspicuous seats beneath the platform. They were still rapt and glowing at the concert's end, when the shock came. For Mr. Pohlenz rose to announce that there were four children present, with the finest voices he had heard for years. They might be persuaded to treat **Their Royal Majesties, the King and Queen of Saxony**, who were present, and the audience to some of their lovely Tyrolean airs. The announcement took the youngsters' breath away, and their faces flamed as people began to applaud. **"Let's just shut our eyes and pretend we're singing at home,"** Maly whispered to the others. Their first song was **"Song from Heaven,"** and when they had finished it there was a moment of almost reverent quiet before applause broke loose. They sang all the songs they knew, and when they knew no more, they sang **"Song from Heaven"** again. The audience was still shouting for more when a gentleman in uniform came up on the platform and said that Their Majesties desired to receive the singers. **"That was very pretty indeed,"** the King said after the children had been introduced. **"We've never heard that Christmas song before. What is it?"** **"It is a Tyrolean folk song, Your Majesty,"** said Joseph. **"Won't you come to the Castle and sing it at Christmas?"** the Queen asked. **"Our children will love it."** So it happened that **on Holy Eve of the year 1832**, in the Royal Saxon Court Chapel in Pleissenburg Castle, the Strasser children sang at the end of the Christmas services:

Silent night, holy night-
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child;
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace-
Sleep in heavenly peace.



Gruber's original
guitar

And on that Christmas Eve the song bade the children farewell, to spread quietly round the world. For years, on each Holy Eve, **"Silent Night"** was sung in the village of Hallein, in the house where Gruber lived and died, by a choir accompanied by Gruber's grandson, who used his grandfather's original guitar for the accompaniment. Later this yearly performance was carried round the world by radio. And today the **"Song from Heaven,"** like the Christmas message itself, still rings for all men of good will.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL LUNCHEON SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2013.

The Cathedral of St Andrew and St Michael honoured our Patron Saints Andrew (30 Nov) and Michael (29 Sept), by enjoying a Braai luncheon. Parishioners brought a "bring and share" dish, which was enjoyed by all and the fellowship of lounging in our beautiful gardens was a lovely day to be remembered.



Smokey Braai Guys!



Our Golden Ladies!



Happy Lovely Ladies!



Smile for the Birdie!



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Lerato braai's!



and Dad, Fr Lazarus eats!



...are we supervising AGAIN ??!

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*A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.
Proverbs 15:13*



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Once again our yearly Church Bazaar which was held on the 26th October, 2013, was a very successful occasion and it was co-ordinated by the strong hand of **Stephen Grimsley**. Thank you Stephen for your dedication in controlling sometimes us “no hearing crowd of workers”, (I know one who gave you a few extra grey hairs) but you pulled us all through the hard preparation before-hand with such patience and motivation. We were a great team planning the bazaar and with the help of prayer and much dedication, it turned out to be a lovely day.

The Anglican Church Bazaar has always been through the years a very popular fundraising and fun raiser event and this year was no different. The worry of the rain pouring down on that Saturday morning didn't spoil the day for members. Church and community members alike gathered together and a lovely fellowship was shared by all even though the stall holders were all tired by the end of the day.

Enjoy the pictures from our successful Bazaar!
The smiles on the volunteers and the shoppers
are a testament to the feeling that prevailed throughout the day.
Thank you to everyone for supporting the Bazaar.

Dean Lazarus Mohapi opened with prayer for all the “team workers” and the doors were officially opened at 08h00 and as usual all the gathered crowd rushed into the hall making a beeline for the “**White Elephant**” (controlled by **Charlotte Kettle**) and **Second Hand Clothing** (controlled by **Norine van Arkel**) Stalls. Both these ladies and their team had put in a lot of effort before the Bazaar. Sometimes I wondered if they lived on the Cathedral Close.

“ White Elephant ”



“ Second Hand Clothing ”

Fr Lazarus was pleased with the turnout and as usual, helped to man the “**Braai Stall**” which is run by **the Men's Group**. They had lit their fires at the crack of dawn, so that they were ready if someone would want a early “sosatie or “wors” roll for breakfast. The smell of that fire alone makes you feel starving! And been one of the outside stalls it was one of the first smells to catch the nose.

“Braai Stall”



Editor

1 spy 3 hard working guys!

Back inside the Hall again we had many stalls that were so well decorated which is an important part of the Bazaar as it is a welcoming setting for all who come to purchase.

These included **Elrita Grimsley's "Puddings, cakes, sweets and flowers stall"** with a selection of goodies to tempt anyone to break their hardworked on diet, the aroma and wonderfully packed items and smiling serving ladies were enough to break down that will-power.



The "**Crochet Corner Stall**" which was run by **Sandy Anderson** and all the hard work was done by **Mrs Peggy Anderson** (John's mom) who has taught the nurses who care for her to knit and crochet. Together they make beautiful items, not forgetting their lovely lace coat hangers.

Philip and Michelle Erasmus did all the hard work of preparing and then making those lovely pancakes for the "**Pancake Stall**" that they seem to do with such ease. Let's face it, what would a Bazaar be without the lovely aroma of pancakes.

The "**Toys Stall**" was done up attractively with all the toys and some games were played. **The Jacobs Family** came in at very short notice to help out. Thank You, so much **Karin, Fabris and Kayla** for helping at the last moment.



The "**Book Stall**" changed their location this year and had half the books in one of the classrooms and some of them outside the classroom. Not sure if it gave much more room than their other site but it is always nice to have a change. Thank You, **Gerald Roberts, Keith Soderlund and Bruce Middlecote** for sorting through all the lovely books, some good, some outdated but something for everyone's taste.

There was for the first time a "**Biltong Bliss Stall**" which was run by **Sue Loupos** and was well supported.

Rolf Du Plessis was at his usual table at the entrance of the hall, selling his "**Sheep Raffle**" tickets. The sheep was won by **Mr Andreas** from St Margaret's Church.

The **“Tombola Stall”** was magnificently supported especially all the young children loved it. **Kathy De Wit and Kevin Corrigan** did a superb job by dividing the stall into two. One for the adults and one for the children. Their prizes were amazing as well.

“Odds and ends Stall” was run once again by **Delysia Hoehne** and even though it was stuck in the long classroom to add more space for the bazaar it still did very well with all the little things displayed. **Cheryl** had to run around like mad ringing her bell and flapping her arms to direct people to come and have a look. But it was all in the fun of the day.



Our last year **“Curiosity Shoppe Auction Stall”** did just as well this year with **Derek Ochse** and ever helpful wife **Anne** giving a hand to get everything in place. There were some beautiful valuable items auctioned and a lovely sum of money was collected.



Another stall that moved out of their comfort zone was **Liola Borraine’s “Indian Delights Stall”**, which was in the foyer to be nearer to the kitchen to keep on heating up her and her ladies lovely hot dishes.

I think we must be one of the luckiest churches when it comes to being able to have a **“Tea Garden”** in these beautiful gardens in the Cathedral. The atmosphere, the setting of the tables and the music in the garden is so refreshing and peaceful – just to be able to sit and have a cup of tea and cream scones with family or friends. As always the ladies of the **AWF Group** did a superb job of creating the atmosphere. Deirdre Elsmere, the AWF’s President, added a lovely look to the tables with her beautifully bright arrangements of flowers. Thanks also to **Sandy Botha** for always flapping around behind the scenes doing a lot of slogging work.



We have been blessed in this community of the Church to have so many talented people. We have the “*Eunice School Marimba’s*” under the guidance of their teacher, *Maretha Krige*, who entertained us with their beautiful, relaxing tunes. We also had *Keith Soderlund* with the “*Scottish Pipers*” who bring such joy to us all. They even performed “*Amazing Grace*” together with the Marimbas, and how beautiful that was to hear! At a later stage the Scotties played at the braai area as well, so that the people there didn’t miss out.



From there we moved over to the area where the children, under supervision, are allowed to wear out all that extra energy they have collected up from all the lovely goodies that they have been eating! The children loved the “**Jumping Castle,**” and I spied that even one of our priests, who might still be a kid at heart, as he had some jumps as well. (I wonder if his legs were sore the following day!)



As you carried on to the other side of the garden you could catch all the tempting smells coming from the other stalls. If you were thirsty you could stop at the “*Beer and Cooldrink*” stall run by *Marlene and Mettry Hamaty*.

There was also *Edwin Jacquire’s “Chips and twister Stall”* with their great chips, and the potato skins that he cooked up are out of this world.



Most people walk in and out of your life,
but FRIENDS leave footprints in your heart

One should never forget to pop in at the “African Food Stall” which was run by the Bopanang Group of Ladies under the guidance of Nozipo Sondiyazi. There one could find their traditional food like samp, offal and spinach, and of course that very well-known beer of theirs!



There were many ***Lucky draw prizes***: 28 in all if I’m correct, with the most amazing prizes like a digital slow cooker, a sheep etc. This stall was run by the very well-organized team of Kathy de Wit and Kevin Corrigan. The top prize was a R5,0000 Website package. There were many happy smiling prize winners, especially Roy Gordon, who seemed to win every second prize!

We had the “***Bucket Stall***” which was just about sold out the moment they were put on the floor. ***Tlaga Molokoane*** ably organized the confirmation candidates to bring buckets filled with groceries, which were then sold.

Children and Adults had their faces painted by ***Alex and Mponki Mohapi***.



Sunday school teachers ***Manneheng and Kamo***, had a fishing area for catching cokes. The kids enjoyed that as well.

There are so many people to thank – everyone who donated prizes for the stalls, ingredients and their time. Thank You, one and all!

We all had a lovely time, but whoa! were we tired after it was all over!
Thank you also to ***Eldrid and Liola Borraine and Sandy Botha*** for counting all the money afterwards. As it was stated elsewhere, we raised R66 000!



Well Done!!!

JUMPING CASTLE TO HIRE



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LIST OF SPONSORS OF THE BAZAAR 26 OCTOBER 2013

GRINTER'S BUTCHERY (discount on meat and cutting up of sheep)

SCOTTISH PIPERS (music)

DELTA BOTTLE STORE (5 cases beers)

KLOPPERS (Digital slow cooker)

MR H. KING (sheep)

MR J. DA SILVA (vouchers)

KEYCOR (Kevin Corrigan – Stihl vacuum cleaner)

MR J. STRYDOM (sheep)

MR J. ANDERSON – Claude Reid (loan of tables)

MRS M. ONDERSTALL – Maison Costa (vouchers)

MR & MRS J. EAGAR (Cash)

MR & MRS A. VAN ROOYEN (wines)

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MARETHA ND MARYKE (marimbas)

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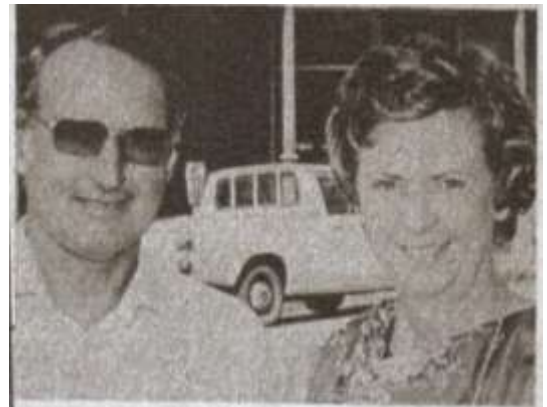
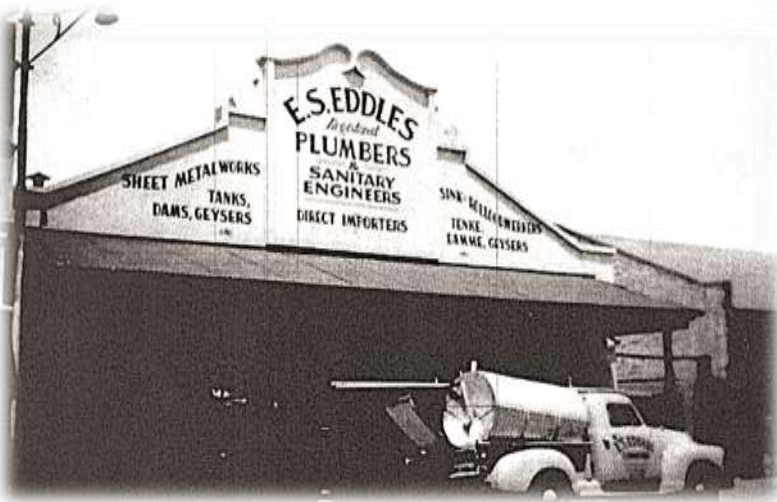
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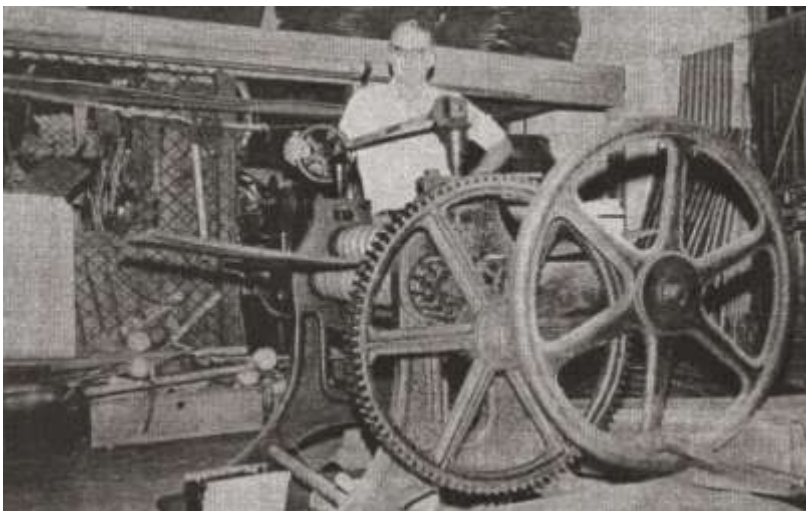
MRS M. DRUDE (cash)

A bit of History on the Plumber that has been used for years at the Cathedral....



MNR. CLIVE EDDLES en sy vrou, Margaret, voor E. S. Eddles en Seuns se gebou in Fonteinstraat. Albei is direkteure van die onderneming.

Hulle is aan die roer



By sinkplaatgolwer

MNR. CLIVE EDDLES, besturende direkteur van E. S. Eddles & Seun in Fonteinstraat, Bloemfontein, staan hier by die outydse sinkplaatgolwer van 1920 wat vandag nog deur die onderneming gebruik word.

Dating right back to the existence of the business, **“E.S. Eddles & Son”**, have been the plumbers used for any repair work needed here at the Cathedral in that area of expertise.

In Basil and my time we have always had professional, speedy service provided to us.

One can call at anytime and always get a happy communication with Mark and he comes as soon as he possibly can, and does the job thoroughly with no hassles. Thank You.



The first of four generations of Eddles', Mr E. S. Eddles, who started the firm of E. S. Eddles and Sons in Fountain Street in 1911.



The third generation, Mr C. R. Eddles, present manager.

What a wonderful testimony of a firm run by Anglicans that has lasted through the generations.

No more grass, but site is the same

The grass has been replaced by buildings and cemented pavements now, but the firm of E. S. Eddles and Sons still stands today as it did over half a century ago.

Mr E. S. Eddles, who died in 1964, was a member of the Registered Plumbers Association of London and was also the holder of a masters certificate from the association. He brought his four sons into the business, and one, A. R. Eddles, kept the family tradition going by establishing his son, C. R. Eddles, firmly in the business.

The fourth generation to join the business is Mark Eddles (20), who completed his two years national service in the Air Force last year. Mark is expected to take over the personal management of the firm when his father, C. R. Eddles, retires.

Mark will be studying further to learn the ropes of business management.

The store was bought from a seller of skins and hides in 1911, and some of the employees seem to have been with it for almost as long. Of the 13 employees, six have had more than 20 years' service with the family. Joel Patroon, who had the present manager, Mr C. R. Eddles, as his charge as a baby, has had more than 50 years' service with the firm, and Porpie Koki more than 30 years.

The sheet metal machines in the store are the original ones imported by E. S. Eddles from Britain more than 70 years ago, and they still produce metal of excellent quality.



The fourth generation, Mark Eddles (20), who will take over the management of the firm when his father retires.

E.S Eddles & Sons cc



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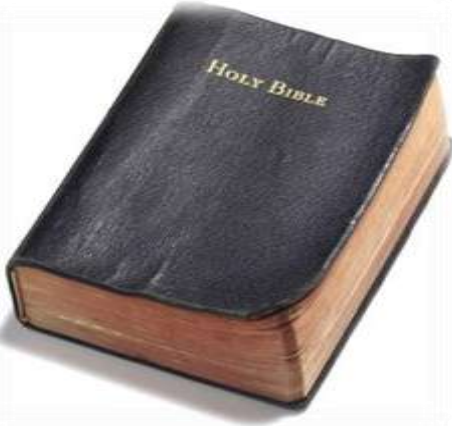
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Who?



more history





A pastor was doing pre-marriage counseling with a couple when they asked if he would be prepared to do a reading from Shakespeare instead of from the Bible. The pastor asked the couple what passage they wanted, to which they replied, “We’re not sure which play or poem exactly but it goes like this, ‘**There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens: a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted...**’” The passage actually comes from the Bible, Ecclesiastes 3 (CEB). This little story highlights the fact that the scriptures are very much a part of our lives and we don’t always know it.

Bible Sunday was originally observed on the 2nd Sunday of Advent because the Epistle lesson for the day was Romans 15:4, which says, “Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures.” (CEB) Archbishop Cranmer wrote the Collect for the day with this text in mind, because we live between two lights – the light of Christ’s coming into the world and the light of Christ who will return again.

It’s quite amazing to note just how much scripture is part of our worship, even in the APB 1989! What I have to say today is not to bore you but inspire you to use the verbs of the collect to learn, read, mark, hear, and inwardly digest scripture as a part of your life. It is often the custom these days to give a Bible as a Confirmation gift. In 1611 the King James Bible was published and, for 200-years English-speaking people had only two Bible translations from which to choose: King James and Geneva. Today there are well over a hundred English translations of the Bible. All of these translations aim at being accurate to the ancient texts, which were written in Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek and Latin. It can be exciting to look for a translation that is helpful to you. Biblical scholarship has been bolstered by the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls and there are many excellent translations available today for just about any age-group. Let’s consider how the Eucharist (our worship, in other words) in the APB 1989 has been influenced by scripture:

The Greeting – At the annunciation to Mary the angel Gabriel said, “The Lord is with you” (Lk 1:28). The statement, “The Lord be with you” declares that God is present. The next line, “Praise the Lord...” is from Ps. 135:1.

The Gloria – The Gloria is an expansion of the hymns recorded in Lk 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace upon earth among people of good-will”. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem before he was crucified the people sang, “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest” (Lk 19:38)

The Collect for Purity – Matt 5:8 speaks about the pure in heart who will see God. We ask, as in James 4:8, “Purify [our] hearts, [that we may not be double-minded].” (CEB)

The Penitence – We remind ourselves of the commandments (Matt 22:37ff)

The Word of God – After the Collect we listen to four lessons (OT, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel). We call this section of worship “the word of God” because it refers to Jesus Christ as the Word-made-flesh. The written word is a witness to Christ. After the 1st lesson we don’t say, “This is the word of God,” but, “Hear the word of the Lord.” In Mk 4:23 Jesus challenges us, “He who has ears, let him hear.” Rev 1:3 says, “Happy is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and happy those who listen if they take to heart what is here written.”

The Peace – In Jn 14:27 Jesus says to his followers, at the Last Supper, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: I do not give it as the world gives it.”

In the Communion part of the Eucharist we perform four actions that come from 1 Cor 11:23-26. St Paul hands on a tradition he received from “the Lord”; take, give thanks, break, distribute. The word “remember” means to enact the Lord’s Supper. We mix a little water with the wine, because the water represents Christ’s humanity and the wine represents his divinity. In Jn 19:34 the soldier pierced Christ’s side and blood and water flowed. The words, “Holy, holy, holy Lord...” come from Is 6:3, Mk 11:10 and Ps 118:26. In the **Conclusion we say**, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious,” which comes from Ps 107:1.

It has been said that it takes 90-days to establish a life-long habit. In the Lectionary, published by ACSA each year for a small fee of less than 3-tenners, there is a daily list of readings for all to follow; one from the OT and Epistle at Morning Prayer, and a Gospel lesson at Evening Prayer. Each year one of the Gospels forms the backbone of the reading program: Matthew is Year A, Mark is Year B, and Luke is Year C; John is read during the High Festivals like Christmas and Easter. Every 8-weeks the Book of Psalms is covered completely.

In a recent survey it was noted that very few people read their Bibles more than once per week. The Bible remains the top-selling book each year (it’s also the most shoplifted book in the world, by the way). It is a necessary resource of stories, poetry, and wisdom sayings that must become a part of our lives if we are to be truly changed by God’s presence. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector, which we heard today, we see an important distinction: typically, the Pharisees were known for their attention to the scriptures and yet this character missed the most important part of the Law of Moses, which is mercy. The tax-collector exemplifies the radical reversal of the Kingdom of God: those who ask for mercy and repent are welcomed (whether women, lepers or tax-collectors). Therefore, a dedicated reading plan will open up a whole new perspective of God’s purpose and will for creation. Let those with ears hear what the Spirit is saying today. **In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Sermon Preached:
27 October 2013

It was Bible Sunday



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Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?
David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep!



"A cute gift to make for someone"



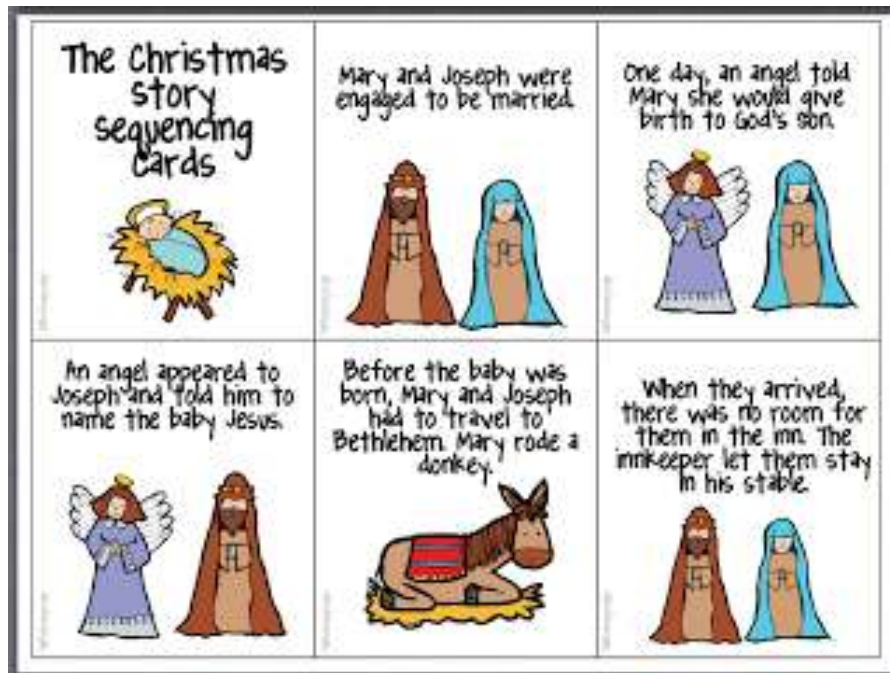
Doggy washday

It's important to keep pets free from nasty fleas that hide in their fur. Look closely at the picture on the left and try to find the 14 objects below.





Come on children it is CHRISTMAS TIME and what does that mean.
It means it is the day that **JESUS WAS BORN.**



Mom and Dad go to this website to have a lovely Christmas scene for the children to do.
whitneyslp.blogspot.com

The Christmas Story: *A child-friendly summary*

Many years ago, a young woman named Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph. An angel appeared to Mary and told her she would become pregnant with God's Son. The angel also appeared to Joseph and told him the baby's name would be Jesus. King Herod made a law that everyone had to go back to their hometown to register themselves. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. Mary rode on a donkey.

When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, it was time for Mary to have the baby, but there was no place for them to stay. An innkeeper told them they could stay in his stable with the animals. Mary gave birth to baby Jesus in the barn and laid him in an animal trough called a manger.

Nearby, shepherds were watching over their sheep in the fields when they saw angels in the sky *singing "Glory to God in the Highest!"* about the birth of Jesus. The shepherds went to the barn to see the new King. Far away, three wise men saw a bright star. They rode camels and followed the star to worship the king. The wise men brought the baby gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

For many years, God promised he would send someone to save the people. God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to teach the people about God and die on the cross to save everyone from their sins. For Christians, Christmas is a fun holiday, but the real meaning of Christmas is to celebrate Jesus' birthday. **We give gifts to others just like God gave the best gift to us: His Son Jesus.**

DECEMBER



- 1 ... 2 Neo Malekele, Khothatso Masooa, Laura Drennan 3 Thuli Pato, Oratile Mocumie, Palesa Bereng 4 Itumeleng Mogotsi, Thato Litabe 5 Dieter Harms, Nadine Koupis 6 Sue Loupos 7 Philip-George Henecke, Tlagu Molokoane, Sheldon Drude 8 Masabata Sekhoto, Kereditse Moeng, Ntombiyehie Moeng 9 Vukile Ntukela 10 Regina Carter, Tevin Smith, Justin Lombard 11 Bernard Maitin, Gavin Kester, Clifton Lombard 12 Rodney Langeveldt, Leeryn Jacobs, Mokgosape Selebogo 13 Refilwe Tsolo, Aobakwe Mogodi, Mthunzi Sandile, Kamogelo Mogakabo 14 Bulelwa Sondiyazi, Agnes Sesing 15 Joseph Senakgomo, Marusca Louw, Grace Kabane 16 Thelma Moncur 17 Carlwyn Langford 18 Marion Barnes, Elsen Lucas 19 Felicity Burt 20 Fabris Jacobs, Matthew Greeff 21 Norine van Arkel, Shaun Van der Merwe 22 Mocketz Masia 23 Errol Nel, Ndlela Kunene, Bushi Habangana 24 Chris Ashman 25 BIRTH OF JESUS Daphne van der Merwe, Anne Ochse, Sigi Hoehne 26 Mxolisi Sondiyazi, Joan Pillay 27 Virginia Scott, Martha Sebatana 28 29 Hilda Rudd, Franklin Damons 30 Joanna Webber 31 Liz Wolff, Karin Jacobs, Jason Makina



Where cross the crowded ways of life
Amongst the cries of race and clan
Amidst the selfish and strife
We see thy face O' Son of Man.

On shadowed thresholds dark with fears
Amongst the lures of selfishness and greed
Amidst the haunts of opulence and need
We catch the vision of thy tears.

Anonymous



Submitted By: **Bernard Maitin**

**SORRY,
for the delay.**



The Prayer for Africa

God, bless Africa
guard her children
guide her leaders
and give her peace,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen



The Great Amen

Amen, Siya ku dumisa (x2)

When we say Amen we praise you

Masithi—Amen Bawo, Amen Bawo

When we say Amen Father

Amen, Siya ku dumisa

we praise you

Ha re re – Amen, Re a o rorisa (x2)

When we say Amen we praise you

Ha re re – Amen Ntate, Amen Ntate

When we say Amen Father

Amen, Re a o rorisa

we praise you



ALL THE THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.**

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."



My mother taught me **RELIGION.**

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL.**

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me **LOGIC.**

"Because I said so,."

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT.**

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."



My mother taught me **IRONY.**

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS.**

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM.**

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about **STAMINA.**

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."



My mother taught me about **WEATHER.**

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY.**

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE.**

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."



My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.**

"Stop acting like your father!"



My mother taught me about **ENVY.**

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION.**

"Just wait until we get home."



My mother taught me about **RECEIVING.**

"You are going to get it when you get home!"

My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE.**

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My mother taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."



My mother taught me GENETICS

"You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."



And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE .

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."



*Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,
while loving someone deeply gives you courage."*

- Lao Tzu

MONTH OF JANUARY



1	08h00 – NO SERVICE - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
2	09h30 – Holy Eucharist
3	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
4	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
5	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 08h00 – Sung Eucharist
6	PARISH OFFICE OPENS 17h30 – Holy Eucharist
7	08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta
8	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
9	09h30 – Holy Eucharist
10	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
11	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
12	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist
13	17h30 – Holy Eucharist
14	08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street
15	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
16	09h30 – Holy Eucharist
17	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
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19	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist PARISH BREAKFAST 09h00 – Sung Eucharist
20	17h30 – Holy Eucharist
21	08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta
22	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
23	09h30 – Holy Eucharist
24	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
25	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
26	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist Bopanang Group
27	17h30 – Holy Eucharist 17h30 Council Meeting
28	08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street
29	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
30	09h30 – Holy Eucharist
31	08h00 – Holy Eucharist



Revive Thy work, O Lord!
Now to Thy saints appear!
Oh, speak with power to every soul,
And let Thy people hear!



JANUARY

- 1 Loretta Visser, Nepo Masithela, Karabo Malebese, Thoriso Mohutsioa
- 2 Sinton Jackson
- 3 J.R.R.Tolkien, Irene Kelly
- 4 Elizabeth Soderlund
- 5 Jill Mluddek, Joshua Bosman
- 6 Eldrid Boraine, Vuyiswa Ntwasa-Mnweba
- 7 Nkamoheleng Sondiyazi
- 8 Thom-Lyne Buys
- 9 Godfrey (Sipho) Tshabalala, Byron Slabbert
- 10 Nkanyiso Ngwenya
- 11 Philip Henecke, Busisiwe Kabane
- 12 Thandwa Mthembu, Mathulo Phahlane, Gemma Hanekom
- 13
- 14 Richard Morris, Caylin Jordaan
- 15 Keabetswe Kgalalelo
- 16 Masesing Sesing, Rethabile Mokhobo
- 17 Michael Wolff
- 18 Sesana Petersen, Keamogetswe Sedite
- 19 Kayla Jacobs, Gabisile Mocumie
- 20 Bahle Ngwenya
- 21 Stephanie Olivier, Kopano Seleke, Emre Lucas
- 22 La-Donna Kapa, Tracy Huskins, Amelia Minnaar
- 23 Sandy Anderson, Clive Househam, Margaret Papenfus, Lebohang Mabula, Moleboheng Mohapi
- 24 Obasanjo Kapa, Jeneen Grimsley
- 25 Graeme Arko-Cobbah
- 26 Khanyisile Kabane, Kaho Malebese
- 27 Relebohile Phutsisi, Hope Morolong
- 28 Valerie Melamu, Cheryl Schroeter, Carol Ashman,
- 29 Betty Mathews, Delia Drude
- 30 Xolisa Magwentshu
- 31 Jannie Snyman, Thatano Senoko, Maleka and Malebo Morolong



Take time right now to enjoy this day relax in knowing the promise God gave that you are a child of God up above, made in HIS image and made in HIS love.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY



1	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
2	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist
3	17h30 – Holy Eucharist
4	08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta
5	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
6	09h30 – Holy Eucharist 18h00 – AWF AGM
7	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
8	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
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19	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
20	09h30 – Holy Eucharist
21	08h00 – Holy Eucharist 18h00 – Annual Vestry Meeting
22	08h00 – Holy Eucharist
23	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist & Induction of Councillors 09h00 – Sung Eucharist & Induction of Councillors Bopanang Group
24	17h30 – Holy Eucharist 17h30 – Council meeting
25	08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street
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28	08h00 - Holy Eucharist



“What’s the new minister like?”

Oh, he’s of the old sort.

Six days of the week he’s invisible and on the seventh he’s unintelligible.”

Dear all,

The lights of Christmas are already beginning to fade; things are beginning to be normal. We are all back in the saddles for another year. Many of us have made New Year's resolutions; I hope we shall soak all that we are resolved to do in prayer. My advice would be: have your vision board and write down all your new resolutions and revisit them from time to time. They should be smart and achievable ones. Why not resolve to read your Bible regularly?

We all know that around Christmas and Epiphany there is much that the world around us 'knows' of the story of Christ that just isn't there in the Bible. *When the wise men came to visit, how many of them were there? Did they come at the same time as the shepherds? And for me quite importantly – where did the wise men meet Jesus? (Answers at the end).*

All this got me thinking. How much of what we 'know' to be in the Bible is actually folklore and fiction. How much is passed down from others who have heard that Moses played tennis, because the Bible says he served in pharaoh's court! (Again, I can't find these words anywhere in the Bible).

But! How much do we know our Bible? In his second letter to Timothy St. Paul writes that: "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus speaks to his disciples before he ascends: *"And Jesus came and said to them; 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"* (Matthew 28:18-20).

How can we fulfill this command of Christ if we ourselves have not studied and know what he commanded us to do? We can't! The Good News of the Gospel becomes something that is distorted. There are churches who claim to follow Jesus who preach that God hates! God hates those who disagree with His view of the world. I simply don't read that anywhere in the Bible. I also don't see that in the example of Christ; in fact I read that God is love.

We have to know our Bible, as the famous collect states; "to read, learn, mark and inwardly digest the scriptures". In order to know our Bible we start by reading, then learning it, by marking those passages through which God inspires and speaks to us as we digest them so they become part of who we are and how we live – but it starts with reading the Bible. Did you know that the Bible is the most shoplifted book? But people don't read it more, especially members of the Anglican Church.

We love our Prayer Books so much and some of us will be very sad (or glad?) to know that there will be a new one replacing the current one of 1989. We are sometimes sadly called AWBs (Anglicans without Bibles).

So the challenge for 2014 is for us to engage in reading the Bible on daily basis. There are many ways that this can be done today. Find a friend or two to meet with twice a week in a home or coffee shop to read the Bible with and talk about what it means to you today. Or simply, at the start (or end) of the day, sit down and read the Bible-I'd suggest starting with the Gospels and Paul's letters of the New Testament, but God reveals himself throughout the whole of the Bible so the Old Testament is very important too.

Whatever you do, however you decide to do it, please – let us bring the Bible to the centre of who we are and how we undertake our Christian journey. Let us read for ourselves the message that it contains and not simply learn from others. Let us find the gems of truth it contains that never get read out in church on a Sunday (for example Proverbs 20:1); those passages that will sustain us on our Christian journey and let us listen for God's words of love to us written in its pages.

How do we know that Moses rode a motorbike? (Because the Bible tells us that the roar of his triumph was heard throughout the land!) Find for yourself ☺.

With every blessing,

The Very Revd Lazarus Mohapi



Answers:

The Bible tells us there were three gifts – it doesn't say how many wise men there was (Matthew 2). No, they arrived about two years later (again see Matthew 2). They came to the house at Nazareth, not Bethlehem (see Matthew 2:11 & Luke 2:22 & 39)

I have edited a report that I have received about Bruce and Trudie's visit to The Blackburn Diocese in September 2013. (If anyone would like the original, contact me.)

It was the greatest privilege for me to be afforded the wonderful experience of visiting the Blackburn Diocese to talk to people about the work we are doing as Mosamaria.

When we arrived in Blackburn on Thursday morning, we were met by Canon John Hall, the chairman of the Blackburn/Free State Link Committee. As he drove us to Jayne Ward's parish and home in Cleveleys, on the Northern side of Blackpool, he gave us a lot of interesting information about the Blackburn Diocese.

We arrived at St Andrew, Cleveley during the tea after Jayne's Thursday morning Eucharist service. It is mostly attended by older, retired people, and they were warm, welcoming and very friendly. The church is really beautiful. That evening Jayne drove us through the pouring rain to see the Blackpool Illuminations. People come from all over England to see these every year, and they really are spectacular.

The following day we were taken to see the ***Maritime Museum in Fleetwood***. It gives one such insight into life at sea and the fishing industry which was the life and soul of Fleetwood (*John Hall's parish*). Very sadly, the whole fishing industry died out in the 1970's. That evening we were taken to a wonderful dinner with ***Bishop Geoff and Jean Pearson*** at a lovely home right in the countryside.

On the ***Saturday*** morning ***Bishop Geoff*** collected Bruce and took him to ***Old Trafford where Manchester United was playing Crystal Palace***. Bruce was paralysed with happiness!!! ***Jayne*** and I spent the morning at her church where they have a ***morning market*** every Saturday. This is such a good way of bringing the community into the church, and to generate income. That afternoon we had an ***English High Tea at the Parish of Christchurch, Thornton, where Fr Neil Salt and his wife Sandra were our hosts***. After tea I spoke about ***Mosamaria***, then we had a lovely South African Evensong Service. We were graced by the presence of the Deputy Mayor Julia Anderson of the Wyre Burrough, and her husband Philip, who gave the Mosamaria Trust a generous cheque.

On ***Sunday*** morning we attended the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Jayne's Parish Church. The church was beautifully decorated with fresh produce and tins of food, which were all donated to local charities. Jayne gave me an opportunity to speak about Mosamaria, and the parishioners were all very interested in our work. That afternoon I had the treat of my life as Stuart Rotwell had arranged a special trip in the Leeds to Liverpool Canal on a barge. Nearly all the members of the Blackburn Link Committee were on the boat with us and they had brought along a scrumptious spread of lunch.

On ***Monday***, Jayne and I went to the school of Ripley St. Thomas where we met ten chaplains of local church schools. St Thomas is an awesome building, 150 years old, with 1,700 secondary school pupils. When we arrived and walked through the school grounds, I was amazed at the facilities that these schools have and that all the food that they eat, in their cafeteria is free of charge. When I thought about the way our children are lucky to get a meal at school of bread and peanut butter or samp and beans, or papa with moroho, it made me very heartsore.

On ***Tuesday*** morning we set off early to be at ***St Aidan's Technical School*** in time for their assembly. Jayne is on the Board of Governors at this school. We were met by the Headmaster Andy Smith and their newly appointed Chaplain, Opa Geibel. There I spoke briefly to the whole school and showed them the powerpoint presentation on our work. John Hall joined us for lunch at the school and took us to the Diocesan Offices in Blackburn to meet Graham Pollard their Diocesan Administrator. Bruce felt much better after talking to Graham about the financial problems in our diocese when he heard that Graham was experiencing much the same. Just as Modderpoort is costing our diocese a fortune, so Whalley Abbey is costing them a fortune. We also met Sue Penfold briefly, who is in charge of all training in the diocese. John dropped us off with Margaret Taylor in Nelson who entertained us with her most interesting son Stephen, and they gave us a lovely supper. Margaret escorted us to the Grassroots Centre which is an old Anglican Church converted into a vibrant community centre. Fr Ed Saville was our host, and it was just amazing to hear about the wonderful, practical work that they are doing to uplift their local very deprived community in the centre of town. They teach computer skills to people so that they can find employment. They feed and counsel the homeless and hopeless, and they have so many heart warming stories to tell. The group of people from the Pendle Deanery who met us there that night were just the best! This included Mary Binks who enabled me to make them laugh, which was great for all of us.

On ***Wednesday*** morning, Bruce and I took the tram from Cleveleys to Blackpool. Then we set off with Jayne for Blackburn College where I spoke to a group of students from various schools who belong to

the Interfaith Club. They were a lively bunch of bright young people who will be making a trip out to South Africa in 2014. The group is run by Dermot Gallagher and Louise, and they have strong connections with Habitat for Humanity and the Amy Biel Foundation in Cape Town. That evening I spoke to a gathering of people in Blackburn Cathedral, which had been organised by Stuart and Parnal Rothwell. Stuart is a Churchwarden at the Cathedral. Dean Christopher Armstrong was also at the service.

On **Thursday** we had a most enjoyable trip to Liverpool with John Hall who kindly drove us there and back and arranged for us to see “The ferry cross the Mersey”, the Beatles Museum, and the Liverpool Cathedral. It was built between 1904 and 1974 and is the largest Cathedral in England. It seats 3,000 people.

On **Friday** we had another day of treats as Maurice and Jill Burrow had arranged with their friends Harry and Noelene Clark to take us up the Lake District and Beatrix Potter’s House. It was all breathtakingly beautiful, I was paralysed with pleasure seeing wild Swans diving in the water of Lake Windermere as we crossed on the ferry, and then seeing Mr McGregor’s garden just as it is in the Peter Rabbit Book with rabbits and hares. Then we had lunch at an old Pub at Hawkeshead Village. Harry and Noelene had been to visit our diocese about 13 years ago and had been hosted by June and Cowper Johnson, who are friends of ours from Westminster. We popped in to their church in the village, where John Hall donated the wooden carving of Bernard Mzeki, he had been given by our diocese when he was the Rector. The Choir was practising and they were singing John Rutter’s version of “*For the Beauty of the Earth,*” which could not have been more appropriate. That evening Jayne took us to the Vigil at Our Lady of Hyning Monastery. It is run by Catholic nuns now as a Retreat Centre, and Jayne has strong links with them as one of the Sisters there was her Spiritual Advisor for nearly 15 years until her recent death.

On **Saturday** morning Maurice and Barbara took us to a service at the Church of the Ascension in Torrisholme. Everyone from the Lancaster and Morecambe and Tunstall Deaneries was invited. Captain David Thorp of the Church Army led the service, then I spoke to everyone in the hall where we enjoyed lunch together afterwards. Jean Pearson kindly joined the gathering and supported me, as did our dear friends Jan and Jeff Warburton who have supported Mosamaria so strongly for many years now. Jan and Jeff took us to the famous Midlands Hotel on Morecambe Bay and then through the most glorious countryside of the Trough of Bowland and the Ribble Valley. We popped into their church in Longridge, where Simon Aiken had been the Rector and they were having a concert to raise funds.

On **Sunday** morning, Linda and Geoff Lord took us to the morning service at St Luke, Little Marsden in Nelson. Fr Philip Knowles conducted the service and I spoke to the assembled parishioners. Afterwards we had lunch together which the MU ladies led by Margaret Taylor, had prepared. I love Fr Philip and his wife Angela’s practical approach to their ministry. They had both worked for the Salvation Army for many years.

On **Monday** morning we went to Myerscough Agricultural College where we were welcomed by Gloria Birdsall, their most vivacious chaplain. Gloria told us that they have selected Mosamaria to be their international charity for the academic year, and she had already done much work to make the students aware of Mosamaria. We were also accompanied by the Mayor of Garstang, Chris Ryan, who showed great interest in Mosamaria. I spoke to a group of 20 agricultural students after lunch. Jayne and I went on to dinner with the ordained women of the diocese at Whalley Abbey, which is hundreds of years old. It was a pleasure to meet Fleur Green again after many years, and her mother. I also had the pleasure of meeting Archdeacon Michael Everitt. I gave a talk after dinner.

On **Tuesday the 24th of September** we were picked up by **Bishop Geoff Pearson** who took us to their lovely home. They were so kind to us and prayed with us for the challenges we would face with our work when we got back home. They are so caring and are gifted at pastoral care. Then Jean took us to the church of **Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, where Rev Tracy Charnock is the rector.** We were welcomed by **Fiona Haines from St Anne’s Bispham** who had arranged the meeting. Tracy conducted the service and then I spoke to the people who had come from various churches in the Blackpool area. At the end of the meeting **Dr Simon Cox the Area Dean, joined us. He had just that afternoon arrived back from holding clergy schools in our own Free State Diocese.**

On **Wednesday Bishop John Goddard’s** chauffeur collected us to have lunch with the **Bishop at Ribchester. Bishop John has been running the Blackburn Diocese since Bishop Nicholas retired.**

On **Thursday** morning **John Hall drove us to Manchester airport for the long haul via Dubai back to South Africa.**

I thank everyone who made this experience all possible. Trudie Harrison.

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If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. ;
Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone
wrote this Clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some
32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for
a single one of those meals. ut I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me
the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals,
I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church
for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

When you are DOWN to nothing....God is UP to something!
Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives
the impossible!

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Submitted by: Sandy Botha

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07h30 Said Holy Eucharist
09h00 Sung Holy Eucharist
09h00 Sunday School in the Hall

Weekday Holy Eucharist:

17h30 Monday Said Holy Eucharist
08h00 Tuesday Said Holy Eucharist
08h00 Wednesday Said Holy Eucharist
09h30 Thursday Said Holy Eucharist
08h00 Friday Said Holy Eucharist
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