

## THE LONG VIEW

### RECTOR'S REPORT MARCH 2021

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7; NRSV)*

### INTRODUCTION

Wow – what a year 2020 has been! When we met for our Annual Vestry a year ago none of us would have predicted the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic would thrust upon us just a couple of weeks later. Looking back, the timing was a gift, giving many of us our first authentic taste of what that first Holy Week, Easter, and journey to Pentecost may have been like for the early disciples. Personally, Holy Scripture was a wonderful and life-giving gift in those first five weeks of National Lockdown, and I am thankful that many of you shared the journey with me through my daily “Thought for the Day”. Additionally, the passage above from Philippians has been one that I return to on many occasions, especially when anxiety and fear threaten to overwhelm me.

I am particularly thankful for all of you! I am thankful for a willingness to embrace radical new ways of being Church, and your agility in embracing the virtual environment within which much of our worship and ministry life has had to relocate. I am thankful, too, that we are a resourced community with access to data and computers and a willingness to embrace this technology. I am thankful that we have had the resources to continue to reach beyond ourselves and make a difference to the lives of people within and beyond our Parish in need of food and other help as our economy and lives have been battered by the necessary National and global responses

to the pandemic. I am thankful that we are a community of Faith and that our lives are centred on God.

The past year has been a full one, despite – perhaps because of – the pandemic. The various other reports give focus to a variety of aspects of parish life, and so it is not my intention to repeat what is available to you in them. Please read them as they contain a great deal of encouragement to continue to be faithful to God's call on us at St Andrew's.

### LOOKING FORWARD

#### Our Lived Context

2021 will in many aspects mirror much of what we experienced in 2020, as was illustrated by the need to return to Alert Level 3 just before New Year. Another Covid-19 wave is expected somewhere between April and June, but I take courage from the fact that we have the experience of the last year to draw on, and that while 2021 will not be easy on many levels, we are becoming adept in responding to the changes in regulations. While we may not like what Covid-19 has done to our sense of normality, we do at least now have some understanding of how to cope with its vagaries. Our broader social, economic, and political context remains challenging, and we need to continue to ask what it means to be witnesses to the transforming love of God in the world in which we live.



### FROM OUR REGISTERS

#### Died

**23 September 2020** Jonathan Green  
**8 October 2020** Phoebe Biccard  
**7 November 2020** Marjorie Bodenstein  
**19 November 2020** Alistair Martin  
**3 January 2021** Robert de Souza  
**17 January 2021** Ruth Heuvel  
**30 January 2021** Mark Moses

#### Confirmed

**29 November 2020**  
Matt Forbes, Amy Forbes  
Zechariah Rupprecht

### Annual Vestry and Election of Office Bearers

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) Covid-19 Guidelines issued on 3 February 2021 allow the requirement for an annual Vestry to be suspended, which our Cape Town Diocesan Chapter has formally adopted. Reports are still required to be made available to the Parish, but no formal Vestry meeting is required. All Office Bearers elected in 2020 continue en bloc for the 2021 year with the Parish Executive empowered to co-opt individuals to fill any vacancies that may arise. I am thankful that our present Churchwardens and Parish Councillors have all agreed to continue in their positions, as have our Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Auditor.

## In-Person and Virtual

Zoom has proved a wonderful tool to enable us to gather together, but apart. A return to limited in-person worship has been a gift. 2021 will require we continue to use both the physical and virtual environments for our mission and ministry, and that we explore together what this means for us as a faith community. Any input in this regard is welcome!

## REFLECTING ON 2020

### Bishop of Table Bay

Excitingly, we at last have a Bishop of Table Bay, and new neighbours! My thanks to our Churchwardens for organising a small welcome dinner towards the end of last year for Bishop Joshua and his wife, Joan, with the Parish Executive. I am enjoying working with Bishop Joshua in my capacity as Archdeacon at Diocesan Chapter level and am thankful for the gifts and focus he brings to the position.

### 125 Anniversary

My huge thanks to Mags Wingfield and the Flower Guild for an outstanding Festival of Flowers arranged for our 125th Celebration. Despite the limitations of lockdown it was wonderful to experience such beauty, which helped lift our spirits.

### Treasury

2020 has been a remarkable year, which has been strengthened by a stable financial team. The financial report and Annual Financial Statements will give greater detail, but despite an expected shortfall in physical collections (balanced with a number of budgetary savings) our income is much as expected. Thank you to you all for your diligence in meeting your Dedicated Giving commitments, and the amazing additional giving that came in specifically to boost our Ministry to The Needy (MTN) funds.

### Fund Raising

The focus of our fundraising is always the annual Morning Market. The pandemic put paid to having an in-person event, and I am utterly amazed at what we were able to do in other ways towards a virtual Market. Our coordinators, Jim te Water Naude and Wendy Bell, are to be commended on facilitating such an incredible response under really difficult circumstances; and

thank you all for the creativity, sweat, and agility that went into the various activities and sales!

### Children's Church

Penny Middelkoop adapted amazingly to the challenges of Lockdown, and with Stephen and Amy's help, must be commended for producing the most amazingly creative and professional videos for our children week by week (which a number of adult parishioners have admitted to enjoying as well)! I know Penny has enjoyed the return to in-person Children's Church, and my thanks to the families that have supported and contributed so willingly to the Children's Church journey this past year. Our children have proved amazingly resilient.

### Clergy and Layministers

I am hugely thankful for Bishop Geoff Quinlan, Stephen Middelkoop, and Elizabeth Cherry, for the amazing encouragement and support they have given the Parish this year. As we went into Lockdown last March it was Bishop Geoff who pushed the boundaries in encouraging us to explore an online "Eucharist-by-Intention", and moved the Bible Studies he runs onto Zoom; Stephen, who alongside doing pre-recorded sermons and services for St Martin's, Bergvliet, during their interregnum also took on the challenge of video production for the Children's Church and an in-person and virtual presence in the Parish; and Elizabeth managed to do almost a full year of Confirmation preparation via WhatsApp!

Our Layministers have been stars, and supplemented by a number of Parishioners who have taken to the new, virtual liturgical role of "Responder", have served with courage. Sadly though, a number of our Layministers have stepped down, and we need to acknowledge their huge contribution to the worship and pastoral life of the Parish over many, many years: Denise Ackermann, due to the increasing struggle with her eye-sight, has withdrawn from the deeply impactful preaching and teaching ministry she has exercised in the Parish; Edgar Ruiters and Ivor Jardine, both having served for many years have withdrawn, citing the need to make way for younger Parishioners to come forward while affirming our newer Layministers who have come on board in the last while; Jenny Barron, together with her husband, Mark, have retired to

Barrydale. Each one has contributed in meaningful and creative ways over the years, and leave individual legacies that have helped make our community what it is today.

### Church Council

Our Churchwardens, Debbie Coombe and Janine Tough, along with our Parish Secretary, Bev Shaw, have been absolute stars! The three of them have developed a wonderful working relationship and have become a formidable team that has given me the space to fulfil my wider Provincial and Diocesan responsibilities alongside my role as Rector of the Parish, knowing the administration of the Parish is in good hands. Their willingness to work with the ever-changing Covid-19 Government Regulations and accompanying ACSA Guidelines and ensure that these are in place for all our in-person gatherings, along with the example they have set, has been inspiring.

Parish Council has been hugely supportive, although often frustrated by not being able to get on with practical plans due to lockdown. I appreciated their willingness, along with the Layministers, to keep in phone contact with the Parish during the initial lockdown, and beyond. I am thankful for their wisdom and patience.

## THANK YOU

In closing, a special thank you to our Parish Secretary, Bev Shaw, who has managed to successfully run the Office from her home, has been flexible in her availability to myself and the Parish, and has maintained amazingly good humour despite the challenges! Bev consistently goes beyond the call of duty (and her job description) in her service to the Parish.

And to Dawn, who too often sees me at my worst levels of anxiety and wonderfully talks me back into reality, and is the bed-rock and anchor of my life: thank you!

And to you all: thank you for being a part of this amazing year in which we have all been thrust far beyond our comfort zones, learnt to cope with a pandemic and all the transitions it has demanded, grown in ways we would never have imagined; and amid it all have proved resilient.

My thanks to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Mark R D Long*

# CHURCH WARDENS'

## REPORT MARCH 2021

As we gathered in the hall on the 9th of March last year, side by side, as we had so many times before at our Annual Vestry meeting, we could not have imagined a more different year ahead or how protracted and far reaching the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic would be.

As with so many aspects of our lives in this current situation, the Vestry meeting this year will not go-ahead in the usual way, but through the various reports that are being published, we are able to review the past year.

### WORSHIP

With the restrictions on gathering for worship (both during lockdown and with the required protocols in place at other times) we looked to alternative means of sustaining this vital connection. Fortunately, we are very blessed with a rector who is tech-savvy and was able to introduce and guide us through a new way to gather. Mark launched us into the wonder of the "Zoom" service with his skilled management and gentle guidance to enable us to embrace the new medium to create a unique worship, teaching and prayerful space within our homes. This has truly been a gift we had not anticipated.

The Zoom services live-streamed on various platforms, along with recordings and printed versions of the sermon distributed via email and Mark's "Thoughts of the Day" videos that sustained us through the "Lockdown" have enabled us to retain a connection both with our regular attendees as well as reaching to others world-wide!

In September Mark was officially licensed as Archdeacon of Rondebosch, an additional responsibility which he has taken in his stride.

Our sincere thanks to you, Mark, for continuing to direct and guide us both spiritually and through your sensitive management of the Parish, particularly during this "pandemic" year. We also owe much gratitude to Dawn for your loving support of Mark and our Parish. There must have been much disruption to your lives as the year and Covid gained momentum. Thank you, Dawn.

We acknowledge formally, with gratitude, the inspired teaching we receive from The Ven Mark Long, Revd Stephen Middelkoop, Bishop Geoff Quinlan, Prof Denise Ackermann and Revd Elizabeth Cherry. Elizabeth's devotion in her preparation and support of our confirmation candidates was remarkable. Following the Lockdown, Elizabeth managed twenty-seven weekly lessons using the Whatsapp medium. These were followed by In-person lessons from October when this was permitted. The candidates were confirmed at an in-person service during November which was presided over by our newly appointed Bishop Joshua.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Always resourceful, Penny Middelkoop has added another string to her bow - creating engaging videos which could be downloaded as a teaching medium for the Children's Church! The videos along with encouraging emails enabled her to retain a special connection with the Children's Church families during the Lockdown periods.

Once In-person services were permitted again, on-site classes resumed with all the necessary protocols in place. Our thanks to Penny for her dedication to our youngest parishioners and we look forward to hearing many happy voices filling the hall space again soon.

### FINANCE

The details of finance will be covered in separate the Finance Report, but we wish to express our sincere appreciation to our exemplary finance team comprising Simon Gilbert overseeing the Dedicated giving aspect of our income, Bev Shaw managing the bookkeeping, Graham Reynolds for his role as Honorary Treasurer and Cullen Penny our Honorary Auditor.

Their steadfast commitment to this important aspect of the Parish makes our responsibilities at Parish Council that much easier.

### MTN

Debbie Coombe continues to manage

our primary outreach to the wider community and details are included in a separate report.

We do, however, wish to acknowledge the time and effort Debbie commits to ensure the effective running and fulfilment of the programme.

As you are aware a significant percentage of the budget for MTN is raised through the annual Morning Market. We were unable to hold the Market this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions but with the encouragement and innovation of Jim te Water Naude and Wendy Bell and a team of creative fund-raisers we were astonishingly able to raise just short of the amount raised in 2019. This remarkable achievement is thanks to the efforts of many who, in various ways, made their contribution. A heart-felt thank you to all!

### 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The 125th anniversary of our formal recognition as a Parish was marked in November with a beautiful display of flower arrangements within the Church, all thoughtfully planned and arranged by the Flower Guild. The blue and white theme was appropriately a commemoration of St Andrew. For those unable to visit the church to see the display, a recording is available online and we would encourage you to see it, if you haven't done so already?

### THE HUB

When the Lockdown necessitated the physical closure of the Parish office, ever-efficient Bev, re-located her work zone to her home.

This new "hub" has seen a steady flow; requests being made and routed, questions answered, rosters managed, support kindly given, administration effectively processed, information gathered along with a consistent e-mailing system to keep everyone well-informed.

A huge vote of thanks goes to Bev as our star "hub coordinator"!

### PARISH COUNCIL

We were fortunate to be able to continue to meet as planned via Zoom for both

Executive and Parish Council meetings and other discussion meetings as needed.

It has been so valuable to be able to share ideas, discuss and plan together for the needs of the Parish, as we have journeyed through this past year.

To our Parish Councillors: Rob Coombe, Trish Dove, Chris King, Penny & Stephen Middelkoop, Goitsione Mokou, Graham Reynolds, Bev Shaw and Rene Sinclair who served this year – our sincere appreciation for the time you dedicate to serve the Parish in this way.

The Parish was in the fortunate position to be able to continue to pay Baenje Mwale and Wanda Zonke who are employed as Church cleaner and gardener respectively, on full pay, throughout the Lockdown period, until it was safe for them to return to work.

Aside from the general Maintenance Program during the course of the year, a new boundary fence was installed; the rectory roof repaired, and the Church eaves and louvres sealed to prevent birds from accessing.

Understandably the curtailment of gatherings has impacted on plans for fellowship and fund-raising activities within the Parish.

Following the request by Goitsione Mokou to Council to explore ways to deal with healing and transformation in our communities and draw attention to Gender based Violence, a proposal to set up "Healing our communities study circles" was approved by Council. It is hoped that the study circles will begin in August 2021.

The initiative of starting a Mothers' Union was also supported by Council. In October, Goitsione invited parishioners to a session she had arranged facilitated by Ms Onica Louw-Msutu (former president of MU in the province) with a follow-up meeting in November. It is hoped to revisit this idea when lockdown regulations make it possible for people to meet more easily.

Finally, we wish to recognize the numerous acts of service, kindness, generosity and prayer-filled support from our loving St Andrew's community.

As we look to the year that lies ahead, may we continue to increase our faith, strengthen our hope, enlarge our love, and make us ever ready to serve.

*Janine Tough*

# BUILDING PROJECT AND FUNDRAISING

## REPORT MARCH 2021

We continue our mission to build a new inclusive, flexible and nurturing space to meet the evolving needs of our parish and community, including providing Kildare Pre-Primary with renovated classrooms and other needed improvements.

2020 was a challenging year with the implications of the COVID19 pandemic resulting in slow progress with the building plan approval process.

Three primary matters require resolution, being approval of the development by both the Western Cape and City of Cape Town heritage committees, obtaining a departure from existing parking regulations and environmental approval, primarily as a result of the proximity of the property to the river.

**Heritage:** An extensive submission was made to Heritage WC, which has resulted in their affirmation that the development will not alter the character of the site, opening the next stage of this process. Further submissions required by heritage regulations are presently in process.

**Parking:** A required amendment to the parking departure application was identified late in 2020 and this application is once again with the City. Thank you to David Faure for his input and support of this process.

**Environmental:** After consultation with the City officials it was necessary to apply a flood water regulation and amend the plans for the Rectory garages, which would otherwise be within 10m of the gully edge.

Once these matters are resolved, the building plans together with the various authorisations, will be submitted to the City for final approval. Thereafter updated costings, appointment of the builder and detailed project planning for the building phase can take place.

A related initiative has been an extensive investigation into implementing a solar electricity solution on the premises. Trish Dove has taken this forward with Brent Samson and we are grateful to both for their time and effort. The options being considered are to install PV panels on the school roof to provide a power supply to the school and new hall or alternatively a more extensive solution that would supply the entire premises, including the Bishop's residence. A decision will be taken once costings have been assessed.

In September 2020 we heard the sad news that Gawie Fagan had passed away. Gawie Fagan Architects are the appointed architectural practice and Gawie had shown a keen interest in our project and provided valued guidance for which we are grateful. This has not impacted with our dealings with the Architect as John Wilson-Harris has been the principal architect on our project.

## FUNDRAISING

As reported at the 2020 Vestry meeting fundraising is on track to support the building project. As the cost of the building continues to increase with inflation, fundraising requires continued focus.

### As at 31 December 2020:

<b>On deposit with the Diocese (interest bearing)</b>	<b>R8.4m</b>
<b>School commitment</b>	<b>R1.5m</b>
<b>Available funding</b>	<b>R9.9m</b>
<b>Additional Diocesan Loan facility</b>	<b>R2.5m</b>

*Rob Coombe*

# MINISTRY TO THE NEEDY (MTN)

## REPORT MARCH 2021

What a year! So many negatives, and it is so easy to be consumed by the negative sentiment everywhere BUT all around there are tiny green shoots of positivity! How many people for the first time ever have noticed those that are in need and are doing something about it! Many others donors have given more generously than ever before! This is what God's love is all about! A huge positive for me is how MTN managed to carry on during lockdown, especially with providing food for those who desperately needed it. This will be an ongoing need.

We managed two regular Love Pack sessions before Lockdown started on 27 March 2020. During April we became aware of individuals through our Parish and MTN connections that needed food, and we mobilised a small task team to shop and drop off food parcels to those concerned. By May we realised that this need was now more widespread and that we needed to increase the number of food parcels we pack. A small COVID Love Pack team of volunteers was established – we worked out that we could have a maximum team of 16 to pack in the hall and keep socially distanced! We packed five times during the rest of the year, and 1360 Love Packs were sent to Fikelela, Safeline, Khanyisa Waldorf School and some individuals. In between these packs, we continued to give food parcels on an adhoc basis to folk in need as we became aware of them. Many thanks to these two special task teams for your generosity, care and bravery in helping with these packs and to Beryl Ruiters for prepping all the paper bags for the packs.

Even though it was a disrupted year and many of our funds were reallocated to food, we did manage to support many of our regular beneficiaries and some new ones with a COVID slant:

**1. Education** – we supported Joice Murasiranwa with her Masters in Education at UCT; The Parent Centre with Parent Support Groups, and Westerford High School with funds for data for learners from the townships who needed data to convert to online schooling due to Lockdown.  
**2. Peace Haven Senior Centre** – we bought a laptop and sprinter to enable



the staff to work from home due to COVID and gave food parcels for the 26 residents.

**3. Fikelela** – we bought 10 veggie boxes so they can grow their own vegetables.

**4. Maitland Cottage** – we managed to have our cuddly toy drive just before lockdown and this brought in R 4 071 for the Chomi Pack outreach programme.

**5. Khanyisa School for Mentally Handicapped Teenagers** – we sponsored R 12 000 toward their overheads as due to COVID many of their parents could not afford the school fees. We also dropped off food parcels for the children.

**6. Woodside Special Care Unit for Mentally Handicapped** – we sponsored 10 Orthopaedic bed sets.

**7. Noluthando School for the Deaf, Khayelitsha** – we sponsored educational books and laptops.

**8. Heaven's Nest** – we sponsored a new laptop for the office, school uniforms, stationery, duvet covers and curtains.

**9. The Homestead** – we gave cash for their COVID needs.

**10. Lilyhaven Place for the Aged, Bonteheuvel** – we bought a COVID thermometer and Pulse oximeter so the residents could be adequately screened. We also helped to pay for an upgrade of

the CCTV cameras in the nurses' station so they could monitor the residents at night.

**11. Saartjie Baartman Centre for Abused Women** – we gave funds towards the repair of a wing that had been fire damaged.

**12. St Anne's Home for Mothers and Babies** – we funded the repairs to their dining room floor and some other repairs.

**13. Leliebloem House for Children** – we gave funds towards their COVID appeal.

**14. Die Eiland Huis** – we gave funds for food during Lockdown.

**15. Good Hope Seminary School** – we gave food parcels to the teachers whose salaries had been cut due to COVID.

**16. Children A' Loud** – we gave funds for food parcels.

**17. U-Turn and Noah Food Depot** – we gave funds for their COVID Emergency Appeal.

**18. Crossroads Rachel Mash Project** – we provided stationery and workbook packs for the children supported by this project, which gave them some educational activities to do at home during lockdown. We also included a cute face mask made by the MasiCorp Sewing Group another of our MTN beneficiaries, so we helped them too by buying the masks from them.

**19. The Busy Bees Rugby Club**  
 – we provided 30 food parcels.

Gosh, I feel like we have done well in these strange times!

Thank you to everyone who supported our virtual Morning Market, which turned out to be the most amazing achievement – we raised R 169 204! Instead of a one-off market, the teams worked tirelessly all year to raise these funds and there were some novel new ideas, some of which I am sure will become a regular feature every year. Huge thanks to those of you who generously gave cash to increase the coffers. Remember MTN receives these funds for our outreach.

Thank you to those of you who continued to knit blankets and beanies and make masks which were delivered to needy recipients.

Thank you to everyone who shares so generously their time and care with those in need, and Simon Finsen for all the deliveries!

It is with a very grateful heart that I thank all of you who continue to give funds towards MTN so we can continue giving to those in need. Many of you have really stepped up your generosity in giving both in cash and kind, and I urge you to continue, it is tough out there for so many!

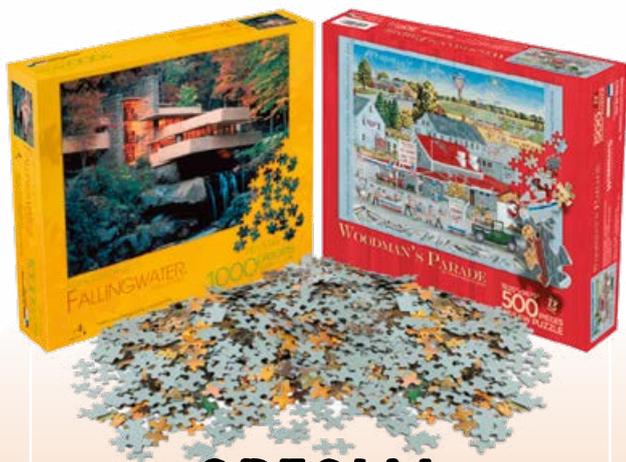
The budget for 2021 has been set at R 500 000 and I am looking forward to another year, where we can continue helping, recycling, giving and sharing God's love! Though to be honest, I hope it is with less COVID in the air!

**Abundant Blessings**

*Debbie Coombe*

**MTN BUDGET 2021 IS ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>Education</b>	<b>R 80 000</b>
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	<b>R150 000</b>
<b>Pre-Schools</b>	<b>R 20 000</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>R 36 000</b>
<b>The Handicapped</b>	<b>R 36 000</b>
<b>Shelters and Homes</b>	<b>R 62 000</b>
<b>Projects to be identified</b>	<b>R116 000</b>
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**OUR CHOMIPACK HEROES & HEROINE**

Wonderfully, the chomipack initiative continues despite lockdown. Although all volunteers are prohibited due to the risk of the corona virus, the staff of Maitland Cottage Children's Orthopaedic Hospital took over the responsibility of handing out the gift packs, and Val Fraser, a Chomipack volunteer restocks the giftpacks to ensure there are enough ready to roll.

The most popular of all our Chomipack contents is the "fake" cellphone....it has 3 different voice responses and it will catch an unhappy new patient in his/her tracks. ... "Fake" has no meaning in a child's imagination, and just by an adult talking into the phone to the child, the world of make-believe comes alive!

Imagine our distress when we found out these phones were to be discontinued....and no other retailer stocked them. Well, in the world of make belief there is always to be found a fairy with a secret wand....in this case Pep store manager Joeleen Wallace who took it upon herself to contact almost every Pep store in the country to send any stock to her. At this point another hero enters the stage, Hugh Maunder, in whose late wife's name (Cathy) the chomipack outreach is dedicated, presents a gift of R1500 from his Rotary branch towards the cost, and 200 toy phones are now in the stockroom. We worship a generous God.

*Michelle Bowes*

# CONFIRMATION 2020 TESTIMONIES



During confirmation, I learned how to be a good Christian. I learnt how to be kind and how to appreciate the Church and all of those who attend.

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I have really enjoyed my confirmation lessons. It has taught me so much about the Church and what it means to be a Christian. I feel as though I have really strengthened and deepened my relationship with god. One of the most important things that Elizabeth has taught me is that Jesus is my friend. I am very grateful and honoured to be confirmed.

Confirmation is a time of spiritual growth. It has allowed me to feel closer to God and strengthen my relationship with him. Elizabeth has taught me so many new things about my religion and I feel proud to be a Christian. Although this has been a strange year, Elizabeth has always made the lessons fun and interesting and I really appreciate everything she has done for us. Throughout the year, we have always been reminded that we are made in the image of God. I now feel ready to love and serve the Lord.

Why do I go to Confirmation?  
Because I want to believe in God to get into heaven to be with God.  
Why did we miss confirmation?  
Because my mom didn't take me there and my dad didn't take me and sometimes they forgot.  
Why do I love confirmation?  
Because I love Elizabeth for everything she taught me.

So, thank you Elizabeth & Father Mark and the whole Church for helping me and guiding me to the right path.  
**AMEN**

## DEDICATED GIVING UPDATE

### 2020

Thank you to all who contributed so generously and faithfully during 2020. 106 pledges were made and there were 142 contributors.

### 2021

We have received only 36 pledges for 2021 and there were 88 contributors in January.

There is no need to fill in a card but an email indicating your continued support in 2021 to either Simon Gilbert at [smn.gilbert@gmail.com](mailto:smn.gilbert@gmail.com) or the office at [office@standrewsnewlands.org.za](mailto:office@standrewsnewlands.org.za) will help the budgeting process enormously.

Please also check your reference when you make contributions via EFT. We have a couple of monthly contributors whose only reference is Dedicated Giving. This means that I am unable to record your giving against your name. The reference should either be your allocated Dedicated Giving number or DG + your name.

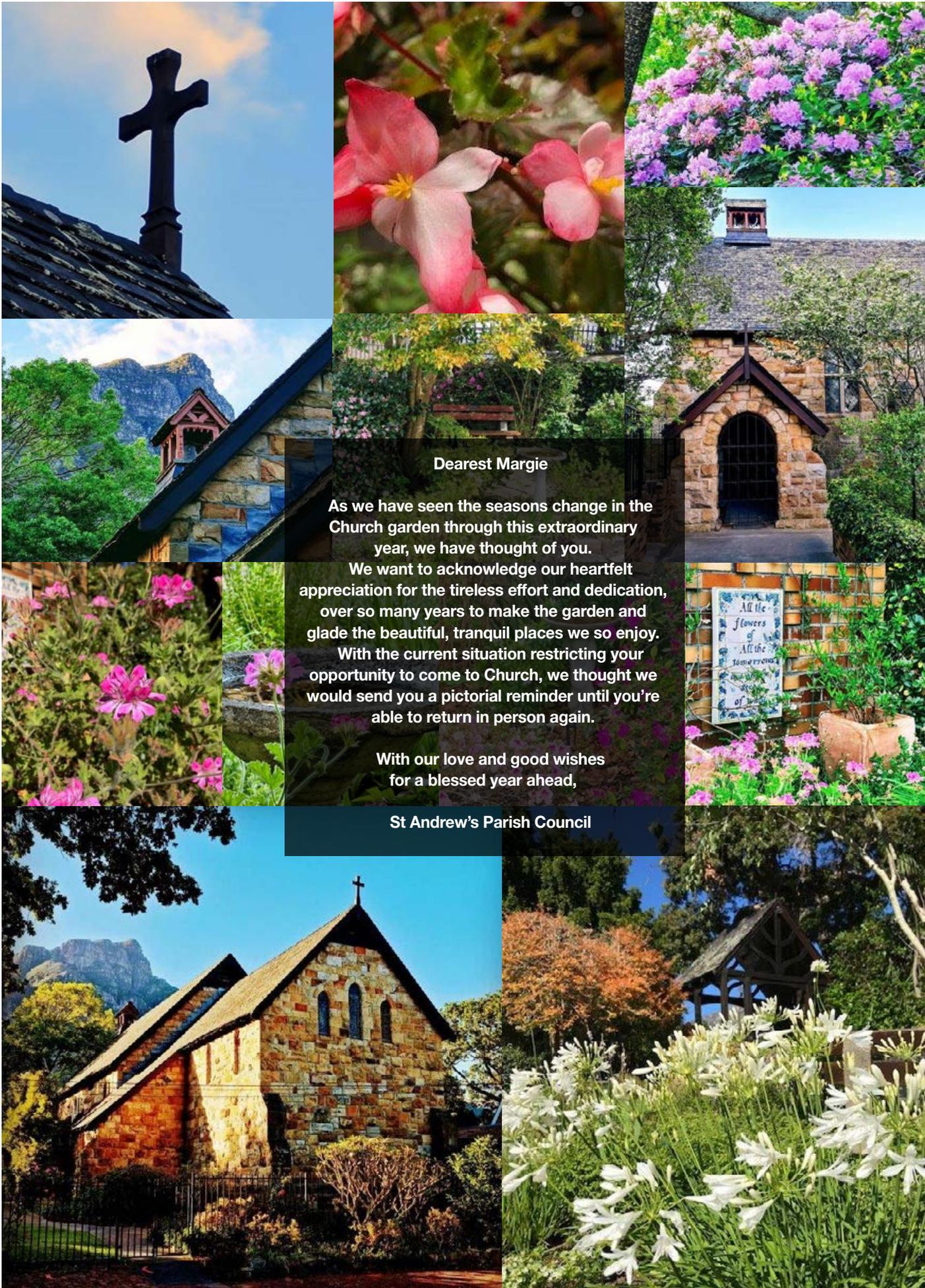
*Simon Gilbert, Dedicated Giving Co-Ordinator*

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**Dearest Margie**

As we have seen the seasons change in the Church garden through this extraordinary year, we have thought of you.

We want to acknowledge our heartfelt appreciation for the tireless effort and dedication, over so many years to make the garden and glade the beautiful, tranquil places we so enjoy.

With the current situation restricting your opportunity to come to Church, we thought we would send you a pictorial reminder until you're able to return in person again.

With our love and good wishes for a blessed year ahead,

**St Andrew's Parish Council**