



Umbuliso



The Greeting

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ST CLEMENTS MOTHERS' UNION NEW BRANCH OPENED



doing everything in godliness should be our goal. Leadership comes in small but bold strokes.

We enjoyed the service fully; with carefully chosen worship songs, and a surprise high tea thereafter. St Clement ladies served us yet another sumptuous meal within a few hours after tea. It is not a coincidence but God's incidence that the Bishop's See is in Grahamstown and the historic growth is in Grahamstown. We entrust the "the new baby", as Rev Mvula

1 Chronicles 4:10 "And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, **and enlarge my territory**, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So, God granted him what he requested."

the life of the Diocese of Grahamstown MU under the leadership of Bishop Ebenezer, President Mrs Mandisa Mhlwatika and Mrs Gumenge who have been waiting for the miracle to occur.

Deut. 7:13 "And He will love you and **bless you and multiply you**; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you."



New Mothers' Union members

On the 22nd of April history was made and a new MU branch was born. This will go into the annals and archives of our Diocese. God is true to His word, He is a multiplier and when you earnestly pray to Him like Jabez prayed, He truly enlarges your territory.

We want to thank Rev Mvula, the Rector of St Clement and his supportive wife Mrs Nombeko Mvula who has been in the incubation of ensuring that the baby is born. Mama Noncedo, the Archdeaconry Trainer had a meaningful role in unleashing the potential and encouraged the "new" Probationers to overcome the obstacles.

We give thanks, praise and glory to our God for birthing a brand spanking new baby in

This has been a dream come true as the Rector has earnestly prayed for such a day where the MU would be founded in his Parish. God indeed answers prayers. There were 12 members that were admitted on the day but before the day ended, the number had grown to 15. Rev Mvula who was duly delegated by the Archdeacon carried the induction with precision and praise. He reinforced the Aims of MU the centrality of which is to preserve married life and the 5 Objectives as enshrined in the Service Book. Mama Noncedo blessed the occasion by her presence and committed herself to facilitate intensive training which starts in April across the Diocese.

The President welcomed the newly admitted members and applauded them for having gone through the barriers. She appreciated the attendance of some of the members at Lady Day Celebration. MU is an answer to God's calling and taking lead from God and



St Clements Grahamstown

fondly referred to the new MU, to God and all who are with us. We pledge to take them through baby steps until they are weaned off NAN and are able to take solids!!

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Empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to go...



Dear People of God

We as a diocesan family and the world need to thank God for all the major feasts that we have celebrated in our Christian Calendar of 2018 from Ash Wednesday up to Corpus Christi. This has enriched our spiritual growth. Before Jesus physically left the earth and his friends, He gave them an instruction “to go...” (Matt 28:19). Jesus promised them that they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to go out into the world...

Being a follower of Jesus Christ is therefore about looking outward – about going out, about movement. It is about sharing with others what one has. However, before one can go out and share, one needs to gather and collect. The first step is therefore to gather as the “Body of Christ” (1 Cor. 12) and be empowered by God.

One of the Church Fathers, St Basil the Great, writes the following about being empowered by the Holy Spirit, “Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of (children), our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our

being brought into a state of all “fullness of blessing,” both in this world and in the world to come, of all the good gifts that are in store for us, by promise hereof, through faith, beholding the reflection of their grace as though they were already present, we await the full enjoyment”

(<https://gypoenny.wordpress.com/2012/06/03/selected-church-fathers-sayings-on-pentecost-the-holy-spirit/>). As one

reads these words of St Basil, one is filled with excitement as these words create an amazing picture of healing and transformation. It creates a picture of being welcomed back into the loving arms of God with acceptance and joy.

The prodigal child who has lost her/his way feeling unloved, abandoned and neglected is welcomed home and reminded of who they are – human beings created in the image of God out of love in order to love. There is the mending of the relationship with self as well as the relationship with God while being surrounded by the unconditional love of God. We are reminded of the grace of God and the many gifts of God for us.

As we regularly gather for our services, at least once every Sunday, we are called to “our restoration to paradise” according to St Basil. When we gather as the “Body of Christ” – as the Church our focus

needs to be God. We gather in order to be empowered by God the Holy Spirit in order to be “sent into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to (God’s) praise and glory” (APB 129). Once we have experienced this love and interaction with the Holy Spirit anew, we are ready to “go”.

We ask God to send us into the world to live and work to God’s glory. These words are said at the end of every service we have. What do they mean in practical terms? How do we “live and work to God’s glory?” How are we channels through which God the Holy Spirit can work to change the lives of people in our communities?

In South Africa we have so many challenges today – poverty and unemployment, HIV and AIDS and TB, drug abuse, violence and crime. God needs us, are we willing to “live and work to God’s glory?” Nevertheless, God continues to call us in our own context to worship to witness and to serve Him by His

(IsiXhosa: tyhila kwiphepha lesi-4)

St Phillips Parish Grahamstown and Outreach Programme



By Gwen Mvula

On the day of Pentecost at St

Phillips, St Agnus Guild admitted two new members to the guild. On the same day, we visited children that are admitted at Settlers hospital as our outreach. Our visit was well received and enthusiasm was written in their faces.

Thank you very much to the members of the Guild and Mrs Nqweniso and Mrs Mtywaru for looking after these bunch of lovely flowers.

May they be reimbursed immensely with blessings in their life time.



St Agnus Guild, Parents and Revd Mvula

Francis Church Bids Farewell to Archdeacon Nkosiphendule Matshaya



By Vuyokazi Matshaya
Thank you messages from different organisations were showered upon Archdeacon Matshaya and his wife, Zameka, during their surprised farewell which was conducted on 15 April 2018. Credit was given to him for his stunning interpersonal relationship with the

Executive, the Parish Church Council and the congregation.

He steered our church with great leadership and confidence knowing exactly what he wanted to achieve putting God first as the Head of the church and reconciliation among parishioners. It was not an easy task but through

prayers and his skills in Abulele, gave a vote of conflict management, the congregation had to find itself and appreciate that in God's church cohesion was inevitable.

His farewell was demonstrated with love and appreciation. The church warden, Sonwabo Mdubi, on behalf of the congregation presented him with a beautiful gas braai set and bed side



arriving in May 2018 will arrive at St Francis on fertile ground already prepared for him spiritually.

St Francis Church gives thanks to God for His faithfulness.

lamps for his wife. His son,

The St Andrew's College Chapel Choir sang at Bathurst



By Mike Skipper

The St Andrew's College Chapel Choir sang at the 180th anniversary of St John's Anglican Church in Bathurst this past Sunday, 13 May.

Grahamstown. The Archdeacon of Albany and Dean of the Cathedral were also at the celebration of this beautiful Romanesque building (which is unaltered) and its active and devout congregation.

opportunity to step back in time being accompanied on an old pump organ from the 1800's. This special service was enhanced by the singing of the mass and a rousing upbeat jazzy anthem, "Swingin' with the Saints", culminated in a well-deserved applause from the congregation. Even the Bishop joined in on the applause!

College presented St John's with a gift to mark this momentous occasion and the Bishop thanked the boys for enhancing the worship at this very special service.



St John's Anglican Church Bathurst

The service was presided over by Bishop Ebenezer, the Bishop of The College choir had the

uBishophu uEbenezer ubhala athi...

Ukomelezwa nguMoya oNgcwele ukuze uhambe ...



Bantu abathandekayo bakaThixo

Thina njengosapho lwedayosisi nehlabathi simele ukumbulela uThixo ngayo yonke imisitho emikhulu esiye sayibhiyozela kwiKhalenda yethu yamaKrestu ngo we - 2018, ukususela kuLwesithathu loThuthu ukuya kwiCorpus Christi (Isikhumbuzo soMthendeleko). Loo misitho ikutyebisile ukukhula kwethu ngokwasemoyeni. Phambi kokuba uYesu afuduke ngokobuqu ehlabathini nakubahlobo bakhe, wabanika umyalelo wokuba “bahambe...” (Mateyu 28:19) UYesu wabathembisa ukuba baya kumkeliswa amandla nguMoya oNgcwele ukuze babe nokuhamba baye ehlabathini.

Ukuba ngumlandeli kaYesu Krestu ke ngoko kuthetha ukujonga ngaphandle – ngokuphuma, ngentshukumo. Kuphathelile ekwabelaneni komntu ngezinto anazo nabanye abantu. Kodwa phambi kokuba umntu aphume abelane nabanye kufuneka aqokelele abeke ndawonye. Inyathelo lokuqala ke ngoko kukuhlanganisana “njengomzimba kaKrestu” (1 Kor.12) nokuxhotyiswa nguMoya oNgcwele. “NgoMoya oNgcwele kuza kuthi ukubuyiselwa eparadesi, ukunyukela kwethu kubukumkani bamazulu, ukubuyiselwa kwethu ekwenziweni kwethu abantwana, inkululeko yethu yokuba sithi xa sibiza uThixo wethu Bawo wethu. Ekwenziweni kwethu abaxhamlayo

kubabalo lukaKrestu, ukuba sibizwe ngokuba singabantwana bokukhanya, sibe nenxaxheba kubabalo lwaphakade, yaye, ngokufutshane, ukuthi sibuyiselwe kwimo “yobalalo olupheleleyo” kweli lizwe nakwilizwe elizayo, nazo zonke iziphiso esibekelwe zona, ngokweli dinga, ngokholo, kujongwe ukubonakala kobabalo lwabo ngokungathi sele lukho, silinde ukuvuya okupheleleyo” (<https://gypo Jenny.wordpress.com/2012/06/03/selected-church-fathers-savings-on-the-pentecost-the-holy-spirit/>). Njengokuba ubani efunda amazwi kaBasil oNgcwele, uye azaliswe luchulumanco kuba la mazwi azoba umfanekiso omangalisayo wokuphiliswa nenguqulelo. Azoba umfanekiso wokwamkelwa kwakhona ezandleni ezinohando zikaThixo ngothakazelo novuyo. Umntwana wolahleko olahlekene nendlela yakhe yokuziva engathandwa, elahliwe engakhathalelwanga, wamkelwa kwakhona ekhaya akhunjuzwe ukuba ungubani na – bangabantu abadlalwe ngokwemfano kaThixo, ngothando ukuze abe nokuthanda. Kubakho ukulungiswa kobudlelane nesiqu kwakunye nobudlelane noThixo lo gama ubani engqingwe luthando lukaThixo olungenamiqathango. Sikhunjuzwa ngobabalo lukaThixo nezinye iziphiso ezivela kuThixo azilungiselele thina.

Njengokuba sisithi gqolo sidibanela iinkonzo zethu, ubuncinane qhonge Cawee. Sibizelwa “ekubuyiselweni kwethu eparadesi”

ngabula Basil oNgcwele. Xa sihlanganisana “njengoMzimba kaKrestu” – njengeTyalike, kufuneka iingqondo zethu zimile kuThixo. Sihlanganela ukuba sixhotyiswe nguThixo uMoya oNgcwele ukuze sibe “nokuphuma siye ehlabathini ngamandla oMoya oNgcwele sisebenzele siphilele udumo nozuko lukaThixo (APB 129). Sithi nje sakuba sifumene olo thando ngokutsha nokusebenzisana noMoya oNgcwele, siye sikulungele “ukuphuma”.

Siyamcela uThixo ukuba asithume ehlabathini ukuba siphilele sisebenzele uzuko lukaThixo. La mazwi athethwa qho ekupheleni kwenkonzo. Ngaba kanye kanye athetha ntoni? “Singaluphilela silusebenzele njani uzuko lukaThixo?” Singamajelo njani athi uThixo uMoya oNgcwele akwazi ukuguqula ubomi babantu ngawo kuluntu lwethu? KuMzantsi Afrika sinemingeni emininzi kule mihla – ubuhlwempu nentswela-ngqesho, iNtsholongwane kaGawulayo noGawulayo nesifo sephepha, ukusetyenziswa kakubi kweziyobisi, izigalo nolwaphulo-mthetho. UThixo uyasifuna, ngaba siyavuma na “ukuphila nokusebenzela uzuko lukaThixo?” Kambe uThixo uthe gqolo esibiza kwezo meko sikuzo ukuba sikhonze sibe ngamangqina simkhonze ngokuthi sikhonze abantu bakhe.

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Commemoration of St Vincent of Saragossa



On the 5th to the 6th May 2018 St Vincent (Altar Servers) commemorated their Patron Saint St Vincent of Saragossa.

This Diocesan Event was hosted by the Archdeaconry of Grahamstown under the leadership of Ven Sud-dean Mzinzi Dyantyi at the St Augustine Parish. Servers from all over the Diocese arrived early on that morning as their programme was starting early and was full of activities. It was a joy to them when they were welcoming the Bishop of

Grahamstown in form of a Procession. Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali preached and presided and encouraged the servers to hold on to their calling as they serve Jesus Himself at the Altar.

After the Eucharist Service there were games and Speakers that also gave their words of encouragement to the servers. The Saturday ended by a Braai.

On Sunday the 6th Archdeacon Dyantyi closed the commemoration Event with the Eucharist service.

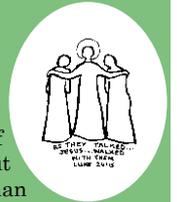
Diocese of Grahamstown at Iviyo Lofakazi Provincial Conference



The Team that represented the Diocese of Grahamstown at the Iviyo lofakazi Provincial Conference. This Team was led by Canon Nzwana, Revd Kunene, Revd Biko and Revd Madiba. The Conference was held by the Diocese of Mthatha at Tsolo Special School from the 5th to 8th April 2018.

SPIRITUALITY

WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?



By Prim Beja

Matt 16:15 “But what about you? Who do you say I am?” The answer to this important question is related to a critical area of theology known as Christology- the study of Christ – His nature, purpose, and more. Robert Verlade says, “But without Christology, there is no Christianity. Jesus is at the centre of the Christian faith. Our relationship to Christ is tied to our human condition, redemption and salvation”

St John the Divine, the son of Zebedee has a phenomenal account of who Jesus is.

He, without fail, refers to himself as the one Jesus loved most and my fervent belief is that he loved Jesus most.

St John presents Jesus as the Word made flesh who was in dateless past eternity and as one follows the same gospeller, one concludes by the finale of Jesus in the future eternity.

I invite you to take this journey with me and let us together discover how this Apostle helps us to relate more intimately with our Saviour, dispelling all doubt and instead growing to love Him and in turn hopefully deserve to be called His disciples He loves most. I have taken the liberty of going through the gospel of John through to the 3 Epistles and finally to the Book of Revelation. Please enjoy the trip and be edified!!

I have designed a template to help us journey with St John the divine in our exploration and have confined my research on the first Chapter of the gospel for this article. This Chapter leads you to many more cross references by the same gospeller that feed your spirit man with the heavenly manna – the Word of God and provides a broader understanding of who Jesus is.

QUOTATION	NAME OF JESUS	REFERENCE
"In the beginning was the Word	The Beginning and the End Alpha and Omega Pre-eminence of Christ	John 1:1; 1:2; 1:15; 1:27; 1:30; 8:58; 17:24; 1John 1:1; Rev 1:8; 1:11; 1:17; 2:8; 3:14; 21:16; 22:13
"and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."	The Word with God	John 1:1; 1:14; 1:18; 1John 5:7; 14:11 Rev 19:13
"All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made".	Creation through Him Nothing was made without Him	John 1:3; 1:10
"In Him was life"	He is Life	John 1:4; 3:16; 3:36; 4:14; 5:21; 5:24-25; 5:40; 6:35; 6:40; 47-48; 51; 54; 8:12; 8:51; 10:10; 10:28; 11:25;
"and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.	He is the Light of the world	John 1:4-5; 1:7-9; 12:46; 1John 1:7; Rev 21:23; 22:16
"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"	Incarnate Jesus Logos became flesh	John 1:14; 1:18; 3:16; 6:33; 12:27; 13:3; 13:21; 14:7-9; 16:5; 17:22; 19:30; 1 John1:1-2; 4:9
"and we beheld His glory; the glory as of the only begotten of the Father"	Full of glory	John 1:14; 11:40 Rev 1:14; 1:16;
"full of grace and truth".	Full of grace and truth	John 1:14; 16:17; 1John 5:20
"The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father"	The only begotten Son	John 1:18; 1:34; 1:49; 1:51; 3:13-18; 3:35-36; 5:19; 5:21-23; 5:25; 6:27; 6:57; 6:69; 9:35; 9:37; 10:38;
"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"	The Lamb of God	John 1:29; 1:35; Rev 5:6; 5:13; 7:16; 12:11; 13:18; 14:4; 15:3; 19:7; 19:9; 21:22; 21:27; 22:3
"the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him."	On whom the Spirit descended from heaven and remained upon Him	John 1:32
"He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'"	He baptizes in the Holy Spirit	John 1:33; 7:37-38; 14:17; 15:26; 16:7; 16:15; 20:22; 1John 1:20; 1:27; 1 John 3:24; Rev 3:1; Rev 5:7; Rev 21:7
"Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, 'Teacher')	Rabbi; Rabboni; Teacher	John 1:38; 1:49; 3:2; 20:16
"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ)."	Messiah Christ -the Anointed	John 1:41; 4:25-26; 12:13; 12:32; 14:6; 20:31; 21:7; 21:20; 1 John 1:3; 1 John 3:5; 1 John 4:14; 1 John
"We have found Him of whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."	Jesus of Nazareth	John 1:46; 18:5-6
"hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels" "of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."	Angels ascend and descend upon Him	John 1:51; Rev 5:13

It is my prayer that as you grow in your spirituality, you realise that we need to have a more intimate relationship with Jesus sent by God for your sake and mine. It is my fervent wish that this article has whetted your appetite to incisive Bible reading and an attempt to rightly dividing the word of truth. 2Tim 2:15.

This article demands you to confirm Scripture as it is said, "Scripture confirms Scripture". "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" this being a common thread to all the seven churches in Asia.

We hope to explore and expose the messages to these churches in our next article. Stay blessed!!

This is just but a mini kaleidoscope intended to stimulate an in-depth exploration of the Gospel so as to view an even wider scope to benefit maximally!

DIOCESAN LAUNCH CONFERENCE OF IBUTHO LWABAVUSELELI BAKAKRISTU



The Bishop of Grahamstown Rt. Revd Ebenezer Ntlali

Stellenbosch and the Diocese of False Bay, Cape Town and Anglicans from ACSA as well as Christians from other denominations. The Provincial Chair of Iviyo the Revd Mbulelo Mabindla from the Diocese of Mthatha and ourselves also attended.

The Diocesan launch and its programmes empowered the faithful who attended which energised their faith. The speakers covered a number of topics starting from the



Dr Mbaya

The launch of Ibutho LaBavuseleli bakaKristu in the Diocese of Grahamstown is a sequel to the Diocesan Synod resolution of 2016.

This evangelical occasion was graced by the presence of the Bishop of Zululand; Bishop Monument Makhanya, Bishop Dr Nkosinathi Ndwandwe of Mthatha, Provincial Chaplain for Iviyo Lofakazi bakaKrestu Canon Mbatha, Dr Mbaya from the University of



The Bishop of Mthatha Rt Revd Nkosinathi Ndwandwe

training for Abavakalisi and the Diocesan Family and it's leadership in the coming months and programmes will be communicated. You are all invited, ordained priests and laity as the diocesan family to these workshops/training so that we be revived, empowered for God's mission and that we grow as Anglicans of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa [ACSA] and other Christians.



Revd Mbulelo Mabindla of Mthatha

history of Iviyo Lofakazi, discipleship, mission and evangelism, reference and Anglican Church of Southern Africa Diocese of Grahamstown The Bishop of Grahamstown The Rt Reverend Ebenezer St Mark Ntlali 2 forgiveness, what does it mean to be receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, what does it mean to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ etc.

The diocese will be embarking on



Canon Mbatha of Zululand

Outreach by St Francis Anglican Church Mdantsane

By Thabisa Fikizolo

One of the permanent deacons at St Francis Anglican Church (Mdantsane). Rev Jeanette Faniso had a vision of performing home visits for those who doesn't have means to worship at church on workers day (1st May) due to their illnesses and request for support to the layministers & MU members .The layministers grab it with warm hands and suggest to take the congregants to church for one service assisting with their cars with Dr Sibam (MU) member to transport them to church & back



home. she manage to organise some gifts for them through donations from some members of the (MU) like toiletries, morning shoes and shawls. some donated towards catering for the day. it was a remarkable and special day for them as they miss having church services. Lihle Vellem who is a Lay minister, preached and Rev Jeanette Faniso celebrated on the Eucharist service. She also presented gifts to old people. We thank God almighty for her vision of spreading the good news of our Lord and Saviour in our church.

Lady day celebration 2018



By Prim Beja

This was a day to remember and it was celebrated in style. This is an annual event where the MU converges to commemorate the Annunciation of our Lord to our Patron Saint, Mother Mary. It is celebrated every 25th March worldwide. However, because that date



Sunday School Banners

coincided with Palm Sunday this year, it was then decided that we observe it on the 14th April having recovered from the low week after an exuberant and fulfilling Triduum and Easter weekend. The finger of God had directed that it be held at Scenery Park and we are eternally grateful for His guidance as the proceedings by far exceeded our expectations. As the day unfolded we realised that God had indeed blessed our every effort on the day.

The atmosphere was both electric and captivating with a warm welcome extended to all that attended. The streets of Scenery Park were painted red as the young drum majorettes escorted the MU President Mrs Mandisa Mhlwatika, Ah! Nombeko; in style.

As though it had been

ahead planned, the Diocesan Bishop + Ebenezer and Mama Noncedo joined the spectacular procession, their vehicle immediately following the Diocesan MU vehicle. This was a hallmark of our President's footprints as she was on her last visit to Scenery Park as a President of MU. Indeed, a grand finale!!

Hospitality and warmth were palpable from a distance and it was no wonder that we were blessed with unprecedented attendance that outstripped our every imagination. There were well in excess of 1200 MU members that unflinchingly marched through the muddy ponds during the banner procession. As everyone settled inside the Church, the spectacle was glorious to see so many MU members in ecstatic worship both young and old, that included probationers even reflective of our diversity and inclusivity as well as the colourful Diocese that we are.

The Bishop fed us with an informative word of God that was incisive as described in Hebrews 4:12 – exposing the mystery of Annunciation, through to a detailed description of the Archangel Gabriel as described in Ezekiel 1. He did not spare us and pricked our consciences in our endeavour to emulate the footsteps of our Patron Saint who was obedient to the end surrendering and forsaking all for God - Mother Mary; the Virgin Theotokos – the Virgin Mother of God!

The grace she was blessed with from her conception by her own parents St Anne and

St Joachim, caused the baby to leap for joy in St Elizabeth's womb. The Bishop detailed the Trinitarian presence in the Annunciation as chronicled in Luke 1:35. This culminated in the most admirable, yet humble submission by our dear Mother in Luke 1:38 "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

It was no wonder that during the communal prayers that thereafter erupted, some broke out in tongues and were spell bound as the prayers ascended as smoke of incense to the throne of God. The Marian mysteries need to be unpacked and the Bishop has asked Mrs Beja to take lead in this regard.

The highlights of the Day included the Official Launch of the Sunday School Curriculum by the President heaping deserved accolades to Rev M Peter who had given his all to compile the document. Several workshops



and meetings with the President and Sunday School teachers from all Parishes had been held to arrive at the final document which was duly handed over to the Diocesan Secretary Mrs Wendy Mfazwe for keeping in the Diocesan archives.

Mrs Mnyande had donated Sunday School Banners to the Diocesan Parishes and her generosity had not gone unnoticed particularly so that she was not a member of MU but was God inspired to do the sterling work. She has since ceded the responsibility to the MU to run with the banner project throughout the Province as the demands arise. As the President was emptying her barrel, out came a document that had been zealously prepared by the Deputy President Mrs Anna Mangaliso which was a study guide to assist in exhaustively unpacking the MU Manual which is a compulsory tool in

training of Probationers. This too, together with the banner were entrusted to the Secretary for safe keeping as Diocesan properties.

The President gave a brief overview of their visit to Lusaka on a "MULO" - [M U Listen Observe and Act] summit having been summoned from the Mary Sumner House. She had gone with the Diocesan Facilitator Mrs Anna Mangaliso. This is a programme still to be introduced to the entire Diocese and we should expectantly await and embrace it.

A resume on the story of Mary Sumner was distributed and the Theme for 2018 revealed - IN MARY SUMNER'S FOOTSTEPS

Music rendition was of high standard that echoed long after the service had ended. God has blessed the Diocese with the able handed Mrs Majiza who conducts with requisite enthusiasm and passion. Our appreciation goes to those called to the ministry of music who embellished our act of praise nut when they sang "Ungavumi Yesu, Ukuba soyiswe" and the whole church gave a moving melody to glorify the Lord.

The eye did not miss floral arrangements meticulously prepared and also to appreciate was a magnificent pulpit donated by 20 MU members. May many more learn from collective ownership of the Church. Well done Scenery Park!!

Mrs P Dlanjwa and the Presiding Member Mrs Balise Pama presented our beloved President with a shield in recognition of her 6-year dedicated service. To this end, the Bishop intimated that he would encourage the Deputy Presidents to have a planned celebration to appreciate the sterling service rendered by the President Mrs Mandisa Mhlwatika

The day ended with all enjoying refreshments that had been prepared by Scenery Park MU ladies and our thanks go to those dedicated ladies who forsook the service and bore the brunt.

Umbuliso uyakubulisa

DIOCESAN FAMILY WEEKEND 2018

Our Family Weekend this year takes place on Saturday 25th August 2018 with a fun day and a Eucharist Service on Sunday, 26th August at the Indoor Sport Centre, Joza, Grahamstown. By now you must have received the Family Weekend targets. In case you missed it, please see the attachment for yours. The Archdeacons are requested to do their Archdeaconry Family Days before the Diocesan Family Weekend. By 31st of July 2018 all the love gifts and targets must be deposited into the Diocesan Account through our Diocesan Finance Manager Please note the account number where these should be paid in:- NAME OF ACCOUNT: Diocesan Revenue Account NAME OF BANK: First National Bank ACCOUNT NO: 5232 1144 702 BRANCH CODE: 210717 REF: FW/Name of Archdeaconry

From the Bishop's diary

July

- Tue 4th Meeting with Department of Tourism at St Matthew Conference Centre
- Thu 5th to Sun 8th Grahamstown Guild of St Agnes Conference
- Sun 8th to Tue 10th CoTT Students' exposure visit
- Thu 12th to Sat 14th Counselling Sessions
- Sun 15th Holy Name Stutterheim Confirmation Service & Episcopal Visit
- Fri 20th Marital Teaching Session
- Sat 21st Farewell function for Bishop Bethlehem in Port Elizabeth
- Sun 22nd Farewell service of Bishop Bethlehem in Port Elizabeth
- Sat 28th Churchwardens' Conference
- Sun 29th Mary Magdalene Commemorative Service at St Andrew, Mdantsane

August

- Tue 7th Chapter Meeting at St Martin-by-the-Sea, Gonubie, East London
- Sun 12th East London East Archdeaconry Confirmation Service
- Sun 19th Institution service for Revd Andile Mbutye at St Francis, Mdantsane
- Thu 23rd Ex/Fin/HR Meeting at CoTT
- Sat 25th to Sun 26th Diocesan Family Weekend at Indoor Sports Centre, Joza, Grahamstown

Bereavements

In our prayers please hold these following families: Revd Canon Nzwana and Nosipho Following the death of Regina Nashwa at Cofimvaba. She was laid to rest on Sartuday 02/06/18.

Revd Mfukuzo and family Following the death of Florence Beteni in Mdolomba. Funeral was on Friday 01/06/18

We pray for Revd V. Mnyabiso who lost his mother

Revd L. Dongwana and family following the lost of his Mother Lulama Barbara Dongwana. She was laid to rest on 23/06/18

Revd S. Gowa and family, following the the loss of his Wife Xolelwa Gowa and Kwanda Gowa their Child. Funeral was on Thursday 21/06/18 Peddie

May the Almighty and ever living God continue to comfort all families and give them peace.

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We invite all clergy spouses to attend the retreat which will be conducted for them from the 5th to the 7th of October 2018. Venue to be announced in due course. We are grateful for the gift which God has given us of our spouses who are wonderful in the support ministry for us to go on with the Lord's work and our families. Therefore, it is vital that they are also empowered in their spiritual life and ministry.

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