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Spring
Newsletter 2023

THE SHEPHERD'S PEN

It gives me great pleasure to submit my first entry to this edition of the Parish Newsletter, after a month of my arrival from the Parish of Plumstead. I wish to first express my deepest appreciation for the warm welcome received at St Andrew's, and in the wider community of Newlands. I have come here with my family: my wife Phyllis, together with our three children, Zintle (18), Uphiwu (8) and Zinathi (3). I speak on their behalf also, when I express our great appreciation of the warm welcome we have received up to now. We look forward to a happy and exciting season, as we get to know you all.

One of the greatest tasks that we have before us as a community, is to re-group and regain our sense of community, to re-vision together and to see what it is that God calls us to be as St Andrew's, Newlands in this season. Interregnums are not easy periods in any parish, as one of the most recent Archdeacons in the Diocese, I can tell you without

reservations that to remain a community is a real struggle, because at times it feels as though you are "Sheep without a Shepherd", even though the Church does every effort to divert our minds from this idea as far as it can. It is my intention that as Shepherd among you, we will walk together and remain together on the journey to find a way forward as a community.

Ministry is at the top of my priorities – being with those who need to be assured that the church is always present, for those who gather regularly for worship, or for those who are housebound, sick, hospitalized, Frail, dying or bereaved – because the church is a beacon of presence. I have urged those who work with me in the lay-ministry and leadership teams, to help me to work towards this realization as we re-establish ourselves in the essentials of loving one another as we do ourselves, as by so doing we are appreciating who God is to us.

Not only should we be a beacon of presence to those in need, but to all those who need to find a place in this community and beyond. I write this piece with great joy because I anticipate the revival of our youth



FROM OUR REGISTERS

Died

18 July Tony Giles

1 September Peter Steven

Married

29 April

Eleana Cesare & Brendan Von Essen

ministry in this church, as we encourage all our young people to take part also in the life of the Church. Thanks to all the parents who have been bringing their young people to Youth Fridays in Church, to assist us in re-kindling the flame of fire in our young people, so that the body of Christ becomes fully represented in this community.

I pray that as we celebrate Spring, the season of Creation in our church, that we will also be those who find themselves at God's disposal so that as clay in the potter's hand, God can reform, recreate, and renew us into what God intends for us as a Church in this part of His Kingdom, in this season.

Love and Blessings, Mkhusele



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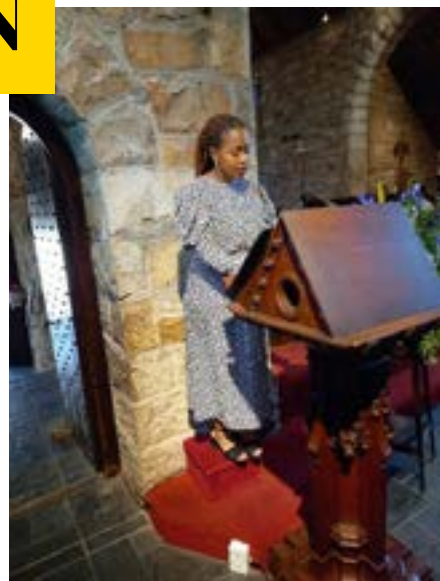
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We are delighted to welcome our new Rector, Venerable Mkhusele Lujabi and his family to St Andrew's!

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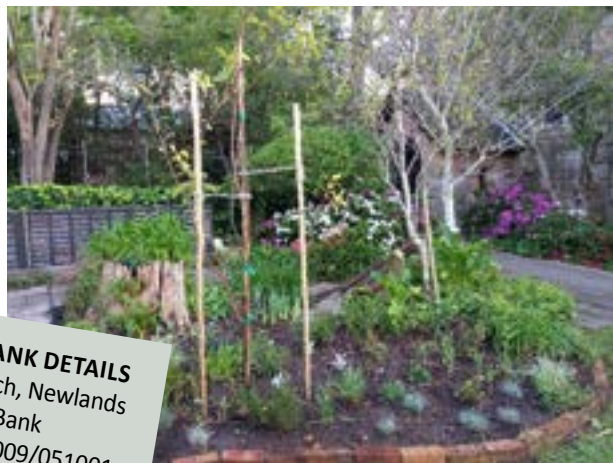
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ST ANDREW'S GARDEN

Phase 1 and 2 Complete! And doesn't it look wonderful!

A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have already generously donated funds towards the garden. We would still welcome further donations! Please consider sponsoring trees, shrubs, plants or make a general donation.



THE CHURCH BANK DETAILS
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The list below gives the common name of the plants, the number required and cost per each plant.

REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

POM POM TREE	3	R2 250
DIPLADENIA CLIMBER	2	R459
DIPLADENIA SHRUB	2	R169
BUCHU	3	R68.50
VERONICA	3	R78.90
HELIOTROPHE	2	R75.95
SALVIA	5	R79

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RED PRUNUS TREES	1	R698.50
HYDRANGEAS	7	R265.30
AZALEAS	4	R395.50
PITTIOSPORUM	2	R395.60
PINK INDIA HAWTHORN	2	R185



Alison Gilbert



JERSEY SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners

Many thanks for all the wonderful knitted blankets, jerseys, beanies, winter clothes and food we received for Jersey Sunday.

The items were distributed to:

- St Anne's Homes for Women and Children
- St Michael's Child and Youth Care Centre
 - U-Turn Homeless Ministries
- Lilyhaven Old Age Home, Bonteheuwel
 - Heavens Nest Child Care

Abundant Blessings, MTN



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27th July 2023

St Andrews Church Newlands

Dear Debbie

Thank you for your kindness & generosity in reaching out and helping our senior citizens.

With your kind assistance we know that we can continue to make a difference to the senior citizens we care for. You have no idea how much this means to the senior citizens in our care.

Thank you for your contribution in making South Africa such a great country.

The extremely generous Sponsorship of 2 Laptops to the value of R13998.00

We hereby confirm that your contribution has been allocated to benefit more than 75% Black South African citizens in the Terms of the Codes of Good Practice.

We trust you find the above in order and if you have any queries, you are welcome to contact us. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

Yours in service

**Angeline Linders
Fund Raiser**





BUILDING PROJECT REPORT – AUGUST 2023

I am pleased to report that there has been good progress in recent months, leading to the possibility of us being able to begin building in early 2024.

THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE:

- Phase 1 Building Plans have been approved by the City for the renovations required to the school building, which is a protected heritage building.
- Phase 2 Building Plans, which are for the hall building, including meeting rooms, Parish offices, kitchen, and toilets will be submitted to City planning shortly. Fagan Architects are finalizing details for the submission including refining the parking and traffic management plan with input from David Faure.
- Our quantity surveyor is updating the overall costing in preparation for the builder tender process. Should any parishioners wish to recommend a builder for consideration in this process, please let me know. We have a shortlist already but would welcome any recommendations.
- We have had positive discussions with Kildare Pre-Primary about the project and the potential to begin building in 2024. We will meet with their representative in early September to further discuss the impact of the building program on the school.
- Application has been made to the City to renew the lease for the City owned parking area

that we use between the fence of the pump station and the line of trees.

We have sketched out a reasonable timeline with Fagan Architects to have the Phase 2 plans passed and a builder appointed through the remainder of the year and to commence building in 2024.

We wait in anticipation for the costing update and as has been previously advised we will manage the financial aspects carefully and within the scope of our resources. However, as much time has passed since the last costing, we do know that we will need to fundraise to cover the inflationary increase. We will update the Parish further on this aspect in due course.

As we head into this exciting final phase, we would like to bring a couple of additional people onto the building committee, especially those with experience in engineering, design and building projects. The current building committee being myself, Debbie Coombe, Nickie Anderssen and Richard Emery, together with Ven Mkhusele, and technical support from David Faure (parking and traffic) and Brent Samson (electrical). Please call me on 082 909 0096 if you have any questions.

Can we do this? Yes, we can!

Regards, Rob

YOUTH MINISTRY

My dear family of St Andrew's Church, it is so good to write to you again – can't believe that a whole year has gone by since our last chat – Spring last year – and here we are ready for Spring 2023. So, let's begin with a smile ... "Why should a golfer always wear two pairs of trousers? ... In case he gets a hole in one!"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH have been very blessed to have had Penny Middelkoop as their spiritual guide. We have unfortunately now had to say farewell to Penny as she tendered her resignation. Penny was and is the most amazing spiritual guide, with a deep love for Jesus and the children that shows in everything she does and says. May God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit continue to use her to their praise and glory. We are so very fortunate to have Di Grant, a very special lady, continue to lead our children each Sunday. She too is a true disciple of Jesus. Thank you Di for holding the "fort" for us. God bless you for all you do for St Andrew's Church.

BAPTISMS – The Archbishop has asked us please to check if there are any older members of our Church who may not yet have been baptised and would like to receive baptism to speak to Father Mkhusele or myself so arrangements can be made. We look forward to hearing from you.

CHILDREN ADMITTED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION – No children have been admitted so far this year. If there are any children ages 4 years and up who would like to receive communion, please speak to me and we can arrange for him/her to attend preparation sessions.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – This is going very well with the most amazing young people that our Church and country are so very fortunate to have in preparation for the future. We have the wonderful inspiration from our Rector, Venerable Mkhusele Lujabe, who has a very deep respect for our youth and their future. He is busy with the class and me to reinstate the Server's Guild for which I personally thank him. Please continue to keep our young people in your prayers. It is not easy being a young person in these very difficult times we are living in. Sin never leaves them alone, the temptations are dangled constantly in their faces – alcohol, drugs, gangsters, sexual activities, the list goes on and on ...

Thank you so much for your wonderful support and prayers.

So now a smile to end this long chatter: Customer: "This loaf of bread is lovely and warm!" Baker: "So it should be madam. The cats been sitting on it all morning!"

With all my love and gratitude to you all

As always, Elizabeth



BISHOP GEOFF'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Sunday 20th August



THE BASIS OF OUR FAITH

We are pleased that we now have an 'inverter' to overcome loadshedding.

Loadshedding has affected our daily lives and our traditional style of worship. The Aumbrey is used for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Aumbrey Lamp must be functional. The fact that it was nonfunctional during load shedding has prompted us to share a few of our thoughts on the signs and symbols of the church. When load shedding prevents the lamp from burning, then genuflection loses its meaning.

The Font It is strategically placed at the entrance of the church to remind us of our baptism.

Genuflection We genuflect in the direction of the Aumbrey on entering the church as a sign of respect.

The Sign Of The Cross We were taught in childhood already that the sign of the cross should be made intentionally. It is the triumph over evil and an outward expression of our faith.

Kneeling We kneel for the prayers as a sign of respect. We acknowledge the holiness of our God and we do so in all humility.

The Reserved Sacrament It is kept apart in order that those who are housebound and in hospital can receive the consecrated elements by an authorized minister of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist Much of our worship, esp. the Eucharistic Feast is expressed in symbols. (space constraints prevents us from expounding the theme). Even the posture we adopt for our worship is relevant. We kneel for the prayers and stand for the gospel acclamation. The

Eucharist reaches its pinnacle at the consecration of the elements and the bells are rung. The celebrant genuflects in reverence before holding the bread and wine aloft.

CONCLUSION In our article we attempt to correct the mistaken belief that we bow at the cross in the sanctuary. We also share our understanding of the meaning of a few signs, symbols and the Eucharist. (from the perspective of lay persons in the church). We close by borrowing the Eucharistic prayer; "We who are many are one body because we all partake of the one bread" (Anglican Prayer Book.(APB)pg127.

*Richard and Lauretta Buttress—
an extract of our unpublished
memoirs. copyright reserved.*

Farewell service and tea for REV CHERYL BIRD

SUNDAY 30TH JULY

On behalf of the parish and council of St Andrews, we are here to say goodbye to another friend within 18 months.

It appears that Cheryl has always had her eye on St Andrews. Her first attempt was when she nominated Mark Long as Bishop, hoping that a vacancy would arise.

The next was when Mark went on long leave when she made sure she was first in line.

And finally, it was third time lucky when we went into interregnum. She arrived somewhat reserved, somewhat quiet and rather serious. She was notably very well behaved in our first couple of services.

We soon started seeing her true colours, especially when the interregnum was extended, and she started shining. Someone must have said to her Shine Cheryl Shine. We discovered a loving, generous and mischievous soul, who has known pain, who by her own admission is a little crazy, who knowingly pushes boundaries, but whose very being and presence speaks of the joy of God in her life.

A deep thinker, your knowledge, experience, and wisdom has guided us through some difficult times. Thank you.

We discovered too late that you are an expert knitter and sewer; and would like to thank you for the excellent job you did in shortening the Rectory curtains.

Cheryl, you have been our interregnum blessing.

You have made your way into our hearts, and we are finding it difficult to say goodbye, especially as we are aware that you will be absent for a while to allow Mkhusele to establish himself. Your close and wider family will relish having you back and we ask God to continue to use your considerable gifts as you re-enter retirement.

This is - for now - the last time that we will hear you say Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord, and we thank God for the blessing you have been to us. And as you leave us, we too want to bless you.

Jim te Water Naude



**NEWLY INSTALLED
CHANCEL RAIL.**

Jim te Water Naude (Churchwarden)



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PARISH DIARY

SEPTEMBER		
Sun 24	Heritage Day	
Mon 25	Heritage Day Public Holiday	Church office closed
Wed 27	Parish Council Meeting	19:30
Sat 30	Quiet Morning led by Rev Andrew Holmes	09:30-12:00
OCTOBER		
Tues 3	Soup Evening	18:00
Thurs 5	Lay Minister's Meeting	19:30
Sat 7	Sidesperson Training	09:00 - +/- 11:00
Sat 14	Love Packs	09:45 – 11:00
Wed 25	Parish Council Meeting	19:30
Sat 28	Quiet Morning led by Rev Bob Commins	09:30-12:00
NOVEMBER		
Thurs 9	Lay Minister's Meeting	19:30
Fri 10	Dance - Ballroom & Line	19:00
Sat 11	Love Packs	09:45 – 11:00
Sun 19	Confirmation Service	09:15
Wed 22	Parish Council Meeting	19:30
Sat 25	Quiet Morning led by Venerable Rus Blossoples	09:30 - 12:00
DECEMBER		
Sat 2	Mini Morning Market	TBC
Thurs 7	Lay Minister's Meeting	19:30

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