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On Sunday 23 June history was made when Bishop Joshua Louw conducted a ceremony of 'turning the soil' at Eluvukweni Church in Crossroads. Many clergy supported the event and the Archdeaconry of Ibongolethu choir led wonderful singing.

Bishop Joshua commended the congregation for their faithfulness for near on forty years suggesting that at times they have felt like the 'Stepchildren' of the Diocese.

The congregation was started in 1975 by the late Revd David Russell who was the priest at Holy Cross Nyanga. He was passionate about the situation of the people in Crossroads.

The faithful started out as a small congregation worshipping in the kitchen in the house of Mrs Sylvia Mtulu. Eventually they moved into a structure used by a pre-school. It was burned down during the violence of 1986 by the "witdoeke". Revd David Russell was banned and unable to come into Crossroads but found ways to meet

with members of the congregation who was being led by lay preachers. Together they decided on a name and they called it 'Eluvukweni', 'Resurrection' – because they believed the church building would rise again.

It was a poignant moment when Mrs Mtulu's daughter, Sisi Thoko, joined Mrs Tshingana, an elder of the congregation, together with a young child, stepped forward to turn the soil alongside the Bishop.

There was great celebrating as the Congregation broke into a song of joy "Yisabata – bayavuya bantu bonke", translated: It is the Sabbath and the people rejoice!

The service can be viewed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5o8Kis3fgY&t=217s>

To date the congregation has raised R2.9 million towards the building. We have a fundraising goal of R650,000 to complete the building.

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Events and Notices



EDITORIAL

Nelson Mandela International Day (or Mandela Day) is an annual global movement in honour of Dr Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on his birthday, 18 July. It is a day to honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela and his values, through volunteering and community service.

The ideology behind the day is one of change. People pledge action and take responsibility for making the world a better place, one small step at a time. His legacy encompasses love, hope and the belief in a better future.

The 67 minutes set aside for this day is minimal and we should do more, not just once a year. In our city, many people have been displaced, cold and hungry, due to the recent storms. So – "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

- Nelson Mandela Foundation

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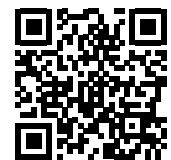
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Turning of the Soil from page 1: If you would like to support this exciting project, the banking details are:

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Already the Diocese is responding, we are very grateful for the support of St Thomas, St Andrew's and St Faith's!

Revd Jeremy Smith, the Diocesan Youth Chaplain, has started a Backabuddy campaign for his 40 year celebration, saying: "The day was deeply moving as this church has been worshipping in an informal structure for just over 40 years. It struck me, that as long as I have been alive there's been a church faithful to Jesus in their witness in the community of Crossroads gathered in an informal structure."

If you would like to support it is at the following link: <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/campaign/jeremys-40th-birthday-give-back>

"You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."

"The God of heaven will give us success. We, His servants, will start rebuilding" (Nehemiah 2: 17 and 20).

- the Revd Dr Rachel Mash



St Mary the Virgin Woodstock celebrates 165 years



Woodstock was originally named after a Dutchman with the surname van Papen and therefore called Papendorp.

Robert Gray, the first Bishop of Cape Town, landed in Table Bay in February 1848. This was soon followed by his pioneering band of earnest young Victorian clergy and soon reinforced by others. Before their day, there had been, at the most only three priests at any one time to serve the whole area between Camps Bay and Mowbray and northwards to Maitland and beyond. With such an unmanageable parish they had no time to minister in Papendorp. But Gray's men soon realised the vital need for work in this field and as early as 7 June 1848, obtained a grant from the Cape Government of the 56 square roods of the Bellen Alliance farm which, included Van Papen's old home and probably by then called Treaty House.

Much restoration was needed to make the building habitable and it was not till October 1849 that ministry began in what was first named Papendorp District Chapel and then St Mary the Virgin's Mission Chapel. One of the Cathedral clergy rode or walked out on most days, taught basic Christian truths to adults and children alike and held a service on Thursday evenings.

The first St Mary's is known to have been designed by Sophy Gray. Colonel Hope Graham of the 29th Foot (Worcestershire Regiment) from the nearby Castle, laid the foundation stone on 29 June 1859. At first only a nave and south aisle were built and masonry consisted of Table Mountain sandstone in Kentish random work. This meant rubble blocks, laid without courses which are ranges of stones on the same level. The outer walls were covered with a rendering of rough grey lime plaster. Normally this is not needed with stonework but here there was probably a brick component in the walls and buttresses which required protection from the rain and strong winds. This plaster is shown as pink in a water colour of 1892. The roof (latterly at any rate) was of Welsh slates.

The church was opened by Dean Douglas on 24 January 1864 and consecrated by Gray on 6 June in the following year.

By 1881 many felt that the name Papendorp commemorated a man who had really played very little part in local history and the English, who formed the majority, wanted an English name and not a Dutch one. Two parties arose. Frequenters of P Carey's Woodstock Hotel wanted it called Woodstock while the patrons of C W Tombleson's New Brighton would prefer it to be New Brighton. Carey's backers gained the majority at a public meeting held late in April 1882 and Woodstock it became.

The Group Areas Act was applied to Woodstock by a notification in the Government Gazette of 31 January 1958 and, by its declaration

of several different areas and then changing them, has caused some confusion. The sector east of Melbourne Road down to Victoria Road, along Frere Street to Albert Road and then eastwards to the suburb's boundary with Salt River was proclaimed white. A central "controlled area", mainly involved in commerce, was made available to all races. The remainder of Woodstock became a coloured area.

The Act was applied comparatively mildly to Woodstock. Although some families suffered hardship from having to move to their "own" area, the majority of residents of whatever group were able to remain in their homes. By June 1987 some 90 permits had been issued for coloureds to own property in the white area.

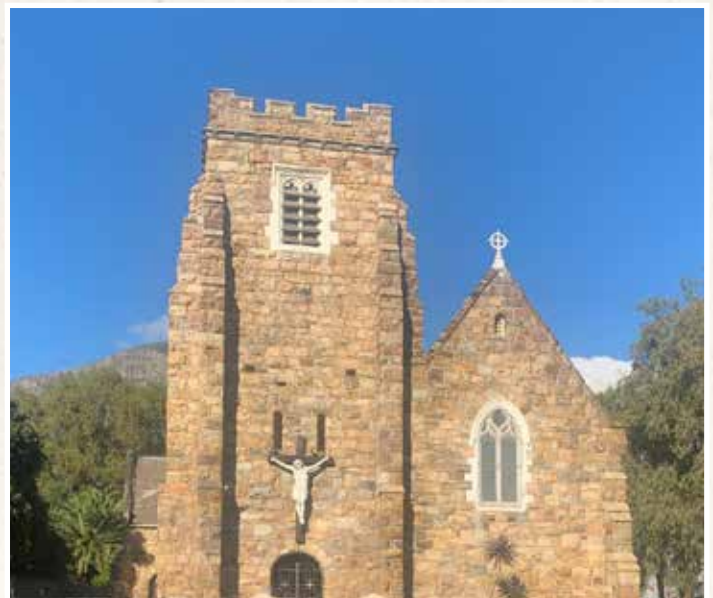
St Mary's and, indeed Woodstock as a whole, has always enjoyed a harmonious relationship among all ethnic groups and this will continue in future.

Many clergy have given St Mary's devoted service over the years. These are the names of some the Clergy:

Edward Glover (1822), he married Bishop Gray's daughter Louisa in 1857 and became the first Warden of Zonnebloem two years later. John Muehleisen Arnold had a colourful career behind him before he became the first rector in 1875. Geoffrey Ferrers Gresley (1883) was the second rector.

Daniel Elliott Young (1877), Charles Frederick Atkinson (1893), Sidney John Daltry (1902), William Patrick Dott (1904), Charles Frederick Tobias (1906). Next came William Edward Smyth (1915), perhaps the most remarkable of all the rectors. He was instituted Bishop of Zululand in 1889 and of Lebombo in 1893. He settled in Claremont but came out of retirement at the age of 57 to be rector of Woodstock. Samuel Bingham Hinchliff (1921), Canon Willie Reginald Way (1928) served as Rector for 21 years. Canon Edward John Rowland (1959), Canon Robert Michael Jeffrey (1975), Canon George Henry Sylvester (1976), Bevil Victor Morgan was rector for a short while before going next door to Salt River. He was followed by Winston Lionel Isaacs, who was rector till 1981 followed by Joseph John Ogilvie (1981). He was succeeded by the Ven. Reginald Claude Alexander, Archdeacon of Malmesbury (1989), Julian John Claude Titus (1993) currently enjoying retirement. Peter Langeveldt (2000), Mark Abrahams (2007), the Ven. Donovan Candido Meyer (2015).

(An extract from The History of the Church of St Mary the Virgin Woodstock)



Communiqué: Anglican–Roman Catholic International Commission

Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg, 11-18 May 2024

The Anglican–Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III) held its annual plenary meeting at the Centre Culturel Saint-Thomas in Strasbourg, France, from 11 to 18 May 2024. Apart from one member, who participated remotely, all of the members of the Commission were present in Strasbourg.

The Commission continues to work on the second part of its mandate to examine how the Church, local, regional and universal, discerns right ethical teaching. Drafting work on the Agreed Statement for this phase of the Commission's work had continued during the period since the Commission's 2023 plenary meeting in Cyprus. Members of the drafting sub-committee had the opportunity to gather in Vienna and London between the 2023 and 2024 plenary meetings, and were able to bring an almost completed draft for consideration by the full Commission. It is hoped to complete the drafting in the coming months so that the document can be finalised by the Commission at its 2025 meeting and offered to the authorities and faithful of the two communions. When published, the Agreed Statement will complement the document published by ARCIC III in 2017, *Walking Together on the Way: Learning to be the Church. Local, Regional and Universal*.

Since the beginning of this third phase of ARCIC, the Commission has consciously adopted an approach of receptive ecumenical learning, whereby each dialogue partner seeks to identify elements of church life found in the other tradition which might be gifts for the enhancement of their own traditions. A large part of the Commission's work in Strasbourg was therefore devoted to reflecting on moral discernment in our two traditions and on what they can learn from each other's practices. For the first time in its work, ARCIC III has chosen to include two case studies as part of its reflection – one where Catholics and Anglicans reached broadly the same teaching, and one where they did not. These case studies, on Enslavement and Contraception, illustrate the doctrinal and structural similarities and differences between the two communions and also serve to highlight unresolved questions.

The Commission devoted much time to reflecting on what each of our traditions can learn, from both its own experiences and those of the other tradition, to inform both current and future ethical reasoning and discernment. This reflection was enriched by opportunities for shared reflection on Scripture,



and by the practice of 'Conversation in the Spirit', which has been a significant dimension of the current synodal process in the Roman Catholic Church.

On Sunday 12 May, the members of the Commission attended the Chapter Mass at Strasbourg's historical medieval Cathedral of Notre Dame. The Archpriest of the Cathedral Chapter graciously invited the Catholic Co-Chair of the Commission, Archbishop Bernard Longley, to preside at the Eucharist. Members returned to the Cathedral on Tuesday 14 May for a guided tour. The Commission was pleased to welcome local representatives of our two traditions to the Centre Culturel Saint-Thomas during the week. On Sunday 12 May, the Revd Dr Mark Barwick and the Revd John Murray from St Alban's, the Church of England chaplaincy in Strasbourg, joined the Commission for lunch and shared about the history and current life of the Anglican community in the city, as well as about the wider ecumenical life of the city. On Monday 13 May, the newly installed Archbishop of Strasbourg, the Most Revd Pascal Delannoy, joined the Commission for lunch.

On Thursday 16 May, the Commission visited the Institute for Ecumenical Research, a Lutheran-sponsored academic centre, based in Strasbourg since 1965. The former Director of the Institute, Revd Prof. Theodor Dieter, addressed the group, introducing the Institute and its programmes, and some of the ecumenical dialogues to which it has contributed,

most notably, the process leading to the 1999 Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification by the Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church. Members of the Commission also had the opportunity to tour the European Parliament building.

This year's ARCIC meeting coincided with the period between the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, when the liturgies of both traditions invoke the Holy Spirit in a special way. The Commission members joined this chorus of prayer in their worship together each morning and evening. In their daily Eucharistic celebrations, using Roman and Anglican rites on alternate days, members experienced the reality of their real but incomplete communion in the pain of not being able to share fully in the Eucharist together. Prompted by this pain to continue on the road to closer unity, the members of the Commission are grateful to God for their time together in Strasbourg and for the progress they were able to make towards completing the task committed to them by their respective church authorities.

As they look now towards the completion of their Agreed Statement on right ethical discernment, they rely on the Holy Spirit to guide their two communions into all the truth (cf Jn 16:13).

The Revd Dr Isaías Chachine, represented ACSA. He was ill at the time the group photograph was taken.

Athlone Archdeaconry Men's group social outreach



The Athlone Archdeaconry Men's Group, established in 2015, currently consists of four active churches: St John's, Holy Nativity, All Saints and St Patrick's. Our primary mission is to provide food, clothing and other essential items to the less fortunate in our community. We finance our efforts through various fundraising events such as our Annual Breakfasts and Lunches, and have been fortunate to receive generous donations from a wide range of donors. These contributions include fruit and vegetables, stationery, rice, bread, ingredients and many other necessities. In response to the drought, we delivered and installed two large water tanks at the church in Zoar. We've also distributed used clothing to the communities in Suurbraak, Struisbaai and Bredasdorp. At Leliebloem Home, we organized a full-day event where children enjoyed breakfast, lunch as well as a variety of sports and games. We also provided complete school uniforms, including shoes, to students at Kewtown Primary and Bokmakierie Primary.

Every Tuesday we distribute sandwiches and soup to the Bokmakierie Homeless Community, the Alcardo Foundation in Hanover Park and school children in Kewtown. This initiative runs throughout the year, pausing only during the festive season. In 2023 alone, we delivered over 30,000 sandwiches, averaging around 1,000 sandwiches per week. We also provided building materials for the home of our sandwich distributor in Bokmakierie, whose house was partially destroyed by fire.

Our dedicated members personally fund these efforts, demonstrating their commitment to serving those in need. We aim to expand our outreach but require additional donations whether in cash or food items like bread and ingredients. We are also grateful for the assistance of women parishioners and members' wives who support our mission tirelessly. We regularly receive funding from certain churches and recently received a significant cash donation from one of our parish churches which will greatly support our outreach programs. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our donors whose generosity makes our work possible. God bless them.

New Mother's Union president



The Mothers' Union, Diocese of Cape Town, wishes to congratulate Mrs Khayakazi Gidi as the new MU Diocesan President.

Mrs Gidi was elected and commissioned at the AGM held on Saturday 22 June 2024. We also would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Zandile Mcutshenge for her dedication to the work of the Mothers' Union during her time in office.

New YPM coordinator for the diocese

I am Siphe Nyhaba married to Sisipho and we have been blessed with a two year old boy by the name Lubanzi. I was born and raised in Cape Town although my ancestral home is in Cala in the Eastern Cape.



I worship at the Parish of the Holy Cross in Nyanga, where I have been nurtured and formed through years. I was a member of the Girls and Bafana Friendly Society (GBFS) for 8 years before I left to study at the College of the Transfiguration in Makhanda.

I envisage a vibrant, inclusive and relatable YPM during my term in office as we continue to aid and equip young people to live out the gospel daily. I look forward to working with the various ministries and youth workers as we seek God's will for ourselves, our church and our communities.

Good Shepherd Protea Mandela Day Celebration

Our Church Administrator, Vanda Brown, organised a special Mandela Day Charity Celebration at Good Shepherd-Protea on Sunday 14th July.

This enabled members to respond to those within our congregation who are struggling with life circumstances. Four Mandela blankets were presented to senior members of the congregation who have faithfully brought their children and grandchildren to church over many years.

It was a joyful celebration and many people went home with bags of fresh vegetables, non-perishable food, soup jars, blankets, clothing etc.

Thank you to all for making a difference.





Ad Laos to the people of God

I write from Makgobaskloof in Limpopo, my ancestral home, on a short winter respite. In contrast to the terrible winds, heavy rains and floods in many parts of the Diocese, here in the north it is avo harvest time. It is always a pleasure being around to celebrate not only the avocados but also to see a number of mothers seasonally employed and enjoying the dignity of work.

I am here too joining the project, Women in Mining, to donate classrooms to an early learning centre in Xihoko village in Tshaneng (formerly called Tzaneen). In Tshaneng, which is down in the Lowveld beneath Makgobaskloof, it is cold in the morning but hot in the day and so overall the weather is pleasant, and it is a particular joy to see rural children in proper school facilities and with good teachers. The ratio of children to teachers is still too high, which may later affect the quality of learning and teaching, but so far it's a good community school. Like many such rural schools though, it urgently need proper toilets.

In Cape Town, Bishopscourt escaped relatively lightly from the floods. The stream you cross when you come into the property burst its banks, creating a lake next to the gate. Down below the house, the Liesbeeck River also flooded, covering the lawns and the main garden in water. As I wrote this, it was clear that only when the rains subside will we know the full extent of the devastation suffered by many people on the Cape Flats and other parts of the Western Cape. But already it was apparent that many of our people have lost their homes and possessions.

A number of parishes are asking parishioners who are in a position to do so, to donate and assist practically where they can. All of us, as members of the Body of Christ and beyond, can donate bread, blankets and shelter. We



do not have the capacity to store donations, nor adequate transport to reach affected areas, but we have a system learned in Covid-19 time to reach people in desperate need. The Warehouse and other partners in Cape Town as well as Hope Africa are examples of such interventions. Please also contribute to the ACSA Disaster Fund.

The banking details are as follows:

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In the midst of everything – climate crises, an election and a new government – this year is also Synod year. Thanks for your prayers for our recent Diocesan Synod. A few weeks ago, I shared on my blog a series of reflections from the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States in Louisville, Kentucky. I was scheduled to attend the Church of England's General Synod also, but in the event was unable to go. And now we are planning for our three-yearly Provincial Synod, to be held in September. The First Agenda Book, including the Bible studies, is already available on the Provincial website, so please do read

it if you able to, even if you are not a Synod member. Also join us in praying for the Synod and you may even want, as parishes, to engage with the Bible studies.

On the broader societal level, we pray for the newly-inaugurated Government of National Unity. I suggested such a government as a way of stabilising the country when President Ramaphosa was in trouble over undeclared money stored at his farm, and we must pray that it stabilises our country now. May this political arrangement become one which truly serves all the people, especially those without resources and excluded from the economy. As I told the Graduate School of Business at UCT recently, working for the common good includes ensuring that everyone has adequate food, clean water, decent housing, clothing, a good education and health-care, with special provision for the very young, the very old, the sick and disabled, and other vulnerable individuals unable to look after themselves.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." (John 14:27) It is my prayer that each one of us will inculcate inner peace and, thus formed, can continue in the work of visible peace making. I continue to urge you to pray and act, both from within and where you are, working to influence whoever you can to stop the killings and war in Gaza and the displacement in the Occupied West Bank of the Jordan. As much as we can't ignore the plight of those displaced by floods, please also don't turn a blind eye to those displaced and killed in Gaza and the West Bank.

Blessings to you all.

God bless.

++ Archbishop Thabo Cape Town



37th Session of Provincial Synod

Provincial Synod will take place from 25 September – 27 September 2024 and the theme is:
"Flourishing like a Garden: Listening, Reconciling, Celebrating God's New Creation"

Provincial Synod Collect

Lord God, our Creator and Redeemer,
As we gather to listen to your Spirit
And work to bring about your new creation.
Guide our pursuit of justice, peace and healing,
And strengthen our commitment to your ministry of reconciliation.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, world without end. Amen.

Sunday school Quiet Day at Christ Church Constantia



Our Quiet Day was blessed with a beautiful sunny day as we made our way to Christ Church in Constantia.

The Sunday School teachers in attendance were from St George's, Holy Nativity, St John's, St Dominic's and St Mark's who met with the Sunday School Chaplain, Revd Basil Davids, who facilitated the day. We first greeted one another as we gathered for tea/coffee.

The day consisted of 4 sessions and at the end of each session we had to answer questions which made us think and analyze our current situations:

Session 1: Turning Leaders into Ministers: We were asked to answer questions such as "Am I dedicated to God's service?" "Do I please God in the way I teach/lead children?"

Session 2: A leader is a Servant: We were reminded that we are created, saved, called, prepared, commissioned, equipped and gifted for our ministry.

Session 3: How God shapes you for ministry to be a Sunday school teacher within God's Church.

Session 4: Your body is not who you are, it is only where you live

The day was thought-provoking, making us dig deep when answering the questions at the end of each session. Filled with passion, commitment and hunger - we then gathered in the kitchen for our lunch break, where we were able to chat to one another, exchange ideas and upcoming events at our various parishes.

Revd Basil ended off by encouraging the Sunday School Teachers to embrace the Ministry they have been called to while also emphasizing that our ministry should be a calling and not a chore.

He reminded us that we need to constantly search within ourselves and ask God whether we are where we are supposed to be.

Once everything was complete, we thanked Revd Basil for what we were taught and for being our "Sunday School Teacher".

We then took the opportunity to be the first ministry to present Revd. Basil with his retirement gift. We also reminded him that this would not be the last time we would be seeing him as we expect him at the annual Bible Quiz event in July and at our annual Childrens' Service event in September, where he will be our guest speaker.

Thank you to our photographers, Barbara Ruiters from St. Georges and Barbara Davis from St Mark's.



Holiday clubs around the diocese

St Dominic's Hanover Park

On Friday 05 July, St. Dominic in Hanover Park hosted a 1 Day Only Holiday Club. It was led by Revd Jennifer Swartz and assisted by Amanda Daniels together with a team of approximately 14+ volunteers who were able to accommodate, feed, teach and share the word with nearly 110 children from the parish and community.

Hanover Park has had recent flare-ups and, with efforts such as these, the church is able to provide a safe and entertaining

space for young people of various ages. With the support from the Archdeaconry of Athlone, they were able to accomplish this task with three days planning!

We are proud to say that St. Dominic, Hanover Park, is willing to go the extra mile for its young people in and outside the Church and plan to continue with its efforts of growing them and the community.

- **Kenzo Jonathan**
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Holiday Clubs from page 7:**St Martin's Bergvliet - Fleeting moments to remember**

This year's Holiday Club struck our leader's team after it had finished the most, with all the preparations, time invested and effort put into this single week of the year. Once it is over, you never know if you are going to see the kids again, if they will show up to Sunday school or even if they picked up on anything you shared with them.

In this lies the beauty of remembering fleeting moments when they are in front of us. Sure they are not going to remember every captivating moment that occurs during the club, but we hold onto and remember the time spent together with the children alongside the discussions, crafts and games we play. Working alongside Scripture Union this year, we delivered an amazing, creative and faith-engaging space for Grades R – 7, under the theme of "All Aboard".

Our starting story of the invitation from Jesus to these fishermen to come follow Him, our memory verse being Psalm 139:14 to reinforce this invitation by letting the kids know they are wonderfully and fearfully made by the Most High.

Our goal we aimed for and achieved this year was to create a safe space for the children to be children, so that they may learn about Jesus in many different fun ways. In terms of the children who attended, we received children from two different locations which is important as our Church finds its physical location near the border of Heathfield and Bergvliet.

Inviting kids from different backgrounds, socio-economic statuses and cultures to meet, experience and have fun across boundaries is something that will always be special to us. We continue to hold witness to what God is doing around us and through us. - **Asher Zwaan**

**Emmanuel Wynberg**

At the end of June, Emmanuel Anglican church hosted our annual holiday club program. It was such a blast. This year for

the first time at EHC we had an all-female core team directed by the recently appointed youth leader Kezia Solomon.

We had a very hard-working, well-gelled team of about 20 leaders who served about 50 kids a day. Our theme this year was We Are The Church 321.

The curriculum was created by Kezia with the help of the SU curriculum for this year. We had kids learn about the Trinity, being in a relationship with Jesus, what it means to be in a community and how to go out and share the gospel. We had quite several kids give their hearts to the Lord that week. The kids had fun worshipping and making a craft each day.

While it wasn't entirely smooth sailing the Lord had shown favor upon this holiday club. Another thing we did for the first time this year was have a prayer team. A lovely group of ladies within the church and parish praying over the leaders, the kids and the space, days leading up to and during the holiday club. We were always covered, come what may.

We'd like to give a big thank you to Revd Allan Smith and Grant Peers as well as SU for all of their support during the week of holiday club. There is a sound of revival among our young people and we are so excited about what God is going to do in the years to come!

We would love to hear from your parish, send articles and photographs to Rebecca Malambo at malambor@ctdiocese.org.za or call 021 469 3766.

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