

125 yrs of CR Sisters

A very special Eucharist was held at the Chapel of St Mary and All the Angels in Grahamstown on the Feast of St Mark, Saturday 25 April, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord (CR Sisters).

Begun all those years ago when a beautiful young woman, Deaconess Cecile Isherwood, having heard the call of her Lord, and a plea from the then Bishop of Grahamstown, Allan Beecher Webb, set sail from London for South Africa. She was not yet twenty-one when she set off on 4 October 1883 on this great adventure for God. House was set up and the small band of women who'd come out together began their work among the local community. Then on St Mark's day 1884 the Community of the Resurrection of our Lord was born, when Cecile was clothed as a novice in the chapel at Bishopsbourne.

The Community was very poor and had orange-box 'make-do's' for furniture and yet they realised the needs in the area and soon founded various institutions such as - a day school, that became St Peter's School; The Good Shepherd School; an industrial school and an orphanage for 'waifs and strays'.

Mother Cecile made her Profession on her 25th birthday, and was soon seeing needs beyond Grahamstown.

Port Elizabeth

By 1887 there were eight novices and an appeal came for Sisters to work in Port Elizabeth. Sr Charlotte, with two helpers,

Sister Dorianne cuts the 125th anniversary cake. Looking on are Sr Kekeletso, Mother Zelma, Sr Makho-sazana and Sr Carol of the Community of the Resurrection of our Lord.

began work among the poor in South End and later moved to North End where they had a Mission House with a Refuge. Then came a call for help with nursing of children in hospital and later a Mission School for 'coloured' children, which became St Mark's Mission School, followed by St Francis Xavier Mission and St James Mission schools. A reminder of the Sisters' work in Port Elizabeth is the painting at the back of the Sanctuary and another in the Lady Chapel at St Michael and All Angels in Schauderville, done by Sr Margaret and, of course, the House of the Resurrection buildings given to us by the Sisters.

More expansion

In 1893 the Grahamstown Training College for women teachers was added to the list, with the help of a Government grant. Work at Kingwilliamstown, then Keiskamma Hoek followed, then Queenstown and Pietersburg. By 1934



One of the intricately, beautiful pieces embroidered by deaf Sr Margaret Evelyn over 100 years ago.



the Community were working in Bulawayo, Salisbury, Rusape, Penhalonga, and Mapanza.

125 years on

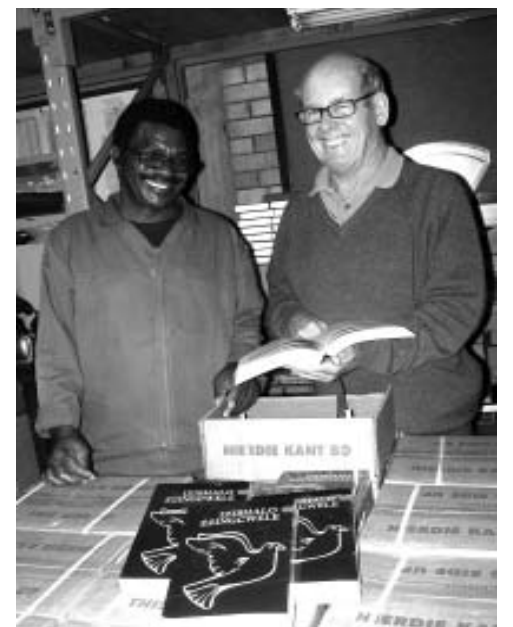
Sadly, with the fall in the number of vocations there are only the six sisters left at Grahamstown where they are still very involved within the community running soup kitchens, the infirmary etc.

Pentecost 2009



"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God." Acts 10:44-46

Izibhalo Ezingcwele for R20 a copy



Much to smile about - Michael Ngqobololo and Graham Butcher of the Bible Society examine one of the soft cover versions of the isiXhosa Bible available from them for only R20 a copy.

Equipping one another



Some of the Kariega Archdeaconry youth who attended the workshop

Siyabulela Tshatshu reports

The youth of Kariega Archdeaconry had a Spiritual Workshop, with the theme of 'Set an example for believers in life' (1Tim 4:12), with the aim of helping to equip one another with Christian ethics and to boost their Spiritual capacity so that they will become Christ-centred and focused youth.

It was hosted by St Matthew's Youth

KwaMagxaki, on the afternoon of Saturday 4 April, and seven of the parishes from the archdeaconry attended. Also present were youth from St Peter's in Zwide, St Andrew's in KwaNobuhle and St Augustine's in Walmer Gqebera.

Mathemba Ntanga, from Wesley Guild, was the main speaker and he spoke of St Paul's message to Timothy saying, "Your lifestyle must help you ... you

must have a picture or vision for yourself, of what you want to be today ... you must have something on your mind you want to achieve. Set up your

programme that will lead you to be the person you want to be."

He went on to say young people must know the purpose of God for themselves; they need to choose friends who will add the value in their life; their behaviour must carry their dreams and must not embarrass their home or themselves. The youth need to have a common vision and goals and must be living for God; their lifestyle is important because of what Jesus went through in terms of his suffering and pain - 'he bought us with his valuable life ... let's adjust our life style to suit the cross, not to adjust the cross to suit our lifestyle.'

Other speakers included Greg Moses, Canon for the youth, who encouraged the youth and ended by saying, "Let's be God's chosen youth by going out and doing what Jesus did on earth."

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A wheelchair for Abigail

Pam Brown

Selamma Oerson, who runs 7deLaan Soup Kitchen in Arcadia was alerted to the need of 10yr old Abigail Hoffman, a first year student at Graaslaagte Primary School by her teacher Mrs Nel. Abigail who suffers from a spinal problem was in desperate need of a wheelchair to get around. Being part of the Social Development programme of the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Selamma was put in touch with Rotarian Jeremy Brown (Churchwarden of St Mark's), who was able to make an emergency request to the Rotary Medical Exchange in East London for a child's wheelchair. Our thanks to president Dave Kan for permission to do so. A member of St Mark's Church, Humansdorp, Stella Davidson was in East London on holiday and willingly collected the wheelchair for us.

Our sincere thanks to Stella and all the Rotarians who played their part, may God bless you all in your work.



Rotarians Dave Kan and Jeremy Brown, Stella Davidson, Mrs Nel and her pupil, Abigail in her new wheelchair.

Stations on a Celtic Way



Pam Brown

Anglicans, Methodists and a Roman Catholic joined together for a Lenten Retreat from 24 – 26 March, "Stations on a Celtic Way". We worshipped and prayed the daily office using Celtic stories and imagery into that sacred space. Our thanks to the Revd Anthony Sutton who made it so meaningful, we really do appreciate it all and thanks to the Brothers for their wonderful retreat at Hillandale.

Retreants Jaap, Christine, Anthony, Thembi, Elsie, Christine, Paulene, Paul and Vanessa on the patio

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Dr Carrie Miles

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Looking for information on St Peter's, SE

Sara Thomas, now living in the UK, is looking for information and any photos from South End days. Her mother was baptised at St Peter's in 1924 and her family name was Ruiters.

iindaba has sent Sara the only two photos we have of St Peter's but if other folk have photos of the church, the people or of the Revd Paddy (?) we can scan them to send to Sara – or if you have any information about her family e-mail her at: sara@thomas4485.freeserve.co.uk

"Op Reis met die Anglikaanse Weg"

- Fr Roy Snyman tssf

This is the Afrikaans version of 'Travelling along the Anglican Way' translated by a team in the Diocese of George, and has a warm commendation by Bishop Donald Harker.

Cost: R50 per copy - Postage R5 for up to 2 copies but are more for orders above that.

Order from: Fr Roy Snyman tssf - Tel/fax: 041 373 1283 or fr.roy@telkomsa.net

The translation and printing was encouraged for use in Afrikaans-speaking parishes, and the costs have been carried by the author, Fr Roy Snyman tssf, out of enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel, and for preserving the beauty of our Anglican heritage. The liturgical notes are especially welcomed by lay ministers, who carry much of the evangelistic burden in country chapelries. The teaching is soundly based on freely quoted Scripture.



Welcoming Easter

Photo and report by **Ashley Govin**

The traditional Easter Candle was proudly positioned by Jacobus Frieslaar at St Michael and All Angels on Easter Morning.

The service, conducted by retired priest, Rudi Marais, was well attended in spite of it having begun before sunrise at 05h30.



Gathering of youth



Members of the Cluster of Youth Guilds from St Matthew's, KwaMagxaki, who met for a combined day.

Siyabulela Tshatshu

The general youth or Cluster of Youth Guilds (Mary Magdalene, Boy's and Girl's Friendly Society and Youth) of St Matthew's, KwaMagxaki, launched a new programme on Holy Saturday 11 April with the theme of 'The Way to Salvation.' The format used was that of a funeral service and the purpose was to demonstrate the role played by Jesus while on earth, in the hope that it will help the youth, when reading their Bibles, to have a clear picture of the various situations and the significance of the 'Passover'. It was noted that Anglican youth, in general, find it difficult to read the Bible and so to follow in the steps of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An Obituary for Jesus, that reflected the role he played from birth until his resurrection, was read and reflected on by Zakhe Mhlaba. Phelokazi Matutu led the funeral service and others spoke on Jesus' birth; on his growth and development; on his

trial; his death and resurrection.

The guest preacher was Mbulelo Nkornombini who used Matt 11:28 as his text. He said we may feel weary and burdened by the death of Jesus but his death resulted in our being free of the chains of the devil. We need not feel lonely because God provides care, health, love and his peace which passes all understanding. Jesus bought us with his blood in order for us not to be servants of others but to worship and serve him with our body, mind and our talents. Mbulelo requested us to pledge to God that we will make a difference in our lives and to resurrect with Jesus and be Christ-centered.

The programme was educational and will become an annual event. The rector, Zandisile Nongauza, and assistant priest Nontsikilelo Memese, together with members of the Mothers' Union and Bernard Mizeki Guild and friends from the youth of Umzi Wasetopiya, made the day a success with their presence.

Send us out into the world

Siyabulela Tshatshu

During Lent the members of St Bernard Mizeki Guild at St Matthew's, KwaMagxaki, used the closing prayer of the Eucharist, "Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit", as their theme for revival meetings, conducting Evensong for 'in-door' members and the service on the Wednesday evening, and as they visited and comforted the bereaved. The purpose was to revive the non-active guilders and to strengthen the congregation to overcome any challenge during the Lent season so as to have focused Christians who practice what they preach and to have Christ-centered mens' guilders.

The opening revival meeting was in one of the mission stations of the parish, the James Calata Memorial Church eZinyoka. Speakers included Vuyisile Jonas, Siyabulela Tshatshu, Sandi Dlala who spoke on:

* Genesis 37:16 and Rev 2:1-7 - We are looking for our fellow brothers, God knows your hard work, capabilities, efforts whilst you were within us.

* 1Sam 7:45 - I come against

you in the name of the Lord Almighty. Don't tell God how big your problems are, instead tell your problems how great your God is.

* John 1 5:1-5) We can't bear fruit if we are not in Christ. We must link with Jesus and God through the Spirit.

The revivals were a source of energy and strength. God was revealing himself through the guest preachers, and the Holy Spirit was amongst us.

Let's keep the fire burning until the Kingdom comes.

A men's only service

All men are invited
St Philip's Church
St Philip's Street, Central
on 15 June at 19h00

Preacher:
The Revd Luyanda Tuku
For further information contact:
Granville Williams on
082 856 9288

The Bishop writes...

My dear friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord present among us in his Holy Spirit!

In the political arena people of South Africa have spoken through the ballot box. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma is now our president. The news has been accepted with applause by some, while others do so with caution, and for still others, it does not matter which way it goes so long as they can get on with their lives peacefully. All sorts of reactions, you name them! Both those who applaud or those who are cautious need to undertake to support the administration with positive and constructive criticism. The bloated cabinet, which will cost the tax payer more than a billion rand for the top structure does not give any bright hope, since delivery is to happen at grass roots level where more people would be needed. The people of South Africa have to watch and pray, engaging themselves wherever the call to duty sounds. If it was a sympathy vote it is not giving any optimistic good returns. Time will tell. Let us remain positive positioning ourselves on the side of *the good* wherever we are.

For believers God speaks. He spoke in the olden days in different ways, in various times and situations through the prophets and signs. He has spoken "in these last days to us by His Son" (Heb.1:1-2). When the Lord speaks he seems not to be interested in the majority. He reveals himself to individuals, and fulfills purposes in many ways. The Spirit of the Father lives in us, and it is his Spirit who speaks through us as we pray (Prayer C. APB. P.113). God chose to speak through his people in Israel, both the "gangs of prophets" and individual prophets (1 Sam 10:5-7). The test of whether the Lord has actually spoken was that the word would come true (Deut. 18: 15-22). The individual prophets like Isaiah et al, would speak "Thus says the Sovereign Lord..." out of confidence and an encounter with him to transmit the message to the people of Israel.

Our God has spoken through Jesus Christ. He is the Word of God with God in the

God speaks!



Blessed by Bishop Bethlehem at the induction service - Annie, the oldest member of the AWF, seen with their chaplain, Sharon Nell.

beginning "...coming into the world" (Jn 1: 9). In him the 'above' meets with the 'below' and God speaks as he calls whoever believes in him to 'new birth'. Thus the **new thing** from God begins in the life of those who believe (cf Is.43:19). Once a new creation begins, a new relationship with God emerges. All of us are challenged to 'be born again' for a new beginning and fellowship divine (Jn. 3:3, 7). Once this takes place in us, the Spirit opens us to new ventures and challenges.

First, we do not rest content for hearing the word of God only once a week, on a Sunday morning. We long for the 'pure milk of the word so that we may grow thereby' (1 Peter 2:2). The written word becomes part of our daily lives as we listen to God as he speaks to us, both in the Morning and Evening Prayer as set out in the Anglican Prayer Book. Read the word and listen to God as he speaks to you daily. Be reminded to pray: 'Give us today our daily bread' and God will reveal himself to you more and more in your conscience, prompting you in 'a still small voice' to good works. Also think: *the family that prays together stays together*. Be the cause of togetherness of families. This is God's intention through you to

transform family life!

Secondly, God meets and speaks to us when we are quiet. As I share in the privilege of visiting Christian churches both in the diocese and ecumenical, believers are too noisy when they come to worship. Their convocation is no different from a political *Imbizo*. Going to a worship service is an appointment to meet with the unseen God in the Body and Blood of Christ. The unseen or the spiritual is often encountered *in quietness and trust (confidence)* as we discern the **mystery** of his presence (Is.30:15; 1 Kings 19:11-13). If it is hard for us to hear one another when it is noisy, how much more are we missing hearing God speaking to us when we are noisy?

Thirdly, when God speaks a *commission* follows for the listener to engage and complete a task (Is.6). We have a task, God's Mission into the world. At Synod God spoke to us in Indaba Groups. We need to discern our part in Mission now. Each and every one has a gift to exercise and a part to play. The poor have been the concern of the Church for ages, long before the Millennium Goals ever thought to emerge. We move out of the love of him who died our death, even Christ our Lord whose 'Spirit speaks through us as we pray' (Gal.2:20). The first engagement is 'to make disciples'. Further to this South Africa presents challenges of good governance, rule of law, disease HIV/Aids, Crime, delivery, gender issues, family crisis, racism ... the list goes on. Let us stand up and heed the Synod call of Christ 'to go and make disciples of all nations ...' with prayer and hard work for church growth and ministry.

May God grant us strength to fulfill and accomplish our duties.

Yours in the love of Christ

A helping hand

Ashley Govin



Paul Nomdoe, Maggie Thorn, Natasha Cunningham, Belinda Furguson and Desire Goliath welcome Ruth Brandt who took some of the services at St Michael and All Angels while their resident priest was on vacation.

On the move

❖ Clergy moves for this month:
- Craig Dunsmuir to TEE College Johannesburg;
- Mario Hendricks to St Luke, Palmridge from late May.

❖ Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate - Wellington Biyana, of St Stephen joins a list of candidates (see last issue) for the Trinity Ordinations at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 7 June at 14h00)

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ Who says miracles don't happen today? In 2005, Jacques Nell, younger son of Piet and Sharon, was declared brain dead. In April, he graduated from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University!

❖ Congratulations to Diocesan Trustee, Charles Qoto, on the crowning of his beautiful daughter Zukiswa Miss Port Elizabeth. Not only is Zukiswa (also known as Di-Anne) a pretty face, but a bright one - she is a candidate attorney. Charles told iindaba that Zukiswa's passionate about environmental issues, and would like to be an environmental lawyer.

❖ Christopher Holmes, rector of St Hugh's, Newton Park, told iindaba that he recently looked at a payslip from December 1984. His gross stipend was R440, and after tax, medical aid and pension deductions, his gross amount was R390.90c. His cheque was signed with the well-known signature of the diocesan secretary/treasurer, Dennis Burkinshaw.

❖ Is there a doctor in the house? Yes, but he won't be able to diagnose your ailments. Congratulations to Lester Cowley, lay minister at the cathedral for many years, who has just been awarded his doctorate in computers at the NMMU.

❖ Our thoughts go out to Debbie Vencencie and her young son Chad on the finding by the courts of a guilty verdict on the men who so cold-bloodedly killed her policemen husband, Winston, a few years ago. The verdict has brought relief to the family, as they now await sentencing which will take place in August. This will finally bring closure for Debbie and the family. God be with you.

❖ If you think your clergy have gone barmy when they process into church ahead of the lay ministers, don't be concerned. †Bethlehem was moved by the example of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who led from the front in procession, not bringing up the rear as has been the tradition. The priest who presides at the Eucharist is now to follow the acolytes (servers carrying candles) and crucifer (the server carrying the cross), and is followed by the other clergy then the lay ministers. ‡Rowan Cantaur (the title used by the Archbishop of Canterbury) showed the significance of the bishop leading mission into the world, and those who preside at the Eucharist representing the bishop/archbishop.

❖ The historic Main Library, which is the custodian of much of Port Elizabeth's history, has graciously donated to the Cathedral on permanent loan the music of the organist and choir-master of the Collegiate Church (as it was then), Roger Ascham, who died in 1934. Along with the music comes a beautiful bookcase. Included is also some of the music of the late Robert Selley, whose widow, Peggy, lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Anthony Oshry.

❖ Katharine Holmes, daughter of Christopher and Susan of St Hugh's, Newton Park, eventually left for Canada after waiting nearly five months for her visa. She is hosted by the Chatham Rotary Club in Ontario - close to the USA border. Detroit is only 70km from where she is staying.

❖ It seems the editor of iindaba, Frankie Simpson, has heart troubles - of the physical sort. She will be going into hospital for a triple by-pass operation on 10 June. Everyone is now convinced she is mad because she chose to postpone admittance until after synod!

Anglican Rosary available



The Umzi Woxolo Homecarers at Sea Vista are making Anglican Rosaries as a fundraiser to help equip their carehouse - on which building has begun. The Lord has answered our many prayers for such a building which is being paid for by an overseas sponsor.

The beaded rosary is available in different colours (buyer's choice) and comes with three different prayer cards in a presentation satin bag at R50 a set including postage and packaging.

For enquiries or orders contact Pam on 042 294 0055 or 076 194 2291 or pcbrown@mweb.co.za.

We are equipping a nursery, a training/counselling room and a carer's bedroom. We also have a wish list available if anyone can help us further.

Tag lines!



**The best thing about the future
is that it only comes
one day at a time.**

All Saints', Kabega Park fête

**6 June at 10h00
Lots to do, lots to eat,
lots to buy and lots of fun!**

Around the diocese - Capped, snapped and inducted



Capped - Jacques Nell, son of the Archdeacon of The Bay, Sharon Nell, who received his Diploma in Marketing. Jacques is an example of God's miraculous healing power - he suffered from a brain illness and the diocese prayed for his healing and this is the result.



Capped - Ruby Zauka PhD in linguistics. While busy with this she was also studying theological courses at TEE, which she passed and she was lay minister and a church warden at St Timothy's (now moved to ZRV) and a lecturer at NMMU ... plus "a mother and father in one".



Sipho Bodlani, assistant priest at St Matthew's in KwaMagaxaki, graduated with a Diploma in Theology and Ministry from TEEC.



Clergy and clergy wives capped at the Nelson Mandela Metropole University: Nicky Daniels, whose husband Eddie is the rector of St Saviour's - BA Hons in Group Dynamics; Zola Nanana, priest-in-charge of St Cyprian's - Masters in Christian Studies; Debbie Derry, whose husband Mark is the Bishop's Executive Officer - Masters in Journalism Education.



Inducted - The executive members of the Anglican Women's Fellowship with President, Jean Lerotholi, on Bishop Bethlehem's right, and vice-presidents, Violet du Plessis and Veronica Jacobs on his left.



Inducted - The executive committee members of the MU Christian Family Life with President Mazoe Nopece on Bishop Bethlehem's right and vice-presidents Kunjie Adans and Nomvuyo Xhalie on his left.



Inducted - The executive committee members of the Bernard Mizeki Guild with the President, Zandisile Nongauza, on Bishop Bethlehem's right. Shane Fraser, the provost of the Cathedral, where the inductions took place, is also in the photos.



Honoured - At the service to induct the executive committee members of the various organisations the past-presidents of the AWF, were presented with special badges

Diocese to launch servers' guild



Some of the servers who attended the third meeting which was held at Christ the King Church.

The Diocese will be formally launching:

The Guild of Diocesan Altar Servers on Sunday 14 June.

A procession of witness from The Herald Office to the Cathedral will take place at 14h30 .

All parishes are invited.

Servers please dress in your robes for the occasion.

The launch is a culmination of the Bishop's vision to have a formal structure under which our servers operate.

At the service we plan to hand certificates to all the head servers, who in turn will organise with the incumbent of their parish to hand these certificates of launch and attendance to the other servers at an opportune time.


Challenged to transform

At the Theological Teaching by Extension (TEE) graduation service held in the Salvation Army Centre in Braamfontein, Bishop Ziphzihle Siwa of the Methodist Church told the graduates that their challenge is to transform communities; heal those with broken hearts; lead your congregations; empower those who are in tears and despair. He said, "In order to achieve all these tasks that await you, you need to walk with Jesus, our Supreme Commander, who called all of you to carry out his work ... "God needs pastoral hearts from you as graduates."

He then asked them, "Can God bank on you? Can the community bank on you? ... Go and speak the Word of Truth. Today's society needs thinkers like never before. Go and share the breath of life and may your calling continue to disturb you."

Bishop Siwa is also a Council member of TEE.

Go to www.anglicandiocesepe.org.za to see the photos in colour! Also read the 'news' page!

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