


# *The Cathedral Visitor*

*September and October and November and December 2014 Edition*

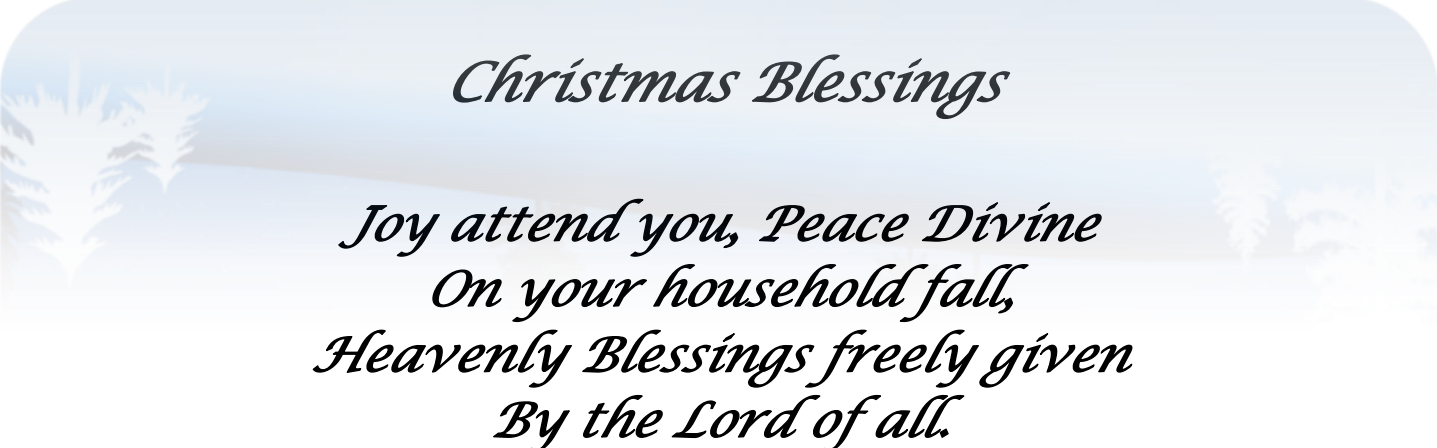
*The Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew & Saint Michael – Bloemfontein*



"When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers, the moon  
and the stars, which you have set in  
place, what is man that you are  
mindful of him, the son of man that  
you care for him?"

*Psalms 8:4-5*

## *Christmas Blessings*



*Joy attend you, Peace Divine  
On your household fall,  
Heavenly Blessings freely given  
By the Lord of all.*

*Gertrude Moore.*

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*I am really sorry that there has been no Cathedral Visitors  
printed since the July/ August edition  
but due to unforeseen circumstances  
I was unable to prepare one.*



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**LOT 'S WIFE :** The Sunday School teacher was describing **how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt**, when little Jason interrupted,

'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,'  
he announced triumphantly,  
'and she turned into a telephone pole!'



From: Ann Bowker - To: 'Sandy Botha'



"Many children in Africa and the developing world present too late for their cancer to be cured and often die in poorly managed pain; for these children, and to support all children and families facing a diagnosis of childhood cancer, many more palliative care services are needed.

We call on governments and civil society to increase resources for these children, as to relieve their suffering is a call to our humanity."

Joan Marston  
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## Our Wonderful Staff

out raising awareness about Sunflower House at the Waterfront,  
to mark World Hospice and Palliative Care Day



.....showing that when anyone asks **"Who cares"** for children facing life-limiting conditions, we can boldly say **"We do!"** Our wonderful staff and volunteers care for the children, and the children care for each other.



Dear friends in Christ

Some saints have been venerated for nearly the entire history of Christianity. ***Cosmas and Damien are two such mysterious heroes of the faith.*** All we know about them for sure is that their names are recorded in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. Legend however, holds they were twin brothers who practised medicine in Syria. Competent physicians, they were called “moneyless ones” because they didn’t charge for their services. Perhaps that miracle alone is enough to keep them remembered for more than sixteen hundred years.

This got me thinking: if you have a particular talent or trade, do you ever give it away or do we always expect to be paid for our services? We live in the world of entitlement and we always ask what is due to me? We always want to receive instead of giving. **Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that we have been given our talents and abilities not to store up earthly treasures, but for the good of all humanity.**

We always say, “But we have worked hard for what we have”. We may object and feel that we deserve to be paid for the work done. That is true and nobody, not even saints, would say you have to give away everything. But giving is not an obligation, it is a way to say thank you to God for all you have. **As the gospel of Matthew says, “Freely you received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:8) When we give, we not only bless others, but also acknowledge the fact that we have been blessed.**

There is no limit to the amount which the Church needs to advance the Kingdom of God. Churches that accept this principle find that they can give to Missions and benevolences one to two hundred percent of their current Church expenses. **However, we know that OUR GREATEST NEED is not “how much our Church needs”, but rather “HOW MUCH WE NEED TO GIVE”.**

Increased giving as has been proven many times over will develop greatly increased interest in our Church and in our spiritual lives. Every family should look upon this call to Stewardship as the opportunity to make the greatest sacrifice of their lifetime for their faith. Therefore as your parish council we are making every effort to set the example with generous sacrificial pledges to inspire all our families to become better givers.

This is a challenge to all of us! **It is a Call to service and Christian Stewardship, which offers each of us an opportunity to measure up to our Christian obligation and responsibility.** On the foundation stones of Faith, Prayer and Sacrifice we will build success. Let us give as God hath prospered us.

September was the month of Creation and thank you for the cleaning operation in the community you live. **October was the month of Stewardship**, and all sermons were focused on “Theological reflection and Financial sustainability”. **The needs of the Church are increasing beyond the contribution we are making and we are being challenged to look at the future of our Church.** On the 26<sup>th</sup> October it was our Dedication Sunday and I hope we will rededicate ourselves and our talents to the Lord. I’ve realized that many of our members have not yet brought back their dedication forms, so I appeal to everyone to return them as quickly as possible so as to help the PCC to do budgeting for 2015 based on the cash projections promised on the forms. It is vital that we budget correctly, and it would be so good to be able to budget without having to depend on all the fund raising efforts to balance the books. We should be able to break even on pledges, and then do FUN raising for more Outreach programmes etc. Let us this year, all thank God for the gifts He has given us, and maybe then we might be blessed with a balanced budget.

**May God bless you all.**

*Dean Lazarus Mohapi*



### **Pastor’s Business Card**

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote ‘**Revelation 3:20**’ on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, ‘**Genesis 3: 10.**’

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

**Revelation 3:20 begins ‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock.’**

**Genesis 3: 10 reads, ‘I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.’**

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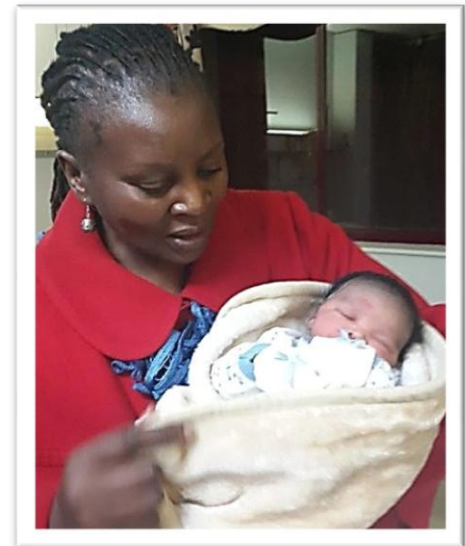
*‘A cheerful heart is good medicine’*  
**Proverbs 17:22**





**Nicol and Martina Viljoen's** daughter, Elizabeth, was to be married in September, but just before that she fell and broke her ankle. Her idea of walking down the aisle did not involve moonboots and crutches, so the wedding was postponed till next year. Also her father-in-law to be was not very well (he has since passed away), so hopefully 2015 will be a wonderfully healthy blessed year for them both!

**Sindi Marogoa's** son, **Andile**, married Nina Seitelo on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October in an intimate ceremony. **She also has a grandson, Olesego**, born on 4<sup>th</sup> August this year. He weighed 3.86kgs and is flourishing.



**Marelize Louw** was married in the Cathedral on 1<sup>st</sup> November.



**Liam Nel**, grandson of Baby and Paul Lange, and son of **Errol and Ansie Nel**, became engaged to be married to Sharlien Wentzel. The marriage will take place in the Cathedral on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

In the previous magazine you might remember that I wrote about the state of the stained glass windows. Due to a very generous donation from a parishioner's estate, we have been able to have the three main windows behind the altar removed and taken for restoration. We are hoping against hope that they will be back in place for Christmas!

Granny **Charlotte** and Granddad **Mike Kettle** are proud to announce that **Isabel Jane** was born to Elizabeth and Hein Basson on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Their son Matthew is looking forward to playing with his sister!

### KETTLE GRANDCHILDREN OCTOBER, 2014



Matthew Basson  
21 months



Stella Kettle  
11 months



Isabel Basson  
2 months

**Christopher Kettle**, is baby Stella's daddy. Both Christopher and Elizabeth were servers at the Cathedral and now both live in the UK.

**PROMOTION**

**Daphne van der Merwe's** son,  
Stephen has been promoted  
to Data Centre Manager at ABSA  
in Johannesburg.  
Congratulations!



**Kamo Mogakabe** who taught Sunday School here for quite a few years, has been transferred to Rustenburg, much against her will. She also represented the Cathedral at the Anglicans Ablaze Conference and it was her report that you read in the previous magazine. Thank You, Kamo from the Council for all the years of dedication to the Sunday School. God bless you.



In the sports arena congratulations to  
Charles Hamaty,  
son of **Marlene and Mettry Hamaty**,  
who won the  
Southern Free State Open Masters  
and President Bowls Competition.



Did you know we now have a Dame in our midst? A Dame, not a “dame” as in Afrikaans! **Jill Mludek** has been promoted to the position of **Dame in the Order of St John**. Jill has been



working as a volunteer for St John since the age of 18. She had a break when she got married and started a family, and then in 1986 when the family came to Bloemfontein, she was approached to join the St John Brigade.

The Sovereign Head of the **Order is Queen Elizabeth**, and she had to sign the promotion which has to be published in the Government Gazette in London!

Jill adds that she has since discovered that she is the first lady

to receive this promotion in the Free State.

**Congratulations, Jill!**



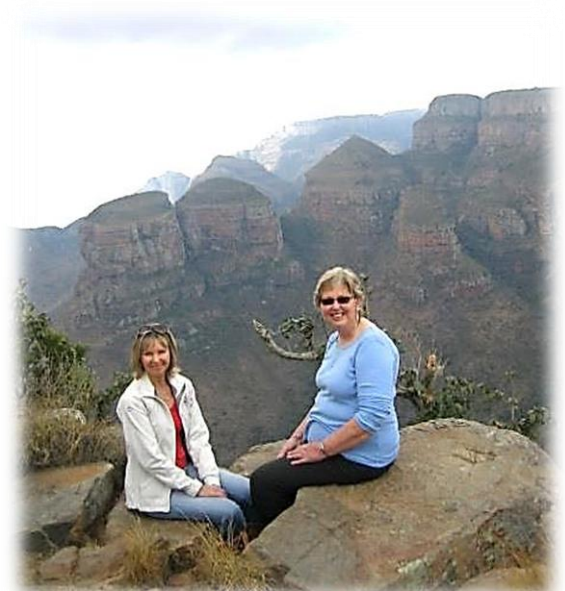
Chris Botha, son of **Sandy Botha**, was honoured with an Alumni Cum Laude Award for Business management, from the University of the Free State on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Chris counts himself very fortunate to be honoured at the same function as Dr Sheila Aronstam, Jans Rautenbach and Johann Volsteedt.

From left to right: *Rene Britz (nee Botha), Mike Britz, Sandy Botha, Chris Botha*

There has been a spate of robberies amongst our members: **Rolf du Plessis**' house was broken into, and nothing was taken. **Eldrid and Liola Boraine**'s house was also broken into, and only a watch and a few pieces of jewellery were taken. Sandy's neighbour's house was also broken into, with the burglars taking only a camera. Stay safe out there, everyone!

If ever you can get to Mpumalanga and have the luck to see a part of the Kruger Park and magnificent scenery around the Blyde River Canyon, I would recommend it highly. My younger sister Ann and I travelled over 3 000kms in two weeks but it was amazing! We saw the Big Five within 24hours of being in the Park and walked to every waterfall in the Graskop/Sabie area.

We ate delicious food and really enjoyed each other's company.







**Carol Keep's** grand-daughter Skye du Toit, and **Willie and Phyllis Olivier's** grand-daughter, Ciara-Claire Rafferty, have been made proctors at St Michael's School for 2015. Ciara-Claire is also the swimming captain there. Congratulations!

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On the afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> October the joint choirs of St Michael's, St Andrew's and also **Sibongile Mngoma** gave a concert called "**Songs of Praise**" in the Cathedral. This ended off the celebration of St Michaels' 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. If you missed it, you really missed a treat!

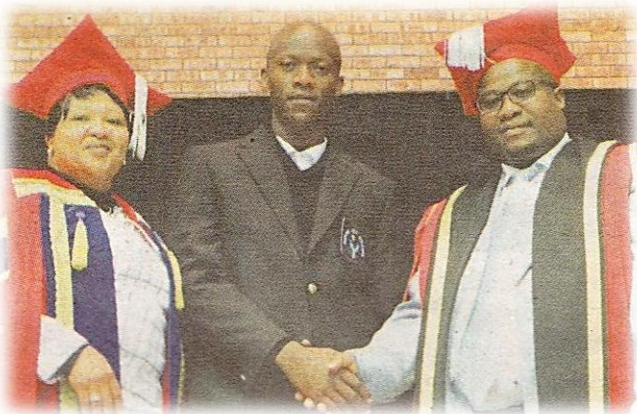
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I wonder if you know about the relationship between the Odeion School of Music and the Cathedral? You might have noticed that there are two organs in the Cathedral – the one nearest the choir stalls belongs to the Odeion School and as such many of the organ music students come and practise and do their exams in the Cathedral. One regular player is Werner Stander, a music teacher at Oranje Primary School.



**Elaine Hickling** attended the function where the Volksblad and the Mimosa Mall Film Festival announced the Volksblad Vryfees. Here she is seen with Adv Fouche Jordaan, Rolanda Marais, actress in *Binnelanders*, Gerben Kamper and Sobeth Jordaan. Elaine is a member of the Art Trust.



At the annual academic awards ceremony of the Motheo TVET College held in August, **Dipiloane Phutsisi ( College Principal )** was seen with the Award receiver Thami Thafeni and the Motheo TVET college council chairperson, Fezile Wetes.



**Betty Matthews (95)**  
from Bayswater Villiage Retirement Home  
was blessed recently with  
a visit from her daughter Dale Brown.



These beautiful teddies were knitted  
by **Jill Grinter**  
to be given to the children of  
Sunflower House.  
Don't they make you want to be a child again?

**Lerato Mohapi** took part in the Pink Women's  
Run held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

This was organized by Pick n Pay to raise  
awareness for breast Cancer sufferers.



**Also there were**  
Diocese of the Free State  
Anglican Youth Ministries

**Thapelo Mabule** and



**Bino Makhalanyane**

(the sweet little fellow is  
**Dusty and Thapelo's** little son )



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





One the “founding members” of the senior citizens group that meet every Thursday to attend the service at 09h30 followed by tea in the foyer, died recently. **Dolly Wedderburn** passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> August leaving behind an extended family of grandchildren and even great grandchildren. Dolly was renowned for her teaching dancing for many, many years, followed by working at the second-hand clothing shop at Eunice. We miss your jokes, Dolly!

**Another long-time member who passed away recently is Josie Brigg. She worked tirelessly at St Nicholas Children’s Hospice before retiring.**

**With her friend, Dot Thompson, they supported the AWF and choir here at the Cathedral.**

**Josie died in Stilfontein on 6<sup>th</sup> September after a stroke.**



**Mike Mitchley** also passed away quite suddenly on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.



We were glad to see **Fr John and Ann Alexander** at Mike’s funeral. They have retired from Margate and are now living in a retirement complex in Pietermaritzburg. Their son, Bruce, married to Moira, is teaching in Gaberone and they have two children. Sian is married and has an adopted daughter Grace. They live in Howick.

**Yvette Myers’** brother died on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**We mourn with all these families.**



**Elrita Grimsley’s** mom, Annie Els, died on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

This was written by **Jeneen** on her facebook page for her beloved Ouma. Rest in Peace Ouma. God looked around his Garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain. And knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes, He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly. When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain, we would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again. You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide, you live on through your children, you're always by our side. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you on the day God called you home.

Did you know that the **Grimsley family** have been involved at the Cathedral like, forever! **All the children, Brent, Jeneen and Ethan have been servers at the Cathedral.** Elrita was the Sunday School Leader for many years and Stephen as you all know has been involved in many areas of the church. We thank the Lord for families like them and ask for strength for them all at this sad time.



**Brent and his wife Zeldy** (who live in Kwazulu-Natal) have recently adopted a baby, **Amber Rose**, Jeneen is very proud of her god- daughter!

**Ethan** is studying hospitality and has recently moved to KZN as well. Here he is with His girlfriend Kerry-Lee.



**Jeneen and her proud parents** when she recently got her degree at The Free State University in July 2014

**Derek Ochse** is now in Frail Care at Serenitas. He is still battling to walk, but is much chirpier. **Eunice Muller** and **Arnold Mogodi** both underwent heart operations. Arnold is still in hospital after the flap behind his pacemaker got infected, and he has to stay in hospital for another month on an antibiotic drip. **Sylvia van der Merwe** was also suffering from an infection in her toes and a high sugar level. She is now at home at last. **Bp Tom Stanage** has also been unwell, and **Lerato**, middle daughter of **Fr Lazarus Mohapi**, has also been in hospital.



Here is a photo of our ex-Dean and his wife, **Fr Don and Pat Narraway** having lunch at their home in Knysna with long-time Emmaus friends recently from Virginia, now living in Jeffrey's Bay; John and Trudy Botha. They passed each other at a stop street in Knysna, and then caught up with one another over lunch at the Narraways.





**Our Dean** (Fr Lazarus Mohapi) in attendance at the Deans Conference this week. Don't they look all relaxed !

And did you pick out our ex Sub Dean Simon Aiken who is the Dean of Benoni now.

Bloemnuus had this photo of **Wayde Erasmus (St. Andrew's)** & **Monica van Heerden (Sentraal)** that was taken at Wayde's matric farewell recently. Wayde is the younger son of **Philip and Michelle Erasmus** our pancake and electronics family in the Cathedral.



**Basil and Cheryl Schroeter** went to their daughter Berneen's sons Baptism at the Gonubie Methodist Church on the ~ 5 October 2014

### **Samuel Muller Baptism**

All the Mullers have been baptised in this dress.... it is 120 years old.

Sam is the 5th generation to be baptised in it.



**BUT I HEARD "THE FATHER" TELLING "THE SON" TO TELL "THE HOLY SPIRIT" TO TELL "THE ANGELS" TO PROTECT YOU TODAY, TONIGHT AND ALWAYS! SSSHHH...**

**JUST SAY AMEN**

## CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING



### International Evening – Friday 29 August 2014.

The second and very popular event for 2014 was the International Evening held on Friday 29 August 2014. Many volunteers and donors were involved in making this event a special one.

Although the weather was bitterly cold we still managed to sell all the tickets and were able to raise a total of **R 17730.00!!**

I hereby wish to sincerely thank the following volunteers:

Nozipho Sondiyazi, Valerie Melamu and the Bopanang group for **the African Stall**,  
Fr Lazarus, Diseko Ntsepe and their team for **the American Stall**,  
Stephen, Elrita & Jeneen Grimsley for **the British Stall**,  
Amos & Zandile Moloi + the AWF ladies for **the Chinese Stall**,  
Fr Albert and his team **for Ghana**,  
Sue Loupos & Family for **the Greek Stall**,  
Deirdre and Harold Elsmere for the lovey **Greek Salads**,  
Karin Jacobs and Family for **the Indian stall**,  
as well as all ladies who assisted in cooking curry,  
Kevin & Kathy for **the Italian stall**,  
Ivy Strydom and her team for **the Mexican stall**,  
Basil & Cheryl for the marvelous **pudding island**,  
Yolisa Tsibolane & Spa Kabane for **the South African boerewors stall**,  
Venita v/d Ross and family for **Soup World**,  
as well as the generous donation,  
Sandy Botha and her team for **the new Thailand stall**,  
Boitumelong & Servers for **the Tea/Coffee stall**.  
I would also like to thank Fabris Jacobs for **managing the cash bar** so well,  
and although cold, the bar was able to make a good profit!

**Thank you to each and every one who donated cash and kind!.**

Those who attended were warmed on this very cold night and enjoyed the evening. There was lots to eat, and lots to drink. Everyone truly enjoyed the evening and we most certainly will have it next year again!

***WE ARE THE WORLD-  
MAKING IT A BETTER PLACE  
FOR YOU AND FOR ME!***

Written by: ***Líola Boraine***







There comes a time when we heed a certain call  
 When the world must come together as one  
 There are people dying  
 And it's time to lend a hand to life  
 The greatest gift of all



(Photo's taken by: Jeneen Grimsley: THANK YOU! )



*This one will make you think!*



VS



Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?  
What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?  
What if we flipped through it several times a day?  
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?  
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?  
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?  
What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?  
What if we used it when we travelled?  
What if we used it in case of emergency?  
This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?  
Oh, and one more thing.  
Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.  
Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?" And no missed calls!  
When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!



## *Look What The Lord Has Done*

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'



A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

A Sunday school teacher asked,

***'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?'***

'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms.'





## CHURCH WARDENS REPORT

*Stephen  
Grimsley.*



Can you see the smiles on our faces?

Bloemfontein and many other dryer parts of the Free State have just experienced some good rains and hopefully they have been sufficient for our farmers to start planting their crops. We are so grateful that the Lord has listened to our prayers and we should not forget to thank Him for His great mercies.

We have managed to repair and seal the crumbling lower walls of the side chapel and the workers did a good job. The profit made from the **Bingo Evening** was used for this purpose, so, thank you so much for your support that evening. We were so blessed with a donation from a **parishioner's estate**, specifically to be used for the restoration of **the stained glass windows above the altar**. They should be totally restored by Christmas. Much appreciation to **Kevcor for servicing all the fire extinguishers**. But, as you know, maintenance is never ending. If you are a handyman or woman that is prepared to help out, why don't you talk to **Rolf du Plessis or Basil Schroeter, our Estate Manager**. They will slot you in where required.

As part of our fund raising campaign, a very successful **International Evening** was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Boy was it cold that evening, but the hungry supporters nevertheless came and enjoyed the various dishes on offer. The portions were more than sufficient and one was soon filled to the brim.

We were so fortunate to receive the news that we will have **a new priest in our midst in the New Year**. This priest will be a huge helping hand to Fr. Lazarus and I appeal to all our parishioners to make this priest at home in our parish. Using the rental monies received from renting one of our flats to a parish member, we will be sanding the floors and doing maintenance to this flat so that the priest can stay on the parish grounds. We appeal to parish members who perhaps have spare furniture, electrical appliances, crockery, etc. to donate them to the church for use in the priest's flat. How about stocking out the pantry?


There is still so much good happening in our Church. To mention but a few, we have Cheryl and **her team who are still feeding the hungry each morning in our soup kitchen**, our priests are really trying to visit the parish members, those in hospitals and old age homes and those who have lost their loved ones. With the tight budget, they really have to plan their trips well. We will have to budget so that more funds are available for this important part of their ministry. Furthermore we have **the Knit and Knatter group at Siesta, our AWF ladies, Dawn Huskins with her periodic jumble sales and Baby Lange with her outreach programme to the destitute**. You and all I have not mentioned in this report, are doing a staunch job, never expecting anything in return.

**Unfortunately the printing of the "Visitor" in colour has become very costly.** We have had to make the decision to only have it available in black and white. The great contents will remain the same.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014 we held **our annual bazaar**. All the old faithful pitched in to once again make it a successful day. We are so proud of you all and especially to the parish members and friends who turned up to grab the bargains and enjoy a good morning of fellowship.

Finally the Church Wardens appeal to all members to submit your dedication **cards and really try and keep to your promised commitment**. What we sow, we will surely reap.

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b> Boipelo Leburu  Joel <b>Shilling</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b> Marjorie <b>Steyn</b>	<b>16</b> 	<b>23</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>3</b> Odelia <b>Langeveldt</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b> Lerato <b>Melamu</b>  Kagisho <b>Selebano</b>	<b>24</b> Blanche <b>Tait</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>4</b> Ntsebeleng <b>Madimabe</b>  Mark <b>Webber</b>  Tristan <b>Slabbert</b>	<b>11</b> Elrita <b>Grimsley</b>	<b>18</b> Vuyiswa <b>Mgidlana</b>	<b>25</b> Phumza <b>Ntukela</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>5</b> Elaine <b>Webber</b>	<b>12</b> Wendy <b>Roux</b>	<b>19</b> Venite <b>Walbrugh</b>  Trudie <b>Harrison</b>  Relebeletse <b>Malekele</b>  Barry <b>Simons</b>	<b>26</b> 
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>6</b> John <b>Anderson</b>  Estee-Kay <b>Henecke</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b> Judith <b>Nakedi</b>  Mosa <b>Hlobelo</b>  Constance <b>Moko</b>	<b>27</b> Sara <b>Arko-Cobbah</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>7</b> Bruce <b>Middlecote</b>	<b>14</b> Jaco <b>van Wyk</b>	<b>21</b> Keenan <b>Jacobs</b>	<b>28</b> Courtney <b>van Wyk</b>  Paddy <b>Meyer</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b> Kgauhelo <b>Nakedi</b>  	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b> Sandy <b>Botha</b>  Letlhogonolo <b>Mohutsioa</b>  Sebatatso <b>Mokoena</b>	<b>22</b> Diane <b>Koning</b>  Terryll <b>Abbott</b>	<b>29</b> Delysia <b>Hoehne</b>  Roche <b>Henecke</b>  Natasha <b>Molosioa</b>  Dean Lazarus <b>Mohapi</b> Tsebo <b>Sedite</b>



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR



Week 1

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Week 4

Week 5

Sunday	<b>30 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist Bopanang	<b>2 ALL SAINTS 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	<b>9 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	<b>16 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist PARISH BREAKFAST 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	<b>23 REIGN OF CHRIST – Christ the King – PATRONAL FESTIVAL</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist
Monday		<b>3 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist in GOR	<b>10 Leo the Great</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	<b>17 Hilda of Whitby</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist 17h30 – Council meeting	<b>24</b> 17h30 - NO SERVICE
Tuesday		<b>4 Martin de Porres</b> 08h00 – NO SERVICE 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta	<b>11 Martin</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street	<b>18</b> 08h00 – Holy Eucharist 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta	<b>25</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street
Wednesd		<b>5</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE	<b>12 Charles Simeon</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>19</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>26</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE
Thursday		<b>6</b> 09h30 - Holy Eucharist 18h00 – AWF	<b>13</b> 09h30 - Holy Eucharist 17h30 – EXCO	<b>20</b> 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	<b>27</b> 09h30 - Holy Eucharist
Friday		<b>7 Willibrord</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE	<b>14 Samuel Seabury</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>21</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>28</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE
Saturday	<b>1 ALL SAINTS</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>8 Martyrs &amp; Confessors of our Time</b> 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	<b>15</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>22 Cecilia</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>29</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist

## SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE CATHEDRAL

### Sunday Services:

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

**The Cathedral over and above the Sunday services offers the following services:**

Monday	17:30
Tuesday	8:00
Wednesday	8:00
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30</b>
Friday	8:00
Saturday	8:00



**I humbly request that whenever you are available, do attend these services. After the service on a Thursday everyone meets for tea and biscuits in the foyer, a lovely time of fellowship.**

As Anglicans we also pray at 12:00 midday and you are encouraged to do likewise.

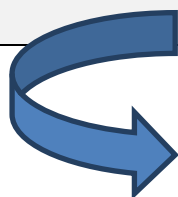
**At 12h00 every day the bell at the tower gets rung and the Angelus is said:**

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

### **HOLY BAPTISM BY ARRANGEMENT**

**Contact: Parish Secretary: Sandy Botha ☎ 051-448-3010**

### **CONFESSION, COUNSELLING & INTERVIEWS BY ARRANGEMENT**



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FOR AN APPOINTMENT.**



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# DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

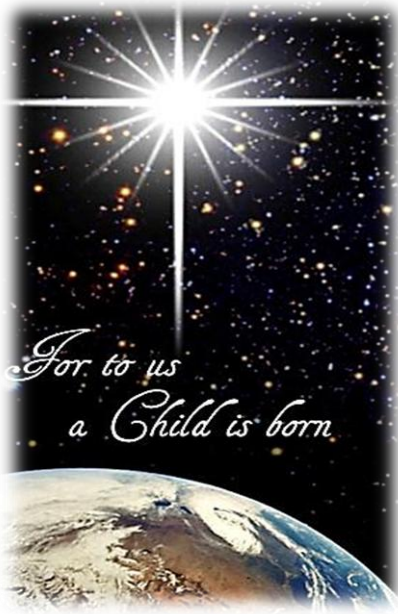
		Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
	Sunday	<b>7</b> Philip-George <b>Henecke</b> Tlaga <b>Molokoane</b> Lebogang <b>Modise</b>	<b>14</b> Bulewa <b>Sondiyazi</b>  Agnes Sasing	<b>21</b> Scilla Wessels  Norine <b>van Arkel</b>	<b>28</b> 
	Monday	<b>1</b>  <b>8</b> Masabata <b>Sekhoto</b>	<b>15</b> Joseph <b>Senakgomo</b>  Marusca <b>Louw</b>	<b>22</b> Mokete <b>Masia</b>	<b>29</b> Hilda <b>Rudd</b> Franklin <b>Damons</b> Obakeng <b>Modise</b>
	Tuesday	<b>2</b> Neo <b>Malekele</b>  Khothatso <b>Masooa</b>	<b>9</b> Vukile <b>Ntukela</b>  Chidi <b>Ozongwu</b>	<b>16</b> Thelma <b>Moncur</b>   <b>23</b> Errol Nel  Ndlela <b>Kunene</b>  Bushi <b>Habangana</b>	<b>30</b> Joanna <b>Webber</b>
	Wednesday	<b>3</b> Thuli <b>Pato</b> Oratile <b>Mocumie</b> Palesa <b>Bereng</b>	<b>10</b> Tevin <b>Smith</b>  Justin <b>Lombard</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>24</b> Chris <b>Ashman</b>   <b>31</b> Liz <b>Wolff</b>  Karin <b>Jacobs</b>
	Thursday	<b>4</b> Itumeleng <b>Mogotsi</b>  Thato <b>Litabe</b>	<b>11</b> Bernard <b>Maitin</b>  Gavin <b>Kester</b>	<b>18</b> 	<b>25 Birth of Christ</b> Daphne van der Merwe Anne <b>Ochse</b>  
	Friday	<b>5</b> Dieter <b>Harms</b>  Nadine <b>Koupiis</b>	<b>12</b> Rodney <b>Langeveldt</b> Mokgosape <b>Selebogo</b> Matshediso <b>Khaile</b>	<b>19</b> Felicity <b>Burt</b>   <b>26</b> Mxolisi <b>Sondiyazi</b>  Joan <b>Pillay</b>	
	Saturday	<b>6</b> Sue <b>Loupos</b>	<b>13</b> Refilwe <b>Tsolo</b> Aobakwe <b>Mogodi</b> Mthunzi <b>Sandile</b> Kamogelo <b>Mogakabo</b>	<b>20</b> Fabris <b>Jacobs</b>  Matthew <b>Greeff</b>	<b>27</b> Virginia <b>Scott</b>  Martha <b>Sebatana</b>



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

CALENDAR					
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Sunday		<b>7 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	<b>14 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	<b>21 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist <b>NO PARISH BREAKFAST</b> 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	<b>28 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b> 08h00 – Holy Eucharist
Monday	<b>1 ST ANDREW</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	<b>8</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist 17h30 – Council meeting	<b>15 Office closed till 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	<b>22</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	<b>29 THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b> 17h30 - Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	<b>2</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta	<b>9</b> 08h00 – NO SERVICE 08h30- Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street	<b>16 PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> 08h00 – NO SERVICE	<b>23</b> 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	<b>3 Francis Xavier</b> 08h00 –NO SERVICE	<b>10 Ember Day</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE	<b>17</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist 18h00 – Carol Service	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 23h30 – Midnight Mass	<b>31</b> 08h00 – Holy Eucharist
Thursday	<b>4 John of Damascus</b> 09h30 - Holy Eucharist 17h30 - EXCO	<b>11</b> 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	<b>18</b> 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	<b>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 - Sung Eucharist	 
Friday	<b>5 Peter Masiza</b> 08h00 – NO SERVICE	<b>12 Ember Day</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE	<b>19</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>26 ST STEPHEN</b> 08h00 - NO SERVICE	
Saturday	<b>6</b> 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	<b>13</b> 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	<b>20</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	<b>27 ST JOHN</b> 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	

# Advent-tide and Christmas-tide Greetings 2014



Advent which begins on November 30<sup>th</sup> this year, is the season when we call to mind the terrible situation that the world was in before Jesus came. Only by appreciating it can we celebrate with proper joy Jesus' coming on that first Christmas.

Advent is more than that. It is also the season we call to mind that Jesus will come again. He will judge each and every one of us, personally, on how well we contributed to the work He left for us to complete. During Advent we remember in a special way that Jesus will judge us on what we have done and what we have failed to do in His absence.

You and I are living in the interval between the lightning of Jesus' first coming and thunder of His second coming. What the angel said to the apostles the night after Jesus was taken up into heaven applies too. (see **Acts 1:11**)

Advent challenges us to ask ourselves three important questions in no particular order:

1. What are we doing now to build God's kingdom on Earth?
2. What ought we to be doing right now?
3. What will we begin to do right now during Advent as a build up towards Christmas?

All the readings of Advent plunge us back into times when God's people awaited the coming of the Messiah. It's as if at the start of Advent we enter a time-machine and are transported back to the time of John the Baptist, and further back again to the times of the great prophets of the Old Testament. These prophets spoke about the coming of the Messiah, thus keeping alive the hopes of the people of God. So Advent is also a time of waiting for the amazing Babe Jesus Christ in human form at Christmas. God took on our human nature to win us back to himself.

Christmas introduces to us the mystery of incarnation. It is impossible to explore its height and depth. It is all about a mystery of love, God's love for humankind in general and for each one of us in particular. ***"Behold, I bring you news of great joy for all the people. Today a Saviour has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord"***. This was the message the angels brought to the shepherds.

Let us open our minds and hearts to receive the Great joy of Christmas and enjoy it with the family of the Church and the world. May we enjoy the unconditional love of the Father and live up to the dignity of the children of God. It is my prayer that the Lord will reveal to us our eternal destiny and help us to attain this destiny.

**Wishing you and your family  
a Merry Christmas  
and Blessed healthy 2015.**





## What **Bopanang** has been up to in 2014.

It was a great pleasure to welcome new members who joined Bopanang in 2014.



Vuyiswa **Ntwasa-Mnweba**  
Martina **Moss**  
Bongiwe **Pato**  
Mary Ann **Damons**  
Mary **Mokoena**

A constitution was developed and members adopted it in April 2014.

Meetings were held regularly in the foyer after the 9 am Service on the last Sunday of the month.

The group is fund raising for their outreach project of sanitary pads for a disadvantaged school in Turflaagte. **The name of the school is Kopanong School**, and is catering for children from phase 3,7,9 and Dinaweng . These children are from difficult home situations. Bopanang will give the first donation in the first week of October 2014.

Bopanang hosted the African food stall at the Internatonal Evening that was held on 29August 2014.

There are so many people in the Cathedral who can contribute significantly to Bopanang. You are all welcome to join us and will make the load lighter.

We had a table at the Bazaar in October 2014 and had such a lovely time.

Compiled by:

**Nozipo Sondiyazi.**



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*Thank you to all of you  
that belongs to the Bopanang Group  
for all the work you do  
to help all the needy and people in poverty.*





Reportedly, **it all began in 1862 during the American Civil War**, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, **Captain Ellicombe** heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. ***It was his own son.*** The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as 'The Last Post' used at military funerals was born.

### The words are:

1.	2.	3.
Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.	Fading light. Dims the sight. And a star. Gems the sky. Gleaming bright. From afar. Drawing nigh. Falls the night.	Thanks and praise. For our days. Neath the sun. Neath the stars. Neath the sky As we go. This we know. God is nigh.



Submitted by: *Carol Keep*





## LESSON IN SPANISH

A SPANISH Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

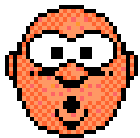
'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

*A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'*

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

**Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.**



The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the Feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
- 2 The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)



The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.

**The women won.**



This is for all the smart women you know...  
**and** all the men that have a sense of humour.



Submitted by: *Jes van Heusden*

## CHRISTIAN GIVING

### ARE YOU GIVING A FAIR PORTION OF YOUR INCOME TO GOD?

**Question:** *"What does the Bible say about Christian tithing? Should a Christian tithe?"*

**Answer:** Many Christians struggle with the issue of tithing. In some churches giving is over-emphasized. At the same time, many Christians refuse to submit to the biblical exhortations about making offerings to the Lord. Tithing/giving is intended to be a joy and a blessing. Sadly, that is sometimes not the case in the church today.

Tithing is an Old Testament concept. The tithe was a requirement of the Law in which the Israelites were to give 10 percent of the crops they grew and the livestock they raised to the tabernacle/temple ([Leviticus 27:30](#); [Numbers 18:26](#); [Deuteronomy 14:24](#); [2 Chronicles 31:5](#)).

In fact, the Old Testament Law required multiple tithes—one for the Levites, one for the use of the temple and the feasts, and one for the poor of the land—which would have pushed the total to around 23.3 percent. Some understand the Old Testament tithe as a method of taxation to provide for the needs of the priests and Levites in the sacrificial system.

**The New Testament** nowhere commands, or even recommends, that Christians submit to a legalistic tithe system. **The New Testament nowhere designates a percentage of income a person should set aside, but only says gifts should be “in keeping with income”** ([1 Corinthians 16:2](#)).

Some in the Christian church have taken the 10 percent figure from the Old Testament tithe and applied it as a “recommended minimum” for Christians in their giving.

**The New Testament talks about the importance and benefits of giving.  
We are to give as we are able.**

Sometimes that means giving more than 10 percent; sometimes that may mean giving less. It all depends on the ability of the Christian and the needs of the church.

Every Christian should diligently pray and seek God’s wisdom in the matter of participating in tithing and/or how much to give ([James 1:5](#)). Above all, all tithes and offerings should be given with pure motives and an attitude of worship to God and service to the body of Christ. “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” ([2 Corinthians 9:7](#)).

**SURELY YOU ARE PAYING YOU GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIP, YOUR BOND ACCOUNT, LUXURIES AND YOUR CAR INSTALMENTS; SHOULD YOU NOT RECONSIDER THE AMOUNT THAT YOU ARE GIVING TO THE CHURCH AS A MEMBER?**

Written by: ELDRID BORAINÉ





## Subject: Christian Giving

Hi Eldrid,



Thank you for letting me see your article on **Christian Giving**. **I like it very much, especially as the response is from love not from law.**

I wonder sometimes if we should not add something about **"responsible" giving**, in other words taking an interest in how the money we give is spent.

This means that one must look into the finances of the organisation to which one contributes, and not merely hand over and hope for the best.

I think that you and I have that "critical" faculty which means that there must be accountability. I feel this applies to the way a country is run, and the way tax payers' money is spent. If we care for our national finances in this way, we must also care for our church and Diocesan finances in the same way.

I don't think one can put all this into an article, but I think that it should be constantly borne in mind by those administering the money available. **I suppose that what I am saying is that generosity must be balanced with stewardship of resources.** It is always good to share ideas with you. Thank you for including me in your thinking.

Every blessing, **Fr Gordon Bauer**



**Dot Thompson**

shared this the other day:

A rich man died and was admitted through the pearly gates by St Peter.

He showed the rich man around the housing suburbs, with fantastic mansions with huge pillars at the entrance.

**"Hmm" said the rich man "I could live here".**

St Peter took him further and they came to less glamorous houses, and the rich man said

**"I suppose I could live here".**

Then St Peter took the man to even poorer houses, and right at the end of the street St Peter said **"this one is yours".**

The rich man was very indignant saying **"I am a wealthy man of high standing; I can't live here!"**



So Peter said: **"That's all you paid for while on earth."**

HOMILY GIVEN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED—  
ALL SOULS DAY

*“So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”*  
(Ps.90: 12).



There is an adage that one is never too old to learn, and the above statement that comes from **Psalm 90**, which is attributed to Moses, is a reflection of that old saying. Indeed we should always pray to God to teach us to count our days, rightly, so as to take note of how few they are and to spend them fruitfully. We are always involved in the crazy circle of chasing time. The psalm has, therefore, been aptly described by one theologian as **“A Psalm of mortal limitations.”** Moses was well suited to write on the meaning of life and death

because after wandering in the wilderness with the Israelites for 40 years, he saw that in life we are but in death, especially, after witnessing the death of a whole generation. Therefore, it is only the Lord who is immortal can serve as our refuge and dwelling place. Shakespeare will say, “There is nothing serious in mortality.”

**What is life, one may ask?** Is it merely one’s existence? Longfellow in his verse, *A Psalm of Life*, tells us that “Life real, life is earnest...” The most notable thing about life is the strong link it has with time. Time defines how we lead our life, for better or for worse. And life is compared with money to some extent. You can spend it any way you choose, but you can only spend it once. And when you spend money there is effectively only one of two ways that it can be spent—either to waste it or invest it. **Hope you re-call the Parable of the Talents! If you invest money you enjoy the dividend. But if you waste it, as a spendthrift, like the Prodigal Son, or the man who had one talent and chose to hide it in a hole, you may end up sharing with swine their food or facing the wrath of the master.** Note that you have the freewill to use your money the way you wish. You are at liberty to choose either to invest the money or to waste it. The same is true with life. No matter your age, health or financial status, you can make the rest of your life the best.

**What is the importance of time in life?** Benjamin Franklin is reported to have advised, “Do not squander time, for it is the stuff life is made of”. Some of us, habitually, fight time. We always wait till the eleventh hour. If you want to know how to utilize time then look to Jesus. Look at how Jesus was able to ‘subdue’ time. **Jesus was never in a hurry. A certain theologian has remarked, “Although Jesus was doing the most important job in history (redeeming the world), and...only had a few years to do it”, He made time to consider even the flowers and the birds of the air and had time for children to bless them.** God expects us to use time responsibly. Despite existing in a realm that is not bound by time or space, **He is the Creator of time and, thus, greater than time.** Therefore the first step in ‘subduing’ time, argues the theologian, is to **“totally immerse yourself in God”**, and this is what Ps. 90 teaches us. “So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”. This is after the Psalmist has praised God for being their refuge from one generation to another and He continues to be God “from everlasting to everlasting”. The Psalmist continues to make us aware that a thousand years in the sight of God are but yesterday when it



is past, and as a watch in the night, thus the “three score years and ten” allotted to us is nothing in the face of God.

**The theologian then goes further to interpret for us the four letters in the word TIME as an aid in understanding the importance of time, as God expects from us:**

- **TREASURE:** God expects us to treasure time as a valuable commodity. Every day is precious, that’s why God asks us “to number our days”. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow remains unknown. Today is a gift, the reason for being called the “present”; it is presented to you free of charge.
- **INVEST:** Time can’t be saved, it can only be invested. However, if time is not used it is lost forever. Where you invest your time reveals what is most important in your life. How much time do you invest in devotion to your God? The hymnist says to us, “Forever with the Lord! Amen, so let it be. Life from the dead is in that word, it is immortality.” Yes, you should be with your God every time (forever) because where your heart is there is your treasure, says Jesus. The converse is also true, where your treasure is, there your heart will be. How much time do you devote to your family also?
- **MANAGE:** God is the Creator of time and He alone controls it. Every moment is a gift from God that, as His stewards, must be managed wisely. Time management is said to be a misleading concept because one cannot really manage time. You cannot delay it or fast-forward it, or save it. No matter what you do, time keeps moving forward. Isaac Watts, the hymnist, who wrote, “O God our help in ages past”, which is based on the psalm under review, vividly describes the transient nature of time thus, “*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day*”. And Caswall, reminding us of the short-span of life we have in this our earth plane, also writes, “*Days and moments quickly flying blend the living with the dead; soon our bodies will be lying each within its narrow bed.*” Friends, the challenge is not to manage time, but to manage ourselves.
- **ENJOY:** The time you spend with your family and fellow Christians should be enjoyable. It should be the best time in your life. Ps. 84 says to us, “*I shall rather be a door-keeper in the House of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of the ungodly*”. You should have a quality time with your God. How many of us pray both in the morning and evening? Similarly, have enjoyable time with your family. Nobody on their deathbed ever said, “I wish I had spent more time at work”, though there are others who would crave for more time with God. Remember what one of the thieves crucified with Jesus asked from Christ: “*Lord, when thy kingdom comes, remember me.*” You should say “yes” to happy memories. You don’t have very long time to live so we need to make some happy memory of time: Time to *treasure*; Time to *invest*; Time to *manage*, and Time to *enjoy*!

Usually, at a time like this our hearts become heavy. Losing a loved one has never been easy. Indeed, **we need to mourn our dear ones.** But Apostle Paul cautions us not to overdo it, like those who do not have faith. Christ, through His resurrection, has become the “first-fruit” of those who are slept. A certain esoteric society I used to be a member in those days

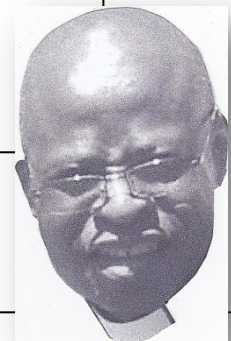
has this as the watchword when any of the members passes on: **When asked what has happened to an individual who has passed on, the answer is, *He or she has been called for higher services above.* And so I challenge all of you here to have the same conviction for the Christian never dies. In the midst of life there is death for us.**

Charles Wesley reminds us, as saints, of our togetherness with those who have responded to the higher services above in his hymn thus: *“Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one. One family, we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.”* **We are called upon to have our share in our Father’s “many mansions”.** As Baring-Gould says in his hymn, *“On the Resurrection morning souls and body meet again; no more sorrow, no more weeping, no more pain! On that happy Easter morning all the graves their dead restore; father, sister, child, and mother meet once more.”* **My brother, my sister do you believe that you will once again meet your loved one? I do!**



**Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord!**  
**And Let Light Perpetual, shine upon them.**  
**May they Rest in Peace,**  
**AMEN!**

PREACHED BY: **Fr. Albert Arko-Cobbah**





**CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING  
BAZAAR – Saturday 25 October 2014.**

The annual BAZAAR was held on Saturday 25 October 2014. Many volunteers and donors were involved in making this event a special one.

Our bazaar's income amounts to **R 52686.35**  
which is **R 23000.00** under budget and  
R 15067.00 less than last year!

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Charlotte Kettle  
Basil Schroeter**

There was a few highlights this year and what stood out for me was the Face Painting done by Catherine, I think the children really loved it!

The Toy Stall run by Karin, was also very popular and it was sold out soon! Definitely something to concentrate on next year.

I suggest that we should review how we do things and whether our timing is right and or that we have a different approach to next year's Bazaar – perhaps having an evening fair, or start little later, as many people do not come early.



**NB: Some Churches depend solely on their “Parishioners” for support**  
**Thank you to each and every one who donated cash and kind!**

Everyone truly enjoyed the day  
and we will do our best to better it next year!

Written by: *Líola Boraine*



## PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE BAZAAR



**GO**  
away  
I'm marking





In council there was discussion about lay ministers and readers not doing their duty at services. **Fr Lazarus will meet with the readers.**

The executive of council announced that **a new priest will be joining the Cathedral staff in January.** The person will stay in Clergy House no 2, which must be repaired before they move in. There was also discussion about a vehicle for the new priest.

**It was agreed that the Cathedral Visitor be printed in black and white instead of colour, due to the high costs involved.** There has been much discussion about the cost of the new colour copier. Refunds have been made for the overcharging of hire.

St Michael's Chapel has been repaired using the funds raised at the Bingo Evening, and a donation from Kevin.

Fr Lazarus said that October is Stewardship month and all sermons are to be about giving.

Stephen and Kathy attended the Synod at Modderpoort and Stephen submitted a summary of decisions taken there.

Letters to all parishioners concerning the arrears were posted just at the beginning of the postal strike. It is hoped that these letters reached the addressees.

Karin said that the Youth services are well attended and enjoyed by the youth.

As recorded by our secretary: Sandy Botha.

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## IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good it is that God has never gone on strike.  
Because He was not treated fairly in things he didn't like.

If only once He'd given up and said **"That's it, I'm through I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.**

I'll give my orders to the sun - Cut off the heat supply!  
And to the moon – give no more light,  
And run the oceans dry.  
Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure on,  
Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game. For no one has been more abused, or met with more disclaim than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favours of his grace and everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go, But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe. We don't care who we hurt to gain the things we like;

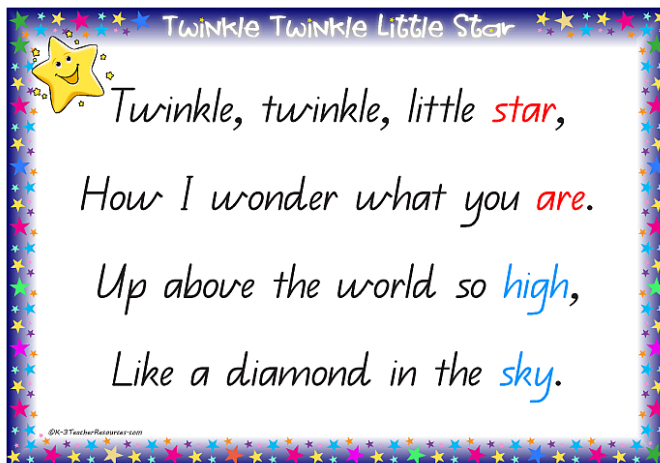
**But what a mess we'll be in, if God should go on strike.**

Submitted by: Scilla Wessels





## Sing to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star:



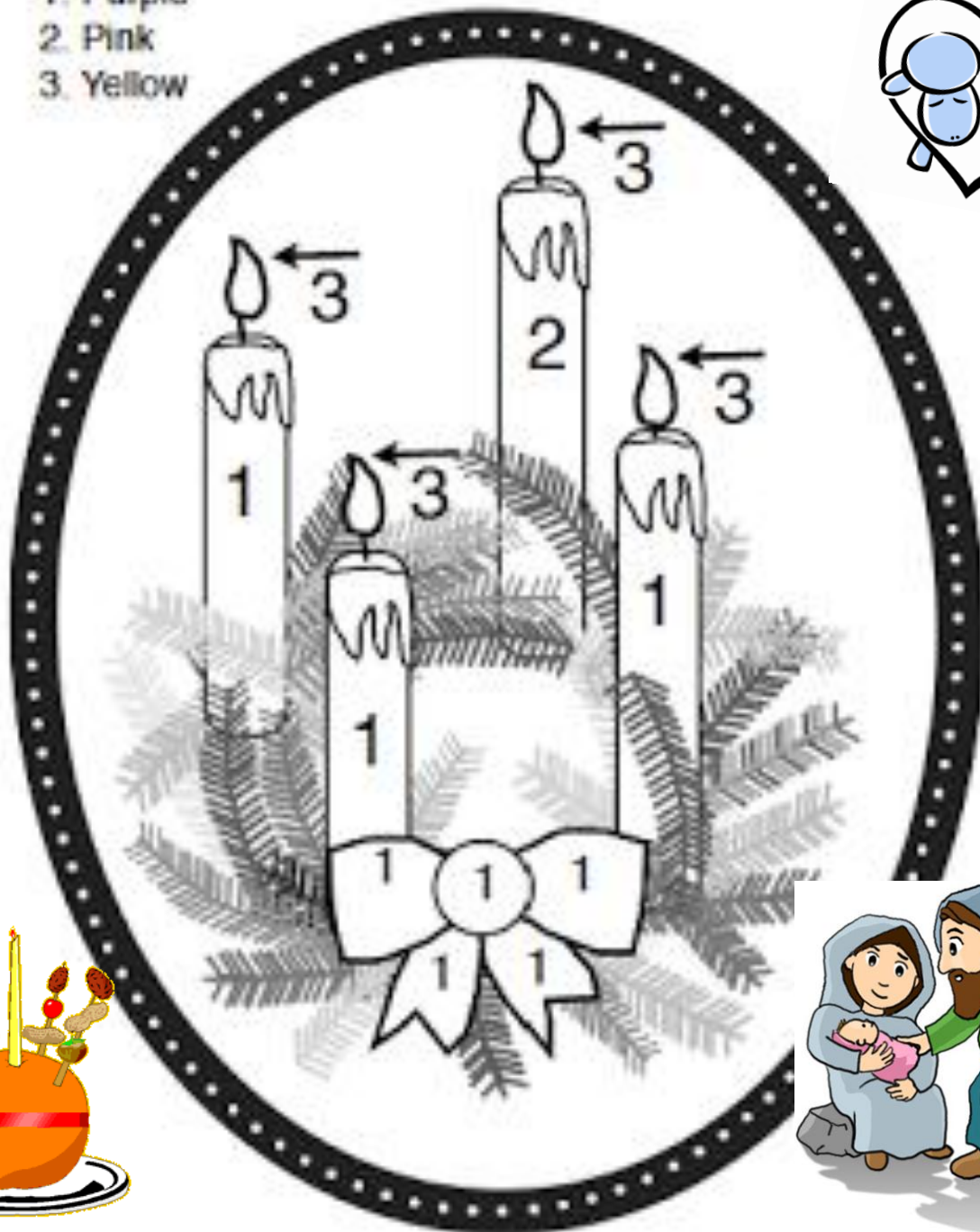
Advent is a time to wait  
Not quite time to celebrate.  
Light the candles one by one  
Till the Advent time is done.  
Christmas day will soon be here  
For fun and time for cheer.

Color by Number:

1. Purple
2. Pink
3. Yellow



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**Please note the arrangements for Services over the Christmas period**



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December -  
*Christmas Eve*  
23h30 Midnight Mass

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December -  
*Christmas Day*  
07h30 Holy Eucharist  
09h00 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December -  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
08h00 Holy Eucharist

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015 -  
08h00 Holy Eucharist

**Please note that there is only one service  
on December 28<sup>th</sup> and Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

In his book, *The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint Exupery tells the story of a small boy who came to earth from another planet.



*On earth he felt very lonely and longed for a friend. One day he met a fox who was as desperate for friendship as he was. He asked the fox to play with him. "I can't because no one has taken the trouble to tame me," the fox answered. "What does "to tame" mean?" asked the Little Prince "It means to establish ties," the fox replied. "And what does "to establish ties" mean?" the Little Prince persisted. "Just that," said the fox. "To me you are still nothing more than a little boy like a thousand other little boys. And to you I am nothing more than a fox like a thousand other foxes. But if you tame me, then to me you*

*will be unique in all the world. And to you I will be unique in all the world." "I'm beginning to understand," said the Little Prince.*

*"My life is very monotonous," the fox went on. "I hunt chickens; people hunt me. But if you tame me, it will be as if the sun came to shine on my life. I shall know the sound of a step that will be different from all other steps. Other steps send me hurrying back underground. Yours will call me, like music, out of my burrow. Please tame me." "I'd like to," said the Little Prince, "but I don't have much time. I have a great many things to understand." "One understands only the things that one tames," said the fox. "People have no more time to understand anything. They buy things all ready-made at the shops. But there is no shop anywhere where one can buy friendship, and so people have no friends any more. If you want a friend, tame me."*

*"What must I do to tame you?" asked the Little Prince. "You must be very patient," replied the fox. "First you will sit down a little distance from me in the grass. I shall look at you out of the corner of my eye, and you will say nothing. Words are a source of misunderstanding. But you will sit a little closer to me every day." The Little Prince agreed, and so it was that he tamed the fox and they became the best of friends.*

**"The best of friends" – this is the longing and desire of every human heart. Someone once said: "your friend is the one who knows all about you, and still loves you." Building a relationship takes time and is costly. In just the same way as building friendship with God takes care, so a friendship with others takes some effort. Haste ruins everything – it is useless to plant an acorn today and expect to sit in the shade of an oak tree tomorrow. Re-unions are all about restoring friendships. This special time of reconnection, sometimes after many years, makes us aware of how important a gift friendship truly is. Aelred of Rievaulx, one of the great church fathers, had this to say about true friendship: "A friend is one who will weep with us when we are troubled, and rejoice with us when we are happy, and will always be there to consult when we are in doubt. And we will be so deeply bound to him/her in our hearts that even when he/she is far away we shall find him together with us in spirit, together and alone.**

**Albert Camus put this all into perspective when he said:**

**"Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow.**

**Don't walk behind me; I may not lead.**

**Walk beside me and be my friend."**

Thank you Lord for the gift of renewed friendships.  
May we cherish them, and indeed be the best of friends.

**The Very Reverend Don Narraway.**







*Fr Don wrote this letter for my School Reunion a few years ago and it made me think about the renewal of old friends and family at this time of the year.*

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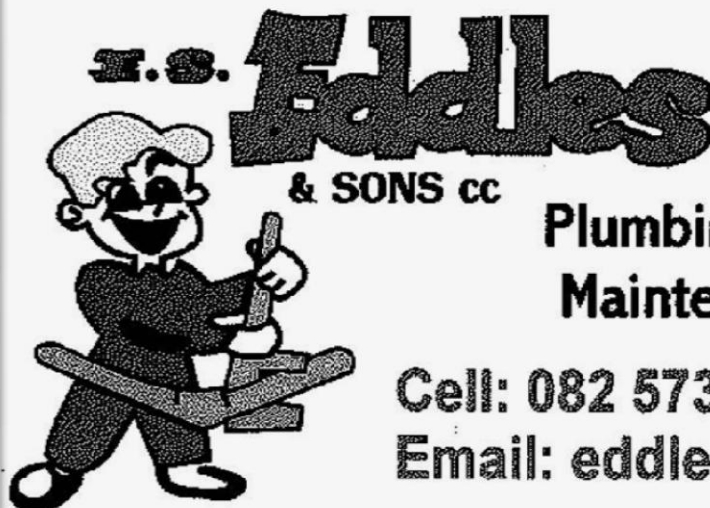
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