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The Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew & Saint Michael – Bloemfontein

What does the Bible say about helping the Poor?

Proverbs 21:13 is among the most powerful calls from God to help those who are hungry because "If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered."

This edition is going to be very much on the feeding and acknowledgement of the poor and those in need. I really have had this feeling in the depths of my soul at this time of the cold season, on how so many families and people are suffering: if they live on the street or in a shanty home or even a very luxury home – do any of us know what is going on behind closed doors before we can judge that someone is trying to keep their head above water or keeping their dignity in front of people? Basil and I have been through bad times and **Our Father God** is amazing how he doesn't let you sink to far down sometimes.

Most Christians believe we are to help the poor but how are we to make good judgments on who to help and who not to help? The Bible says: ***"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land"(Deuteronomy 15:11).***

I came across an article on the internet written by Jack Wellman who is a grandfather and a Christian author and pastor. What touched me is that he was saying that looking back at his early life with no father, a mother who didn't want him and growing up in poverty; today he feels the most blessed of all men on earth. **What greater riches in the world than to receive eternal life and be called a friend by Jesus Christ!**

The Poverty Stricken: When Jesus fed the thousands, He did not first check to see if they would be His disciples. He did not require them to come to Him for salvation. He simply filled a need by filling empty stomachs. **Feeding the poor does not define the Christian; it is part of being a Christian.** The man who stands on the street with a sign that reads, "Will work for food" may not be served best by giving him money. Perhaps he is sincere but how do we know that he simply wants to receive money so that he can continue his addiction to drugs or alcohol. The fact is that only God knows. I heard of one pastor who stopped and invited one man with such a sign to breakfast and when the man went with him to eat, the pastor asked him if he would like to mow the churches lawn for money. The man refused and said that he could not take the heat. Did the pastor do the right thing? I believe that this man gave the unemployed man the benefit of the doubt, but when he offered to provide a short-term job for money, the man refused. Sometimes giving out a gift certificate for a meal is better than giving someone you don't know money, because you may be enabling their addiction and their unwillingness to work for a living as the Bible commands **(2 Thessalonians 3:10). The purpose of some trials, including poverty, can drive us to our knees and create in us a desire to come to God for help**. God actually wants us to depend upon Him and so through problems and difficulties we learn to break our pride and bring us to the end of ourselves and to seek His help.

Helping the Poor: Christians are commanded to help one another but we are also called to help those who are less fortunate than we are. **1 John 3:17** states that, "*If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him".* **"God asked,** "*Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter; when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood*"**? (Isaiah 58:7)** We also need to "*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy"* ***(Proverbs 31:8-9).***

Jesus Warns of Those Who Ignore the Poor: Jesus gave a startling wake up call to all who would profess their belief in Him in. **When Jesus comes to the earth and judges between the sheep and the goats,** "*Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from*

me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' ***They also will answer,*** *'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'* ***He will reply,*** *'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least among you, you did not do for me'*" **(Matthew 25:41-45). Sodom sinned the sin of not helping the poor as they were** "*arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy*" **(Ezekiel 16:49). Being a Christian means to be Christ-like. Not only those who profess Him as their Lord and Savior, but those who possess Him in their actions. We can profess and even confess Him,** but unless we possess Him, He is not our Lord. **As has been said, if He is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all!**

Treasures in Heaven: **The reality is that it is in a believer's best interest to give to the poor because,** *"He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses*" **(Proverbs 28:27). Helping the poor is actually an imperative command, as Paul told Timothy to "***Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life"* ***(1 Timothy 6:18-19).*** **Proverbs say that,** *"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poo*r" **(Proverbs 22:9) and** "*A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished*" **(Proverbs 28:20). The fact is that,** "*He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done*" **(Proverbs 19:17). Jesus said,** "*And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward*" **(Matthew 10:42). Someday when you see Christ and receive your reward, you might be pleasantly surprised to hear that,** "*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'* **(Matthew 25:40).**

Respond To God's Word: Will you consider being a doer of what you have read today and help the poor?

Words to think about: Editor

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JULY 2015 CALENDAR

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Monday		**6 Thomas More** 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	**13 Silas** 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	**20** 17h30 – Holy Eucharist	**27** 17h30 - Holy Eucharist
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Wednesday	**1 Fr Lazarus on leave** 08h00 – NO SERVICE	**8** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	**15** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**22 ST MARY MAGDALENE** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	**29 William Wilberforce** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist
Thursday	**2** 09h30 – Holy Eucharist 18h00 - AWF	**9** 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	**16** 09h30 - Holy Eucharist 17h30 – EXCO	**23** 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	**30 Mary & Martha of Bethany** 09h30 – Holy Eucharist
Friday	**3 ST THOMAS** 08h00 – NO SERVICE	**10** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**17** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**24** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**31** 08h00 Holy Eucharist
Saturday	**4** 08h00 – NO SERVICE	**11 Benedict of Monte Cassino** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**18** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	**25 ST JAMES** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	

Dear friends in Christ,

Saying Yes to Change

When Blessed Mary MacKillop(1842-1909) founded the sisters of St. Joseph to provide a Catholic education to children in Australia, she naturally figured her sisters would ride horseback throughout the vast country. The Bishop, on the other hand, wasn't quite so keen on having young women riding alone. Sister Mary realized that new ideas require new procedures. She undoubtedly would have agreed with St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, who said, **"Times change and to keep up with them, we must modify our methods."**

Sometimes we cling to our old methods without really considering why we are clinging to them. A story is told of a family who always cut the end off the roast before putting it in the oven. One day, one of the daughters asked her mother why. The mother shook her head and said, because my mother always did. The daughter went to her grandmother, asked the same question and got the same reply. So the daughter visited her great-grandmother and asked why she cut the end off the roast. Because it wouldn't fit in the pan if I didn't, was the reply.

Often we are like the family who dutifully cut off the ends of the roast or the bishop who was aghast at the thought of sisters on horseback. We do things the way they have always been done without stopping to consider if time has come for a change. I sometimes wonder how we as Anglicans are influenced by the last words of doxology, that **"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end".** We so much resist change and hold on to tradition.

I have the following story that has been retold many times. On a hill near Cape Town, just below the famed Table Mountain, a gun is fired every day at noon. The hill is known as Signal Hill. The firing of the gun once served a beautiful purpose. It signalled that a ship, on its way to or from India, had arrived in the harbour with a cargo of goods, and was in need of supplies of food and fresh water. A beautiful exchange resulted. There was receiving and giving.

But that was a long time ago, the purpose no longer exists. Yet the gun is still fired dutifully every day. However, the firing is now a little more than an empty ritual. Once it had a beautiful meaning. Now the meaning has gone out of it. Most of the local people ignore it, visitors are told "If you hear a loud bang at mid-day, don't worry. It's only a gun going off." However the ritual still has one thing going for it, most people know the story behind it. If that story were to be lost, then the ritual would become poorer still. We must as a family avoid doing things just as mere empty ritual and embrace change

What am I unwilling to change? Would my life be easier or more productive if I let go of some of my staid ways?

May God Bless you All.

Dean Lazarus Mohapi

The Cathedral's Sherlock Holmes

AND **SNOOP - ETS ?**

By Sandy Botha, **the snippets lady:** if you have any news pass on to her:

What we have celebrated the most these past few months, was the 100th birthday of **Gertie van der Sijde** on 14th May. This immigrant from Holland has been living in South Africa since 1952. She married Revd Willie van der Sijde and they had a son Michael. Unfortunately she is the only surviving member of that family. She still has family in Holland who "skyped" her on her birthday and she really enjoyed seeing their faces again, and I am sure that they enjoyed it just as much to see her once more! Gertie lives at Siesta Frail Care and is well taken care of especially by **Richard and Joan Marston**.

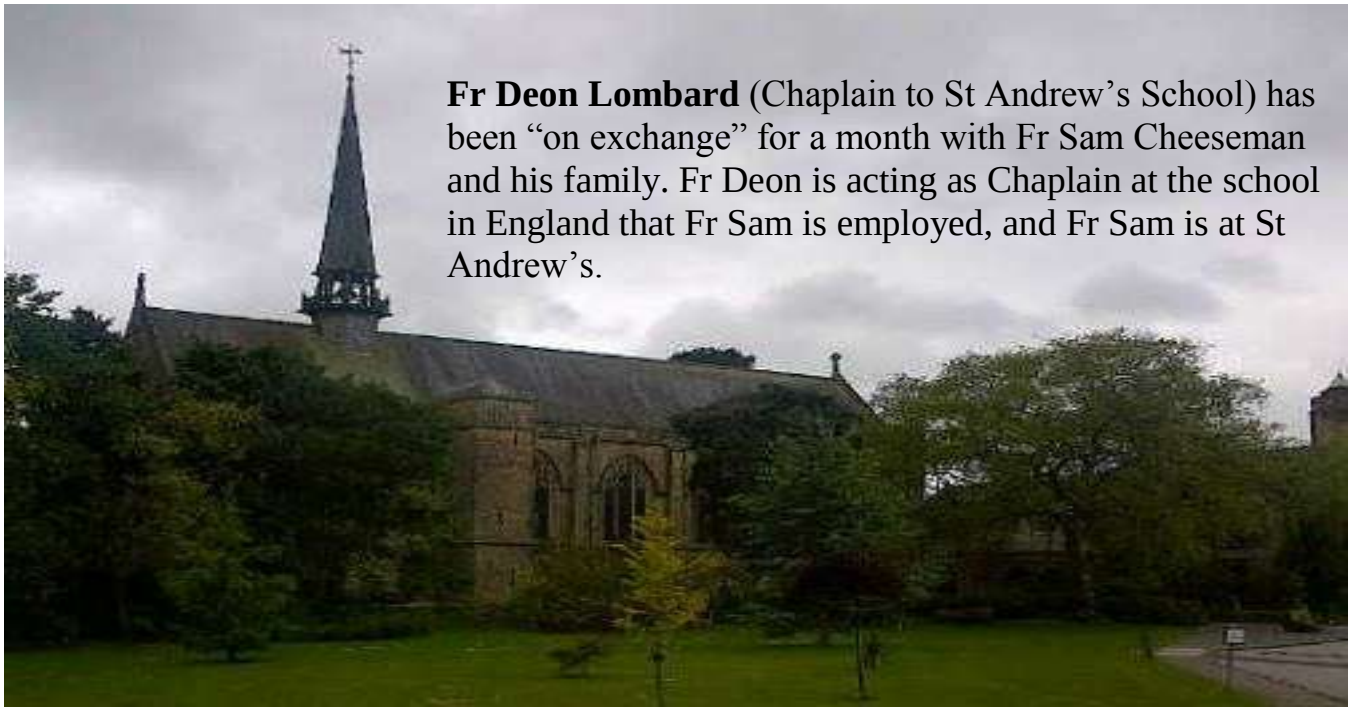
Another celebration was that of the 80th birthday of our dear **Baby Lange** on 21st April. She does so much outreach work for the Cathedral. Baby has been on council for 30years so she must be very good at her work, which she still continues to do at that age. The extended family celebrated her birthday with her at a luncheon at Bayswater Village. She is always supported by her husband **Paul**, who also never seems to age.

Many people have been travelling too.

And our very own **Dawn Huskins** has good reason to brag as well!
Her granddaughter, Jessica Garlick was selected to **represent South Africa at the high profile Girl Guides/Helen Storrow Seminar held in Switzerland every year.** The seminar is held for young leaders who are passionate about leadership, environmental issues and making a change. **Well done Jess!**

Jennifer Slade-Baker has been travelling to the UK to visit family and enjoyed it so going to various churches and attending services there. She missed out on seeing Margaret Thatcher's grave, but maybe the next time!

Charlotte Kettle goes on her annual trip to the UK to see her mother for a month in July. Another traveller to England and Scotland is **Sonja Loffstadt** who went with her daughter Heidi. They left on 1st June.



Fr Deon Lombard (Chaplain to St Andrew's School) has been "on exchange" for a month with Fr Sam Cheeseman and his family. Fr Deon is acting as Chaplain at the school in England that Fr Sam is employed, and Fr Sam is at St Andrew's.

Ripley St Thomas Church of England Academy, Lancaster, UK

The Cheeseman family **(Sam, his wife, Mari and 3 year old daughter, Lydia)** has been staying at White Cottage on the Cathedral grounds while in Bloemfontein. They return to their original places on 26th June.

The Cheeseman's

St Andrews School

Of course, **Sandy Botha** spent a month **in Australia visiting her daughter Michelle and her husband, Ashley in Brisbane.** While there, Michelle and Sandy spent a weekend in Melbourne seeing all the sights, and at the end of her trip, Sandy spent 4 days in Sydney. She also did a day tour to the Blue Mountains and the Featherbed Animal Sanctuary. She was spoilt rotten while in Australia, going to an Outback Experience on the Gold Coast, Montville on the Sunshine Coast, and the biggest gift of all, precious time with her daughter. **Michelle also took her to the local podiatrist who fitted Sandy with two lovely pairs of shoes!** All at Michelle's expense!
The couple is very happy in Australia.
Ashley works at Wave Shipping.
Michelle used to be a server at the Cathedral.

Sandy at Featherbed Sanctuary on a very windy day!

Les van Heusden has just returned after touring southern Namibia, where he actually saw rain at Ai Ais! He told that a local had said that eight drops of rain in the winter equals to two inches of rain in the summer, so that was a really rare occurrence!

Sharon Ogilve is on her way to Grahamstown to see her daughter, **Chelsea**, then on to Cape Town for a family function.

News from the Diocese of Blackburn is that have elected a new Bishop, **Rt Rev Philip North** as the Bishop of Burnley.

Archdeacon Michael Everitt, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, Stephen Whittaker, Bishop Julian, Revd Paul Davis, Chair of the Lancashire District of the Methodist Church

Bishop Rt Rev. Julian Henderson. is the Bishop of Blackburn.

There is a very special link between Blackburn Cathedral and our Cathedral….. this link is the longest surviving link of any church in South Africa with a church in the United Kingdom. We need to continually pray for one another, support one another where we can, as well as visit one another when possible.

Blackburn Cathedral Development Project

A new hotel (Premier Inn), office block, shops and the first complete set of cathedral domestic buildings in 400 years are being built in the grounds of Blackburn Cathedral and the surrounding area, with the aim of restoring the heart-beat to the Close and the Town Centre.

The Cathedral project began on 22nd April 2014 when the building contractor John Turner Construction Ltd moved onto the site. This new building linked to the Cathedral will have a 50 space underground car park, 9 residences, a new 80 seat refectory, a new cathedral shop, a garden courtyard yard, a library and scholar's hall of residence and it is planned to be completed by autumn 2015 (September /October). This project, which has been 14 years in planning, will house both Cathedral Clergy and Lay Staff. In addition to the facilities described above it will also contain new state of the art office accommodation for the Cathedral administration and Adoption Matters Northwest. The project is very near to being fully funded, and has been supported by Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council and the Homes and Communities Agency as it is seen as pivotal to the regeneration of the Cathedral Quarter, a multi million pound venture to transform the area around the Cathedral and to bring much needed commerce and jobs into the town centre.

An energetic member of the Cathedral **Thabo Litabe** ran the Comrades Marathon in June **to raise funds for Sunflower House.**

Unfortunately only about R350 was raised.

If anyone else would like to donate more money to this good cause you could still deposit into their banking account.

Name of account: St Nicholas Children's Hospice Trust
Bank: FNB
Branch: Brandwag 230-534
Account Number: 62067671232
SWIFT Code: FIRNZAJJ

A silver wedding anniversary (25 years) was celebrated between
Dipiloane and Tebogo Phutsisi
on 17th May.
They were blessed by Fr Lazarus during the 09h00 service that day.
Congratulations!

Keith and Liz Soderlund
celebrated 41 years of marriage recently.
Congratulations!

Let's hope that some of this longevity rubs off on **Liam and** Sharlien **Nel**
which took place on Friday 10th April.
Liam is the son of **Errol and Ansie Nel** and grandson of **Paul and Baby Lange.**

Congratulations to **Bino Makhalanyane** for being elected as president of the Provincial Youth Council. Bino is a worker at the Youth Office of the Diocese. The Youth Council will be holding a Youth Consultation at Modderpoort from 1-5 July.
Bishop Dintoe is Chaplain to the Provincial Youth Council, so Bloemfontein has a huge representation there!

Deon Rip and Fiona were married at Emoya Estate on 21st March by Fr Lazarus, who was almost late! You might not know that **Deon was the maker of the two votive candle stands in the Cathedral.** Congratulations!

An operation was performed on **Winston Sorour** on 25th May to remove a colonic bag, but the doctor was unsuccessful in achieving that. Winston is the brother of **Marlene Hamaty**. **Wolf Helmes** and **Fr John Alexander** suffered heart failure. **Mariana Jones** had a hip operation and was in much pain. She is much better now and back at work at the school. **Di Koning** continues to recover after a wonderful visit from her brother from the States. She has now moved to Siesta Retirement Home. **Hot off the press:** Diane has fallen and fractured her ankle. She has to wear a moonboot for six weeks. **Rolf Trichardt** and **Terryl Abbott** have spent time in the hospital. **Edna Mocké** is also ill in hospital. **Lieketseng Senoko**, wife of Andrew, has been very ill in isolation. **Stop Press:** Sadly she passed away on Saturday 27th June. We mourn with **Andrew, Thatano** and all the family. The funeral will be on Saturday 4th July at the Cathedral. We continue to pray for healing for all who are ill at this time. Mariana Jones' mother-in-law, **Doreen Jones**, has also been in and out of hospital with a wound on her leg that won't heal.

Bishop Dintoe and Zanele's son, Dimpho, broke his collar bone whilst playing rugby.

Their daughter **Dintle**, has had all four of her wisdom teeth extracted on 29th June. Eina!

Esme Mogodi has recovered somewhat after a second knee operation in April. She has been hobbling around home on crutches, but only very recently has she been to church, but she is still walking very gently!

Sue Loupos has been having problems with bronchitis, and so she has decided not to join **Nadine and Nico Koupis** and family on their annual trip to Cyprus. In this photo is the **Koupis family** in Dubai on route to Cyprus with **Kyle van Rooyen** son of **Ianthe and Arnold** and grandson of Sue Loupos .
Kyle now lives in Dubai.

Sue also tells that Nadine's doggie, a Jack Russell died recently at the age of 15 human years. Doggie was cremated and so **Gina, Nadine's daughter and Sue's granddaughter,** said there

has to be a funeral to inter the ashes. She would be the priest and she stood there with a Bible and gave a wonderful interpretation of the interment of ashes service!
Children have such wonderful imaginations!

Dawn Huskins and her team of ladies and gents of the Jumble Sales have really been working hard. **So far they have raised about R16 000.** They have decided that they want to spend this on something to help beautify the Cathedral. They agreed that **the curtains in the St Michael's Chapel** are looking worse for wear, and they selected a tasteful fabric that will tone in well with the carpet and other fixtures. Council has approved their choice of material for the new curtains, and we look forward to seeing them soon. **The total cost is R33 000,** so if you would like to contribute something towards offsetting the balance due on the curtains, kindly contact the office at 051-4483010 or info@bloemcathedral.co.za.

In April the domestic staff attended the funeral of **Hilda Simanga,** who had worked in the kitchen and Cathedral for more years than I would like to count. She died on 31st March having often been unwell, but she always came back ready to resume her duty. **Moruti Hilary** had been ministering to her following her being not fit enough to carry on working.
Rest in peace, dear Hilda. Sandy arranged a coffin spray for her.

Bishop Dintoe has lost another sister who was buried in Kroonstad on 16th May. **Matshediso Khaile's** mother died in Steynrus recently. **Neo Ditira's** aunt passed away recently. **Mettry Hamaty** and **Latiefie Khouri's** brother, Mike Hamaty died on Sunday 5th April. The funeral took place in Johannesburg on 8th April.

The most recent death was that of **Mma Vinnie Sondiyazi,** widow of Fr Goodwin Sondiyazi, on 22nd May. She was the matriarch of the Sondiyazi family, and a huge funeral took place for her at the Cathedral on 30th May. She had lived with her daughter, **Nozipo,** for many years following the death of Fr Goodwin. She is survived by Nozipo and **Lulamile Sondiyazi.**

The sister of **Mary-Ann Damons** passed away recently. The funeral of Agnes Hendricks took place in Plettenberg Bay.
Some of you would remember **Fr Simon Aiken.** He is now Dean in the Diocese of Highveld. His mother, Estelle, passed away recently.

Our prayers and condolences go out to all those who have lost loved ones recently.

Clive Household,
the Diocesan Architect,
is to retire to Pretoria (finally!)
in August.

Go well, Clive and June!

We are going to miss your smiley face and chirps in the Cathedral office ! sniff, sniff
Editor ……..

To be a grandparent for the first time is very special!

By the smile **on Bruce Harrison's face** it shows how proud it he to be a **granddad to Marjorie Ann Zwiegers** who was born on the 16 May, premature at 36 weeks weighing 3.15kg and 45cm.

Blessings too many proud times spent with Marjorie
Bruce and Trudy…..

A few of the Anglicans that were at Baby's 80th Birthday…

BACK: Tracy and Dawn **Huskins,** Daphne **vd Merwe,** Errol **Nel,** Cheryl **Schroeter,** Dean Lazarus **Mohapi,** Basil **Schroeter,** Sue **Loupis,** Eunice **Muller,** Thelma **Moncur.**
FRONT: Sue **Tibshraeny,** Paul and Baby **Lange,** Dot **Thompson,** Ansie **Nel.**

Through the Ministers' Fraternal Organization in Bloemfontein, the Cathedral was invited to attend a showing of the movie **"God's not dead"** at Northridge Mall on Thursday 25th June. The story was about a devout Christian student, who, in his first semester at University, is required by a lecturer to sign an oath that they consider God to be dead. He could not bring himself to do this, so the lecturer insisted that he address the class with proof that there is a God. There are various people throughout the movie who, if their faith was deeper, things might have been better for them. **It is a powerful story of a young man with strong convictions who in the end, wins over the whole class.**

Alex Tlhobo, Bishop Dintoe Letloyane, Sandy Botha, Dawn and Tracy Huskins, Lerato Mohapi, Abulele Tutu, Dean Lazarus Mohapi.

Just before school closed for this term we were blessed by the children of **Grey College Pre-Primary School in Bloemfontein with lots of blankets** to give out to the poor and needy. They were very welcome as it has been quite cold here and the blankets were received with lots of smiling faces by people all over Bloemfontein. There will be an article in the next **Cathedral Visitor** with some lovely photos. Thank you so much boys!

Hannie Meiring from **Samaritaan Sentrum** and **Baby Lange** from **Cathedral Outreach**

Meet Sandy Botha's son: **Chris Botha** – who has been all over the news lately……

Chris (38) is the group MD of Media Shop in Johannesburg. He studied B.Communication here at UFS and then went on to study at the AAA College. Once you discover what really is your passion, it will drive you to succeed and excel at your job. **Also to let Jesus be your King.** He is married to Julie (nee Vos) and they have two beautiful children: Adam 8 yrs and Lauren 5 yrs.

Mother dear is very proud of her boytjie,
he has done so well in his career and his homelife.

Sandy you are allowed to be proud of your son he really has achieved a lot. **Editor:**

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, and, we are told, the birthday or establishment of the church. The effects were tremendous as we read. That was then.

But what about now?

Could we perhaps think in terms of different metaphors for the Holy Spirit. Would using different figures of speech constitute speaking in other tongues that might be applicable to our present situation? The metaphors of wind, and of tongues of fire are well-known, but perhaps they do not always make too much sense in terms of our post modern predicament, where largely we are protected from the natural wind, and tongues of fire seem a little abstract. Let's use the metaphor of electricity.

The church could be seen as the electrical equipment, with the conducting wires and regulators. The Holy Spirit could be seen as the electricity which pulsates through these conductors. Could we be very contemporary and say that often the church experiences spiritual load shedding, and therefore looks for alternate sources of power? Could it be that we have neglected maintenance of our generators and have not been able to establish new generators or power stations in time to meet the current crises? Could it be that our methods of communication as well are out of date ? Could it be that we need to update some of the machinery we rely so heavily upon?

The electricity of the Holy Spirit is that which drives the purpose for the existence of the church. If our concerns are merely for rewarding our staff for good service, for seeing what we can make out of this commodity, if we merely complain about lack of services and load shedding, could we not expect a breakdown? In short, I am asking if we as the church don't need to take a new look at the role of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our personal lives? **Do we need to be recharged with energy, rather than being charged with having been neglectful.**

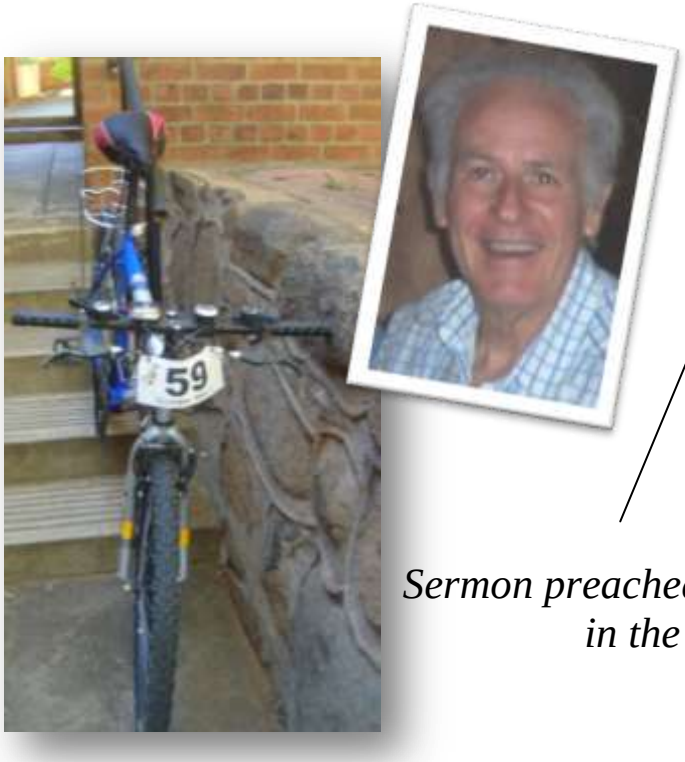
Let us look at what or who the Holy Spirit essentially is. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity. Just as the internal workings of Escom do not concern the electricity user, so a doctrinal discussion of theology would not be of much interest to the world. But practical evidence of reliability and security, with a credibility, and an authenticity in the people who claim to generate the electricity of the Holy Spirit would be more convincing. And then there might be a new appreciation of the church. We have ample teaching on how the Holy Spirit inspires, energises, motivates, directs the community to love, peace, joy, etc. But these concepts must become real and tangible and applicable and usable. Do we not need a revolution in our thinking and practice? Are we not due for a spiritual, not a political transformation?
Are we not due for a new reformation or a new reformulation? Could it be that we have relied on alternative energy sources? In the spiritual transformation, we may need to become transformers, converting the power voltage of heaven into the voltage that secular users can process.

Perhaps we have such transformers. There was the confusion that when people spoke empowered by the Holy Spirit that they were drunk. The world looks at the church and often does not see genuine fellowship in the Holy Spirit, but socialising in the spirits of the times. That is the way of the world, but is it the way of those who are relying on the Holy Spirit as the source of power in a faith community?

The objection is not so much against alcohol. That is a chemical problem. The objection is against the alternative to an authentic spirituality. Too many disgraces have affected the church by its leaders who have relied too little on the Holy Spirit.

Society is still badly affected by this abuse of chemicals, but surely the church is here to offer the divine alternative. Perhaps we have let our Lord down not only with this reliance on this alternative source of power which still causes people to write the church off, and mock its members. Perhaps this Pentecost we can look also at yet other sources of energy which we rely on instead of the power of the Holy Spirit – those could be our social status, our investments, our history of opposition to apartheid, our involvement even in good works like the Aids ministry – and we have looked at these as evidence of our success. But have we not sometimes overlooked the spiritual electricity or power, the holy spiritual dimension, the spirit of truth, of integrity, of authenticity? Do we embody compassion, care, and a sense of fairness for all, especially our employees?

Do we as a church need to be born again? I am not talking merely about an evangelical personal establishment of a relationship with God, or even of a charismatic renewal experience. Those may also be important. I am talking about the birth, the rebirth, the re-birthday, the establishment of the church now again. What is the Spirit saying to the more than seventy churches in the Diocese of the Free State? How would things change if we were truly filled with the Spirit? Would the world see, and believe? Would the spiritual current, the divine electricity merely shock us, or would it light up the world, making the people of God a light to the nation? This is not for the sake of a triumphant, militant, victorious church institution, but for the greater purpose of the kingdom of God coming here on earth as it is in heaven.



Our very own cycling ex Vicar General

*Sermon preached by **Fr Gordon Bauer** in the Cathedral*

SHOWING THE FLAG

By our lovely lady Jennifer Slade-Baker

The reason I love coach tours is because I don't have to worry about where I put my head at night and where my next meal is coming from! It's not my problem. I just want to enjoy the experience. However, there is a drawback to this idyllic way of travelling! Before the doors are opened the courier announces very firmly what time to return to the coach and affirms that laggards will not be tolerated. The great surge, as predicted, made for either the loos, tea rooms, fish and chip restaurants or a huge tourist haunt for supplies of different **Wensleydale** cheeses and assorted "must have" souvenirs from the **West Riding of Yorkshire.** I always go in the opposite direction – makes life so much more interesting. And since we were allowed two and a half hours in the lovely market town of **Skipton** I intended to make the most of it. However, one problem, it was raining. Sweeping curtains of rain.

I had set my sights on **Skipton Castle**. To gain access to the Castle one had to enter the church yard of **Holy Trinity Church**. At the entrance was a notice stating that Holy Communion was at 10.00 and everyone was welcome to participate. And so I did. I was a few minutes late and because the side chapel was full I sat at the side on a bench. After the service I was told that there was coffee available should I care for some and I duly followed everyone else, deposited my rucksack and walking stick on the floor and joined the queue. **My word! A spread of good Yorkshire hospitality and no mistake!** Beautiful cakes, buns, pastries and sandwiches to die for. I chose a sandwich with a filling of thick home cured ham. It was truly lekker! I realised that time was passing and I had better make a move if I wanted to see the Castle.

As I was zipping up my jacket against the elements I passed the Church shop and thought I would give myself five minutes to browse. I explained to the very charming lady in charge that I wanted something small and practically weightless and I found attractive packets of greeting cards that fitted the bill. On one side of my purse is a replica of the national flag and as I opened my purse to pay for the purchases the lady behind the counter said "Oh, you come from South Africa"! I said that I did. The lady said that recently she and her husband had had a most wonderful holiday hiking in the Drakensberg and were so delighted to come across a chapel on one of their walks. She told me that they had thoroughly enjoyed their visit to South Africa. **Braced by her kind words and positive experience of South Africa,** I left the delightful shop and in seeping rain turned left to visit the Castle.

And, yes, I managed to return to the coach with one minute to spare secure in the knowledge that I was not the last!

PARK RUN ON TOP OF NAVAL HILL

"Parkrun" – when thinking Parkrun, many people say I cannot do it as I have not run in years, but it is not all about running! Many people walk, some are mothers & fathers pushing prams, some are people taking their dogs for a walk / run - what is 5km between friends!

It costs nothing to register, sorry just five minutes of your time on the internet to get your barcode. Do it, it really is not that difficult. The Parkrun starts at 8am sharp every Saturday morning on the top of Naval Hill. The barcode registers your time and where you came out of the group of runners / walkers.

A parkrun is never cancelled on a Saturday no matter the weather!! Some of us still walk / run it whether there is rain, wind and or is icy cold.

Kevin & I do it for FUN and to try bettering our completion time every week. We have completed 31 Parkrun and our aim at the moment is to reach our 50th so that we can brag with the T-shirt that is supplied with a big 50 on the back!

There is an 87 year old gentleman that does the Parkrun in Bloem at a slow jog and his time is under 42min to complete the 5km – This is amazing, so come on people don't make excuses, let's see how many more of the congregation will take up the challenge – at present we are 6 in the congregation who have taken up the challenge.

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Bingo Evening – Friday 29 May 2015 – Written by Liola Boraine

The first event for 2015 being the **Bingo Evening**, this fundraising effort required some research and volunteers. I was fortunate in co-opting many volunteers who really gave of their time and resources, which made my task much easier than I initially envisaged.

We had a wonderful Bingo Evening on Friday 29 May. Not only did we give away **R17000 worth of prizes,** we also made an amazing profit of **R16200!**

I would sincerely like to once again thank the following sponsors:

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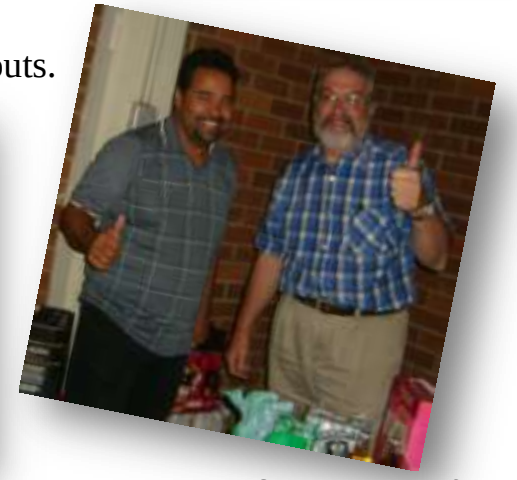
Special thanks also to **Sandy Botha, Cheryl Schroeter, Lydia Lesholi, Karin Jacobs, Spa Kabane, Yolisa Tsibolane & Deidre Elsmere** for assisting in the kitchen, to **Lerato Mohapi** for assisting with bingo call-out, and to **Rachel v/d Merwe** for her superb catering!

A big thank you to **Fabris Jacobs and Stephen Grimsley** for their hard work in keeping the bar running which made a good profit!

Also a big thanks to **Basil Schroeter** and his staff for lay-outs.



Thanks to our MC **Rick Nuttall** and **Eldrid Boraine** the caller. Also to **Rolf Du Plessis** for been at the entrance collecting tickets and giving out the Bingo cards.

Many people were very happy when they won prizes and there was more than enough to give away. There were lucky draws, first 5 lucky numbers and I'm sure everyone that came to the Bingo had lots of fun!

There was a group of young people who came to support their friend who celebrated his birthday. He had a birthday cake and all the trimmings and He was the lucky winner of the R1000 cash!

Thanks to all who supported the event. To those who missed out, please support the Cathedral **"Fun raising" events** which will allow you to meet your fellow congregants and become involved" as this is "our church!"

Women's World Day of Prayer.

This annual event [for the last 85 years] takes place on the first Friday in March. It is a service especially for women, designed and presented by women, although there seems to be a movement towards including men as well recently. Each year it is prepared by women in a different country to be used worldwide. In Bloemfontein it takes place in a different church each year, and this year it was the turn of the Catholic Cathedral next door to present the service which had been prepared by the women of the Bahamas. Needless to say it was entirely non-denominational. Each year the service booklet gives background information on the country which has prepared the service which consists of prayers, readings and hymns, and always has a 'theme'. **This year it was the text from John 13 verse 12: 'Do you know what I have done for you?'** which comes from the passage where Jesus washes his disciples' feet, emphasizing his servant status. This was re-enacted at this service.

We were addressed by a lady speaker who spoke most eloquently on the subject of servant-leadership, and the qualities and characteristics required for such a role.

The service was generally well attended, but it was no real surprise that Anglicans were conspicuous by their absence. Come on, everyone, make a promise that you will be there next year. There is always *lekker* tea and cake beforehand so you can catch up with your friends from other churches.

Written by:
Charlotte Kettle

Joke.

A little boy was waiting outside a shop for his mother when a man approached and said ***'Excuse me, sonny, but can you tell me where the Post Office is?'*** The boy replied **'It's just round that corner'.** ***'Oh thank you',*** said the man, adding ***'By the way, I'm the new priest here and it would be wonderful if you and your family could come to church on Sunday***. I can show you the way to Heaven'. The boy looked doubtful. **'Are you sure?,** he said **'You don't even know the way to the Post Office'.**

A women went to the Post Office to buy stamps -
"What denomination ?" asked the Clerk.
"Oh, good heavens ! Have we come to this" exclaimed the woman
"Well … give me 20 Baptist and 10 Catholic ones."

MEMORIES – LEGACY OF A FAMILY

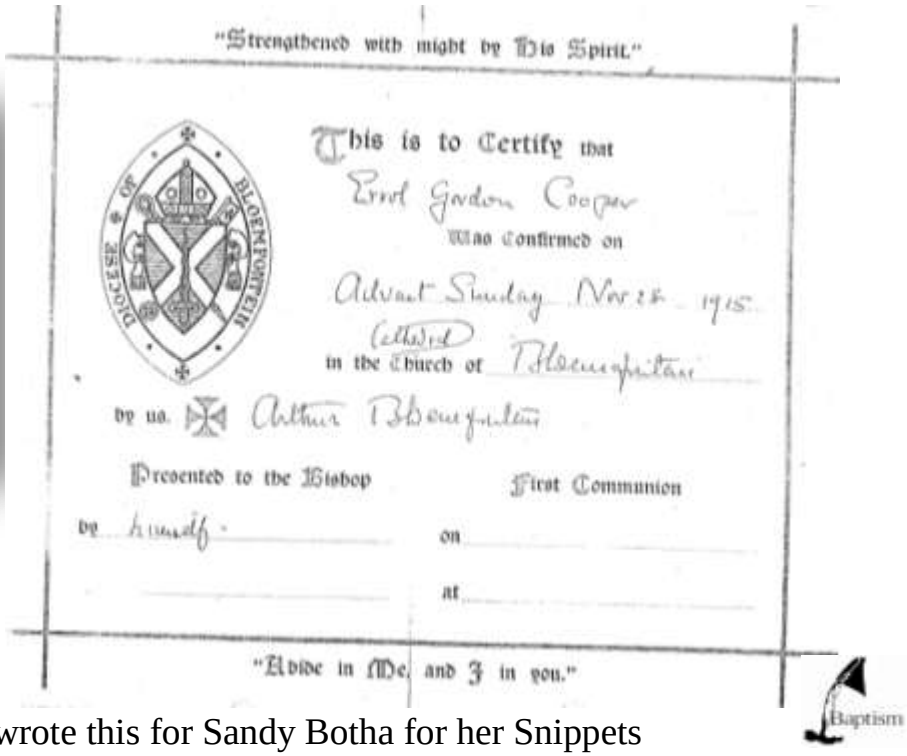
While looking through old papers, **Brian Cooper** came across his late father **ERROL GORDON COOPER'S** Confirmation Certificate issued by the Cathedral **ON 28 NOVEMBER 1915** when he was confirmed by Arthur, Bishop of Bloemfontein.

Brian said his father came from a Methodist family, who were members of the Methodist church in Bloemfontein.

When his father was 6 years old, the Anglican Bishop heard him sing and was so impressed with his voice that, with the consent of my grandmother, he became an Anglican and was appointed to the **Cathedral choir.**

That is why he and all his descendants have subsequently been confirmed as Anglican.

Errol Gordon Cooper



Brian wrote this for Sandy Botha for her Snippets but I thought it deserved its own page. Editor

*Join **Sandy Botha** - on her holiday in Australia*
(Parish Secretary and Treasure at the Cathedral)

Once my younger daughter, Michelle, had left South Africa to go and live in Brisbane, Australia, with her new husband, Ashley Cage, I decided that I just HAD to go and visit her to see where she is living and what she talks about. "Skype-ing" wasn't enough. I was lucky enough to get a Qantas flight on 13th April which flew directly to Sydney and then I caught a local flight to Brisbane, which lies north of Sydney. I arrived on 14th April in the evening and I was met at the airport by Michelle and Ashley and taken home to Manley West. I was thrilled to see their dogs again - Milo and Marmite – the boys!

Botanical Gardens

After a good night's sleep I felt no jetlag fortunately. The following weekend Michelle took me to Melbourne as she had also never been there before. The weather was cold and even rainy, but that made no difference. We did a morning tour through Melbourne, seeing St Patrick's Cathedral, China Town, the MCG and the Rod Laver Tennis Centre; the Botanical Gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance, a memorial to those who died during the World Wars. (Anzac Day is a big day in Australia).

Flinders Street Station

City Hall all lit up for the comedy Festival!

We also went on a boat tour along the **Yarra river**, after which we had lunch overlooking the river and all the buildings around there.

On the Sunday morning we walked to Victoria Markets. There is so much to see: all the fruit and veg, meat, cheeses, you name it! In the market area there were many people selling trinkets, clothes and any other bric-a-brac. I heard that there was an antique area as well, but we never found it. That evening we flew back to Brisbane, as Michelle had to work the next day. I started walking with her and the boys every evening to get to know the neighbourhood and get some exercise after all the eating! I soon learnt how to take a bus to town and then I could explore on my own. Their Botanical Gardens were amazing!

Also, I went on a personally guided tour by a Brisbane Greeter. These people volunteer their time taking people around sites which they think would be interesting to people. I was taken to City Hall, Roma Street Station gardens (also amazing!) the Governor's house, the museum with a display of the actual gowns worn by movie stars of the 40's and 50's (like Deborah Kerr, Fred Astaire, Liz Taylor and Richard Burton, Debbie Reynolds, Lucille Ball etc) which was fascinating! (I am old enough to have memories of them!)

Story Bridge

Roma Street Station Gardens

When I arrived, Michelle insisted that I see her podiatrist about my feet and shoes. I agreed and was fitted with two pairs of shoes, one for every day wear, and one to wear with a dress, so when it gets warmer, you might see me in one! The podiatrist agreed that my feet were "complicated"! All of this was paid for by my daughter! I have been so blessed to be able to walk comfortably and confidently again!

We also took Ashley's mother, who lives in New Zealand, but was visiting Ashley's sister Vanessa who lives on the Gold Coast (just south of Brisbane), to the Sunshine Coast and Montville (just north of Brisbane) which was very picturesque.

We stopped for lovely home-made fudge at a place on the way

Montville – lots of very quaint and unusual shops

We had lunch here, the restaurant is called "The Edge" and it has a spectacular view of the mountains in the distance.

On the way back we passed a dam with a nature walk near it.

One evening we even went to see a performance of Cirque du Soleil! Indeed I was very spoilt!

We also went to an "Outback Experience" which showed the way that they ride in the Outback – horses and herding cattle with dogs etc.

This photo from left to right: Ashley's sister, Vanessa, his mom Elaine, Ashley, Michelle, **me,** Oliver (6yrs), Vanessa's son, and her husband, Jodie. (All ex-South Africans!)

Three days before I was due to leave, it RAINED! About 300mm in a day! Five people lost their lives, tragically, by not heeding warnings about crossing swollen rivers.

After a very sad farewell I left for Sydney. I had booked a hotel right in the CBD so that I could walk to all the attractions that I wanted to see. First on the list (of course!) was Sydney's iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Sydney has a free circular bus service through the CBD, which was very nice at the end of the day when you are tired!

The view from the top floor of the hotel was also spectacular!

St Mary's Catholic Cathedral

Skyline of Sydney showing "The Eye"

I discovered St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral in Sydney. The organ pipes are painted and they also have beautiful stained glass windows. There was also a St Andrew's School just behind the Cathedral.

It was also nice, that while you were wandering around the Cathedrals, there was often an organist playing on the organ which added to the atmosphere.

I also discovered Queen Victoria market which had many different shops and stalls, also with cakes by Adriano Zumba (for the Mastercheffies!)

I had booked a tour to the Blue Mountains while still at home, and this was also a wonderful day but I was exhausted by the time I got home! We went to the Scenic World near Katoomba

where we took the Skyway to see the Three Sisters, as well as a waterfall. The Blue Mountains get their name from the blue haze from the eucalyptus trees.

After that we had lunch then on to the Featherbed Animal Sanctuary. It was wonderful to see the kangaroos, koalas and other animals and birds up close. His treat was a baby chicken. Ugh!

Beautiful autumn foliage in Leura.

We were allowed to feed the kangaroos
ice-cream cones filled with grass – a tasty treat!

On the way home we caught the ferry on the Parramatta River which took us back to the Circular Quay underneath the Bridge and next to the Opera House. My camera chose this moment to tell me the battery was flat!

The following day I caught the ferry to Manly Beach, and walked along the Corso looking at the shops on the way to the beach. Perfect! Enjoyed a Ben and Jerrie's ice-cream cone!

The ferry takes you past the Opera House so you get an amazing view of the city from the sea side. Then I had to bid Australia a fond farewell.
At this moment in time I am not going to emigrate there, or move anywhere else for that matter. I enjoy my job and would like to stay in Bloem for a while! Home Sweet Home!

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Also most heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly donate clean useable/saleable items. Without your generosity we would not be able to do what we do.

Written by: *Dawn Huskins* (in charge of Clothing Jumble Sales)

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St Francis of Assisi

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CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

Eldrid Boraine

A big thank you to the loyal committed Parishioners who have honoured their commitment/pledges.

Winter has set in, we have to endure the cold weather, which the Cathedral has tried to manage by switching on the oil-bar heaters under the pews to make it more bearable for parishioners to attend the **Sunday Morning Services.** As you realise that these heaters consume electricity, unfortunately we are not in a position to switch these heaters on throughout winter as the Electricity Bill will be very high, and this will impact on the limited budget which is based on the pledges and / or donations which come from the loyal committed members of the Cathedral.

The Fundraising efforts have commenced with the recently held Bingo, which was a success in fellowship and a financial gain to supplement the income of the church.

An appeal to regular members, **please attend the church functions and services and be punctual** – why are we on time to attend any other event viz; Soccer or the Cinema and yet we disrespect celebrating time with our Creator in giving one to two hours of our time to God?

Remember we should at all times respond to God's calling: when we are blessed financially, do not raise your standard of living, **RAISE YOUR STANDARD OF GIVING**! God Bless

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Dit het rerig gebeur.

Dominee doen huisbesoek in sy groot plattelandse gemeente. Sy motor breek en hy staan hulpeloos langs die pad. Dit is Julie maand koud. Toe dit beginner lig word, hou daar n motor stil en twee vistermanne laai hom op. Hy is baie dankbaar, want dit is bitter koud.
Hulle het so n entjie gery, toe die voorste passasier buk en n bottle onder die voorste sitplek uithaal, Dit is in n bruin papier toegedraai. Hy skroef die prop af, hou die bottle agtertoe en vra: " n Slukkie, Dominee?"
"Nee, dankie!" se Dominee verskrik. Die man trek sy skouers op, vat n diep teug, gee die bottle vir die bestuurder, wat ook sluk. Die man skroef die bottle toe en bere dit weer onder die sitplek. Maar dis koud.
Nie te ver nie of die man buk, haal weer die bottle uit, skroef oop, hou die bottle na agtertoe en vra: n Slukkie, Dominee:"
"Nie vir my nie, dankie," se Dominee.
Maar dis koud!
Later, toe die bottle n derde keer aangebied word,
dink Dominee dat dit darem baie koud is,
en hy sal so n ietsie vat. Hy vat die bottle, sit dit voor sy mond en laat waai.
Die volgende oomblik spoeg hy die vloeistof teen die ruit vas en se:

"

Sies! Dis dan koffie!"

FOR THE LOVE OF "MR TEDDY"

Teddy bears have played a huge part in the lives of innumerable children and grown-ups. Even after childhood when teddy has been worn into a threadbare, shapeless lump, the affection it inspired still remains. There has been a great resurgence of interest in teddy bears both new and old - **not just as objects of affection, but also as collector's items.** Teddy bear shops have sprung up all over the country and there is even a teddy bear hospital.

Margarete Steiff, a German dressmaker, got into the toy business by mistake. Her nephew decided to make a bear with moveable limbs made out of mohair, **thus inventing what soon was to be named by Americans the "teddy bear" after Teddy Roosevelt.** All stories acknowledge the very special relationship that exists between a bear and its owner.

Altogether, a teddy is the perfect companion for all who believe that their relationship with teddy bears is too precious to end with childhood. **We always need someone or something to love us.**

Now here is a lovely true story of a Mr Teddy who sits on my office desk so that anyone who needs some tender loving care can hug him and give him back.

Mr Teddy was given to me by a parishioner, **<u>Eunice Muller</u>** who got him when she was 6 yrs. old in 1937 from her Ouma Anna Burger. Her cousin had him first, but didn't need him anymore, so Eunice was just too happy to take him over and love him and he in turn gave her a lot of love. Mr Teddy who is nearly 80 years old now, has been everywhere with Eunice, when she was young, in her teens and in her married life. **What a special little bear – so when you feel like a hug, come and visit us in the parish office and get special hugs from Mr Teddy.**

WHILE WE ARE IN THE ARCHIVES – WHO KNOWS WHO ANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE:

Congratulations to Samantha and Hubby Zwiegers on their birth of their baby girl. Samantha is the daughter of **Bruce and Trudy Harrison.**

SAMANTHA

Yeeowl! Yeeowl!" We've been to Ulverston to see Euan and Zach, hosted Aedan, Maayana and Callum and separately Ben; all have been well behaved, played constructively and quietly – and yielded no little stories for a magazine article! **"***Yeeowl! Yeeowl!"* We also visited Jake in Dundee, and he also was well behaved – and started to crawl, cruise and tried to walk while we were there.

"Yeeowl! Yeeowl!" In Jake's case, I may have a possible article theme: I'm mulling it over…

"Yeeowl! Yeeowl!" Oh for goodness sake Sweep! Give over with that *Yeowlling!* **Somewhere in Sweep's ancestry is <u>Siamese</u> and over the last year, he has developed a very piercing** *"Yeeowl!"* **which he repeats five or six times.** Sometimes he wants to be fed; sometimes he wants stroking; sometimes he just wants attention; sometimes it seems to be him announcing he's arrived – and sometimes we can't see why he's making the noise at all.

Sweep is just short of 16. Depending on how you do the calculation, he's between 74 and 112 in human terms. One visitor suggested he's simply become a grumpy old man, and the *"Yeeowl!"* is a cross between **'Oh my aching joints.', 'In my day…' and 'Doesn't anyone around here care…'** What is certain is that the *"Yeeowl!"* is really penetrating: human babies have a cry which is designed to get your attention, a cry you just can't ignore, a cry which demands action. You will have experienced that kind of cry and know you can't concentrate or do anything until the child has had the required attention. When you're responsible for the child, you must leave whatever you're doing and go to them; if you're not responsible for the child, you sit there thinking **'Can't someone *do* something with that child?'**

Actually, while we were up with Jake, we experienced a little of that demanding cry – Jake was teething and so waking in the middle of the night with a cry that expected and received attention, leaving both poor Emma and Carl sleep deprived. The night after we left, they steeled themselves and left Jake to cry, monitoring him but not running to him; after 35 minutes he let go and descended into a deep sleep, waking at 7am the next day in a happy mood – Oh the joys of parenting! **Anyway, Sweep's "Yeeowl!" is as penetrating as any baby's cry and elicits the same range of responses.**

<u>And what of God?</u> Does he sit there like a distracted parent, immune to our pleas? Has he developed selective hearing? Do we need to develop a persistent and penetrating *"Yeeowl! Yeeowl!" for him to hear us?* Jesus addressed the question with a parabolic question:

> **"Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him,**
> **'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey,**
> **and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within,**
> **'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed.**
> **I cannot get up and give you anything'?** (The Bible, Luke 11.5-7)

After painting the picture of an otherwise sympathetic friend unwilling to respond because it was too much trouble, Jesus goes on to show that the persistent crying of the man in need dragged the friend from his bed to attend to the need, a kind of *"Yeeowl! Yeeowl!"* response: **"I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs."** (Luke 11.8) But our heavenly Father is not like this. He does not need *"Yeeowl! Yeeowl!"* to draw his attention to our need; instead: **"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek,**

and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." (Luke 11.9-10)

Like a parent whose caring response may not necessarily be the one the child demanded but none the less had heard their child in love, **so God hears us in love and delights to respond, giving us what we need – which may not be the same as that for which we asked!** The problem with the baby's cry or the cat's *"Yeeowl! Yeeowl!"* is that neither pauses to listen. They are so busy trying to get the attention and response they have predetermined that they miss the warm and loving response that even preceded their cry for help and attention – the parent was already monitoring the child, the cat was already fed – **and we are so busy telling God he's not listening, that we fail to hear and receive his prior loving response.**

Praying that you may hear the loving response of God in Christ before you have even framed the question and know that in all your tribulations, you are held in his arms of love.

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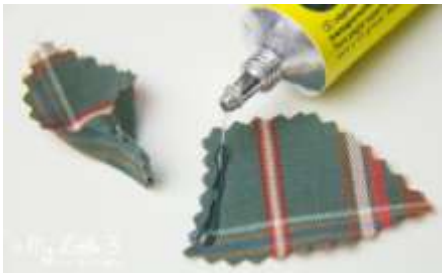
– Cutting the top of a soda bottle (example: Coke etc.) is a great way to make a pencil cup. Or fill with sweets or hair clips etc.

1. **Cut the bottom of two cooldrink bottles**
2. **Take a zip and glue onto the bottle**
3. **Put eyes on the top**

To Make Pinecone Reindeer



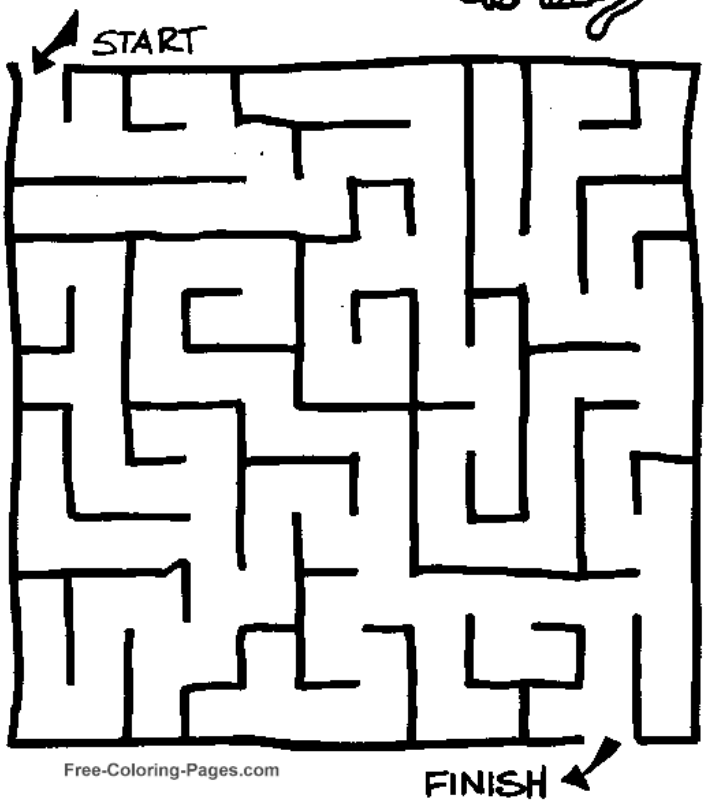
1. First of all we cut a bit of ribbon and glued it on to the bottom of the pinecone to make a hoop for hanging the finished reindeer onto the Christmas tree. I love using UHU glue for projects like this because it dries clear and really quickly too.
2. We twisted the pipe cleaners into the shape of antlers. You can make these as big or small as you like. My boys opted for little antlers because they thought they were 'sweeter'! And we cut some little fabric shapes to make the reindeer's ears.
3. To finish off the Reindeer's ears we glued along the flat edge and pinched it together to give it a more realistic shape.
4. Then it's just a case of choosing your eyes size and your nose and sticking them on!

We made quite a few different Pinecone Reindeer ornaments and each one seemed to have its own personality!

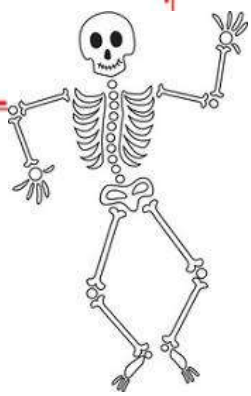
Hullo Children

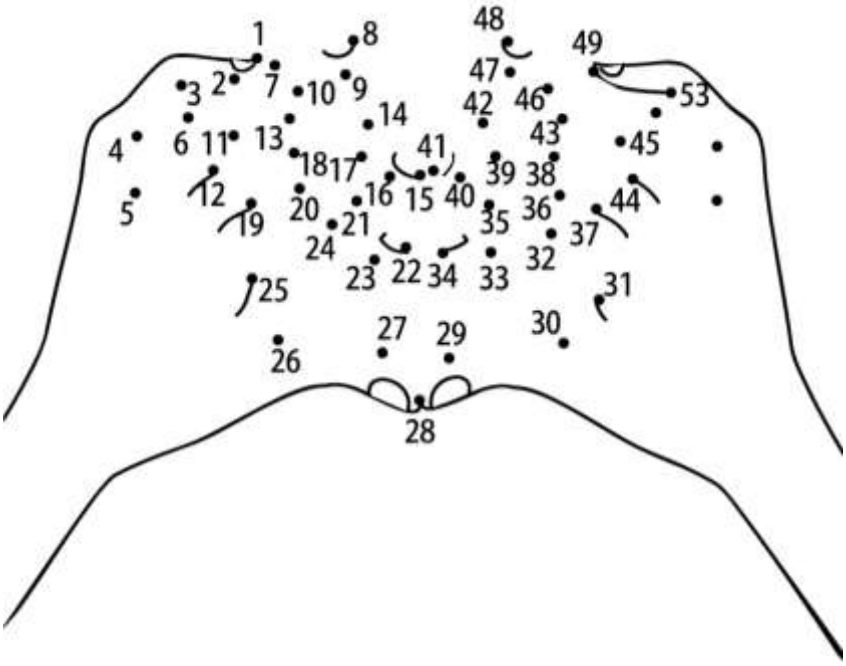
Why did Tigger stick his head in the toilet?
He was looking for Pooh.

Help Old Blue
find his way
through the maze.



Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?
He had no body to go with!





AUGUST CALENDAR

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Sunday	**30 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist Bopanang	**2 18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	**9 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD – PUBLIC HOLIDAY** 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	**16 20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** 07h30 – Holy Eucharist PARISH BREAKFAST 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	**23 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist
Monday	**31** 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	**3** 17h30 – Holy Eucharist	**10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Laurence** 17h30 – NO SERVICE	**17** 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	**24 ST BARTHOLOMEW** 17h30 - Holy Eucharist
Tuesday		**4** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta	**11** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street	**18** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 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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	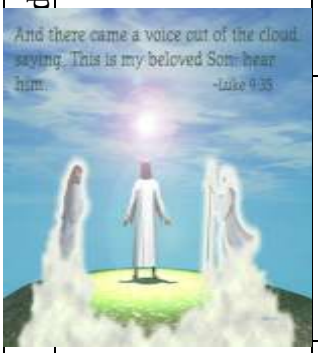	**6 THE TRANSFIGURA-TION OF OUR LORD** 09h30 - Holy Eucharist 18h00 - AWF	**13** 09h30 - Holy Eucharist 17h30 - EXCO	**20 Bernard of Clairvaux** 09h30 – Holy Eucharist	**27** 09h30 – Holy Eucharist
Friday		**7 Dominic** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	**14** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**21** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**28 Augustine** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist 18h00 for 18h30 – International Evening
Saturday	**1** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	**8** 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	**15 ST MARY THE VIRGIN** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**22** 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	**29 The Beheading of St John the Baptist** 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
Thursday	**9:30**
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. Tea is also served in the Hall after the 09h00 service – join us!

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

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HOSPITAL VISITING

PLEASE NOTE: We always want to support Cathedral members and their family and friends who might be sick at home or in hospital. The clergy treat this ministry as a high priority **BUT** can only visit or pray for you if we know that you are not well. Please be sure to inform us of this need.

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