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The Parish of St Andrew celebrates, this year, a milestone of 130 years of the existence in the community of Newlands. This milestone was marked with a variety of events, beginning with an opening concert, which was led by the renowned VOX Choir on 17 November 2024, to set the tone for the spirit of celebrations that ensued.

This was followed by a Newcomer's welcome tea, held on Saturday 23 November, where all those who had joined the parish in the recent year or two, were invited for a 'meet and greet' with the Rector and other members of the church community who shared the variety of ways that the new members may be involved in parish life.

The anniversary celebrations culminated with the special Thanksgiving Patronal Service on 24 November 2024. The Bishop of Table Bay, the Rt Revd Joshua Louw, was the Presider at the Eucharist, and the Rector, Ven Mkhusele Lujabe preached on the readings for St Andrew's day, challenging and inviting the people of the parish to be ambassadors of the gospel, inviting others in, remaining relevant and true to the identity of Christ, as people seek to choose us as the 'go to' place to experience the living gospel.

The remarkable attendance by the members of the church community, who packed the church to capacity, was a true reflection of the diversity of individuals that have made up the St Andrew's family and community over the years. The presence of previous residents of the Newlands community, who were removed from

the community under the Group Areas Act of the historical past of our nation, was a notable feature of the community that joined in worship on the day, many of whom expressed that their presence at the service was a 'home-coming', as they recalled past worship experiences at St Andrew's.

Moreover, the service was a very festive celebration with multilingual expressions in worship, beautified with exquisite flower arrangements by our flower guild, with a visible presence of the young people as they led prayers, and served at the Altar and great fellowship after the service.

This was a picture of a true family celebration of the current inclusive and transforming community that St Andrew's seeks to become – a home for all, the Body of Christ, for now and the future.

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EDITORIAL

Jesus calls us to “live in His love” reminding us that we are deeply cherished in every action and moment, regardless of our circumstances. (John: 15)

In times of war, terrorism and unrest, Christmas reminds us of the hope, love and peace that Jesus Christ brings. It is a guiding light in darkness, offering comfort amid turmoil and inspiring us to strive for a better world.

His love is unwavering and provides us with profound comfort. Our trust in God is what strengthens our relationship with Him. We are enveloped by a love that sees beyond our fears. So despite where we are and whatever we are facing, we must celebrate the birth of Jesus.

God has helped us through challenges and will never let us face anything we can't overcome. (Numbers 23:19)

A blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you and your family x **Love and Light, Rebecca**

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ADVERTISEMENT PROVINCIAL TREASURER

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa is seeking to appoint a Provincial Treasurer to succeed the present incumbent.

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa is a Province within the worldwide Anglican Communion. It is a multi-national Province which is made up of 25 Dioceses representing approximately 1000 parishes and chaperies in South Africa, Namibia, eSwatini, Lesotho and on the island of St Helena. The Metropolitan of the Province is the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba and he leads the Province in conjunction with the 25 Bishops who lead the 25 Dioceses making up the Province.

The role of the Provincial Treasurer is multi-faceted and includes the following:

For more information about the position of Provincial Treasurer login to the ACSA

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Teddy Bear Plea from the Chaplain to Red Cross

War Memorial Children's Hospital: The Pastoral Care Team is an interfaith ministry and where there is a need for clothing, toiletries, bibles, books, crayons and, most especially, toys and teddy bears, we try and respond. Please contact Revd Jenny Govender at 0836972872 or the office at 021 658 5451 if you are able to assist.

Teddy Bears, preowned or new. Be the reason for joy and smiles to the children in hospital.

Rev Jenny Govender
Chaplain to Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital



St Andrew's Newlands 130th from page 1: This celebration also happens at a time when the parish's building project had recently begun, as the long-standing plans of renovating the existing Kildare Pre-Primary School, and the building of a new hall for the Church, are

finally realized. This is a legacy building season for this parish, as we hope that the completed building facilities will make the parish church of St Andrew's more of a beacon which continues to draw the society too, as we seek to serve the Newlands community more openly and effectively. Serious work has gone into making this reality possible, through endless fundraising and contributions by the people of the parish as well as the wider community linked to the church and its people who seek

to make their mark in this historic project.

We give thanks to God for amazing work that continues to happen within and around our parish church, in which the Kingdom of heaven is brought to being on a daily basis through the work of the parish in various ways that serve God's people here and beyond.

- The Ven Mkhusele Lujabe (Rector)





10 **But the angel said to them (the shepherds), "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy**

for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Advent and Christmas greetings to you as we reflect on the preparations that we made to usher Jesus into the world to save us.

Mary had to decide to be the mother of our Lord, and Joseph had to agree to support her and be his earthly father. John, the Baptist, had to respond to being that unwelcome voice crying in the wilderness, calling people to repentance and telling people about the Messiah's coming. He later baptised Jesus. All these decisions were in response to the great love that God had for them.

In this time of reflection and anticipation, we have also been called to reaffirm our decision to accept Jesus as Lord and King of our lives and the world that we live in. This decision must be in response to God's love for each one of us.

We have now journeyed through Advent and are once again ready to celebrate the birthday of our king, Jesus. Just like the shepherds who were waiting with anticipation for the birth of the Messiah, were invited to be the first witnesses of the birth of Jesus, so are we, who have been preparing for Christmas invited to not be afraid, but joyfully spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the whole world.

Jesus was not born into a perfect world. At the time of his birth, Judea was occupied

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the world that we live in can truly be called God's kingdom. As we say when we pray the Lord's prayer "... thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven."

Each one of us is called to make this Christmas a joyous one not only for ourselves but for all of God's people, by how we treat each other and the words that we say to each other. May we proclaim blessings on each other lives and may we be a blessing to others.

May Christ's light shine in and through you as you have a blessed Christmas.

Some Advent appointments:

Revd Leslie Adriaanse – interim Priest-in-charge – Christ the King, Claremont

Revd Basil Davids – Interim Priest-in-charge – St Dominic's, Hanover Park

Revd Greg Amos – Assistant Priest – St George's, Silvertown

Revd Zukile Dondolo – Assistant priest – Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel

Sithembiso Mbuqe – Parish worker – St Martin's, Bergvliet

Ryan Baatjies – Parish worker – St Paul's, Cape Town

Make sure that you have diarised our **Diocesan Family Day on Sunday, 2 March 2025 at St George's Grammer, Mowbray. Starting at 9.30 am with a Eucharist.** More information will follow in the new year.

God bless!
+Joshua Table Bay

by the Romans and lived under the tyranny of Herod. So much oppression and heartache, that they were praying for the Messiah as promised. It is in that context that the shepherds received this good news and could rejoice because God has kept his promise.

More than two thousand years later, we are still living in a very unequal society where the strong dominates the weak and it is all about self or my people. It is now that we need to realise that Jesus has not given up on this world and this is the significance of celebrating Christmas.

We are to joyfully say to the world that God has not given up on us but wants us to join his son, Jesus to not be afraid, but to spread the good news of love, forgiveness, caring, justice, equality and so much more. So that

New Dean Designate of St George's Cathedral and licensing of interim Priest-in-Charge



The Ven Terry Lester is the new Dean Designate of St George's Cathedral.

The Installation, will take place on The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, Sunday 02 February 2025, at the Cathedral of St George the Martyr, at 4pm.

Please pray for The Ven Terry, his wife Nicolette and the children as they prepare for this new path of ministry.

The Revd Mcebisi Pinyana was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St George's Cathedral in the interim at Evensong on Sunday 15th December 2024 by the Rt Revd Joshua Louw.



Fikelela Child and Youth Care Centre

"Reaching out for 16 Days of Activism for no violence against woman and children"

Fikelela has celebrated World Aids Day (WAD) for the past 23 years in different formats. A service, a candle lighting ceremony, picnic event, end of year celebrations, walk for witness, mobilising communities and we are so grateful for the opportunity. Every year we attached a theme to our celebration, and we had t-shirts printed which were worn with so much pride. Over the years that has also changed, however, we continue our journey with renewed strength and energy.

The theme for this year: 'Take the right path: My health, my right!' Let us champion the right to health by addressing the inequalities that hinder the progress in ending AIDS. Our Child and Youth Care Centre situated at 23069 Christmas Tinto Street, Khayelitsha, started our journey on the 25 November by educating the children at the facility between the ages of birth to 10 years about the facts of HIV & AIDS of transmission, risks and how to protect themselves. At 12 every day we light a candle and the children sing the song, "Be Bright in the corner where you are".

Their message as young children to all of you is that there is always hope, so don't give up! Be bright where you are. Be encouraged, be inspired.

On our WAD celebration we highlighted, with the children, the importance of World Aids Day - the origin and what it means to us. The harsh reality is that we do have children infected and affected by HIV & AIDS who we love dearly and who we encourage and develop daily. At the facility, each child placed their hand onto the banner which read 'World Aids Day 2024' and the theme painted on the banner was 'My right, My health'!

As Fikelela we are responsible for their health and for teaching them about their rights and many other life skills. They are little people with their own thoughts, emotions and they want to be heard. We need to raise the banner of educating ourselves and society to support our young children who are on ARV's. They have many questions and emotions that they are bottling up because they don't always



understand. They were shown how to put together little crosses and then to decorate with pride and also to know they can place their hope and trust in God. May you be encouraged to continue supporting Fikelela CYCC whether it be through prayer, financial, physical or emotional support - we need you to be bright in our corner and to enable us to continue supporting our 37 children every day.

God Bless - **Beverley Hendricks**



Progress at Eluvukweni building site

The Diocesan Property Manager, Gavin Dennis took some updated photos of the progress at the building site.

New beginnings at parish placements



Three of our CoTT students have completed their studies and have been placed in various parishes in the diocese earlier this month. Left to right: **Revd Greg Amos** was licenced at St George's Silvertown as assistant priest. Middle: **Ryan Baatjies** will serve as parish Lay worker at St Paul's Cape Town under the leadership of Revd Shaun Cozett. Right: **Sithembiso Mbuqe** will serve as parish Lay worker at St Martins Bergvliet under the leadership of Revd Grant Damoos.

Diocesan GBV March through the streets of Bonteheuwel on Advent Sunday

Photographer: Kazlin Abrahamse



Good Shepherd Protea Sunday School party

On December 8, 2024, the Church of the Good Shepherd Protea held a Sunday school party at the Woodside Special Care Centre. It was a beautiful sunny day with no wind, and the children were all very excited.

Upon arriving at the Centre, they changed into their bathing costumes and jumped into the swimming pool. They swam, dove, and splashed around, having a great time in the warm sun.

At lunchtime, all the children lined up in an orderly fashion for their delicious hot dogs, cool drinks, and sweet treats. Each child received a lovely Christmas gift bag filled with wonderful goodies and treats.

After lunch, the children played in the park, enjoying the swings, trampoline, and kicking balls. Some even relaxed in the sun on their bath towels.

Everyone had a fantastic summer day filled with fun and laughter.

A big thank you from all of us to the Woodside Special Care Centre and its staff for their wonderful hospitality.
- Nicky Adams





Dear Parishioners of the
Diocese

This message comes to you with my, Lungi's and my family's warmest greetings to each one of you for a peaceful and blessed holiday season.

We pray particularly for those of you who live in areas or households inflicted by poverty or violence, that our communities and our governing authorities will mobilise development and improve people's livelihoods in the year to come.

On a more positive note, I have been proud to announce the election of the Ven Terry Lester, Archdeacon to the Ordinary and Rector of Christ Church, Constantia, as the new Dean



of Cape Town and Rector of the Cathedral Parish. Please give him your full support as he embarks on his three-year term of office in February.

Also join me in thanking the Revd Mcebisi Pinzana for stepping up with such quiet efficiency and caring as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish during the interregnum, service for which the Synod of Bishops has agreed we should decorate him as an Honorary Canon.

Although in some ways the year is ending on a heavy note, in both church and national life, yet Christ renews our hope.

May this hope renew our church to lighten the world.

Merry Christmas and a hopeful 2025.
+Thabo Cape Town

Panel Reviewing Anglican Church of Southern Africa's handling of Smyth Abuse Report Calls for Input

The three-person panel appointed by the Archbishop of Cape Town to review the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA)'s handling of reports of abuse committed by John Smyth in South Africa has called for input from any member of the public who has information relevant to its inquiries, as defined by the panel's terms of reference set out below.

Announcing the terms of reference of its review today, the panel noted that among its tasks were "to establish if any reports or complaints are recorded as received by ACSA regarding membership by Mr John Smyth of ACSA and his activities in South Africa, and if so, what was done by ACSA in response to any such reports or complaints."

The panel further noted that its tasks included "whether, if any such reports or complaints were made to ACSA, ACSA failed in any duty to convey such reports or complaints to any appropriate authority."

Information received by ACSA, supplemented by the report into Smyth's activities commissioned by the Church of England, indicates that during his time in South Africa, Smyth attended St Paul's Church, Durban, St Martin in the Fields Church, Durban, St Martin's Church, Bergvliet, Cape Town, and two independent churches, His People Church, Glenwood, Durban, and Church on Main, Cape Town.

Information relevant to the terms of reference should be emailed by **Friday December 20th** to the Church's Provincial Executive Officer, at: peo@anglicanchurchsa.org.za Information received will be treated in confidence.

The panel comprises: Judge Ian Farlam, Dr Mamphele Ramphele and Advocate Jeremy Gauntlett SC KC.

The full text of the terms of reference follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To consider the findings and implications of the Makin Report (dated 18 October 2024) regarding the Church of England notifying the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) in 2013, or at any other time, of:
 - (a) allegations of abuse by Mr John Smyth committed in the United Kingdom or Zimbabwe
 - (b) that Mr Smyth had become resident in South Africa.
2. To establish if any reports or complaints are recorded as received by ACSA regarding membership by Mr John Smyth of ACSA and his activities in South Africa, and if so, what was done by ACSA in response to any such reports or complaints.
3. To establish whether, if any such reports or complaints were made to ACSA, ACSA failed in any duty to convey such reports or complaints to any appropriate authority.
4. To report on measures adopted by ACSA relating to Safe and Inclusive Church, and to make any recommendations arising from 1-3.

<https://anglicanchurchsa.org/panel-reviewing-anglican-church-of-southern-africas-handling-of-smyth-abuse-report-calls-for-input/>

Diocesan Layminister's Service and licensing

The Diocesan Layministers Service took place on Sunday 24th November 2024 at the Church of Reconciliation in Manenberg. 6 layministers were licensed as Archdeaconry Lay Ministers' Coordinators.

They are:

Athlone Archdeaconry: John Ruiters

Constantia Archdeaconry: Monica Marks

Groote Schuur Archdeaconry: Andre Jansen

Ibongolethu Archdeaconry: Vuyani Dziba

Rondebosch Archdeaconry: Kirsten Finn

Waterfront Archdeaconry: Diane Williams including St George's Cathedral

Wayne Jones was licensed as the Diocesan Lay Ministers' Facilitator

Vuyani Dziba – Archdeaconry of Ibongulethu

Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have been licensed as an Archdeaconry Coordinator for Lay Ministers for Ibongolethu on Sunday 24, 2024. What a blessed service it was and what made it more significant for me was that my wife and I celebrated our daughter's 5th birthday on the day. Only God could make this possible! The service was an illustration of God's amazing love.

Over these years God has opened doors that I would never have imagined and I have had the opportunity to serve Jesus Christ in many different ways. The day had been a major milestone in my understanding of the overwhelming and relentless love of God that we are all called to share with others. I have come to know God afresh and recognise Him not only as a God of love but also as a God of surprises who takes you on amazing journeys as part of His mission. And as Jesus said in His word: "My kingdom is not of this world".

In this new stage of service, I pray I will continue to embrace God's grace and use all that I am and all that I have, wherever I find myself, to work for the glory of God's kingdom.

John Ruiters – Archdeaconry of Athlone

As a newbie in layministry, I was surprised but extremely honoured to be nominated and accepted as the layministers' Coordinator for the Athlone Archdeaconry.

I am excited about the planned 2025 program for layministers in the Diocese, including the structured module training package. The service was so vibrant and energetic! Especially for me coming from the small, quiet parish of All Saints in Lansdowne. I look forward to fulfilling my role with God's help.

Diana Williams – Archdeaconry of the Waterfront (incl Cathedral)

The Parishioners of the Church of the Reconciliation really ensured that we were very welcome. Their choir was phenomenal and the service was well organised and beautifully set up.

All of us felt at ease knowing that Wayne Jones was there to guide us. Wayne has done such a great job. The Bishop made a good choice in appointing Wayne as facilitator. I realised, at the licencing, that this task as Archdeaconry coordinator is huge. I loved the fact that Wayne



made it known to all layministers that when the Bishop calls for the Forum Meetings as well as for the yearly layministers' service, everybody is expected to attend. Kindly ensure that all attendees have a service booklet for the Service, please. It is also important that all lay ministers attend the service in the various Archdeaconries of Cape Town.

**Constantia Archdeaconry Layministers Coordinator
Monica Marks, St Andrew's Steenberg**

Firstly, all praise and glory to God for this nomination. I am very thankful for God's guidance and knowledge enabling me to show good character to represent and be an ambassador to all the affiliated parishes. Thank you! I am eager to work with the Layminister leaders to achieve and fulfil the vision. The Diocesan service was awesome! The white robed family in unity, to worship, witness and serve.

Wayne Jones - Diocesan Lay Ministers' Facilitator

The formation of a structure for layministers in the diocese is the fruition of a dream of the past 3 years. Initially it was the Revd Prof John Klaasen, Revd Veliswa Baduza and myself that started with coordinated diocesan workshops and forums for layministers in the diocese.

This proved very effective and large numbers of lay ministers attended the sessions - sessions that created great excitement and fellowship. At the end of 2022 we had a healing service at St Martin's Bergvliet - at which layministers could come and be prayed for the hurts and pain caused by the devastating Covid pandemic.

At the end of 2023 we had a wonderful service with Archbishop Thabo "on the couch". Over the past year a host of meetings and discussions were had with Bishop Joshua, who has been an immense support throughout this journey. Consultations were also had with Revd Shaun Cozett, to tap into his thinking. Early November, at our TEFT meeting, I presented the final draft of the plan for layministers in the diocese.

The plan was accepted and acknowledged as a model that could be applied in other ministries/organisations. In consultation with the archdeacons, each archdeaconry now has a licensed coordinator for lay ministers, which will allow for archdeaconry events and programmes. As the Diocesan Layministers Facilitator, I am firstly honoured to have been asked by Bishop Joshua to fill this role and, secondly, humbled to be able to be a servant in God's plan for this diocese.



Director's Forum: Child and Youth Care Centre Report 2024

Fikelela Child and Youth Care Centre, St Michaels Child & Youth Care Centre, Leliebloem House and St George's Home for Girls met on Friday 6 December via Zoom.

These are such precious moments as we all have busy schedules but we felt a need to collaborate and be a support to each other.

We will be meeting on a quarterly basis and tapping into the parishes within our Diocese to give them a better understanding of who we are and what we do.

We have also decided to sit together and assist each other with fundraising applications as this remains a challenge.

We are excited to announce that we will be doing a joint event in the middle of next year (2025) and we would love for all of you to support the event as we showcase our children from the different homes.

Prayers for Francisco of Leliebloem House and his team are needed as they embark upon a journey to discuss the future. Do they continue to offer the same service, with the same staff and structures as before? Also, as we come to the end of the academic year, 50% of the children will be leaving the children's home to be reunified with families, whilst 23 children have nowhere to go and will remain in the children's home throughout these upcoming holidays. Whilst many people will be on holiday, the staff and the children will be away from their own loved ones. There is huge pressure on the team to fill the vacancies, as replacing children does not happen overnight.

Graeme of St George's also needs your prayers as 50% of his children will also be away for the holiday season and the rest, who stay behind, need that extra love and care at this time. Staff members will also be on duty and working during this Christmas Season. Please keep them in prayer.

Rose of St Michaels Home has expressed the same need for prayer as 50% of their children will also leave for the holiday period and it is challenging for the remaining children to be taken care of due to the emotions of not having anyone to go to where circumstances are conducive. When other youth leave it becomes a very emotional time for those at the Centre.

Fikelela does not close over the holiday period and our children don't really leave the facility at the end of the year. Prayers are needed for extra patience and discipline as all the children are at the centre and it does become challenging.

As we share these stories with you we would love an opportunity to get to know the parishes in our Diocese a bit better.

We want to encourage more families within the Diocese to become "Host Families". The question is asked: "What does it entail, what is required of you and when does it happen?" We will answer many of these questions over the next few months.

We are appealing to all of you to support us with this venture in order for us as Directors to not be so overwhelmed during holiday season. We wish all of you the very best for the festive season and every blessing for 2025.

Please do feel free to connect with us if any additional information is required.

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YPM Coordinator's Christmas message

"May your Christmas be filled with delightful surprises, joyous moments, and all the happiness your heart can hold. Remember, you are excep-

tional and loved more than you know. During this festive season, the greatest gift is spending time with the people you love. Cherish these moments, for they are the true spirit of Christmas. May you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

January 2025 YPM planner:

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Back to School Services promotions in parishes

- Siphe Nyhaba

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