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The Greeting

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Diocese of Grahamstown 2018 Ordination Ceremony.



On Saturday the 3rd of March 2018 thirteen deacons gathered together with their families at the Cathedral of St Michael & St George for their ordination to the priesthood.

During the ordination service men and women are set aside for the special work of God. It is a service where prayer is the focus for “the Holy Spirit to give grace for the particular order being bestowed” (APB 1989: 572). Although it is a service of celebration as we give thanks for the candidates who offered themselves to the ordained ministry, it is therefore also a solemn service.

This focus on the work of the Holy Spirit was emphasised also by the preacher of the day, Revd Mzinzi Dyantyi, the Sub-dean of the Cathedral. Revd Dyantyi had also been journeying with the deacons during the week as their retreat conductor. During his sermon, he referred to Moses choosing seventy elders in Numbers (11:16-25) and how God took some of the Spirit in Moses to fall on them. He also referred to God’s Spirit empowering those who serve in different ministries in Ephesians (4: 4-16). Through these two readings the sub-dean was also emphasising the shared ministry of the church. Furthermore the sub-dean encouraged the candidates to, “continually point others to The Good Shepherd” as described in the Gospel of John 10:11-

18. He also warned them, “Whenever you point others to Christ, they will be tempted to see you, rather than looking through you or beyond you, to Christ. That’s OK. Just keep leading them to The Good Shepherd. Just remain transparent. Yiba yi Icon yokugqobozela , uthi xa uqhuba uba umthendendeleko abantu begqithe babone ngaphesheya . Because this ministry you have is not about you”. The sub-dean continuously reminded the candidates that their focus needs to be God.

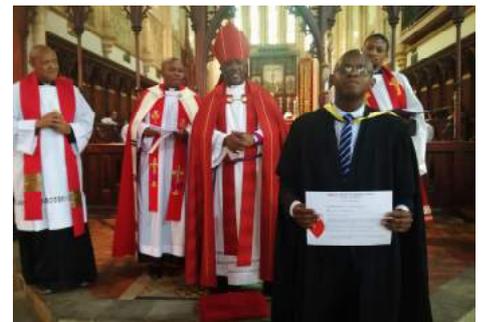
He also reminded the congregation that we all have a responsibility as Christians, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ – to be a light in this broken and hurt world.

The sermon was very well received by all and was fitting encouragement to the thirteen deacons : Nondumiso Dlokolo (St Augustine Grahamstown), Siyabulela Gowa (St Gregory Mdantsane), Cikizwa Kepe (St Augustine Grahamstown), Nosisi Khotlo (Holy Cross Mdantsane), Nondumiso Madyibi (St Saviour East London), Babalo Mahlali (St Gregory Mdantsane), Nkosazana Maqoma (St John Fort Beaufort), Sicelo Mfukuzo (St Luke Mdolomba), Mkangeli Mtimkulu (St Saviour East London), Zolile Ngewu (St Francis Mdantsane), Herbert Walton (Holy Trinity King William’s Town), Mthetheleli Wulana (St Matthew Keiskammahoek) and

Sindiswa Xintolo (St Saviour East London). We continue to pray for our newly ordained priests as they join the ministry of the priest in different parishes over the diocese.

During the service, the new archdeacons and canons were also directed to their seats by the Dean. The Revd Canon Dr Samuel Beja was also licenced as the chaplain for the lay ministers, deacons and the fellowship of vocation. We thank God for his ministry and pray God’s continued blessing over him. Although he has been working at the Diocesan Office for a while, the Financial Manager , Mr Nceba January was officially licenced.

We continue to pray for those ordained as well as those licenced during this ordination service. As we celebrate and give thanks for the 165 years of our diocese, may we be aware of God’s blessing on us.



Financial Manager Nceba January

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

Happy Easter! May we continue to experience joy and be empowered by new encounters with the Risen Christ.

The account of the resurrection is found in all the Gospels. It is however interesting to read that the accounts have a different number of women at the tomb of Jesus. In John 20:1-18 only Mary Magdalene is present at the tomb. According to John, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb "early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark..." (John 1:1 NRSV). There is no explanation given for her presence, but seeing that all the other gospels argue that the women went with spices to balm and anoint the body of Jesus, we will assume that Mary Magdalene was there to do just that. She wanted to spend time with the body of Jesus and most probably through this act, "say her final goodbyes".

When she got to the tomb, the body of Jesus was gone and she assumed it was taken away by somebody. According to John, Mary ran to inform Peter and John and they ran to the tomb to investigate. Arriving at the tomb, the two disciples "went in, and saw and believed" (John 20:8 NRSV). "Then the disciples returned to their homes" (John 20:10 NRSV). However, Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb and "stood weeping outside the tomb" (John 20:11 NRSV)

She was heartbroken as she had to let go of this one last thing she was holding on to – being with the body of Jesus for the last time. Standing at the cross and watching Jesus die, Mary Magdalene had to let go of the life she had with Jesus – the relationship she had with him and now, she even had to let go of his body as that was also "taken away". She had nothing left.

However, in the moment when she surrendered, when she let go – she was able to see what the other disciples could not see. She was able to experience the extraordinary – she saw two angels and she had a conversation with them. As she turned around, according to John, she saw Jesus and also had a conversation with him. She however did not recognise him, but knew him the moment he used her name. In that intimate interaction, where she hears Jesus saying her name, she recognises the Risen Christ and their relationship is renewed. Through this experience at the tomb, Mary Magdalene is changed from the one taking care of the dead body of Jesus to the one announcing the resurrection of Jesus Christ. She has been moved into the public sphere to a position of authority because "(she has) seen the Lord" (John 20:18 NRSV). Her tears were turned into joy - she was restored and transformed into a messenger for Jesus Christ.

Are we able to experience the joy of the resurrection anew this Easter Season? What is there that is preventing us from growing and being transformed? God needs us. Do we still have such an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ so we are able to recognise Him in those people we meet and interact with? Are we able to recognise God's voice – through scripture, through people, through nature, through experiences?

In our country we have a different President. A different leader brings renewal and different ways – opportunities for change. Are we ready and willing to be used to help to bring about renewal and change? May God bless us with the ability to see and hear God anew as we are called to work for change – for a community where everybody can experience the joy of resurrection.

(IsiXhosa: tyhila kwiphepha lesi-4)

St Mary's Magdalene Guild Celebrate Valentine's Day.

At the beginning of Lent on the 18th February 2018, the St Mary Magdalene Guild celebrated a belated Valentine's Day High Tea with the congregation of the Holy Cross Parish. We kicked the day off with Morning Prayer led by members of St Mary Magdalene. The guest preacher was Sister Nombulelo Mngcete from Christ Church, Amalinda who is also a St Mary Magdalene Guild member, as well as our Diocesan Training and Development Officer. She was preaching on the day's first reading, Hebrews 2 vs 18 "Kuba ekubeni eve ubunzima, ehendiwe naye ngokwakhe, unako ukubanceda abahendwayo." After

the church service we resumed the program with the guest speaker, Miss Lindokuhle Ndzoyi, who is a Seventh Day Adventist Member from East London. She unpacked the theme of the day, "The love of brother and sisters within the church." She also quoted the Bible, "How can you love a person you've never seen with the eye (God), but you do not love your brother and sister?" She said in order for us to love one another and keep the spirit burning we must learn to "Repent, Forgive, and Love one another". Then we will have peace within ourselves. We would like to thank the congregation of Holy Name

Parish for their undying support.



The College of the Transfiguration Graduation 2018

The annual Graduation of College of Transfiguration took place on 13 March. As the College is celebrating twenty - five years of existence this year, the ceremony was held within



The Rector and Members of Council

the Office of Evening Prayer, at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George. During the previous year the Graduation Ceremony took place in

the chapel of the College. This year was an historical occasion, as the first group of Bth candidates graduated and received their degrees. Family members and loved ones travelled from all over the Province to support the graduates. The change of venue brought an air of gravitas to the entire occasion perhaps because the graduates as well as the rest of the congregation who came to support could feel the



The Graduates and College Staff

power of the Holy Spirit at work in

the church.

The service was officiated by Ms Nobuhle Hlatshwayo and Mr Ronald Muller with assistance from Formation Group 6. The choir led by Revd Simon Tibbs sang beautifully and filled the space with glorious harmonies.

Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Thabo Makgoba offered an address to the graduates. He urged the graduates to use their knowledge of Theology wisely in order to bring the Word of God into the modern society which is plagued by a myriad of social issues. The Dean of the Province Bishop of Matlosane +Diseko, who is also chair person of the College Council was also present. We wish the graduates the best as they leave Grahamstown.

Confirmation Service and Unveiling of the plaque



By Siphon Jamela

On the 18th of March 2018, the Bishop of Grahamstown, Ebenezer Ntlali, conducted a Confirmation Service at St Francis Anglican Church in Mdantsane. There were 14 candidates. The occasion was very special as the parishioners did not have the privilege of being visited by the Bishop on his Episcopal for a few years. However the challenges of the past were dealt with and we thank God.

The Church warden, Mr Siphon Jamela, welcomed the Bishop on behalf of the people of God of St Francis and also shared with the Bishop the appreciation the parishioners had for the visit. The choir lead the singing and the joy

was evident in the people's singing and interaction during the service. The parents and the people who were confirmed on the day overflowed with joy. The sermon by the Bishop was relevant and it touched the current affairs within the South African context.

Afterwards, the blessing of the boundary wall was done. It was built from the donated funds amounting to R150 000 by the Motsepe Foundation. The Acting Rector, Ven. N.E. Matshaya gave a background of how the funds received from the foundation were utilised (i.e. building the boundary wall, installation of the alarm, purchasing of church chairs and kitchen utensils). The Bishop

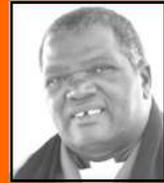
officially opened the plaque which was donated by Mrs. N. Qabaka & family and it was blessed along with the boundary wall. The Bishop also blessed Mr Motsepe in absentia and Mrs Qabaka for their splendid donations towards the work of the Lord in order for Him to be glorified on earth through their sacrifices.

The members of Bernard Mizeki from the East London Central



Archdeaconsy under the Parish of St Francis were also preparing to attend the Diocesan Conference which is to be held in April 2018. In preparation for this there was a raffle in order to raise funds and the winning ticket won a microwave.

uBishophu uEbenezer ubhala athi... Ukuba namava ohlaziyo phambi kokuthunywa...



Bazalwana noodade abathandekayo

IPasika emnandi! Sanga singathi gqolo sisiva uvuyo sixhotyisiwe kukuhlangana ngokutsha noKrestu oVukileyo.

Ingxelo yovuko ifumaneka kuzo zonke iiVangeli, Kambe kungumdla ukufunda ukuba ezi ngxelo zinenani labafazi elahlukileyo kwingcwaba likaYesu. KuYohane 20: 1-18 nguMariya waseMagaadala yedwa okhoyo engcwabeni. Ngokutsho kukaYohane uMariya waseMagadala waya engcwabeni “ngolokuqala usuku evekini kuza engcwabeni uMariya waseMagadala, kusentsundu...” (Yohane 1: 1 Xhosa Bible).

Akunikwa sizathu sakuba abe lapho, kodwa njengokuba ezinye iivangeli zixoxa zithi abafazi baya apho bephethe iziqholo neoli ukuya kuthambisa umzimba kaYesu, siya kuthatha ngokuthi uMariya waseMagadala waya apho ukuya kwenza kanye loo nto. Wayefuna ukuba nethuba alithathayo enomzimba kaYesu, athi mhlawumbi, ngeso senzo, “athi ndlela ntle okokugqibela kuYesu.”

Uthe akufika engcwabeni wafika umzimba kaYesu ungekho, wathatha ngokuthi unokuba uthathwe ngumntu othile. Ngokutsho kukaYohane, uMariya wabaleka waya kuxelela uPetros noYohane, babaleka ukuya engcwabeni ukuya kuhlola loo nto. Bathe bakufika engcwabeni aba bafundi babini “bangena, babona, bakholwa (Yohane 20:8). “Babuya ngoko abafundi bagoduka” (Yohane 20: 10). Kambe uMariya waseMagadala wabuyela

kwase ngcwabeni “wema elila ngaphandle ngase ngcwabeni (Yohane 20:11). Wayekhathazekile kuba kwaya kwafuneka encame le nto yokugqibela wayebambelele kuyo – ukuba abe nomzimba kaYesu okokugqibela. Njengokuba wayemi phantsi komnqamlezo ebona uYesu esifa, uMariya waseMagadala waya wanyanzeleka ukuba abuncame ubomi awayenabo noYesu – ubudlelane awayenabo naye, ngoku kufuneka ancame ayeke umzimba wakhe kuba nawo “wathatyathwa wemkiswa”.

Wasala engenanto esandleni.

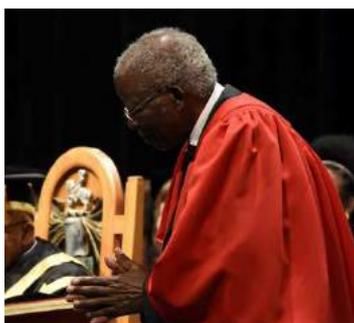
Kambe ke ngexesha awathi wanikezela, wayeka – waba nakho ukubona into ababengakwazi ukuyibona abanye abadisipile. Waba nokufumana amava angaqhelekanga awodwa - wabona izithunywa ezibini, wancokola nazo. Uthe akubheka, ngokutsho kukaYohane, wabona uYesu, naye wancokola naye. Kodwa akazange amnakane, kodwa wamazwi ngoko nangoko akubiza igama lakhe. Koko kudibana kusondeleleneyo, apho amve uYesu ebiza igama lakhe, wamnakana uKrestu oVukileyo, bahlaziyeka nobudlelane babo. Ngala mava asengcwabeni, uMariya waseMagadala watshintshwa ekubeni ebengumntu ononelele umzimba ofileyo kaYesu, waba ngumntu owazisa uvuko lukaYesu Krestu. Wasuswa wangeniswa kumhlaba kawonke-wonke, wakwisikhundla segunya ngenxa yokuba “uyibonile iNkosi” (Yohane 20: 18) Iinyembezi zakhe zaguquka zaluvuyo – wabuyiselwa kwimeko

awayekuyo kuqala waguqulwa waba sisigidimi sikaYesu Krestu. Ngaba sinakho na ukuluva ngokutsha uvuyo lovuko ngeli thuba lePasika? Yintoni ekhoyo esithintela ukuba singakhuli siguqulwe? UThixo uyasifuna. Ngaba sisenabo na ubudlelwane obusondeleleyo noYesu Krestu ukuba side sibe nakho ukumnakana kubantu esihlangana nabo nesisinobudlelwane nabo? Ngaba siyakwazi na ukulinakana ilizwi likaThixo – eziBhalweni, kwabanye abantu, endalweni nakumava ethu?

Elizweni lethu zinomnye ngoku uMongameli. Inkokeli entsha izisa iindlela ezihlaziyiweyo nezahlukileyo-amathuba enguqulelo. Ngaba sikulungele siyavumana ukuba sisetyenziswe ukunceda ukuzisa uhlaziyo nenguqulelo? Wanga uThixo angasisikelela ukuba simbone simve ngokutsha uThixo njengokuba sibizelwa ekubeni sisebenzele inguqulelo – ukwenzela ukuba kubekho uluntu apho wonke umntu anokuthi abe nokuluva uvuyo lovuko.

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The Diocese of Grahamstown Congratulates Professor Mtuze



By Dean Hunter

Rhodes University, Grahamstown, held its annual graduation, the week after

Easter. One of the great celebrations of this most recent graduation was that of the honorary doctorate awarded to Professor Emeritus Peter Mtuze, a much-loved and well-known scholar and Anglican priest, currently ministering as rector of St Andrew’s Ginsberg, and also as Archdeacon of King Williams Town (West). A double doctorate in his own right, this honorary doctorate awarded

by Rhodes University is in recognition of Prof Mtuze’s



Professor Peter Mtuze

work in the area of literature. From the university announcement: “He is a leading scholar in the field

of African languages and was the first black professor at Rhodes University. He has published over 30 works and translated Nelson Mandela’s Long Walk to Freedom into isiXhosa.” It is a privilege to count him as a friend and colleague, an elder statesman in the life of our diocese and Province. We congratulate him very warmly indeed!

SPIRITUALITY

By Prim Beja

WHO IS JESUS?

Our last article talked about the Abiding Presence – Abiding in Christ but do we yet know who Jesus Christ is? Why is it critical that we should seek to know Him and abide in Him?

I have been persuaded to write about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as chronicled by St John the Divine. I have also been in search for Jesus in the Old Testament and through to the New. We must understand that the Old Testament presents Him as a “Type” and the New Testament as an “Anti-Type” a “Prophecy and a Fulfilment”. I have chosen to use the former than the latter though I hope to share with us the latter at a later stage.

The fourth Gospel is absolutely indispensable to a complete study of the identity of Jesus. The design of the gospel according to St John is succinctly stated in John 20:30-31 where it is stated that “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”

Albert Barnes wrote thus about John’s Gospel and Jesus “It contains more about Christ, His person, design and work than any other of the gospels. John is employed chiefly in telling us what He was, what His particular doctrine was. John chiefly records chiefly discourses about Himself – the 7 “I AM” s t a t e m e n t s . In our endeavour to discover who Jesus is let us get cracking

John1:1 “In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” Jesus is herein presented as **the Word and the Word of God**. Let us discover this truth in Rev 19:13 “He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called “The **Word** of

God” In the dateless past, through eternity He was the **Word** and He was with God!! Not only was He with God but was God Himself!! A profound revelation just on this one verse. This takes us back to creation story. God talks to us in His Word as Us pleural – the pleural of the Triune God ever Three in One. St John confirms this reality in 1 John 5: 7 “For there are three who bear witness in heaven; The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these are three are one” I and My Father are one.” John 10:30; “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves”.

John1:2 “He was in the **beginning with God**. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” We have mentioned here the dateless past of His existence. Eternity has no beginning nor no end. Jesus attests to this in John17:5 “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.” John 8:58 “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Had it not been revealed to John that He is the “Alpha and Omega; the Beginning and the End, who was, who is and who is to come, the Almighty”?. Rev 1:8 This a ground swell argument that He was in the beginning – He calls Himself the Beginning!! May I find out from you is He your Beginning or do you just know about Him but have no relationship with Him?

Jesus the King of Israel John1:49 “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are **the King of Israel!**” And He

said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” This is affirmed by Jesus as accurate. Did not Pilate ironically also write it in John 19:19 and his poignant answer to questions that followed was “What I have written I have written.” In our spiritual walk have we made Him King? Do we recognise Him as King and if we do not who is our King?

Jesus is the Lamb of God. John 1:29 “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” Wow a voice in the wilderness seeing the Saviour of the world, the Lamb of God. Profound indeed!! Perusing through Scripture and as Jesus is revealed to us in the Book of Revelation we can only be filled with awe to realise that there is “no greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends” John 15:13. Jesus did and He did for you and me. When we do not know Him as the Lamb of God that was slain to atone for our sins then we are hoping to crucify Him again. When we sing the Agnus Dei, we do not realise the profundity of the words as contained in Rev1:5 “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood”

Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. John 1:41 “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ).” Have you found Him as the Messiah or the Christ? I have heard Christians use the term very carelessly even calling their earthly leaders as messiahs. Dear sister and brother in Christ there is only one Messiah and His name is Jesus. John 20:30-31 quoted above reinforces this fact. The Samaritan woman recognised Him and even asked Him to which He confirmed that indeed He is the Messiah. John 4:25-26 “I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When He comes He will tell us all things. Jesus said to her, **I** who speak to you **am He**” The

Samaritan woman believed in her heart and confessed with her mouth that indeed He is Christ and subsequently the Samaritans said, “Now we believe, not because of what you said for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world”- John4:42. Believe you this? What did Jesus say to Thomas? John 20:29 “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus the Son of God. John1:34 “And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.” John 1:49 “Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God!” John 20:31 “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” Col 1:15 “He is the firstborn of all creation”

Let us reiterate our creed, the Nicene Creed especially relating to Jesus and meaningfully confess our faith.

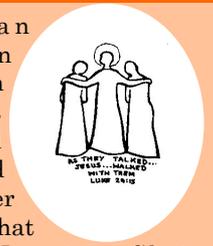
To conclude today’s session, I would like to share with you the 7 “I AM” statements so that we may meaningfully reflect on our relationship with Him. This is just but a tip of the iceberg as we will discover more in our next article.

John 11:25-26 **I am the Resurrection and the Life.** He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

John14:6 “**I am the Way the Truth and the Life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 15:5 “**I am the Vine;** you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in Him, He will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”

To be continued. Remain blessed!!



Love and care for the elderly people



Gonubie Hotel in East London and they were served with the best meals.

The décor was splendid and calming and was significant of the love of God. The atmosphere and music enhanced the spirit of belonging to the Creator and the event was attended by clergy who were led by Ven. N.E. Matshaya; the Archdeacon

By Maureen Dabula

On the 13th of December 2017, the elderly people from both Good Shepherd and St Francis Anglican Churches under the East London Central Archdeaconry had the opportunity of being exposed to a glamorous event, which was appreciated by all who attended.



The senior members of the community were invited to a Christmas Party/ lunch held at of East London Central.

Each guest received a parcel with a variety of gifts and there were additional prizes which were won by many, including Mrs Dayimayi who recently passed away on the 2nd of February 2018. May her soul rest in peace.



Gratitude was extended by the elderly to Masimanyane Women's Support Centre for this generous act of love and care. 'Umnquba lo ka Thixo, unabantu'.

AWF OF THE DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN IN ACTION

AWF started 2018 with a retreat that was conducted by Revd Magxwalisa in East London. The Retreat was a huge success as members enjoyed being away from their busy and crowded daily activities.

AWF CONTINUE WITH JESUS CHRIST'S MINISTRY OF CARING FOR THE NEEDY"

Ntsonkotha SSS: The AWF Chaplain, Magxwalisa together with AWF members visited the Ntsonkotha Senior Secondary School in February 2018 for prayers and motivational talks. These are very touching moments as the Principal is always excited to experience the touch of God through Prayer & Motivational talks by the Anglican Women's Fellowship. The interventions had a positive impact as the Ntsonkotha learners demonstrated positive behavioural changes and discipline. The positive impact of this AWF visit is also reflected in the academic performance of Grade 12 learners as achieved 74.5% pass rate

in the 2017 academic year.

Sinomonde SPS: AWF adopted Sinomonde Primary School

In 2012 members supported learners of Sinomonde SPS by providing clothing, toiletries and school uniforms. This year members assembled at All Saints Church with the parents and children of Sinomonde Primary School in Orange Groove Informal Settlement and members donated uniform and other necessities. This was a very touching moment where needy children were motivated to continue with their studies. Parents and teachers and Rev. Bafana Jolobe appreciated AWF's effort to support youth development through education as an investment for the future generation. AWF members visited Sinomonde in January 2018 to conduct a service.

St. Matthew's High School: AWF has adopted the child of the late Ms Ratazayo of St. Luke's-Nxarhuni, who was an AWF member. The support started after the mother passed away 4 years ago and has

been continued since. AWF members are paying for tuition, books and uniform for the learner. The learner is now at TVET college

01 MAY 2018: ST. JOSEPH'S DAY:

AWF is inviting the Diocese of Grahamstown family to join them in their celebration of St. Joseph on the 01st of May 2018 at St. Andrew's Mdantsane at 09h00. This is a thanksgiving service for all the workers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

AWF of the Diocese of Grahamstown will be hosting the Provincial AWF Conference on the 24-28th of October 2018. The clergy is invited and leaders of guilds are invited to attend the welcome service and closing service on the 24th of October 2018 (at 17H00) and 28 October 2018 at 08h00.

Donations will be welcomed.

165th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGACY OF THE DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN: CELEBRATIONS FROM JANUARY 2018 TO 20TH DECEMBER 2019



The Diocese of Grahamstown is 165 years old in 2018.

God has been with us constantly through years of growth, of turmoil and of change therefore we celebrate the blessings of 165 years. We celebrate the people and their gifts – the Body of Christ. “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness”. (Lamentations 3:22-23 NRSV). Therefore, our celebrations

will be done over TWO years from February 2018 – December 2019.

The idea is that the celebrations will be gaining momentum as time progresses and therefore the biggest celebrations which need more planning will happen in 2019. More information about these will be forwarded as soon as plans have been finalised.

All our parishes and archdeaconries celebrate patronal festivals and have fundraisers each year, which will continue as planned. However, please allow the 165th celebrations to be included in the celebrations by, for example, celebrating the people of the past who played an important role by highlighting the history of the diocese, of the archdeaconry, of the parish.

We have identified FOUR pillars of the diocese to celebrate the legacy of the Diocese of Grahamstown namely:

- Spirituality (The involvement of the Episcopate, priestly, diaconal, lay Apostolate and parishioners; worship, Gospel, doctrines, scriptures, God’s mission etc)

- Education (Theological and General Education)
- Development (Mission stations, parish churches, schools etc)
- Assets (Land, bricks and buildings, movable and immovable assets)

We call upon all Clergy, laity and the Diocesan family to celebrate the 165 years in remembrance of what we have identified and our heritage as well such as people, events, institutions, monuments, etc.

The Umbuliso will be the space where we showcase our celebrations. PLEASE forward photographs and articles of celebrations to the Media Officer, Revd Luthando Madiba at umbuliso@grahamstowndioocese.org.za



Greater East London St Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild Retreat



By Ntobeko Kune

St Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild from East London West, South and Snary Park met at Holy Cross Parish in Mdantsane on the 21st of March 2018 for a Retreat that was conducted by Father Makhandule who is also an assistant priest at St Andrew's in Mdantsane.

The aim of having this retreat was to reunite the people of this Guild together and to

grow each other in the good word of the Gospel. We also wanted to teach ourselves about our Guild of St Bernard Mizeki. The Mothers' Union also came to support us in this retreat as well as other parish members from the Holy Cross. Father Makhandule conducted this retreat very differently from other retreats held before. He reminded everyone of how God has loved them abundantly. Everyone who attended couldn't stop

talking about the retreat. The Main topic was about "love". We were divided into groups and given the topic love to discuss. Topic: 1. "Giving love first is the surest way to receive it back." by Jack Zavada
 2. "If we are to love sincerely, and with simplicity, we must first of all overcome the fear of not being loved." By Thomas Merton.
 3. "The true test of a Christian's love is not what he

says, but what he does-how he lives his life truthfully and how he treats other people." The way the retreat was conducted: we first meditated and had a morning prayer, Bible study (ULuka 10:25-28), testimonies, poems followed by comments from people who attended the retreat followed by a Eucharist service conducted by Revd. Wezo Bloko from Christ Church Amalinda parish.



Revd Makhandule addresses The Guild

The Chairperson of the St Bernard Mizeki Diocese, Mr. Mgatyelwa thanked the Guild members and the other people who attended the retreat.

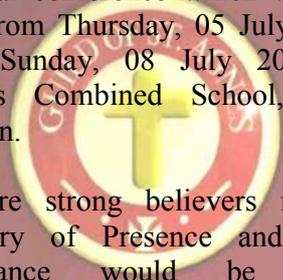
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St' Agnes's Invitation

We would like to extend an invitation to the Diocese to our biennial conference which will be held from Thursday, 05 July 2018 until Sunday, 08 July 2018 at Byletts Combined School, East London.

We are strong believers in the Ministry of Presence and your attendance would be most appreciated.

Our fundraising event (Mjikelo) and elections will be on Saturday, 07 July 2018 and your support would be greatly appreciated.



DYG Opening service 2018



Youth was worshipping the Almighty God

The Diocesan Youth Guild led by their Chaplain Archdeacon Dlanjwa held the Opening Service 2018 on the 10th of February 2018 at St Andrew's Mdantsane.

Archdeaconry of Grahamstown and Mbulelo Sokhanyile who welcomed people and introduced the purpose of the day. Revd Sinje Dlokweni made a very moving prayer for the unity of



Revd Sinje Dlokweni inviting the youth to pray for one another



The Guest Speaker and drum beaters

The Service was full of interesting activities and worship. The opening prayer was done by the

guild. The Guest speaker for the day was Pastor Maqhibelo from The Baptist Church.

He emphasised his speech on the word "Focus" encouraging youth that they must not lose focus in whatever they do. Secondly, they must be encouraged to take initiative where there is a need.

The service was concluded with the Holy Eucharist conducted by the Chaplain and Revd Gwen Mvula co-celebrating.

MAY 2018

- Tue 1st AWF St Joseph Day
- Sat 5th Servers commemoration of St Vincent, Grahamstown
- Sun 6th St John's, Bathurst Patronal Festival
- Tue 8th Chapter Meeting at St Gregory, Mdantsane
- Tue 15th CoTT Exco/ Finance/HR Meeting
- Sat 19th Mother's Union Presidential Elections, Cathedral
- Sun 20th St Peter, Zozo – Episcopal visit
- Thu 24-27th Launch of Iviyo Renewal Programme in the Diocese
- Sun 27th St Peter, Peddie – Welcoming of Revd Philda Njoli
- Tue 28th Good Shepherd School Trust Board Meeting

JUNE

- Sun 24th St Saviour Confirmation Service
- Thu 28th Spouses' retreat



The then Bishop-elect of Ukhahlamba Bishop Moses Madywabe visited Bishop Ebenezer in his Office on his way to his retreat which was conducted by our Cathedral Chancellor Dr Claire Nye Hunter. Canon Melany Adonis joined them for prayers. We wish +Moses well as he starts his ministry.

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