



THE LONG VIEW

DEAR FRIENDS

We live in a digitally connected world, and it has been a gift since COVID-19 locked down the world just over a year ago. One of my big personal challenges is to disconnect sufficiently from this wonderful gift and find the silence my soul longs for. Dawn and I have had the privilege to have some time away in a friend's holiday home in Kenton-on-Sea; time to embrace silence and beauty as we begin and end the day listening to the distant waves and watch the river drift past. The gentle sound of birds greeting the new day or embracing the coming night; an occasional walker with their dogs; a small boat at anchor, and a rising or setting sun lighting up the sky in hues of yellow, orange, and pink.

I wrote the following poem as I soaked up the awakening day:

REFLECTIONS OF SILENCE

*the roar of crashing waves
subdued, wind
and distant traffic
dog-bark and bird-call
as day awakens*

*a snake-skinned river
fast flowing
on an outbound tide
a lone egret
patrols the lower water*

*cormorants on guard
absorb an early sun
gulls fly sorties
stretching night-bound wings
exploring the gentle
morning breeze*

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My prayer is that you, too, may find solitude, silence, or stillness to soothe your soul.

Blessings, Mark



FROM OUR REGISTERS

Married

27 March 2021

David Pike & Nicole Dawson

17 April 2021

Wesley Haysom & Helen Slater

23 April 2021

Nicholas Köhne & Reneé Kotze

Baptised

14 March 2021

Norah Eurelle, David le Roux

28 March 2021

Jack Hamilton, Grant Hamilton

9 May 2021

Sadie-May Griffiths

16 May 2021

Blake Roberts

23 May 2021

Daniel van der Westhuizen

30 May 2021

Alessia Longano

Admitted to Communion

30 May 2021

Conrad Nicolay, David Nicolay

Confirmed

18 April 2021

Daniel Grant



Daniel Grant was confirmed by Bishop Joshua Louw on 18 April 2021

READY TO GO FURTHER THAN THE ZOOM SERVICE?

In the past year plus when we have been social distanced, the Parish Precinct all but shut down and only limited numbers at the in-person service, how have you, kept your relationship with your faith alive?

Today as I write this, it is Trinity Sunday and Mark's sermon this morning dealt with the personal relationship we have with the Trinity. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

We have been cut off from regular in person preaching and teaching which was the norm and we have had to find other ways of enriching our faith journey and growing in faith. Or has it been a very dry plodding lately?

Right now we have had to find other means of travelling along our journey as normal physical interactions have been altered.

Many of us have become comfortable with using Zoom for the Sunday Service and You Tube to catch Mark on his Wednesday Wanderings as well as the regular and informative Emails received from Bev and others via the office. Many now attend regular Bible study with Bishop Geoff on Zoom as well.

You might want to explore Faith matters on your own and branch out a bit.

The Lay Ministers recently discussed this aspect of our lives and spoke of their own explorations of the Internet and the various social platforms available to us on a daily basis, from the comfort of our iPhones, iPads or big computer screens.

Matters of faith, the Church and religion in general is alive and well on the internet if you care to explore them.

Below I will list some of the Web Sites and Social platforms which have kept us engaged as well as the odd book which came up in discussions, sermons and the Lent course.

WEBSITES:

bible.oremus.org The complete bible on your phone, ipad or computer
cac.org Richard Rohr and the center for Action and contemplation
franciscanseculars.com
jesuitresource.org
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churchofengland.org
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encounteringsilence.com

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patreon.com/blackliturgies

BLOGS:

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www.magsblackie.com

APPS FOR EASY USE ON YOUR PHONE:

Pray as you go: Daily prayer and readings and meditation with music
Lectio 365: Daily readings and prayer

TWITTER:

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@annemariepc-c
@blackliturgist
Cole Arthur Riley, #blackliturgies can be found on Twitter, Instagram and Face book

BOOKS:

Charlie Mackesy: **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.**
 Douglas Stuart: **Shuggie Bain**

I hope you enjoy exploring, reading and growing in these different ways.

Rosemary Wallace

LETTER OF THANKS FROM A COVID SURVIVOR PARISHIONER TO ST ANDREW'S, NEWLANDS.

I am writing this letter of thanks on the feast day of Corpus Christi and thank God for his goodness to us. On the 31st May I was declared fit after suffering much from the Covid virus. I struggled in the ICU for 3 weeks with the oxygen machine sustaining my life. Worst of all, not even my wife was allowed to visit. The forced separation from one's loved ones in times of despair is almost unbearable. In those difficult times, when one's heart aches with longing, scripture is a comfort, "May the Lord watch between you and me when we are separated the one from the other". (Genesis 31: 49). An improvement in my condition enabled us to attend at least three principle services of our Church viz Easter, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

We have memories of three notable Episcopal services on Pentecost. It was on Pentecost Sunday in the 80's when the late Bishop Phillip Russel preached that good, long sermon at the consecration of the late Bishop Charles Albertyn at All Saints, Somerset West. The late Bishop McKenzie preached at the ordination to the priesthood at St Nicholas, Matroosfontein when Archbishop Ndungane was the rector of the Parish. Also, Bishops Geoff Quinlan and Ted McKenzie were consecrated on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral in 1991.

Here we are through the grace of God and the prayers of the Church, able to attend the Eucharistic service again. I conclude by borrowing from the Psalmist; "The Lord saved me from death; he stopped my tears and kept me from defeat. And so I walk in the presence of the Lord in the world of the living."

Richard and Lauretta Buttress.

YES... WELL...

(Unfortunately) I am a person with a definite opinion about anything and everything... Bishop Geoff probably knows that - I am one of many who attend one of his weekly bible studies.

I remember early on I commented that the bible is too focused on "sin management" - too many references on sinning and forgiving.... Bishop Geoff's response was: "if you were a prisoner locked up in a prison you would not say that."

On another occasion I commented on a bible passage in the Old Testament "I don't think this passage is genuine"... Bishop Geoff's response was "well, Jesus Christ thought it good enough to quote it in the New Testament..". Not even Boris Spassky could get out of a checkmate like that!

And so, I was learning just how steeped in biblical knowledge, and its interpretation for daily living, Bishop Geoff is. His modesty and naturalness belie the extensive wisdom and insight he has, to share with those of us who tune in to one of his weekly zooms....

I would like to commend them to everyone- we are SO privileged to have him in our midst.

Michele Bowes

THANK YOU!

MY FELLOW PARISHIONERS AT ST ANDREWS.

It has been my joy to serve St Andrews in various capacities over many years. I have now retired from lay ministry and feel I need to thank you all for supporting me during this time.

A very big THANK YOU too for the wonderful gift hamper which I received from the parish (courtesy of Debbie Coombe). I can't WAIT to start digging into the yummy goodies in the basket!!!

Much love and blessings to you all.

Edgar



Enjoying the St Andrew's Parish Walk in the Newlands Forest

YOUTH MINISTRY

SMILE AWHILE - AS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VERY GOOD AT IT:

"Now my motto in life," said the school chaplain, "is work hard, play hard and pray hard. How about you, Susan?"

"My motto is let bygones be bygones," replied Susan. "That's good. Why did you choose that?" asked the chaplain. "Because I wouldn't have to do history lessons!"

It is good for us to have a good chuckle at least once a day, and maybe we need more laughter as we continue to cope with this Covid pandemic. It certainly has affected our attendances at both Confirmation and Children's Church. But having said that, our few young people who are preparing for Confirmation are outstanding in their devotion and participation. Tamsyn Emery, David Nicolay, Conrad Nicolay and Gabriel Rupprecht leave me in deep thought after every lesson, and thankful that the future of our country will be

in very capable hands. We continue to meet every Tuesday at 4.15pm during school terms.

We were very pleased to have an extra Confirmation Service conducted by Bishop Joshua Louw in April for Daniel Grant, who could not be Confirmed in November with the other candidates because he was in quarantine with his family, having been in contact with the Virus. Please continue to pray for our young people, and we thank you for your prayers and support in the past.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - under the amazing, dedicated and innovative leadership of Penny Middelkoop, meets on Sundays at 8am in the hall. The numbers have declined, BUT those who make the effort to get up early have a wonderful time learning about and praising Jesus, as only Penny knows how to teach it. Thank you, Penny for your dedication

and love of Jesus that leads our children along the path of faith and love. Please pray for our children.

"God Bless Africa, Guard our children, Guide our leaders, Heal our communities and grant us peace. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

AND A SMILE TO END:

The class teacher asked Mandy "Give me a sentence starting with I?"

"Yes, Miss," said Mandy.

"I is -" No! No! No! Mandy, interrupted the teacher, "You don't say 'I is' you say 'I am.'"

"Alright Miss" said Mandy

"I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

Elizabeth Cherry



Many thanks for the wonderful response for our COVID Jersey Sunday!

**SOME CONTRIBUTIONS WERE ADDED TO HAMPERS FOR MOWBRAY MATERNITY HOSPITAL.
PLEASE KEEP THE GOODIES COMING AS IT IS GOING TO BE A LONG COLD WINTER!**



Sisters Incorporated

CARING FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

25 May 2021

St. Andrews Church (Newlands)
c/o Nickie Anderssen

Email: nicolette.anderssen@gmail.com

Dear Debbie, Nickie and Parishioners of St. Andrews Church

Thank you so much for the new single bed sheets & duvet covers donated to Sisters Incorporated.

Donations are highly appreciated and we are extremely grateful for your support.

We are so happy that you matched the duvet covers with the room colours, it is beautiful and we are excited as this will brighten up our rooms.

Thank you so much making the effort to match the colour duvet and sheets with the room. It was lovely meeting Nicky & her husband.

It is only by donations such as yours and by the grace of God we are able to continue to keep our doors open and assist the many women and their children seeking our assistance on a daily basis.

Thank you for thinking of us at Sisters Incorporated.

Yours Sincerely

Delene Roberts
Manager



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n can make a difference ... and that person is you.

PBO 930024147

10th May 2021

Attention: St Andrews Church Newlands
77 Kildare Road Newlands 7700

Dear St Andrews Church Newlands

DONATION TO DIE EILAND HUIS

We at **Die Eiland Huis** would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous donation of **the purchase of Nappies to the value of R16 423.14 received on 28th April 2021.**

We can confirm that 100% of the value of your donation accrued to benefit Black South African Citizens as defined in the BEE Codes of Good Practice. There are 14 severely challenged residents at Die Eiland Huis and (10) 77% of the beneficiaries are Black South African citizens.

Thank you again.

Kind regards,

Yours Sincerely

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Justine Noble
Fundraiser



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**St Andrews Church
21 April 2021**

Dear Debbie Coombe

On behalf of our youth, community and volunteers we wish to thank St Andrews Church most sincerely for your generously supporting our annual Life Skills Seminar in December 2021.

We also hereby confirm and acknowledge that the amount of R24 300.00 was paid to Watersedge who will host the Life Skills Seminar.

We will also inform Debbie Coombe on a regular basis regarding the process and outcome of the Life Skills Seminar.

Kind Regards

Percy

Fundraiser

Approximately 98% of the beneficiaries of the above mentioned organisation meet the definition of 'Black', as per the BEE Codes of Good Practice No.: 29617, 9 February 2007, namely South African citizens who are African, Coloured, Indian and Chinese.

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