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New Dean of Cape Town *The Ven Terrence Lester*



The Ven Terrence Lester will become the 16th Dean of Cape Town and rector of St George's Cathedral, Cape Town. The Service of Installation takes place on 2nd February 2025 at 16h00. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba will be the Officiant and preacher.

The Good Hope editor conducted a Q&A with the Dean Designate:

1. Can you share your theological vision for leading St George's Cathedral congregation? How will you balance traditional liturgical practices with the evolving needs of the community?

Forgive me if I take a meandering route in answering your question but it is quite important for background.

My grandparents lived on a farm near the top of Kendall Road, Diep River. My grandmother, after leaving Genaden-dal, a Moravian Settlement in the Overberg, and, arriving in District Six, met and married a Muslim man with whom she had a daughter. He either died or disappeared soon after and she raised her daughter with the help of a Muslim family who have remained life-long friends. She had a fruit and vegetable stall at the Fresh Produce Market, where now the Good Hope Centre stands and it was here that she met Sebastian Lester who farmed vegetables in Diep River. They married and had three sons and a daughter while my granny continued in the Islamic faith with the Imam visiting Fridays after midday prayers. At some point she decided, maybe based on his insistence, to have all five

children baptised. St Luke, Annandale Road, Diep River was the nearest and easiest but my grandfather was not attracted to Low Church Anglicanism so All Saints, Plumstead, which had 'smells and bells', became the family church where my dad and his siblings were baptised and confirmed. It remained so even after the family moved to 29 Strawberry Lane, Constantia, until in 1965 we moved to Grassy Park.

Living on Lake Road at the vlei end, St Augustine's was nearer but there was only a prefabricated structure then which worked for Sunday school. After a few years at St Clement RC school, I attended EC primary and very soon after, my Good Shepherd journey began. First as Altar Server, then going onto confirmation prep, youth member, youth leader of Prodders, PCC member and FOV attendee to having a calling to ordained ministry affirmed at a Selection Conference on Ascension day 1978, aged 17 and in my matric year. Good Shepherd was 'High Church Anglican', it was all I knew. Yet, when going to the UK to train for ordination, I attended a college called St John's in Nottingham which identified as 'Evangelical/Charismatic'. So, my own spiritual journey is a 'mixed bag' of Interfaith exposure and breadth of Anglicanism from Low to High!

My journey is not unique in anyway as we all have family members and neighbours through whom we are exposed to the variety of forms of worship on offer.

We are spoilt for choice!

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EDITORIAL

As we welcome this new year, let us embrace the opportunity for renewal inspired by Scripture. We are called to trust in God's perfect plans, live intentionally and give thanks for His unwavering faithfulness. Rather than merely setting personal resolutions, we can submit our lives to God's transformative power and commit to seeking His kingdom above all else.

In doing so, we can confront the new year with courage, hope, and an invigorated sense of purpose that beautifully reflects the love and grace of our Creator.

Let this year be a season of profound spiritual growth, a deepening of our faith and sincere devotion to the God who makes all things new.

Love and Light, Rebecca

Editor: Rebecca Malambo

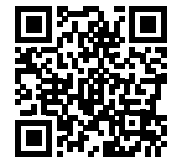
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your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac and Jacob." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

Dear Friends

Allow me to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2025. When I was reflecting on 2024, I realised that it was a hectic year in all spheres of the globe. In some instances, it was the culmination of things whilst, in others, it was the start of a new cycle. I will mention a few of these events. We had the 2024 Olympics, an event which happens every 4 years (leap year), and we had elections in many countries across the world, for some, it is a continuation of the status quo, whilst for others it might mean a new beginning. Some were peaceful, whilst others led to violence and where the results are still disputed. We had our elections, which resulted in a Government of National Unity (GNU) between diverse political parties.

On the Church front, the SACC had their national conference, where new leaders were chosen, and we had our Diocesan and Provincial Synods. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Justin Welby, resigned, which is having a great impact on the Anglican Communion worldwide. Global warming and Climate change are impacting more and more on all parts of the world, but the poor are feeling the impact even greater. More and more countries are engaging in wars and violence, and many people are dying or left suffering. Weapons of destruction have become a lucrative industry, so it is to the advantage of the

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rich and powerful that the wars should continue. Natural and man-made disasters are also happening more frequently. The poverty rate nationally and globally is increasing at an alarming rate, whilst a small percentage of the population lives in extravagance and is not ready to share.

What a gloomy picture to start the new year, but this is our unfortunate reality. It is with this in mind that I want to suggest that 2025 should be the year of action. The elections, Synods, Global conferences, etc. happen and it is now important to act and deliver on promises and resolutions. On all levels, whether personal, communal, national or global we are challenged to right the wrong.

Before the Israelites entered the promised land, God called them to choose between life and death. As we enter this new year, that same choice is given to every one of us and my prayer is that we will all choose life. What does that mean for us as believers? Our only task in life is to 'glorify God and uplift each other'. This means that God should be central to all that we do and say so that our words and actions should be to His praise and glory. Also, uplift-

ing our brothers and sisters will mean that we should live lives of love and reconciliation. The next person matters to us, and we will do everything in our power to restore their human dignity. So, let us acknowledge God as our sovereign power and each other as brothers and sisters made in God's image.

So, when we choose life, let us choose life in Christ and with our neighbour.

Just a few reminders:

Our Diocesan Family Day is on Sunday, 2 March 2025 at St George's Grammar School. Starting with the Eucharist service at 9.30am. So, bring your picnic basket, beach chair, etc. as the day promised to be fun-filled and enjoyable, Parishes, don't forget to contribute at least R4000 towards the church building project of Eluvukweni, Crossroads. The collection at the service will also go towards this.

We welcome **Revd Clive and Rene Ceasar** back in the diocese as he will be instituted during evensong on Sunday, the 16 as the next rector of St Michael and All Angels, Observatory.

Congratulations, **Canon Zwelibanzi Antoni as the Priest-in-Charge of St Columba, Guguletu.** Congratulations, **Revd Steven Middelkoop as the Non-stipendiary Priest-in-Charge of St Peter's, Camps Bay.**

Welcome back **Reverends Kwezi and Thabang Bengani**, Revd Kwezi has been appointed as assistant chaplain at Bishops Preparatory and Revd Thabang as Deputy head at Western Province Preparatory School. They will be attached as non-stipendiary assistant priests to St Peter's, Hout Bay.

As we have chosen life for 2025, may we also share that life with everyone who we will be meeting.

God Bless! +Joshua Table Bay

Bishop of Wangaratta visits Church of the Resurrection

On Sunday January 12, the Church of the Resurrection in Bonteheuwel hosted a special Eucharist service with the Right Reverend Clarence E. Bester, Bishop of Wangaratta, serving as Celebrant and Preacher.

Bishop Bester's visit was made possible by an invitation from our own Bishop Joshua Louw, which he gladly accepted. As an old Bontavian (so described by Church Warden of our Parish, Mr Donovan Davids) and a child of Bonteheuwel, we were excited to welcome him once again into our Parish home and thrilled that he chose to be here once again.

He was accompanied by his wife, Michelle, as well as his parents and siblings.



His presence enriched the service and his message resonated with many. It was a blessing to have him serve at our parish.



- the Revd Oswald Cloete

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But for me, Anglicanism holds together a very broad spectrum of these forms whose key elements of ritual and rhythm, of liturgy and worship, of systematic reading of scripture, of the centrality of the Eucharist, of celebrating the faithful pilgrims through the ages being 'present' to Emmanuel in everyday situations and whose feast days and commemorations serve as encouragement daily, makes Anglicanism for me both traditional and contemporary in every moment.

2. How will you foster spiritual growth and discipleship within this large and varied congregation?

One of my favourite Epistles not attributed to St Paul but maybe a later disciple, is the one written to the Church at Ephesus. It is set in our lectionary at present for Morning Prayer. It speaks about what binds disparate groups together, what compels re-connection to each other and what the basis is on which they are re-membered into the Body of Christ.

The contrast is staggering – from 'aliens and strangers', from 'having no hope and without God' to being made 'one group in one new humanity' and 'with no dividing walls reconciled in one body by the cross'!

This is a reality which our shared faith invites us into and which fires us up to live and be. But it needs fostering, nurturing, encouraging by all for the benefit of the world desperate for models of where such miracles are real. It was real at Ephesus notwithstanding the opposing forces they had to contend with!

3. Cape Town is a city with significant socio-economic disparities. How do you envision the cathedral's role in addressing social justice, poverty and inequality in the city?

Our situation of 'significant socio-economic disparities' is man-made! No-one in this country has been spared and all are victims of what can best be described as abusive relationships where race-based violence, sexual-based violence, gender-based violence, class-based violence, emotion-based violence, spiritual-based violence, to name a few, has long taken up permanent residence in our hearts, minds, families and communities where the effects and consequences of these lives large and manifests at every level of human existence in our country and continent.

However, they are not unique to us as these are world-wide phenomena for sadly, society has functioned with these in place and unchallenged for far too long.

We don't possess a gene that makes us more prone or less able to counter and combat these ills. Being man-made, they can be man-unmade! Jesus shows us how to bring our God-made AND man-made game to the fore.

4. What strategies would you implement to strengthen the cathedral's relationship with local communities, especially marginalized groups?

It is imperative for all Christians everywhere to reflect on how to be both heaven-sent and person centred in seeking to fulfil and carry out the *Missio Dei* which is our *raison d'être*. The care of God's church, God's children and God's creation is 'both mine and yours' in which no one is left behind nor excluded from the all-embracing love and care in which God holds all.

5. How do you plan to engage with the city's youth and younger generations, who may feel disconnected from traditional church structures?

By holding a Tyla concert in the cathedral!

6. How do you envision fostering collaboration between the cathedral, other local churches and diocesan leadership?

In my 40 years of active ordained ministry I have never operated nor acted alone! Pray together, reflect together, act together! The aim is always to take people with you as first option and first prize. Sometimes though leadership entails seeing something through that you believe in even if reluctance or scepticism is holding some back. The task of demonstrating unity and togetherness is an imperative of our faith. Listening to each other is key.

7. How do you understand the role of a cathedral in a city like Cape Town, with its rich cultural and colonial history and how would you address the cathedral's place in contemporary society?

We are only just beginning to learn about our often dark past and finding that not all of that past should be viewed through the prism of beautiful stained glass! The cracks of our past can be opportunities to let the light in, to quote one songwriter. That is very much how previous Deans have found ways for the community of faith to be credible witnesses to what it means to stand for truth, justice and peace and advance the values of God's Kingdom.

8. What is your vision for the cathedral over the three years? How do you see it growing and evolving in response to changing demographics and needs?

Wherever I have served, including a previous stint at this very cathedral, my stance has been to welcome all! I do not subscribe to the setting up of 'hoops through which people have to jump' or contort themselves to belong in order to feel they are part of it. The real beauty of this cathedral is that people are naturally drawn to it for the beauty of its building, its music, its story and its legacy of faithful witness. Nothing should detract from those wonderful traditions built up by many over decades.

9. What are the key challenges you anticipate facing in your role as Dean, and how would you like to address it?

We need to be open and honest, own our insecurities. Churches and churchy people are not immune to hurting or being hurt even in such beautiful places as this. People need to know and feel that they can trust those placed 'over them in the Lord' so that all can experience the cathedral as a place of healing and wholeness.

10. What has shaped your personal faith journey and pastoral approach, and how does that inform the way you lead a congregation?

We speak of a God of surprises and I am constantly being surprised by the God we serve! Also, it is a sheer accident that I ended up an Anglican! As I explained earlier in my 'story', which is by no means unique in these parts. We need large dollops of humility and be far less gung-ho about ourselves and others. I could easily have been one of the 'others'! Also, we all carry the possibility for gain and loss with us daily. I have had dollops of both without which, I would not be who I am.

11. What do you believe is the most important quality of a Dean, and how do you exemplify this quality in your ministry?

All of our lives are intertwined and intersect at various levels and in many ways. We are told that humans share 96 percent genetic similarity! It is the 4 percent which marks 'difference' that keeps tripping us up over and over again! Celebrate similarity is what I say!

12. How do you practice self-care and ensure that you maintain a healthy balance between work, personal life and ministry responsibilities?

I have three adult children and four grandchildren, I have a sister and mother. Nikki has two daughters, two sisters and both her parents. So when children, in-laws and everyone gets together, we are quite a motley crew. We have a house in McGregor where we go often, allowing us to switch off and do completely different things like visiting the various wine estates in the Breede Valley, do wine-tasting, enjoy the beauty of our province and connect with people. Evenings there Nikki and I set up our laptop and watch Netflix series!



Ma Doris Barrish 100th Birthday

St George's Church, Silvertown is thrilled to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone, the 100th birthday of Doris Barrish. Born on 13 January 1925, she has lived a life with faith, love and service. A devoted member of our parish and has worked with so many clergy. She has been a stalwart presence at worship services, prayer meetings and other community events.

Throughout her life she demonstrated a deep commitment to her faith, inspiring others with kindness, generosity and compassion. Her dedication to our parish has been a source of strength and encouragement to us all. At the age of 100 she has a good sense of humour and a very sharp memory and can remember many activities.

Her warm embrace was truly felt as members of the family, close friends and members of St George's were celebrating her birthday with a Eucharist service of Thanksgiving to God for her life presided by Revd Greg Amos. She had a special visit from Bishop Joshua Louw who was once her rector at St George's. She was visited by the Deputy Mayor and Ward Councillor, congratulating her on her 100th birthday. Ma Doris felt appreciated by all who came to share this auspicious moment with her.

She was surrounded by her son, two daughters in law, 7 Grandchildren, 12 Great-great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild together with extended-family members.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we honour not only Doris' longevity but also her legacy of faith, love and service. We give thanks to God for her wonderful example and for the countless ways she has touched our lives and for the inspiration she continues to be to our parish and community.

Happy 100th birthday Ma Doris Barrish.



Eluvukweni Crossroads building update

Let us give thanks with the people of Eluvukweni Crossroads as the walls are rising - we are now busy with the gallery upstairs.

If you would like to support this exciting project, the banking details are:

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Standard Bank
Account number: 070064636
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- Revd Rachel Mash

Celebrating 66th wedding anniversary

The parish church of Reconciliation Manenberg celebrates with Aaron and Elizabeth Dreyer their 66th wedding anniversary.

On 31 Dec 1958 Pa and Ma Dryer tied the knot. Revd Ronald went to visit them and asked them how is it that they made it through to 66 years thus far. Pa and Ma Dryer said the secret is simple: We have complete Faith in our Lord Jesus. We have trusted him throughout our marriage. When we trusted God for whatever in life we understood that we have to be patient as we wait on the Lord, because we know the Lord will

come through for us no matter how long the wait.

Ma Dryer (84) cooks 3 meals a day for her and Pa (88). Their health is not 100 percent every day. However when Ma has some aches or pains Pa is always on standby to soothe the pain.

- the Revd Ronald Muller





Statement by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba on the Panel of Inquiry into Smyth abuse case



On November 22, 2024 I appointed a high-level inquiry into the implications for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa of a Church of England review of serial violent abuse by Mr John Smyth in the UK and Zimbabwe in the 1980s and 1990s. I appointed former Supreme Court of Appeal Judge Ian Farlam, former UCT vice-chancellor Dr Mamphela Ramphele and Advocate Jeremy Gauntlett SC KC to conduct the inquiry.

On the evening of Thursday January 16, 2025 I received a letter concerning a quite separate allegation of abuse, in which the complainant said that if Advocate Gauntlett did not step down from the panel by January 31, he (the complainant) would make the allegation public. Without further communication, the complainant later that evening published details of his allegations on social media. No complaint is known to have been made to Safe Church (ACSA's specialist safeguarding body) or to the church itself on the matter over the past 40 years.

On the morning of Friday January 17th, Advocate Gauntlett proposed that in the circumstances created by the letter he step down from the panel, conveying a concern that the work of the Smyth inquiry not be in any way delayed or obstructed by the issue. I accepted his offer, subject to consultation with other members of the panel. As someone whose handling of the Smyth matter is being investigated by the panel, I have kept a distance from its work but felt that in the circumstances I needed to take this step.

I held those consultations at Bishops Court in Cape Town today, and have accepted Advocate Gauntlett's offer on the well-recognised principle in the law that even the appearance of a conflict of interest can be enough to trigger a recusal from a matter. Justice Farlam and Dr Ramphele have accepted Advocate Gauntlett's decision with regret, and have agreed that they will continue the Panel's inquiry to completion. It is expected that this will be accomplished shortly.

I await the panel's judgment on the effectiveness of our efforts to eliminate abuse within the church, and my heart goes out to victims and survivors of Smyth. My heart breaks when I recall the account in the Church of England's Makin report of the violence and pain that they went or are still going through.

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba
January 18, 2025

Archbishop Justin Welby leaves office

January 6, 2025, marked the day Justin Welby laid down his bishop's crozier on the altar in the Lambeth Palace chapel, marking his ministry's end as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bishops perform this symbolic act upon leaving office. Archbishop Justin legally ceased to be Archbishop of Canterbury at midnight. Archbishop Justin spent his final day in office privately at the Palace. He attended Morning Prayer, lunchtime Eucharist and Evensong. The day was concluded with a service of Compline.

During the day, the Archbishop met with current staff, some friends and former colleagues to thank them for their work and to say farewell.

- [Archbishop of Canterbury Facebook page](#)



Anglican Board of Education congratulates Matric Class of 2024

The Anglican Board of Education of Southern Africa (ABESA), on behalf of Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, extends its warm and sincere congratulations to the Matric Class of 2024. We acknowledge with gratitude the educators, family members and many others who have provided care and support over the last 12 years for these learners to have reached this important milestone.

We are pleased with the improved levels of achievement in terms of the pass rate, whilst realising that education cannot be measured only in numerical terms. We are also mindful of the significant number of learners who started their education journey 12 years ago, but are no longer part of the celebrated class of 2024. In also wishing them well, we hope that schools will become more transformative places of learning for everyone. To this end ABESA will continue to partner with civil society and government to advocate, act and innovate for quality basic education as a human right across Southern Africa, promoting hope, belonging and social cohesion amongst citizens who act for the transformation and common good of all communities. - **The Revd Jaques Pretorius, Executive Director, ABESA**

Shaft 11, Stilfontein - Reflections and Condolences

On his Truth to Power TV interview on the eNCA channel in December, Prof "JJ" Onkgopotse Tabane, asked me: "Father, what is the church doing about the mine workers trapped in the Stilfontein (Shaft 11) mine?" I responded that we are praying; we regret the attitude and comments of government leaders who wanted to "smoke them out"; and I added, "Some SACC [SA Council of Churches] leaders have paid a visit to the site."

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Today, I am sad as I watch on TV and see the pathology services vans parked near the gaping hole of Shaft 11 and evidence of bodies recovered from up to one or two kilometres underground. (Non-South African readers can see the background to this tragedy here:

<https://apnews.com/article/miners-mine-south-africa-dead-80a1a4809371269b592bf3e2695540ba>)

Stilfontein Mine, to the west of Johannesburg, where my dad eked out his earnings from miners for our family's livelihood, is now a place where miners lost their lives, not due to the health and safety challenges as a result of poor mining practices, but due to workers having starved to death. Yet again, this tragedy leaves another deep wound in the heart of our nation. It opens our Marikana pain, the pain we suffered from the police killings at that platinum mine in North West Province.

Will the suffering ever end for people on the margins of our society? Yes, we are grateful for the lives of those saved in a difficult rescue operation, and grateful to the mining companies represented on the Minerals Council for helping pay for the rescue operations. But this is a moment of profound grief and shock, and also a moment to reflect on the systemic injustices, the economic desperation, and the human dignity often overlooked in our society.

++Thabo Makgoba
January 15, 2025

* See the SACC's statement here: <https://anglicanchurchsa.org/sacc-statement-on-stilfontein-mine-tragedy/>



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Emancipation Day Walk



Each year the Emancipation Day Coalition comprising the District Six Museum, the Institute for Healing of Memories and the Prestwich Place Project Committee organise a celebratory walk on 30 November into 1 December to commemorate the emancipation of the enslaved people at the Cape. For many years St George's Cathedral has been a key partner in this walk.

In 2025, the theme of the walk was making the connection between the Cathedral's 'Freedom Steps' as the traditional site for vigils and rallies in support of many causes, and that of the symbolic renaming of Church Square, adjacent to the site of the Slave Tree in Spin Street, to 'Freedom Square'.

On 30 November, the celebratory walk started at the Lydia Williams stained glass window in the Cathedral. Lydia Williams was a founding member of St Philip's Anglican Church in Chapel Street, District Six and celebrated Emancipation Day each year on 1 December with community members.

During creative workshops with elders and youth from District Six and Cape Town, participants deftly made paper flowers and produced stencils that served as temporary artwork and was used to mark 'Freedom Square' in Spin Street on the day. People walked in song and accompanied by drums from the cathedral, past the Slave Lodge and Groote Kerk, to the site of Slave Tree.

- Chrischene Julius



Anglican Chaplaincy at the University of Cape Town

Space, Memory, and Identity

Intersecting faith, Life, and Learning

The Anglican Chaplaincy to the University of Cape Town is a ministry that provides spiritual support and guidance to students, staff and faculty members. The Chaplaincy is part of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and is located in the heart of the university campus at 13 Stanley Road, Rondebosch.

As a learner, stepping into a different world can be an equally daunting and frightening experience. It may require support and guidance. Hence, intersecting faith, life and learning becomes vitally critical. Studies show that for young people to succeed academically in the 21st century, four requirements are needed: "critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration." One of the key provisions of Chaplaincy is a ministry of presence on the campus that amplifies the intersection of faith, life and learning. Space, memory and identity are key categories that make this intersection possible.

The notion of space, memory and identity emulated by our Anglican ministry on the campus is boundary-breaking. It moves beyond the physical to include the social, moral, cultural and spiritual. It is a safe,

open and participatory environment where learners may share and nurture their memories and identity away from home. The chaplaincy aims to create a secure and inclusive space for people of all faiths and none, where they can explore their spirituality, ask questions, and find support and guidance. Therefore, some of the key events and activities organized by the chaplaincy include:

- Weekly worship services and communion
- Student-led Bible studies and prayer groups
- Contextual theology and social justice
- Intersection of life, faith and learning
- Gender, women and economic justice
- Receptive learning: Interfaith dialogue and discussion forums
- Community service projects and volunteer opportunities
- Spiritual counselling and direction
- Seasons of Grace: Learning from failure to build resilience and reimagine oneself
- Retreats and quiet days for students, including staff, where possible

The Chaplaincy is led by a chaplain, a warden and a team of students and members of the Anglican Society on campus (Ansoc) who are passionate about supporting the university community in their spiritual journeys. Our Sunday serves are held at 11h:00 at St Paul's Anglican Church, Main Road, Rondebosch. Our opening services are held every second Sunday, following the academic opening day and orientation week in February.

We offer a delicate and humble students' residence with limited spaces where Anglicans are given priority and encouraged to apply in time. If you are part of the diocese of Cape Town and its vicinities and beyond or as part of the University of Cape Town community, we encourage you to contact the Anglican Chaplaincy to learn more about our programmes and services. If you are not, it is hoped that this information will help you understand the importance of chaplaincy work on the campus. - **Revd Isaias Ezequiel Chachine (UCT Chaplain)**



YPM 6 month planner 2025

February: YPM Youth Hike Date - 22nd February

March: Workshop 1 – Mental Health and Wellbeing Date: 15th March and Venue: St Christ the King Claremont
End of School Term – 28 March

April: School Reopens –

8 April YPM Council Meeting Date: 12 April

YPM – Word and Worship Service Date: 27th April and Venue: TBC

May: Diocesan Football Festival Date: 1 May and Venue: Chucker Road In collaboration with Diocesan Football Festival Committee

June: YPM Council Meeting Date: 1 June

YPM - Youth Day Event Date: 16 June and Venue: TBC

End of School Term – 27 June

July: School Reopens –

22 July Workshop 2 - YOUTH INDABA (unemployment, education, violence etc.) Date: 26 July and Venue: Groote Schuur Archdeaconry Parish

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