

# The Cathedral Visitor

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



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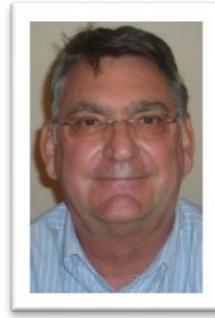
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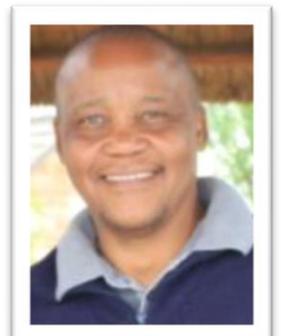
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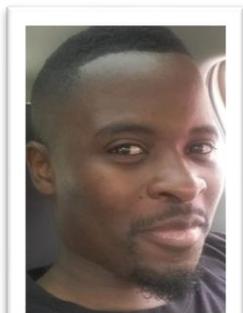
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Dear friends in Christ,

## Dealing with conflict



GRACE AND PEACE  
IN ABUNDANCE  
TO YOU.

(1 PETER 1-2)

First of all I would like to express our great thankfulness to God and to all the people who soaked my daughter Lerato in prayers. I love hymn 200 from Mission Praise **“Great is thy faithfulness all I have needed your hand has provided”**.

One of the topics I address when I do marriage preparation is dealing with conflict and how to resolve it. I sometimes go to the point of asking the couple whether they have had any conflicts and without divulging any information, I also ask them how they have solved some of the problems they have had and the lessons learned.

All of us can attest to the fact that we have had some conflicts with someone in life. That is natural. The Bible prescribes a solution for us how to resolve conflict as Christians and even how to forgive. **“No, not seven times,” answered Jesus, “but seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:22)**. We should avoid making problems, becoming hysterical and not resolving them in a Christian manner.

The Anglican Church has what is called **“The Shepherd of the Flock”** which is a Code of Conduct booklet. I recommend that we should all obtain a copy as it is a wonderful tool in helping to resolve problems. For the last two years at the Dean’s conference we were blessed to have been addressed on Canon Law. It is sad that sometimes the church has resorted to the legal way of sorting some of the problems eg. going to CCMA; Labour Courts and Arbitration - money that could’ve gone into resourcing ministry is used for legal battles. I think we need to lament this way of sorting out our conflicts. **We are called to be the light and the salt in the world.**

In the heat of a dispute, one of the most difficult things to do is agree to disagree. Although we may finally say, let’s just drop it, secretly we cling to our position. If the opportunity arises to press our point, we gladly jump on it. Letting a legitimate disagreement continue without antagonism or animosity is a sure sign of great wisdom and maturity.

St. Polycarp A.D. 155 was one of the earliest leaders of the Christian Church, and was taught directly by St. John the evangelist, he himself trained many famous disciples, including St. Irenaeus. When a controversy arose over the date for Easter, St. Polycarp was selected by the Asiatic churches to travel to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus. Although St. Polycarp and Pope Anicetus could not come to accord on the date, they did agree that local tradition should be

maintained. Their agreement to disagree has continued even to the present, with Eastern and Western churches celebrating Easter on different days.

When we are involved in an argument, let us remember that we don't live in a black-and-white world. Not every question has a single right answer. If we feel certain we've found the right answer, we must allow others that same freedom of conscience. That's not to say we have to be doormats. We can express our views. We can even try to convince others. But if we realize we will never be able to agree, then, like St. Polycarp and the Pope, we must politely and respectfully agree to disagree.

Do I like to argue for argument's sake?



Yours in Christ

The Very Rev Lazarus M Mohapi



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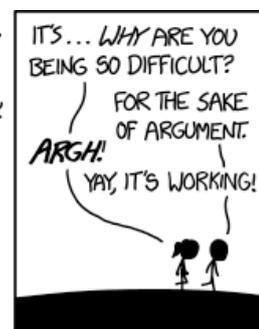
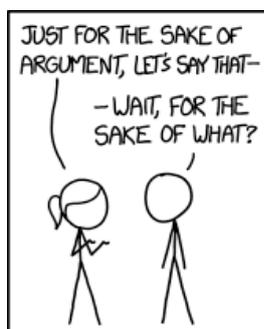
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## SNIPPETS (SNOOP-ETS?)

*Sandy and her favourite son Chris Botha*



The recent fires in Knysna have been on everyone's mind: We were very worried about **Bishop Paddy and Kirsty Glover** and also **Fr Don and Pat Narraway**, who both live in Knysna. Just after the fire Bp Paddy phoned to tell us that they were all safe and their properties had not been affected. Fr Don and Pat were away at the time, so Bp Paddy had been to their home to see if there had been any damage. Praise God the fires had stopped across the street from them!



A piece of good news is that **Bp Paddy and Kirsty** won the prize for the best waltz in a recent competition!

As if that wasn't enough, **the City Hall in Bloemfontein** was burnt down by municipal workers demanding a pay increase. Priceless records of "The Friend" newspapers and the Drama Library apparently succumbed to the flames.



**Manneheng Raphuthing** completed the Two Oceans and Comrades Marathons! Congratulations!



There was a riveting production of *Women of Troy*, based on Euripides' *Trojan Women* recently at the Wynand Mouton Theatre.

**Boitumelo Mohutsioa** a second-year student, took part. The play highlights the plight of women in society. She used to be Head Server at the Cathedral and is the daughter of **Matthews (Shakes) Mohutsioa**.



*Nicole Grobler, Nobulali Nkayi, Boitumelo Mohutsioa, Estia Hendriksz and Claudia Herbst.*  
PHOTO: ESTÉ STRYDOM

**NEWS OF "OLD" CATHEDRAL MEMBERS:**



**Ernie Fallows** had a stent put into his heart on 6<sup>th</sup> February and the Doctors have now discovered that he has bone marrow cancer. He is taking oral chemo and he and **Annie** still live in Parys.

**Clarence and Edith Emslie** celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Clarence was also Head Server at the Cathedral, although many more years ago than Boitumelo!



At the end of February we had a surprise visit from **Winnie Stainton** and her daughter **Lynette**! Lynette lives in the UK and Winnie in Port Elizabeth. **Lorraine**, her other daughter, lives in Canada. Unfortunately, soon afterwards, Winnie passed away. The funeral was on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Winnie had always been involved in the Church Bazaars at the needlework stall and baking for the cake stall. Her father-in-law was Bishop Stainton of Lesotho.



Note from editor: As co-incidences happen, Sandy was baptised by Bp Stainton in Leribe Basutoland, in 1947!



We had a surprise visit from **Regina Usher** on 6<sup>th</sup> July. She looks so well and told us that her daughter Annelize has left South Africa with her family for New Zealand, so now she only has one child left in SA! Brent and Sheena live in Brisbane Australia.

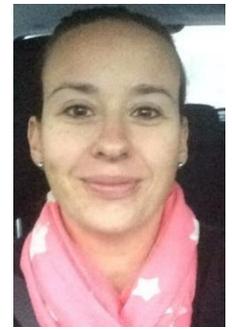
**Anne Ochse** has left Bloemfontein for Rustenburg where her son **Anton**, lives. She is very happy there.

**Kathy and Kevin Corrigan** bought her cottage at Gratijs in Dan Pienaar.



**Doreen Ralane** awoke one morning to find a snake in her bed! She must have got a terrible fright!

**Pam de Vries** enjoyed visiting her daughter **Taryn** who lives in New Zealand. Taryn had a bouncing baby girl, Noa, sister for **Jared**, who loves her very much! Pam will be relocating to Kimberley in August to be close to her son.



**Pam**

**Jared & Noa**

**Taryn (mom)**

**Basil Schroeter** has retired as Estate Manager at the Cathedral. **Cedric Mageta** has replaced him and is quickly finding his feet. Basil had to have two stents inserted into his arteries on 18<sup>th</sup> May. He has been feeling much better since, except for a bad bout of bronchitis. **Cheryl** continues to work in the office as receptionist.



Retired



New **Estate Manager** (*not that young anymore !*)



Receptionist

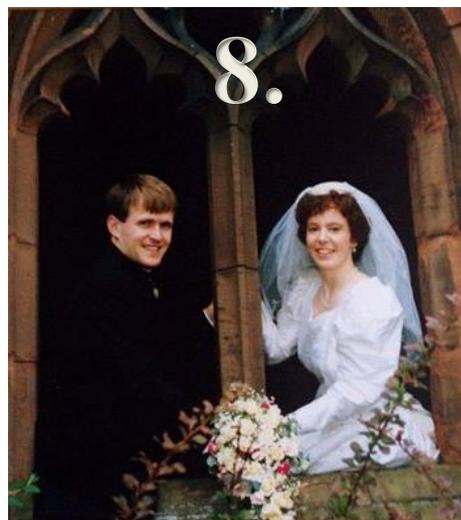
**Nozipo Sondiyazi** has retired from the Department of Health, and is looking forward to spending more time relaxing. She has just returned from a trip to Atlanta as a Rotarian, and said that she just gets used to where things are in Atlanta, and it's time to come home again!



WE HAVE HAD A SUCCESSION OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:



1. **Sam and Bebe Marais** have been married for 59 years on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Sam has been a Lay Minister for 32 years!
2. **Chris and Carol Ashman** were married for 56 years on 18<sup>th</sup> February.
3. **Fr David and Ann-Louise Tanton** were married for 53 years on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
4. **Joan and Richard Marston** have been married for 46 years on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
5. **Kevin and Liz Soderlund** have been married for 43 years on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
6. **Stephen and Elrita Grimsley** have been married for 40 years on the 11<sup>th</sup> June.
7. **Fabris and Karin Jacobs** have been married for 27 years on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
8. A couple celebrating their silver wedding anniversary is **Fr Michael and Ruth Everitt!** On July 18<sup>th</sup> they had been married for 25 years!



**Natasha Simons** graduated on 21<sup>st</sup> June with an Honours degree in Marketing and Economics.



Her aunt, **Maureen Simons**, Senior Priest in Christ the King Diocese, came down specially to attend this ceremony.

**Ncita van Rooyen** obtained 4 distinctions and her twin sister **Kayla** obtained 5. Clever girls!



**Muriel Helmes'** grandson, **Dylan Cilliers**, graduated with a B.Acc degree and is currently studying for an Honours degree.

His brother, **Kyle**, was chosen FBI School Chef of the Year at the Food and Beverage Institute in 2016.



On March 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 before **Wolf Helmes** passed away he officially reopened his Delta Service Station Fresh Stop premises that had taken a few years to be altered.

**Lerato Mohapi** has experienced bad health in the last months. At Christmas time she had to have an emergency appendix operation and then later it was discovered that she had a tumour on the brain. Fortunately, the tumour was benign, but Fr Lazarus and the family had an anxious time until the results were made known.

She has recovered well, praise the Lord!



**Molly Ann Beattie** had to have a hip replacement on 13<sup>th</sup> February. She is much better. **June Househam** is doing much better. It was thought that she had an aneurism, but fortunately it was just the widening of a vein.

**Baks Mogodi** was involved in an accident at the end of February. Someone bumped into his bakkie and it had to be written off. He was very shocked afterwards. **Neo**, his sister, now goes to Eunice, and is playing netball and tennis Nationals.

After the Bingo evening on 26<sup>th</sup> May, **Daphne van der Merwe** went home with **Norine van Arkel** in her car, and they experienced the shock of a flat tyre and clutch problems late at night, fortunately not too far from where Daphne lives. They were both a bit shocked after the episode.

A newcomer to the Cathedral is **Billy Tom**. He has come to Bloemfontein as General Manager: Inland region of Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa. He said that as a student he had the opportunity to work as a part-time truck driver at the local Coca-Cola depot, and has worked his way up from there over 20 years! His wife, **Cikizwa**, and children **Inga and Ami**, came with him to Bloemfontein. Welcome!



**PARENTS**



**Caleb Hendricks**, son of **Percy and Amanda Hendricks**, was selected to represent St Andrews for the Mangaung Metro under 11 cricket team.



**Sindi Marogoa** has finished with night duty at last!



**Bafana and Mpho Ngwenya**

were fortunate enough to travel to the UK last year in December 2016. They really enjoyed seeing all the sights!

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 **Mpho** graduated for her Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration. Here is a photo of her taken with the Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Free State.



Oranje Meisieskool celebrated their 109<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Womens' Memorial recently. There were many old Oranje girls there. **Marleen Webber** was there for her Reunion. She has retired and moved to Betty's Bay last year.



**Brian Carter's** grandson Warren Crampton got married in April and here is the wedding photo with Kenny and Sharon (Brian's daughter), Lucia and Warren and Brian.



**Keith and Liz Soderlund** at St Andrews School on the 12<sup>th</sup> May for Granny and Grandpa day.



**The Bishop Dintoe Letloenyane and Rev Kevin Zondagh** from the Methodist Trinity Church supported a rally in Bloemfontein.

Great news! **Basil Schroeter** and **Cheryl's** younger daughter **Donae Lombard** is pregnant again! This is totally unexpected as when **Bella** was born a year ago, she had tried IVF, but in the end, that wasn't necessary either! Congratulations!



News from Australia is that **Sandy's** grandson **Liam**, has cut his first two teeth! As with all things Liam, these teeth are upper ones and not lower ones as normal. He continues to love his aqua therapy as well as his teddy bear, Tristan, given to him by the Epilepsy Foundation! They (**Ashley, Michelle and Liam**) will be coming to SA for a visit at the end of October.



On May 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 **Gertie van der Sijde** enjoyed her 102nd birthday with special friends, and a beautiful birthday cake made by **Jeneen Grimsley** and was so thankful for the lovely birthday card made by **Sandy Botha** and signed by many well-wishers from the Cathedral. Lovely to have our **Dean** with all his children, **Dawn and Tracey, Richard and Joan** to sing Happy Birthday to her. As recorded by **Joan Marston** on the Cathedral Facebook.



Richard and Joan Marston with Gertie.



Delysia Hoehne, Dean Lazarus Mohapi and Gertie.

**Jillian Mludek** on June 18 being stripped of her rank and then been promoted to President of Bloemfontein District.

*Congratulations!*



**The Parkrun in Bloemfontein** is really taking off – there are quite a few of our members taking part on Saturday mornings – for you that I (Cheryl) can't catch on Facebook send me some photos. Would love to see how many of our congregation like to take part and keep fit !!!!



'Manneheng Raphuthing



Wayne Beelders



Virginia Scott



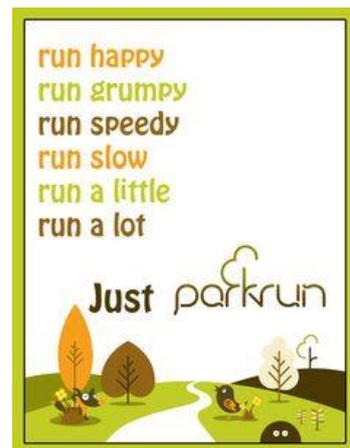
Kathy de Wit and Kevin Corrigan



Fr Deon Lombard



Wayne (dad), Andrew and Ryan Beelders



**Kathy De Wit's son,**  
**JJ and Danielle Nella Benade**  
 got engaged on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.  
 JJ was head boy of **St Andrews School**  
 in Bloemfontein in 2012.



Wishing you both everything of the best!  
 Another chapter in your lives starts today.



As mentioned before **Winnie Stainton** visited at the end of February Bloemfontein and has since passed away. She found time to visit her long, long friend **Sue Loupos** and the family.

**Revd William Mostert** (who had served at The Cathedral at the time of his ordination as priest) has been consecrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> February as the **Bishop at Christ the King Diocese.** Here he is with **Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.**



At the Bazaar in 2016 one of our sponsors was Maison Costa with a voucher for a “gents cut and blow-wave”. **Les van Heusden** won it and kindly gave it to **Basil Schroeter** the caretaker at the time. So here is Basil with his haircut which was cut by one of the members of the congregation **Marlien Onderstall** from Maison Costa Preller Square.

**Jean Prophet** was involved in an accident in Dan Pienaar recently. Her car has since been written off. She has bought a new small car and is slowly regaining confidence to travel around again. Bonnie likes the car.



**Sylvia van der Merwe turned 90 on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.** The family held a birthday lunch for her on the Saturday. She also spent a lovely time with a few friends and family on the 21<sup>st</sup> popping in for tea and friendship. She spent the lunch with her son, **Peter van der Merwe** and daughter, **Virginia Scott**. Then there were some grandchildren, **Samantha Beelders**, Katherine Smeda, Joanne Scott and Kyle van der Merwe plus great-grandchildren, **Ryan, Andrew and Kyra Beelders** and Richard and Alex Smeda. Husbands, **Wayne Beelders**, John Smeda and fiancée, Emma Crous, were there too! And so was Sylvia's son Michael's (who passed away 14 years ago,) wife Norma van der Merwe.



I see that **Dipiloane Phutsisi** one of our Lay Ministers has been in the news again – someone sent her this photo and wrote on her Facebook in July 4<sup>th</sup>----- I am proud to be part of this progressive institution (MOTHEO TVET COLLEGE). We have done it again, another award in Switzerland. Thank you Principal **Dipiloane Phutsisi** for your inspiring leadership.



Dorcias Tutu



Two oceans half marathon, done & dusted.

Hard work pays.

Thabo and Dorcas Tutu - Dec 2016

## NEWS FROM BLACKBURN:



The team that was selected to represent the Free State Diocese in Blackburn left on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

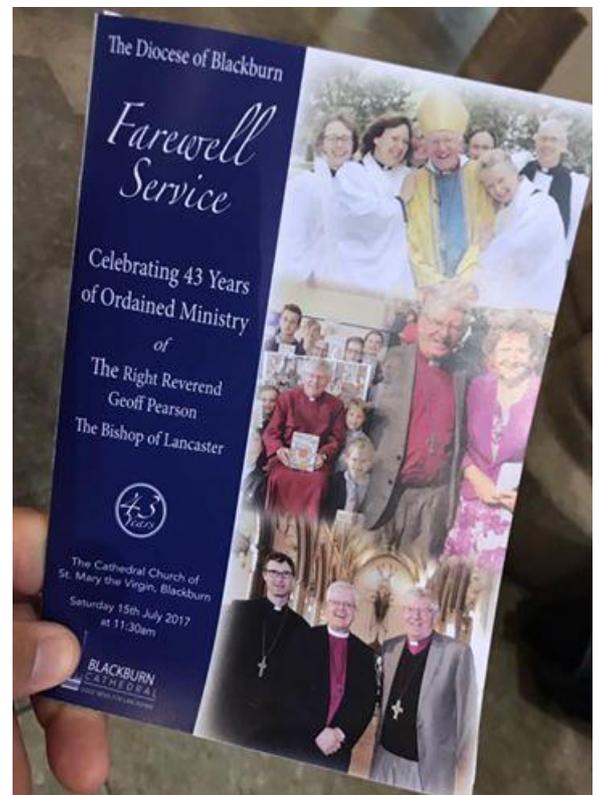
Some of the team is **Tlago Molokoane** from the Cathedral, **Fr Kgosi** and his wife, **Sandy**, from St Margaret's, **Thapelo Mabule** from Mosamaria and **Fr Isaac Kalake** from Holy Cross.

They will be away for a month and have many talks and visits to fulfil.

THIS WILL NOT BE A HOLIDAY FOR THEM!



[St James Church Lower Darwen.](#)



More news from Blackburn is that they have a new Dean, **Peter Howell-Jones**.

**Canon John Hall** celebrated 30 years as a priest on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Bp Geoff Pearson** retired on 15<sup>th</sup> July. The group from Bloemfontein were fortunate enough to be there to celebrate with him.



? Thapelo



Tlago



Thapelo, Fr John, Fr Kgosi and Fr Isaac

1. **Gwendolene Jacquire** was admitted to hospital recently for a small procedure. She is home now and fully recovered.
2. **Elaine Hickling** has stopped the oral chemo and is now on a different treatment.
3. **Sandy Anderson** is not very well and is on dialysis.

Please continue praying for the sick everywhere.



**Oratile Maimane** was in a car accident in December. We hope he has fully recovered.



**Sharon Ogilvie** lost her brother, **Roger Adams** on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Recently she travelled to Cape Town to take part in a race at the University of the Western Cape which would be held in memory of her late brother. He was the founder member.

**Samuel Melamu**, husband of **Valerie**, passed on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. His funeral was at St Patrick's on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Fr Michael Masisi's** father-in-law, **Piet Ncela**, passed on in Ficksburg. He was buried from the Roman Catholic Church on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Goitsemodimo Oliphant** passed on. The funeral took place in Warrenton at St Peter's Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**Fr Lazarus'** brother-in-law passed on. Fr Lazarus took a few days leave so as to help his sister with the funeral arrangements. The funeral took place on 8<sup>th</sup> July in Heilbron.

**Mpho Mokoena's** brother Jonas Mokoena passed away on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July in Qwa Qwa.

WE ARE LOSING OUR OLDER GENERATION:

The gracious **Doreen Jones**, mother of **Fr Gareth Jones** in King Williams Town, passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Right till the end she would phone and as a past AWF member, help with the eats provided for birthday teas at Bayswater Village Old Age Home, where she lived.





**Wolf Helmes** passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> April. He is sadly missed by his wife **Muriel**, and their daughters and grandchildren. (See elsewhere). His funeral was on 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Cathedral.

**Blanche Haddad**, another very active lady in the life of the Cathedral, also passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> June. She was active with The Girl Guides and Anglican Womens' Fellowship. She served as Diocesan President of the AWF in the 1990's. Her favourite charity organization was the Red Cross and she was also very active in the Reps at the Civic Theatre. The memorial service for Blanche was held at Bayswater Village on 8<sup>th</sup> June.



Another sadness was the death of **Richard Morris**, the husband of **Lettie** and father of the **late Reggie, Cecilia and Louise**. His funeral took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June from the chapel at Rosenheim, Fichardt Park, where they lived. Richard was an Old Grey boy and also Free State chess champion 11 times! He had a very dry sense of humour and was known around the world as "Mr Chess Free State". He was very involved in spreading the love of chess through all the schools in the Free State and many champions have been tutored by him. Cecilia lives in New Zealand and was watching the service on Skype. The technology these days is amazing! Louise lives in Melbourne, Australia, and came to support he mother at this sad time.

Charlottes mother **Elizabeth Belsey** passed away in **Chislehurst, Kent, England** on 20.07.2017 after a short illness. Charlotte having travelled over to UK in the knowledge that her mother was not well and her death was therefore not entirely unexpected. She was 105 years old and had been living in an old age home for the past few years. Until very recently she has been incredibly well and mentally very with it, doing crosswords and Sudko.

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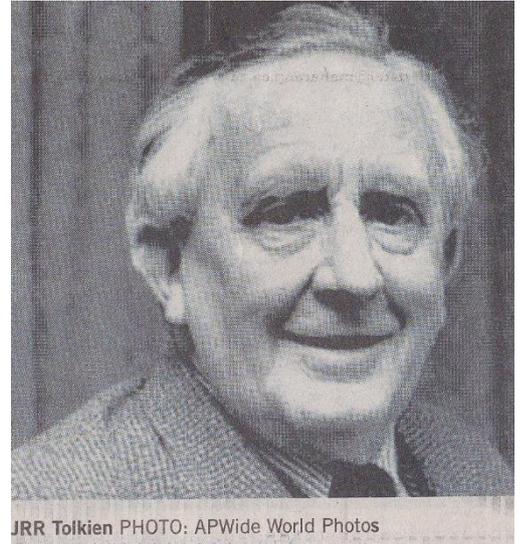
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## DID YOU KNOW?

**John Ronald Reuel Tolkien** was born in Bloemfontein on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1892? He has a special tie to the Cathedral as he was baptised here shortly afterwards, as was his brother Alfred. **JRR Tolkien** was taken to England by his mother when he was 3 years old for a lengthy visit, which turned out to be permanent. His father Arthur, however, died here in Bloemfontein, and his grave is to be seen in the Old Cemetery on the other side of the hill. JRR Tolkien became a writer, poet, philologist, and university professor who is best known for his classic high-fantasy works *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. He died on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1973 at the age of 81.



## DID YOU KNOW?

That **St Michael's School** for Girls became the second-best school in the Free State?



## DID YOU KNOW?

That Lion King Educare that has been situated on the Cathedral grounds for the past 5 years has now relocated to bigger premises up the road? The premises at the Cathedral had been rented to, and run by **Karin Jacobs**, a lay minister, who has taken the “crèche” to higher levels of excellence. We wish her all the blessings of the Lord and may they grow from strength to strength!



## #2017- THE YEAR OF THE YOUTH.

**The youth ministry has certainly grown and this is evidenced by the many young people both in the Sunday school and the Sunday services.** This is certainly the strongest the Cathedral youth has ever been.

**It is worth noting two historic events.** The first was our **Valentines party**, that the young people arranged on their own and it turned out to be a wonderful time of fellowship and excitement. The other historic event was the **visit by St Margarets youth** to our youth. What an amazing evening we had interacting, playing games and just enjoying clean fun. We will be visiting them soon and also hope to invite **St Phillips** so we can arrange a combined youth service.

We catered for two functions where the camaraderie and excitement was absolutely amazing. **Friendships are forged and our young people simply love the interaction.** Whenever we meet on Fridays we try and make it exciting and meaningful.

Last week I watched a recording of two of our Sunday services in 2008. My son was the Head Server at that stage, however what struck me was the amount of people who were in the church on those occasions who have since passed on. This therefore impresses on us the urgency to retain our young people. It was also a stark reminder of the transience of life.

**We need to be cognisant of the fact that the youth is the future of this church, we need to support and embrace them without insecurities.** We need to keep them happy in the fold of this Parish as we would want this church to remain a living, vibrant place of worship and not eventually become a LIFELESS monument. Our dear **Bishop Dintoe** constantly refers to the role of our youth as he realizes that they are the future of the church. Our **Archbishop has had numerous discussions about the church retaining our youth and doing everything in our power to keep them in the fold.** Maybe the church should have a “retirement” age for serving on the Council, as is the case with Priests. This will ensure a constant flow of young people in the leadership of the church. This will also ensure that the church stays in touch with our young people and they are not lost to us, as has been the case for the past few years. They simply move on to other churches where they are allowed to make a difference.

At the last Provincial Synod a decision was taken that the leadership of the church should consist of 25% of the youth. This year has also been declared the year of the youth and this includes children. **At the last Vestry meeting Kayla Jacobs and Lucky Mohutsioa were elected to serve on the Council as fully fledged members.** It is inevitable that our young people will eventually be at the helm of the leadership of the church, whether people want to accept it or not. Change is difficult but inevitable and our young people should be given the platform to bring new ideas to the table. They should be allowed to voice their opinions without fear of being labelled as obnoxious or cheeky, simply because people are not willing to move with the times. In many other churches the youth is vibrant and involved simply because they are given the platform to bring ideas to the table.

**This therefore leaves us with no questions as to the very important role our young people have to play.** We would like to thank Cheryl who is always willing to assist us with copies etc. We would also like to thank **Fr Michael** who always has an encouraging word for our young people and who they have learnt to trust. **To you young people I would like to say, be the light that illuminates. You can make a difference in however small a way. You are the future of this church.**

Written by: **Karin Jacobs**

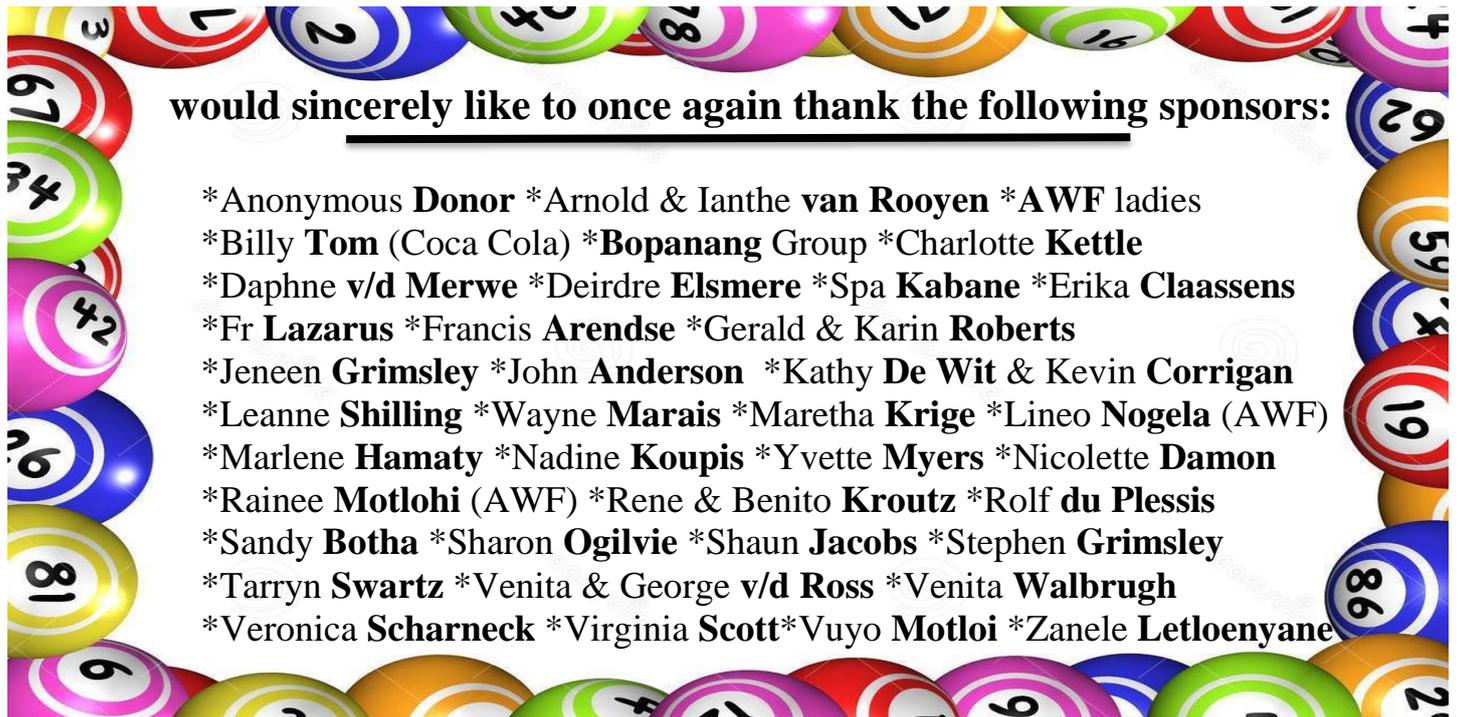






The first event for 2017 being the Bingo Evening, this fundraising effort required some research and volunteers. I was fortunate in co-opting many volunteers who really gave of their time and resources, which made my task much easier than I initially envisaged.

We had a wonderful Bingo Evening on **Friday 26 May 2017** which was fun filled with more than 130 people attending, despite the weather! Not only did we give away **R22000 worth of prizes**, we also made an amazing profit of **R 14915.00**



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

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- \*Sandy **Botha** \*Sharon **Ogilvie** \*Shaun **Jacobs** \*Stephen **Grimsley**
- \*Tarryn **Swartz** \*Venita & George **v/d Ross** \*Venita **Walbrugh**
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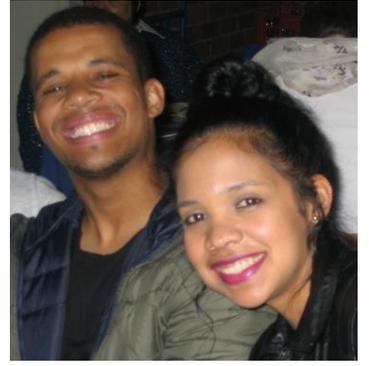
Special thanks also to **Rolf du Plessis** for the Door Control, **Veronica Scharneck** for donating money towards catering, **Sandy Botha**, **Cheryl Schroeter**, **Lydia Leshosi**, **Deirdre Elsmere**, and **Venita v/d Ross** for assisting in the kitchen, to **Lerato** and **Molly** for assisting with bingo call-out, and to **Rachel v/d Merwe** for her superb catering!

A big thank you to **Stephen and Fabris** for their hard work in keeping the bar running which made a good profit! Also a big thanks to **Cedric** our new caretaker for the hall lay-out and his helper **Justice**, to the kitchen staff (**Suzan and Anna**) for putting out of cutlery.

Many people were very happy when they won prizes and there were more than enough to give away. There were more than 30 lucky draws, we played first 5 lucky numbers and I'm sure everyone that came to the Bingo had lots of fun! 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!"



Written by: **Liola Boraine**



## BLANCHE HADDAD

These are a few reflections on a relationship we had with our dear friend, Blanche. Our first encounter was soon after we had arrived in Bloemfontein when Blanche was the **Secretary of the Bloemfontein Repertory Society**. It was when we went to an audition for a play in 1970. We found a very efficient lady who had a strong hold on that very productive amateur dramatic society of which she was a founder member I believe. A year later, I was among a 'new guard' of Reps Councillors and our personalities clashed. However, as in such cases, we got to know each other on the Committee and a life-long friendship developed.



Blanche did more than simply keep the minutes of the Bloemfontein Reps Committee, she took an active part in many aspects of this society including **Stage Managing, Prompting**, and, on one occasion, a **small role on stage!** She was **Chairman** for a few years and a loyal member from when this society began in 1936.

As we know she took an active part in the life of the **Bloemfontein Cathedral** until she was confined to Bayswater Retirement Village where I ministered to her, among others. When she was still living in a one-bedroom cottage she told me a rather harrowing experience she had one day when she fell in her bath and could not lift herself out. Only after shouting and getting the attention of someone walking outside was she able to get out!

Unfortunately, she gradually lost the ability to walk and had to move into the Care Centre at the Village. We still had regular meetings, this time in an **Anglican group** that used to meet on Fridays in the Library where she was a regular attendant and contributed in our discussions after the Eucharist service.

I was privileged to have been asked to say **the Grace at her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration** which she had at a meal with friends at the Village. She used to attend the various denominational services held at the Village in their small hall.

When we moved to Johannesburg we lost personal contact although I was kept informed of her failing health. Needless to say, our lives have been made the richer for having known Blanche.

May her soul rest in peace.

Fr David Tanton

Another successful Murder Mystery under our belts...  
The Brie, the Bullet and the Black Cat.  
What fun we had with all the family.  
— with David and Anne-Louise Tanton,  
Frieda De Necker Tanton, Paul Tanton,  
Colleen Beth Davis,  
Isabelle Steve Tanton, Geoff Tanton  
and Sue De Witte.



# JUMBLE SALE



## PRAISE AND THANKS TO OUR LORD for our **successful** sales

The sales are held monthly and with the money raised we have been able to fund six Trestle Tables. These will be used for various church functions. We were thrilled to be able to do this as the tables are much needed.

Now we are looking at our next project – needless to say the list is endless. As to what we eventually decide upon ~ wait for the next exciting edition of the Cathedral Visitor.

Once again a **very big thank you** to our “**JS Team**”. They work really hard and are always so cheerful. It’s lovely to hear the chatter and the laughter which in turn attracts customers to our sales as the atmosphere is relaxed and happy.

**One and all bring something very special to the sales**

To our congregants who have generously donated jumble a very big Thank You as it’s thanks to your donations that we are able to hold these sales.

Written by: *Dawn Huskins*



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## EPHESIANS 4: 31 – 32

“BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER ..... “

The indicator in the Domestic Departure lounge of Johannesburg International Airport suddenly showed “**Flight to Bloemfontein delayed**”. I couldn’t believe it! I had already had a wait of four hours after a 19 hour flight from London Heathrow and now this! On enquiry I was informed that SA Express was unable to find a crew to fly the plane to Bloemfontein! I promptly phoned the friend who was supposed to meet me at 7.50 p.m. and prepared myself to spend the night in great discomfort until SA Express was able to produce a flight crew! I drew comfort from the fact that I was not the only passenger inconvenienced.

Two hours later another notice flashed on the screen indicating that all passengers for Bloemfontein should proceed to gate whatever. There was a mini stampede to comply with the long awaited instruction and, in no time at all, everybody was seated on the plane. The aircraft was ready for take-off with one exception – **no sign of the second pilot**. When I suggested that the No. 1 pilot release the brake, point the plane in the direction of Bloemfontein and just go I was told that it was obligatory to have a flight crew of two! And we waited.

Eventually a very good-looking, slim, dark haired young man arrived and waved to us all and apologised for all the inconvenience we had experienced. The passengers clapped and shouted and whistled in acknowledgement and he disappeared into the cabin and after take-off welcome refreshments were served!

**The plane arrived in Bloemfontein at 9.50 p.m. and everybody evaporated.** Hardly anyone had baggage on the carousel and when I arrived in the airport concourse it was to find that everything, and I mean everything, had closed down for the night! Not a sign of life. And not a taxi to be had. Before I could ring around friends and ask someone to rescue me, a lady I had seen in the Johannesburg Domestic Departure lounge and also fleetingly on the plane, re-entered the airport concourse and asked me if I had a lift home. I thanked her for her concern and said that I would ring friends and failing that ring for a taxi. The lady went outside and a few minutes later reappeared insisting that she, her husband and her son would be only too happy to take me wherever I had to go and she promptly pulled the case, (extremely heavy), outside and down the ramp. Case and I were duly ensconced in the family 4 x 4 and I was asked for my address - Bayswater Retirement Village, 2 Burgundy Crescent, Bayswater.

### The Lord moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

It transpired that the family had moved from just behind Bayswater Village two years previously and knew exactly where to take me! Like royalty we drove through the gates of Bayswater Village well after 10 p.m. and the three of them saw me into my flat; made sure I would be all right, that I needed nothing for the rest of the night and, after much waving, off they went home.

As I shut the door I realised that I had no idea of the name of my rescuer or where she lived.

**But her kindness to me will live forever in my memory.**

Written by: **Jennifer Slade - Baker**





## CATHEDRAL READERS

**The Cathedral Readers** held a happy and successful workshop on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. We agreed that our Scripture readings must inspire, comfort and enlighten the congregation, and, that in order to do this we must be audible, and read with complete understanding of the text. We held a practise in the Church concentrating on the best way to make use of the microphone as well as reading with skill and really taking the message to everyone in Church. **We believe that if you make a commitment to join Readers, and to read on a particular Sunday, then we need to make sure that we are fully prepared and present on that date!**

Carol is going to start a WhatsApp for the Readers – for both Services - which should make it easy to contact others when a Reader is sometimes away or indisposed. **This way, other Readers can easily offer to help out, as we will all receive that text.**

If there are any other members of the congregation, or new members, who would like to join us and read from the Bible at a service, **please contact Carol [083 6548395]** and she will arrange a meeting and give the new member all our handouts.

Written by: **Carol Ashman.**



## IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROGER DENVOR ADAMS



7 AUGUST 1965 – 10 DECEMBER 2016

*Say not in grief that he is no more, but in joy that he was ....*

Roger Denvor Adams was my brother. In our family of nine, he was our youngest sibling. He passed away on 10 December 2016 after a twenty year struggle with depression.

We grew up in a very humble but happy home in the Western Cape and as long as we had one another, life was fine. **My brother was one of the most selfless, amazing, beautiful, gentle persons that walked this earth and his heart was filled with loving kindness.**

He distinguished himself academically and in the sporting field from a young age, but what became my brother's most outstanding characteristics were his humility, humbleness and enormous heart for others. His goodness and care for others manifested in the way he was **committed to uplift people from all walks of life.** As a **sports coach** he developed athletes who struggled financially and otherwise and in the process he became their mentor, teacher and advisor. **Some of the top South African athletes in the likes of Melody Marcus, Bobang Phiri, Ebenezer Felix, Donovan Wright and Owen Machelm to name but a few were coached by him.** But his commitment to youth and social development did not stop there. **He cared deeply for people and when Elijah Mutandiro, a long distance runner from Zimbabwe came to South Africa, totally destitute and with only my brother's name as reference, Roger took the stranger and his family into his house and today Elijah is one of the top African long distance athletes. He even prepared the famous Russian twins for their first Two Oceans race, and the next year they became the most famous Two Oceans and Comrades runners.** Every person that met him was touched by his warmth and light.

Despite having achieved the highest honours and being an accomplished person, he was always there for me. **Roger was not only my brother; he was my confidanté, my go-to-person, my friend,** my biggest cheerleader and the person who wholeheartedly believed in me, and the most adventurous uncle my daughters could have wished for. He was my soft landing too in the storms of life. Whenever I needed encouragement, a listening ear, someone to tell a silly joke to, he was always the first one to come to mind. He was a sensitive person who openly demonstrated his love to me and my daughters. And he knew how to bear hug. I did not

always agree with him in his conviction that there are only two ways: right or wrong. But I did respect that because he practised what he preached.

I am grateful that my daughters and I could spend four wonderful days with him and his family at their home in Cape Town three weeks before he passed away. We spent hours talking, pondering life, his relationship with God, listening to music, appreciating nature and just loving and affirming one another. And the day he dropped us at the airport to return home, I smiled, thinking I was the luckiest sister on the planet.

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2017, the University of the Western Cape invited me to start the Fast and Flat 10 km race in honour of my brother who founded the race 21 years ago.** Almost 2000 runners participated and he was instrumental in many of their lives.

The loss of my brother was unexpected, devastating and unspeakably painful. It diminished something in every one of us but I thank God for every remembrance of him. I feel privileged to have had this special brother/sisterhood with this great human being who was truly exceptional. I know that I will see him on that great resurrection morning and that in its own, makes it something I look forward to.

My brother will live on in our hearts forever. You never really leave the ones you truly love – even when life or death takes them away. When there are journeys only they alone can make.

To God be the glory.

**Sharon Ogilvie**



**Conrad De Wee** ·

*I think the following statement (made every morning) sums up what **Matthew** thinks of his mother:*

*"Mommy, thank you for making the sun come up!"*



## WARDEN'S CORNER



*Eldrid Boraine*

### AS HE STEPS DOWN HE LEAVES US WITH SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

“A raindrop from the sky:

If it is caught by clean hands, it is pure enough for drinking.

**This could be equated to the Word of God**

If it falls in the gutter, its value drops so much that it can't be used even for washing your feet.

If it falls on a hot surface, it will evaporate.

If it falls on a lotus leaf, it shines like a pearl.

And finally, if it falls on an oyster, it becomes a pearl....

the drop is the same, but its existence and worth depends on whom it is associated with.

**Always be associated with people who are good at heart,  
then you will experience your own inner transformation.**

### **WHAT IS OBEDIENCE/ RESPECT?**

#### Exodus 20; THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other god to set against me.
2. You shall not make a carved image for yourself nor the likeness of anything in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth.  
  
You shall not bow down to them or worship them; **for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous god.** I punish the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I keep faith with thousands, with those who love me and keep my commandments.
3. You shall not make wrong use of the name of Lord your God; the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who misuses his name.
9. You shall not give false evidence against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, his slave, his slave-girl, his ox, his ass, or anything that belongs to him.

Kind regards, **Eldrid**

## A LETTER RECEIVED IN THE PARISH OFFICE.....

**From:** Gordon Bauer [mailto:[bauergk@gmail.com](mailto:bauergk@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2017 2:08 PM

**To:** [info@bloemcathedral.co.za](mailto:info@bloemcathedral.co.za)

**Subject:** Pentecost Offering

Dear Fr Laz and the Cathedral Parish Council

Thank you very much for your wonderful gesture in sending me that Pentecost offering. I really appreciate it. But even more I appreciated the privilege of ministering at the Cathedral. You gave me the opportunity to preach regularly and to share in your worship.

I am sorry that those opportunities have come to a temporary end while we are in Ladybrand. The congregation here have been superb and have welcomed us so warmly. It is a really authentic community which Rory and Lin had developed, and we want to make sure that nothing of their legacy is lost. Again grateful thanks. Yours sincerely, **Gordon.**



*Fr Rory and Lin Middlecote*

*Pat and Fr Gordon Bauer*

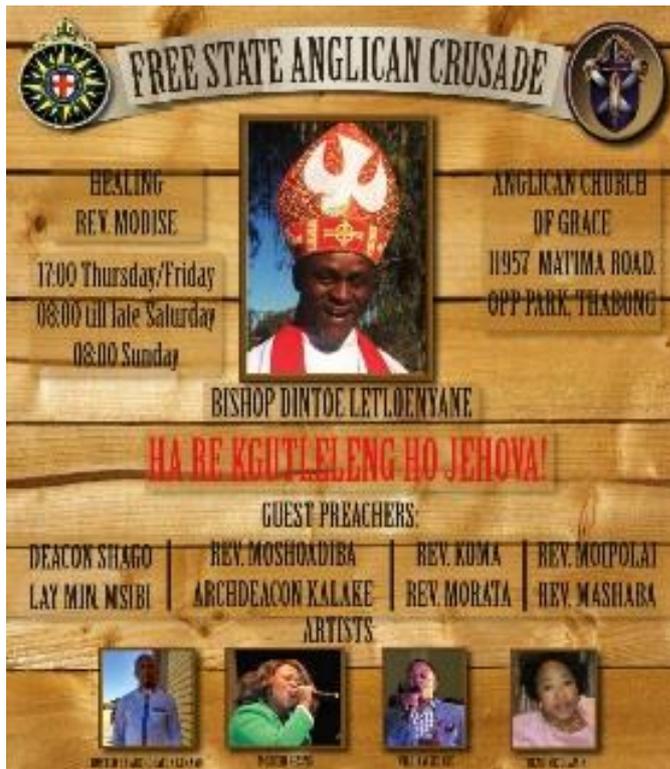
**Sandy Botha (Parish Secretary) commented:** We miss **Fr Gordon's** sermons at the Cathedral so much! They were always so insightful and made you think. I am sure that your time in Ladybrand will be much valued by that authentic community.

We wish **Fr Rory Middlecote and Lin** well in their new challenge in East London.



# THE DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL CRUSADE

(01 – 04 June 2017)



Our very first own crusade in the Diocese of the Free State! We thank God and the organizers for this prestigious event! The crusade was hosted by the Goldfields Archdeaconry in Welkom at the Church of Grace Anglican church. **The Theme of the crusade was “Ha re kgutleng ho Jehova / Let us return to the Lord” – 2 Chronicles 7:14** (*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*)

The objectives of the crusade as presented by the Bishop at the crusade were:

- To collectively praise and worship and be empowered through spiritual teachings
- To heal, educate and inspire the different congregants through spiritual uplifting
- To uplift our spirituality
- To forge unity among ourselves
- To strengthen the bonds of fellowship among members of the FS Diocese.

The crusade kicked off with a bang on the **1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 (Thursday afternoon)** with a banner procession (others call it “Process of Witness”). One could hear songs and ululations in the streets of Thabong. In the evening, before the uplifting sermons, we had live music by a Gospel singer, Ms Thenjiwe Dlamini. We were fed the Word of God by two powerful women (Deacon Shago – St. Mary’s, Brandfort and Lay Minister Msibi – Holy Cross, Bloemfontein). Music and spiritual teachings were the order of the night!

**Friday, 02 June 2017** – counselling and confession sessions were conducted by the Bishop and all Clergy. Other activities that took place were a visitation to Harmony Gold Mines for prayer where illegal miners died. A cross was also erected to remember all those who died at that place. There was a visitation to a Memorial stone at the centre of Welkom where prayer was done for all those who died fighting for human rights. The last stop was Thabong Police Station where prayers were done for all police officers who work to protect the people. The Bishop, the clergy and laity formed part of the visits. Fathers Moshoadiba and Kalake gave powerful sermons in the evening preceded by moving worshiping songs by a Gospel Singer, William Sejake, who is also a member of Joyous Celebration Group.

**Saturday, 03 June 2017** – we had an Anglicanism Workshop led by the Bishop. This was both an educational and powerful teaching about what is Anglicanism. There was a question and answer session with all attendees. There were break-away groups to discuss what is done well in

the Anglican Church and also to determine any challenges in the Anglican Church. A Gospel Singer, Modiehi Sesing gave a vibrant performance which was enjoyed greatly by all. Powerful and uplifting sermons were presented by Fathers Moipolai, Morata, Koma and Mashaba. The night ended with a touching Healing Service led by Father Modise and the Bishop. Oil, water and candles were used during this Healing Service.

*Sunday, 04 June 2017* – had a Celebration of Pentecost through a Holy Eucharistic Service. There were also the renewal of ordination vows for all clergy, blessings of the Oils, and a pledge by all men on the protection of women and children.

I would like to encourage **ALL** Anglicans to come next time to experience this wonderful event, first hand.

**THIS WAS A CRUSADE NOT TO BE MISSED  
BY ANY ANGLICAN IN THE FREE STATE!!!!**

**WRITTEN BY: Zanele Letloenyane**



## CHARTER RELIGIONS TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN'S PALLIATIVE CARE

Over 21 million children around the world, 800 000 in South Africa alone, need palliative care yet only 1% are receiving it. Palliative care for children is the care of the body, mind and spirit of the child with a life-limiting illness or condition. **The aim is to relieve the child's suffering and to support them to enjoy the best possible quality of life.** This includes neonates, infants, children and adolescents. So often spiritual care of these children is neglected or ignored. **To encourage faith groups to become involved in the care of these children and families the "Charter Religions together for Children's Palliative Care" was developed and has been signed by thousands of people around the world.** In November 2015 the Pontifical Academy for Life at the Vatican, working together with the Fondazione Maruzza in Rome, invited representatives of children with life-limiting conditions and their families, faith leaders from the world's major faith groups, and global leaders in children's palliative care, to develop a Charter committing the faith groups to supporting palliative care for children with life-limiting conditions, and pledging to work together to support these children. The faith groups represented were Christian – Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox- Jewish, Muslim and Hindu. **The Archbishop of Canterbury sent a personal representative.** The full text can be read on [www.fondazionemaruzza.org](http://www.fondazionemaruzza.org) where you can sign the Charter as well.

### Included in the text is the following:

"We, the undersigned, having diverse life-experiences, with different perspectives and expertise, from varied personal, professional, cultural, religious and spiritual backgrounds, have gathered today in Rome, to affirm the essential right of all seriously ill children and their families to receive palliative care appropriate for children. We give strong support to the representatives of faith organisations and religions using different voices – clinical, patients and family, human rights and religious and spiritual – to call for the broadest possible dissemination of Children's Palliative Care.

We believe that everyone involved in the care of these children, as well as governments, policy makers and spiritual and religious leaders, should engage with and support the development, promotion and dissemination of Children's Palliative Care in order that children and their families in all parts of the world have access to Palliative Care."

In Africa 51 % of health care is provided through the Church. It can be the "powerhouse" of compassionate health care in our city and around the world.

**In Bloemfontein Fr Lazarus Mohapi and the Cathedral's support of Sunflower Children's Hospice is affirming the words of this Charter.**



## AN E-MAIL RECEIVED IN THE PARISH OFFICE.....

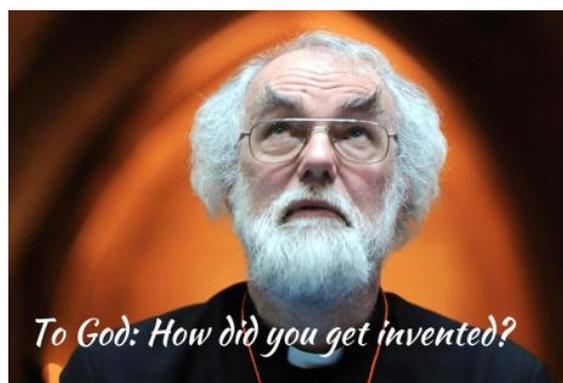
--Original Message-----

From: Joan Marston [mailto:[joan.icpcn@gmail.com](mailto:joan.icpcn@gmail.com)]

Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2017

Dear Cheryl

I thought you might like this for the magazine. I often get invited to teach or present on spiritual care of children and how to respond to the sort of questions they ask. This response from the previous **Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams**, to a question from 6 year old Lulu, is a beautiful example of how to respond!



This is a letter I often quote when teaching on spirituality in children, the questions they ask and how to respond to them.

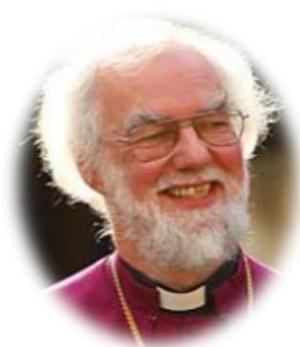
Lulu aged 6, living in Scotland, asked her father **“Who invented God?”**

Her father wrote to various church leaders, few responded. The few that did respond sent profound theological discussions, except for the then **Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams**, who sent the following letter to Lulu.

**Dear Lulu,**

Your dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It's a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this –

‘Dear Lulu – **Nobody invented me – but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised.** They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected. Then they invented ideas about me – some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints – **especially in the life of Jesus** – to help them get closer to what I'm really like. But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!’



And then he'd send you lots of love and sign off. I know he doesn't usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf. Lots of love from me too.

**+Archbishop Rowan**

## FR MICHAEL HAS SHARED SOME HISTORY OF HIS CALL TO MINISTRY:

I am Molifi Michael Masisi, 42 years old, married with two dependants. I have 16 years' experience in an ordained ministry in the Anglican Church, while I have 4 years experience of ministry before I was ordained in 2001.

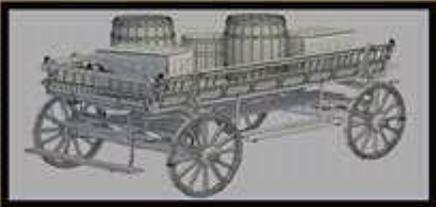
I can say that I was fortunate enough to have been trained by a very spiritually gifted Priest who at most times introduced me to a variety of ministries in the Church, this included among others: developing young people for ministry, taking care of the elderly, creating a life living sustainability in cases of poverty alleviation, journeying with those infected and affected with H.I.V and AIDS and other Chronic diseases, a qualified basic counsellor, a pastor and a community leader.

Coupled with the above information, my formal ministry under discernment, training and education started in an informal settlement area of Fine Town (Southern part of Johannesburg) in 1997 and this was working with the poorest of the poor. My little experience then nurtured the Chapel greatly that I managed (with God's help) to build that Chapel to a minimum of 180 families from a number of about 20 families when I started. While after that, I was moved/ transferred to another place of RDP houses, there I managed to start and develop a Church from scratch by moving from door to door looking for Anglicans and totally new members to join our Denomination in that area. In 2001 after I was ordained to Diaconate I was then moved to the Parish of Evaton with Sebokeng and in 2004 I moved to All Saints', Robertsham and served there as a Priest-in-charge, in 2006 went to serve St Andrews' Church, Bophelong and in 2007 I was then moved back to Fine Town and in 2011 I joined the Diocese of Johannesburg and served there as Priest-in-charge in the Parish of St Thomas, Kagiso, then 2014 I joined the present diocese of Free State, first in Ficksburg then South west Churches. I have a 4 year diploma in theology, basic Counselling certificate and also did a course of change management and leadership style through St Thomas Institute for leadership in ministry.

With this history I am trying to give a picture of my gifts and talents in Development and in Evangelism. With no fear I believe I need to mention that I am spiritually gifted in ministry of Evangelism, proclamation of the Gospel and also Counselling as well as a Priest/Pastor.



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# NEW ESTATE MANAGER

Dear Beloved Congregation,



**It is with humble gratitude that I thank you, the Church council and all affected parties for affording me the opportunity to be employed as the **Estate Manager**, Anglican Cathedral of St Andrew and St Michael, Bloemfontein.**

I am born and bred in Bloemfontein and am a father to my **teenage son, Jesric**. I was raised with Christian values and feel wonderfully blessed to work in an environment where one can grow spiritually while performing one's duties and interacting with other people. I was also privileged in the past to be employed in different job opportunities but I am exceedingly thankful to God for placing me here at this juncture of my life.

**Psalm 27:4** "One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple."

Big thank you for the spontaneous, friendly and warm welcoming towards me and my son. I will always strive to offer the best I can be and hope to grow a fruitful and loving relationship with one and all.

With Sincere Gratitude, **Cedric Mageta**.

Chirp from the Editor.....





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## SOUP KITCHEN NEWS-----

On behalf of Dean Lazarus and the Board of Council members, we would like to thank you “ALL” for your dedication and effort you put into feeding the poor people who come to the soup kitchen.

Thank you to **the sister of Sue Tibshraeny** (who is NOT a member of the congregation) and also **Arnold van Rooyen** for supplying the soup kitchen with veggies with which to make soup! We thank **Sandy Botha** for taking the veggies home and grating them and then put into bakkies till needed in the freezer at the church. After a mammoth stretch the deep freeze is at last full! With it being cold we have had quite a lot of newcomers coming daily for soup and bread.

Margaret Mead once said, “**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.**” What a wonderful personification of these words as demonstrated by your thoughtful and charitable decision to make soup or supplying ingredients for our daily “**Soup Kitchen**”, either weekly or even every now and again. Or maybe you come in on special days to hand out the food to needy people or help with giving out old clothes brought in by the many caring Parish members. **The soup kitchen thanks each one of you. Thank you to Cedric Mageta our Estate Manager and Suzan and Anna who help in the kitchen and even our Justice who is a man of all trades. Thank you, also to the Donor who bought us blankets to give to the needy.**



**Their arms were stretched to the maximum...** Since my heart attack in 2010, I've tried to get to the Gym three times each week. The last exercise is 10 minutes on the Treadmill plus 3 minutes cooldown. The Treadmill looks out on the carpark, so I spend some time exercising and 'people watching'. The other day, I watched a Mum and her (I guess) 4 year old son heading to School or Nursery. He was in his uniform, and she held his hand firmly. Working on the principle that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, she was set on a diagonal path across the carpark and grass towards her destination at Bispham Endowed School.

The small boy skipped beside her, until they neared one of the parking lines. Clearly, the line invited you to walk along it. With care and precision, he walked along the white line. His mother continued on the diagonal, and the line was about 30 degrees off her path. As the boy got further and further up his line, their arms were stretched to the maximum. Just as he reached the end of the line, there was no more scope for extension, and the mother's firm hold prevailed; the boy's path was corrected to her diagonal with a long Mum-imposed skip and the carpark line abandoned.

Now they were on the grass patch next to the carpark. Mum's relentless diagonal line continued, but the grass clearly had some distinctive plants embedded in it and they obviously needed to be stepped upon. The small boy stepped on every one he could, again stretching their arms to the maximum extension as he spotted one off the diagonal. As he hopped and skipped and stepped onto his chosen targets, Mum was still on her set path, sometimes near her son's path, sometimes at the maximum extension, the firm hand hold drawing him onwards to their destination. With a last skip, they reached the pavement and passed out of sight.

At a recent wedding, we had a small crèche of pre-school flower girls etc., entering with the bride, so we designated one of the adult bridesmaids as the 'cat-herder' to look after the children who were doing a very good impression of perpetual motion. In the Bible, a frequently found image is that of God (or Jesus) as Shepherd. Jesus will describe himself as a good shepherd who knows his flock, is known by his flock and who lays down his life for his sheep. He describes the shepherd guiding his sheep and then seeking the lost sheep. He builds on the inspired 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, written by King David, Jesus' earthly forebear and himself a shepherd.

As I watched the Mum on her diagonal path, and thought of the bridesmaid herding her crèche, I could see the Good Shepherd herding his wayward charges along the path, with us finding every deviation and distraction along the way. David wrote **"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."** (The Bible, Psalm 23)

God, like the Mum, has His clear path and destination, the 'paths of righteousness', but we find so many interesting things off the path, it is only His firm handhold that keeps us there. Like the Mum, her grip was one of protection and correction: the rod and staff of the shepherd were respectively a club and shepherd's crook, the first for protection against predators & marauders, the second to drag wandering sheep back onto the path. So once we have placed our hand into His hand, He guides us along the right path, drawing us back repeatedly to that

path with its final destination, the house of the Lord, protecting us on route and providing for our needs as we walk with Him. We may skip off on our own distractions, but his firm hand hold will prevail.

Praying that you may slip your hand into the Good Shepherd's hand, finding there a firm handhold, protection and correction, drawing you onwards to eternity in His presence

Your servant in the Lord Jesus Christ

**Simon Cox.**

Rector of Bispham All Hallows  
Area Dean of Blackpool



WOO HOO !! Way to go!!



Sorry I have forgotten names, that is what happens when you don't write things down on paper and file it in the correct place. Oh! Dear will I ever learn (Cheryl).

**This photo was taken when Fr Simon and the team came to Bloemfontein and one day helped in the Soup Kitchen. They were part of the team that selected the party to represent the Free State Diocese in Blackburn.**

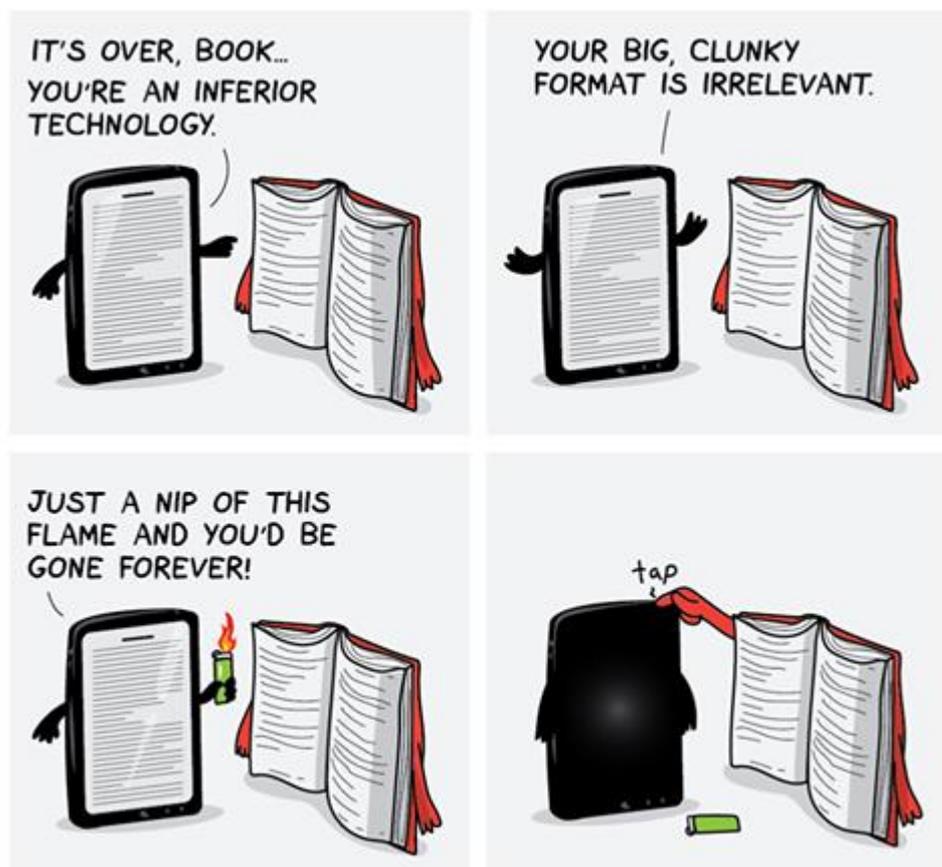


It's amazing when we start to compile each edition of the Visitor, to witness the theme that emerges. It is not planned before hand. **No**, our desire is and has always been, **to put together what we believe is the Lord's specific will at the time.** We can only marvel and give thanks for His guidance and by exercising our faith in this way – as we believe we are able to bring you a book that is fresh and that is anointed! **By what Our Father, God has put on your hearts and ours.** A magazine that is relevant and that will touch the hearts and minds of every reader.

*“He has made everything beautiful in its time, He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live.” Ecclesiastes 3:11-13*

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**From the Editor:** Cheryl



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**07h30 Said Holy Eucharist**

**09h00 Sung Holy Eucharist & 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

Some of the ladies – that never want to go home!

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.

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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**  
*Hail Mary,  
full of grace,  
the Lord is with Thee;  
blessed art Thou among  
women  
and blessed  
is the fruit of  
Thy womb, Jesus.  
  
Holy Mary,  
Mother of God  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death.  
  
Amen*



**The Bell that is erected in the gardens of the Cathedral**

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