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The Greeting



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10th Anniversary of Consecration.



Some of the Diocesan members

This event was blessed by the presence of Bishop's Mother and his Siblings.

At the end of that programme, Dean Andrew Hunter thanked everybody present and those prepared the lunch and after, he closed with prayer.

On Thursday, 20 September 2018, we celebrated and gave thanks for the 10th Anniversary of Bishop Ebenezer's Consecration.

It was a day of Thanksgiving and share of joy. The day started with a

Eucharist service in the Parish of St John's East London.

The Diocesan Council meeting followed, then we moved to the Hotel where lunch was prepared



The Bishop and the Diocesan staff



Profesor Mtuze was giving the Bishop words of encouragement



Clergy and their spouses attended

and Members of the Diocese of Grahamstown and the Office staff had the opportunity to show appreciation for the work Bishop Ebenezer has done over the last ten years.

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Bishop Ebenezer writes....

From Pentecost to Advent.



Dear fellow soldiers of Christ, greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The year has run fast and we are grateful of your prayerful support for God's mission.

The Pentecost season is drawing to an end and soon it will be the Advent season. Let us remind ourselves of the Scripture readings that were read on Pentecost Sunday 20th May 2018; Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-35b, Acts 2:1-21 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

Ezekiel's vision of being carried away by the Spirit to the valley of dry bones invited us to venture into the world of impossibilities and create a difference. He prophesied to the dry bones which became living beings. As Christians, we were energised to carry out God's mission to lifeless individuals, families and communities and bring life.

Our communities are ravaged with corruption, crime and abuse of the elderly, women and children – dry bones. This is where the Holy Spirit of Pentecost is needed. The Holy Spirit brings life of harmony (Acts 2:1-21) that does away with the Babel Tower spirit (Genesis 11) – the spirit of anarchy and confusion.

The spirit of pride and

arrogance that engulfed the people who built the Tower of Babel is the spirit of unbecoming behaviours that dismantles society. So, as we come to end of this season, I desire to take this opportunity to invite you to pray against the Babel Tower spirit within each of us and pray that the Holy Spirit may come and dwell within us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate us to our great good and to God's greater glory; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(Celebrating Sunday; The Provincial Trustees of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, 2016, page 55).

The liturgical committee of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa suggests this prayer to substitute the Collect of purity (AAPB. Page 106#7).

The Pentecost season invites the baptised to seek the presence and power of the Holy Spirit into one's life for cleansing, refreshing, convicting, converting and

consecrating to God's greater glory. This is a spiritual rigour that can position one to understand and appreciate the feast of the reign of Christ that emphasizes and demands total allegiance to Christ.

On this feast day of the reign of Christ, Christians are beckoned to demolish whatever is not of God. The dismantling of whatever is not of God is a profound introduction to the Advent Season that focuses on waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ the Saviour - Judge.

The Advent season celebrates and anticipates Christ's coming and invites the faithful to heed Jesus Christ's words; *Watch out!...don't let my sudden coming catch you unawares; don't let me find you living in careless ease, carousing and drinking....Keep a constant watch* (Luke 21:34-36) Living Bible).

Keeping a constant watch is not an easy task in an age of time frames and deadlines. However, as Christians, the Church commands the baptised; *Fight valiantly under the banner of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and continue his faithful soldiers and servants to the end of your*

lives (AAPB page 385#56). Similarly, St Paul appealed to the Colossians to keep alert (4:2).

Kindly practise the Benedictine spirituality which is the life of prayer, reading of scriptures and other Christian books that will nourish our own spiritual life. At this point in time in Southern Africa we call upon all Christians to pray the litany which covers all spheres of life in the understanding of our Church.

As Christ's soldiers, it is imperative that we watch what we think, say and do so that in all ways we are boldly proclaiming God's glory now and forever.

Grace and peace

(IsiXhosa: tyhila kwiphepha lesi-4)

AWF of All Saints in East London demonstrate an act of love



By Kokela Siquendu

AWF of All Saints in East London reached out to the needy children of Our Daily Bread Children's home in East London on 11 November 2018. There are 80 children with ages 3 to 17 years.

The purpose of the visit was to show love to the children and care givers. AWF conducted a short service and also motivated the care givers.

What a joy of sharing time and singing with children. The ladies Children were presented gifts (clothes and party packs).

We were also touched and we are motivated to do more. Ladies resolved that they will continue with their ministry and visit the centre on a quarterly basis.

Our gratitude goes to our Rector, Revd. Jolobe who always encourage us to extend a helping hand to the needy.

AWF ladies are determined to live their theme "Step Women of God and Be

Counted". The spirit of Thuma Mina must continue.



Diocese of Grahamstown AWF hosts a memorable event: 2018 Provincial Council Meeting



By Weziwe Busakwe

The Provincial AWF hosts a Council meeting every two years with a view to discuss and engage on topical issues to enrich its ministry. Under the theme, “Women destined for God’s purpose”, the 26th Provincial Council meeting was hosted by the Diocese of Grahamstown in East London in a very relaxing environment close to the beach from the 24th -28th October 2018. Attended by twenty- four Dioceses from South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia, the event was a resounding success and was quite inspirational and reviving.

It started with a Provincial Executive Committee meeting which was hosted by the AWF of the Diocese of Grahamstown two days before the main event. Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali from the Diocese of Grahamstown, Bishop Dan Kgomoosotho – the Liaison Bishop, Archbishop Thabo Makgabo and his spouse all embraced the event. Sadly, the Diocese of Grahamstown AWF Chaplain, Cannon Simphiwe Magxwalisa could not honour this event as he was involved in a car accident and Reverend Randall from St. Johns Anglican Church in East London was the acted on his behalf. Both the Welcome and the Closing Services which were presided by Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali and Bishop Dan Kgomoosotho respectively were well planned with carefully selected hymns and were led by the Holy Cross Choir which rendered high quality music. The local AWF members together with the entire

Diocesan family and the clergy embraced all these services. A well prepared dinner was arranged where the delegates were welcomed by the Diocese of Grahamstown President – Ms. Thobeka Jack. The Council meeting went smoothly on the 25-26 October and was very engaging. These sessions started with Eucharist Services and the Bible study each day. Archbishop



Ms Busakwe crowns the Archbishop

Thabo Makgabo delivered Kay Barron address which was quite profound and thought provoking. Some of the key highlights of this high level meeting was the presentation of social responsibility projects by all the Diocesan Presidents as well as the projects that are supported by the Province. A new theme for 2018-2020 – “Step up Women of God and be Counted” was introduced. The other side

events included the Fundraising (Mjikelo) session where the Diocese of Grahamstown received an overwhelming support from its local counterparts.

A glitz and glamour gala dinner was also hosted where donations of bedlinen, toiletry and bath towels were presented to the Masimanyane Women’s International and St. Matthews Diocesan Project. Also Awards were given to the deserving Dioceses in recognition of excellence and outstanding performance in identified categories.

All the hard work and the efforts in preparing for this event resulted to the Diocese of Grahamstown AWF taking the first position in the Awards for social responsibility project receiving R10 000 and also received a certificate for its outstanding contribution of R15 000 on the fundraising (Mjikelo). As a sign of gratitude and Ubuntu, the Diocese of Grahamstown AWF presented gifts to the Archbishop and his spouse, Liaison Bishop and his wife, Provincial Executive Committee as well as Diocesan Presidents.

A word of thanks and gratitude goes to the organizers of the event for the commitment and dedication which has gone beyond the call of duty to host such an inspiring, educational and memorable event. The Diocese of Grahamstown AWF would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated in the hosting of the 2018 Provincial Council Meeting. Without their support, active participation and invaluable contributions both in cash and in kind, it would not have been possible to deliver such a successful and prestigious event. This has indeed, put the Diocese of Grahamstown in the spotlight.

uBishophu uEbenezer ubhala athi...



Ukusuka kwiPentekost kuyokutsho kwiAdvent

Boogxa bam abangamaJoni kaKrestu athandekayo, ndiyanibulisa eGameni leNkosi noMsindisi wethu uYesu Krestu. Unyaka ukhawulezile ukubaleka yaye siyayibulela inkxaso yenu ekhatshwa ngumthandazo nixhasa imisebenzi kaThixo. Sekumbovu ukuba ixesha lePentekost lifikelele esiphelweni, kungekudala kuza kungena ixesha leAdvent. Masikhe sizikhumbuze ngezifundo zeziBhalo ezazifundwe ngeCawe yePentekost ngowe-20 kuMeyi ngowe-2018; Hezekile 37: 1-14, iNdumiso 104: 24-35b, iZenzo 2: 12-21 noYohane 15: 20-27; 16: 4b-15. Umbono kaHezekile wokuthatyathwa nguMoya waya kutsho kwintili yamathambo awomileyo, wasimemela ekubeni singene kwilizwe lezinto ezingenakwenzeka sidale khona umahluko. Waprofeta kumathambo awomileyo awajika aba ngamathambo aphilayo. NjengamaKrestu, songezelelwa amandla ukuba sibe nokwenza umsebenzi kaThixo kubantu, kwiintsapho nakuluntu olungenabomi, lubuyele ebomini. Uluntu lwethu ludlavulwa lurhwaphilizo, ulwaphulo-mthetho nokuphathwa gadalala kwabantu abadala, abasetyhini nabantwana – amathambo awomileyo. Ku-

lapho kanye apho ufuneka khona uMoya oNgcwele wePentekost. UMoya oNgcwele uzisa imvisiswano (IZenzo 2: 1-21) egxothela kude umoya weNqaba yaseBhabheli (iGenesisi 11) umoya wengxubakaxaka nesiphithiphithi. Umoya wekratshi nokuzicingela owagabungela abantu ababesakha iNqaba yaseBhabheli ngumoya zeendlela zokuziphatha ezingezizo ezichitha uluntu. Ngoko ke, njengokuba sisondele esiphelweni selixesha, ndinqwenela ukuthatha eli thuba ukuba ndinimeme ukuba nithandaze niwuchase umoya weNqanaba yaseBhabheli ongaphakathi komntu ngamnye kuthi, nithandazele ukuba uMoya oNgcwele uze uhlale phakathi kwethu. Yiza, Moya oNgcwele, yiza. Yiza njengomoya, usicoce; Yiza njengomlilo, utshise; Yiza njengombethe, uhlaziye; Sigwebhe, siguqule, usingcwalise Ukwenzela ukulunga kwethu okukhulu nozuko lukaThixo olungaphezulu; Ngenxa kaYesu Krestu. Amen. (Ukubhiyozela iCawe; AbaGcinimafa bePhondo beTyalike yaseTshetshi kumaZantsi Afrika, 2016, iph. 55). Ikomiti yenkqubo yenkonzo yeTyalike yaseTshetshi kumaZantsi Afrika icebisa ukuba lomthandazo uthabathe indawo yoMthandazo wentlambululo (AXPB. Iph. 105#7). Ithuba lePentekosti limema

abo babhaptiziweyo ukuba bafune ubukho namandla oMoya oNgcwele ebomini babo ukuze ubacoce, ubahlaziye, ubagwebe, ubaguqule yaye ubangwalisele uzuko lukaThixo olungaphezulu. Lonto ikukomelela kwasemoyeni okunokummisa umntu abe nokuwuqonda awuxabise umsitho nolawulo lukaKrestu olugxininisa nolunyanzelisa ukuthobela uKrestu ngokupheleleyo. Ngomhla womsitho wokulawula kukaKrestu, amaKrestu akhwetyelwa eku-beni adilize nantoni na engeyonto kaThixo. UKudilizela phantsi konke okungekuko okukaThixo yindlele enzulu yokungenisa ixesha leAdvent elijolise ekulindleleni ukuzalwa kukaYesu Krestu uMsindisi – uMgwebi. Ixesha leAdvent libhiyozela likhokela ukuza kukaKrestu yaye limema abakholwayo ukuba baweve amazwi kaYesu Krestu athi, “Phaphani! ... musani ukukuvumela ukuza kwam ngequbuliso kunifumane ningalindele; musani ukuvumela ukuba ndinifumane nihleli ngokungakhathali, nizincinca ngotywala ...Phaphani lonke ixesha (Luka 21: 34-36). Ukuhlala siphaphamile lonke ixesha asingomsebenzi ulula ngeli xesha lamaxesha aqingqiweyo nemida. Kambe, njengamaKrestu, iTyalike

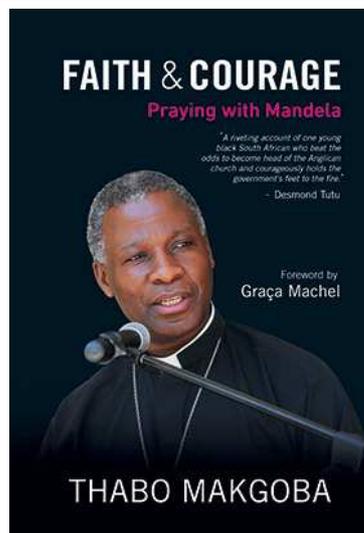
ibayelela ababhaptiziweyo ukuba Balwe ngokukhaliphileyo, phantsi kobukhosi bukaKrestu, nesono, ihlabathi nomtyholi **bahlale bengama-soldathi nezicaka ezinyanisekileyo bude bu-phle ubomi babo (AAPB iph. 385#56)**. Ngokunjalo, uPaulos oNgcwele ubhenela kwabaseKolose (4.2) ukuba bahlale bephaphamile. Ncedani nilandele inkqubo yezomoya kaBenedict Ongcwele ephathelele kubomi bomthandazo, ukufunda iziBhalo nezinye iincwadi zobuKrestu ezinokondla ubomi bethu basemoyeni. Ngeli thuba kumaZantsi Afrika sihlaba ikhwelo kuwo onke amaKrestu ukuba athandaze ilitani yona ibandakanya yonke imingxilo yobomi ekuqondeni iCawe yethu. NjengamaJoni kaKrestu, kunyanzelekile sikuqaphele ngelibukhali oko sikucingayo, sikuthethayo noko sikwenzayo ngazo zonke iindlela esithi ngazo sivakalise ngokukhalipha uzuko lukaThixo, ngoku nangonaphakade. Ubabalo noxolo.

(For English, see page 2)

Book Launch

By Melany Adonis

On 2nd October 2018, Archbishop Thabo's book, Faith and Courage was launched in the Diocese of Grahamstown. The Guild Theater was an appropriate venue for this auspicious event which was well supported by members of the diocese. Bishop Ebenezer opened the evening's programme with words of welcome and a prayer. The Archbishop had an interesting conversation with Dr



Brigalia Bam and Prof Mtuzze about the book which generated questions from the floor. Archdeacon BTM Mfenyana did a wonderful job as the programme director and the Choir of Holy Cross entertained the audience with beautiful singing. The team Ms Zine Madyibi, Ms Ngewu, Rev Mtinkulu, Rev Shula and Canon Adonis worked together well to organise a wonderful evening of stimulating conversation and relaxed fellowship and they were well supported by the Mothers Union.

Admission of new Servers



Mdantsane and St Phillips Gompo.

Rev Andile Mbutye gave inspiring



These young boys and girls were trained and moulded by Sive Macklein, L'khangele Mshumi, Phila Sicatsha under the supervision of Rev Bassie Mbenya. They taught how to serve the people of God. The service ended with "UMJIKELO" which was well-supported by church guilds and visitors, the scripture of uMjikelo was on Psalms 96 vs 7,8.

By L'khangele Mshumi
Assisted by Sive Macklein

To God be the Glory, great things he has done. What an awesome and joyful admission of new servers. God does wonders to his people and that is why we say "WE ARE MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST".

On the 22nd July 2018, St Francis Anglican Servers admitted 18 new servers in the "OSV" in this diocese. This service was attended by servers of Holy Cross Mdantsane, St Gregory Mdantsane, St Andrews(Anesisa)

and motivating sermon to these young servers and his sermon was based on the Gospel of the Day (Mark 6:30-34,53-56). While he was giving an encouraging talk he said to our parents "Kunetha, kubanda iServer kufuneka ibe secaweni iReady".



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUALITY

We ended our last session with a commitment to explore the Seven Churches in Asia.

These churches are now located in Asia Minor or part of Turkey today and these are not the only churches that existed as we are all aware e.g. Romans, Corinth, Philippi, Antioch etc. The number 7 is no coincidence as this is the number of God's perfection meaning that the sample chosen by God is perfectly representative of all churches

I believe this was done for us to understand the different manifestations of churches and use this information to discover our own church and appropriate the message that is directed to our own church. It also occurs to me that the church is you and self-introspection should therefore be paramount and precede even the reflection of the church as a corporate body.

Interesting discovery indeed!! **The seven stars** in Jesus' right hand are the angels of the seven churches. Have you ever pondered to find out if your church has been assigned an angel? Have you ever thanked God for assigning an angel to your church? Perhaps let us pause and reflect on this so awesome a gift from God. I recollect an angel despatched to Elijah and Jesus. An angel assigned to feed and support us in times of need. An angel lifting a coal to cleanse and sanctify Isaiah. Remember Daniel's experience during his 21-day fasting and prayer, the Archangel Michael told him he had been contending with the devil on

his behalf. Who is on your side? Prayerlessness binds the angels of God. Are you a praying church? An angel sent to warn Joseph (Foster Father of Jesus) of impending danger.

One angel kills 185000 enemies - Is 37:36. When God has assigned an angel to your church, he will fight your battles for you. Ps 34:7 "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them." Psalm 91:11 "For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways."

The seven golden lampstands are herein referred to as seven churches but had been earlier on referred to as the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Rev 1:4 The nexus here is that the churches on earth are lampstands which receive their light from the Holy Spirit, the Lampstand in heaven directly from the Throne of God.

Let me hasten to point out that this is not a right but a privilege as Jesus warns the church in Ephesus that if they did not repent He would remove their Lampstand Rev 2:1

Let us zoom in to where Jesus directly refers to the seven churches **Rev 2-3**

Dr Hilton Sutton, Revelation Revealed pages 69,70 "All seven letters to the churches are vitally important to us, because they are the inspired Word of God. Each contain a message for us - either instruction or warnings for us to heed, lest we fall into the same snares as six of the seven churches"

Further citation from Dr Sutton pages 45,46

"First Jesus commends each church for its characteristics which please Him. He

points out faith, patience, works, love, service, hatred for evil Second, He calls attention to things which displease Him, such as the loss of first love, wrong confession, false doctrines, false teachers, spiritual death, fear, and loss of power.

Third, without putting any church under condemnation, Jesus calls for repentance. A call to repentance is work of love because it looks beyond faults to what can be.

Fourth, Jesus warns of the price to be paid for persistent disobedience. His love again prevails in His warning - Pointing out the consequences of disobedience can be a love act"

For ease of reference and understanding I have compiled a template that summarises the letters to the various churches which will guide us as reflect and introspect and take corrective informed decisions whilst we still have time. Otherwise Jesus is coming quickly!

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." During this dispensation of grace Jesus points out the wrongs and gives each church an opportunity to repent from the wrong practices as He exposes. Note Jesus uses the words -"He who overcomes" clearly illustrating that we have to be Spirit filled to overcome the Devil.



AN'SOC UFH ALICE OUTREACH PROGRAMS



a local school in Alice, Alice primary school was made by these remarkable Angels on Earth – they had gifts of course! They bought some school learners uniform. A response made by one of the students brought everyone into tears, she thanked the AN'SOC members and expressed how heart-breaking it was to see her friends and classmates without uniform. The principal had her own words of gratitude and she had wise words to give out, with that she promised to take care of the plants. The kids gave a phenomenal dance and song moment for thanksgiving.

By Noxolo Mdedelwa and Lungisa Joko

On the 15th of September the AN'SOC members of UFH Alice campus joined hands with the Junior Chamber International in an annual program called World Clean Up, in cleaning the campus and areas around Alice. By this AN'SOC members put into action the aims and visions of the Green Anglicans. The Anglican Society showed a remarkable picture of taking good care of the same Earth that God had created for us to leave in and sustain it for the future generations.

To imagine that act was just enough, the AN'SOCers, accompanied by their Chaplain Rev. Biko, had an outreach program called "Lift As You Rise" on the 26th of September, and if the name of the program does not give you chills on its own then you ought to see them in action. A visit to

You'd think that would be enough for the day, right? But not for them. They also brought seedlings for the school to start a garden, not only did they bring them but they also assisted in preparing the land and planting of the seedlings that they brought.



We hope and pray that the school will take good care of them until they turn into something to eat. What we all learnt from the outreach programmes is that the little that one does for someone else can have a big an influence on how they go on from that point. We would like to express the words of gratitude to the members and private sponsors who helped to make sure that.



A celebration of a life well lived.



On the 13th of September 2018. The parish of St Philips in Gompo bade farewell to a dedicated member of the Parish. At a service that was presided over by Canon Beja and the rector of St Philips Archdeacon Mduzana.

Mr Simo Michael Malgas, affectionately known as 'NOZULU', was born on the 7th of July 1952 in Tsolo Location in Duncan village. He was a Lay minister and a dedicated member of the St Bernard Mizeki Guild

from 1988. He began his ministry as a server in the Parish in the 1960's and rose to become one of the chief Lay ministers. At his memorial service (*uxhomo lwe bhatyi*) held on the 9th of September, hosted by the St Bernard Mizeki Guild and to evangelism within his Church and his community. Upon retirement from a long career from the South

African Postal Service, he dedicated his life to evangelism and community affairs in the Scenery Park Area. When accepting his father's waistcoat at the funeral, his son Akhona pleaded with the community of Scenery Park to continue with the Monday prayer services and fellowship services that his father had started. Bro "nozulu" met his tragic end on the 30th of September at his home in Scenery Park. He was laid to rest next to his wife Nowonga, who also passed away in January of 2018 at Nxaruni location.

Sanibonani sanibonani (Hail to you all)



filled praise and worship understand. Using God, focusing on getting better and His word, as the standard of your lives is a true game changer. The wanting to know Bible verses. It goes deeper than being able to apply Scripture to life's trials and temptations. She ended off with a song taught to the Gchases (our junior group), a simple song but with a big message: "Ndiyintombi mna. And'phathaphathwa, and'thinta thatintwa. Ndiphilelu Jesu." (*I am a girl. I don't go around being touch and fondled. I only live for Jesus.*)

The children from Masizakhe Children's Home joined us on Saturday morning to receive their reusable sanitary packs and disposable sanitary towels which the guild members pledged for with our Lilies Arise Project. We were also

By Apiwe Kupiso

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it". Psalm 127:1, The Song of Ascents of Solomon was what inspired this year's conference theme and guild mandate for the next two years: Purposed and Positioned

We have taken many steps in our ascent into worship, through trouble and truth, confusion and peace. But now we face the obstacle of our daily lives. How can our daily lives become an obstacle in our ascent to worship? When we fail to recognize God's involvement in all that we do we may begin to despair that our work has any meaning at all. Or perhaps we may drive ourselves into the ground, depending only on our own strength to accomplish all that needs



Ms Siki is showing the usable pads to be done.

This was by far the most interactive conference we've ever had, where breakaway sessions were

not listening sessions but Sister Circles where the girls talked to important issues, with the help of highly qualified facilitators, relating to the daily struggles of the girl child in today's social climate. This was also our first conference that we were joined by new boy members of our guild aged between seven and fourteen

The sister Circle is a safe space where we can engage with each other unfiltered and without judgement. We had three different Sister Circle sessions focusing on Mental Health, Hook-up Culture (and managing ambition and competition) and Social Media Etiquette, Body Shaming & Self-Presentation. We also had sessions outside the Sister Circle facilitated by members of our guild such as the Importance of Fellowship and Financial Intelligence.

The Holy Spirit came and set up camp at Byletts High School the moment our big sister, the Reverend Siphokazi Matini officially opened the conference with prayer. We were also joined by our sisters from the Diocese of the Free State and the Diocese of Khahlamba. Revd Matini also conducted a spirit-



The Bishop and the Youngs

able to get them school uniforms and clothes with the amazing work of our members at archdeaconry level. God had truly blessed our outreach drive so much so that we were able to help with reusable sanitary towels to Home of Joy in Grahamstown. Reverend Bam came to accept the donation on their behalf. Mrs Ziphozihle "Phohle" Doda, a former member of our guild, was our main speaker on Saturday. Speaking on the conference theme, she stressed that knowing what supports and sustains you is an important aspect of growing spiritually, practically. Getting on one accord with what God wants from us was a major key that she wanted us to

conference perfectly in his sermon at the closing Eucharist service saying overall that as the people of God we are on this Earth for a specific God-given purpose. Ours is to live out this purpose and find the opportunity to do God's work and serve others in the midst of our confusion, disappointment and just everyday life. Also, we have to understand that God is waiting on us to pull the curtain back on the gifts and talents that He has been building in all of us through the process of pain, tears and prayer. This can only ever be done if we are steadfast in our faith and prayer life just like our patron, St Agnes of Rome. May Your Steps Fulfil Their Purpose.

A new Attorney in Grahamstown



On the 31st July 2018, Unathi Gitywa, the daughter of Revd Nokuzola Gitywa of St John and St Chad Zwelitsha King Williamstown was admitted as an Attorney in High Court Grahamstown.

Diocesan Family weekend 2018



By Bishop Ebenezer

The Archdeaconry of Grahamstown under the leadership of Ven. Mzinzisi Dyantyi hosted this year's Diocesan Family Weekend so well. Many people and children have enjoyed it especially on Saturday with the games etc. During the Sunday service the Finance Manager announced that an amount of +R700 000.00 was collected in love gifts from all the parishes and Guilds of the Diocese. This is encouraging, showing that we can make a million and above. The next Diocesan family day will be hosted by the Archdeaconry of Alice on 24 and 25 August 2019. Kindly pray for the success of this event. We give thanks to God for the enthusiasm of the Events and Fundraising Committees and all the various committees that they work with. We do not underestimate the hard work of the members of the diocesan family for such a great achievement. May God bless you all abundantly and give you good health, prosperity and grace.

From the Bishop's diary

NOVEMBER

Thu 1 st to Fri 2 nd	Marital Education
Sat 3 rd	Mother's Union Council Meeting
Sun 4 th	St John, East London, Confirmation Service
Tue 6 th	Chapter Meeting at St Nicholas, Beacon Bay
Wed 7 th	Office Day
Sat 10 th	DSC Council Meeting
Sun 11 th	St Barnabas Port Alfred, Confirmation Service
Tue 13 th	Office Day
Tue 20 th	CoTT Council Meeting
Sun 25 th	King William's Town West Confirmation Service
Fri 30 th	Clergy & Spouses Wellness Indaba

DECEMBER

Sat 1 st	Clergy & Spouses Year-end Function
Sun 2 nd	East London West Confirmations
Tue 4 th to Fri 7 th	Advisory Committee Meeting, Port Elizabeth
Sun 9 th	St John & St Chad Episcopal Visit
Sun 16 th	Bishop Beth's Institution at St Alban's East London
Mon 24 th	Midnight Service at Cathedral, Grahamstown

There will be no ordinations this year. The suggested dates for 2019 are as follow:-
for Deacons – Saturday, 16 February;
for Priests – Saturday, 16 Mach.

Bereavements

We pray for Makhhalima family, following the pass on of the Revd Philip Makhhalima. We ask the Almighty God to cover them with His ever lasting Grace and comfort them with his Peace.



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