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The Greeting

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Renewal of Vows by Amadodana



Diocese of Grahamstown, Andrews Parish and the world. We teach our members to represent Christ and his church at all times. It is a men's Guild that is non-profit guided by its constitution, policies, procedures and guidelines. They are consistent with the Constitution, Canons, Acts and Policies of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Fellowship; Mary Membership of the Guild is open to all men who are in good standing in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. This serves to show our gratitude to the Anglican Communion for the gallant support they have given the guild during our Opening Service on the 28th of January 2018 at St. Mdantsane. The "word" revived the Christian values that we stand for in the church and wish that the spirit of the Lord will burn within us forever. We appreciate the support we got for the Diocesan community, the clergy, all the guilds (Mother's Union; Anglican Women's Fellowship; Mary Magdalene; Anglican Youth Guild; St. Agnes) and all those who supported the Guild. We hope that those who have not yet aligned themselves with Anglican guild will do so in the near future. We also give a special THANK YOU to those who assisted in providing food for us.

St Bernard Mizeki is a Christ-centred Men's Guild within the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. It aims to promote and encourage the participation and nurturing of men's leadership in the life of the church. We ensure that men stay pure and obey the word of God. We carry out Christ's work of peace and reconciliation in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa Province,

Welcome to new members of Cathedral Chapter



that Archdeacon Thami Mhlana and Revd Dr Bill Domeris are to be made Honorary Canons of the Cathedral. We congratulate them and pray God's blessing on them in their new areas of ministry.

On the 14th of November 2017, the Bishop of Grahamstown licensed the following people: Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter as Cathedral Chancellor (following the retirement of Revd Dr Canon Bill Domeris); Revd Canon Melany Adonis as Canon for Training and Community Development; Revd Canon Etienne Marais as Canon Missioner; and Ms Zeodore Arends as Lay Canon. It was also announced



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Dear People of God

Another Lenten season has started and we remember Christ's forty days journey in the desert. Jesus Christ's journey into the desert after His baptism, and His temptation has been important to Christians since the Early Church.

Members of the Early Church followed the example of Jesus, leaving their communities and moving into the desert to live there – St Anthony (251-356 AD) from Egypt, being such an example. People moved into the desert in order to get away from the distractions of the society and enjoy silence. In the story about the prophet Elijah, God is found in “a sound of sheer silence” (1 Kings 19:12). The desert was therefore a good place to spend time with God.

According to Bianchi - a modern day monk, the desert offers the opportunity for change. He uses the example of the Israelites who left Egypt as a group of slaves and spent forty years in the desert while God was their guide. During this time in the desert this group of slaves grew and developed – they changed and they were reborn into a nation. They became the people of God.

“Resistant to the presence of human beings and hostile

towards life (Num. 20:5), the desert, a place of death, represents in the Bible the necessary education of the believer, the process of initiation during which the group of slaves who leave Egypt become the people of God. In essence, it is a place of rebirth” (Bianchi 2013: 34).

Today people do not physically move into the desert during Lent. However, using the desert as a metaphor for Lent, offers us with an opportunity to explore the idea of the desert. “The desert in the Bible, embraces the three general symbolic areas to which the desert refers us: *space*, *time* and the *journey*. The hostile *space* of the desert must be crossed before we reach the Promised Land. *Time* in the desert, is long but has an end- it is ‘intermediate’ time of waiting, hope and longing. There is a long and difficult *journey*, beginning with a departure from slavery and ending with an arrival in a land that is welcoming, a land of ‘milk and honey’ (Bianchi 2013:35).

During the season of Lent we are therefore challenged to enter the *space* of a spiritual desert and spend *the time* of forty days with God. We are challenged to start *the journey* from slavery to freedom – to rid

ourselves from those things which are keeping us captive. This journey is for our diocesan family as well as for each one of us as individuals.

Lent offers us, as the Diocese of Grahamstown, the opportunity to enter the space of discomfort, insecurity, hostility and use the time to reflect on our journey of the last 165 years. We have come a long way and we are thankful to God for journeying with us –for” the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases” (Lam. 3:22a. NRSV) However, it is time for us to also reflect on what is keeping us captive and face our challenges in order to journey into freedom. We have not arrived in the ‘land of milk and honey’ yet as many of our people are still kept captive by poverty and unemployment. Have we been good stewards of our people, of our assets, of our land? We need to face the hostility of discomfort and use the time to allow God to guide us to change. Only then the reward of a new land will be fully enjoyed.

Let us pray for each other as we are together in this journey of Lent.

Grace and

Peace

(IsiXhosa: tyhila kwiphepha lesi-4)

Highlights achieved at St Francis Church in 2017

By Siphso Jamela

2017 was a year of blessings bestowed upon our church. The leadership of our church, Acting Rector and Central Archdeacon Matshaya, brought about stability and consolidation into our midst. As we usher in 2018 we have undertaken to carry St Francis on our shoulders with pride and success.

The following activities demonstrated the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Seven Lay Ministers were instituted, and some members are in the choir with our two Church wardens.

For the first time the Chapter Meeting was held in our church, with dedicated ladies selected for catering, including



Central Archdeacon's wife Zameka Matshaya.

Rev. B. Mbenya and Rev. G. Maqhubela were ordained as Deacons.

The Health Desk Team continues to give health talks and, in some instances, invites experts on matters of

health with special emphasis on disease prevention. The cherry on top was the generous Christmas donation given to Rev Z. Faniso and Rev M. Kuse at the initiative of Dr C. Sibam. Renovation of the Rectory and the parish was done. A new Rector has been appointed after almost 3 years without a Full time Rector.

Various guilds have welcomed new members within the Parish Family and lastly, the Motsepe Foundation donated toys for the kids.

We give thanks to God for His presence.

St Francis Day



By Yandiswa Vokwaana

On Sunday the 22nd of October 2017 the St Francis Anglican Church celebrated its 45th Patronal Festival. The celebrations began on a very high note as the choir ushered in the service with hymn 184. Ms Ralane began the service by giving the parishioners a brief history of who St Francis of Assisi was and why the church was celebrating him that day. The history served as a great lesson for everyone as some people did not really know the story and some had forgotten the significance of the day. The history lesson was then followed by a spiritually uplifting sermon from the guest preacher,

Revered Mashoral Nyoni. Revered Nyoni is from the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa in Adelaide and he is the Chief Chaplain of SAPS. The theme for the sermon was 'Come' based on Matthew 14 vs 27 – 29. He reminded the Church that when we come to God we need to change our perception, we need to align ourselves with the people of the church and we need to remember at all times that Jesus is the only solid rock on which we stand. The church would like to thank everyone that made the celebration a success, especially the Acting Rector, Ven. Matshaya who ensured that everything was at its highest standard.

May St Francis continue to grow in the spirit of St



Francis of Assisi, may the Lord, make us an instrument of his peace! Where there is hatred, may we bring love. Where there is wrong, may we bring the spirit of forgiveness.

Servers trip to Zimbabwe



Mrs Norma Macanda (Coordinator)
 Ms Phumla Magasana (Coordinator)
 Mr Nkosinathi Tetani (Coordinator)
 Revd Nolu Gixana (Chaplain)
 We Arrived in Zimbabwe on the 2nd of December 2017, we were welcomed by the Chaplain, Revd Warakula.



By Siya Mkiva

The Diocese of Grahamstown Order of St Vincent, together with their chaplain and Coordinators, visited the Diocese of Harare Servers Guild for the continuation of their exchange programme which started in December of 2016.

The following people went to Zimbabwe:
 Siphe Kose (Diocesan chairperson)
 Xhanti Marubelela (Vice Chairperson)
 Siya Mkiva (Diocesan Secretary)
 Mahle Kose (Diocesan Treasurer)

On the 03rd of December the Vicar general Revd Kanyemba welcomed us with the Eucharist service at 09:00. Later on that day we attended a Eucharist service at the Cathedral of St Mary and All Saints where Revd

Mutamiri (The Dean) was the presider. Also there was a welcoming dinner. Monday the 04th we met with the Bishop, +Nicholas Chad Gandiwa who was happy to see us in his Diocese. Later on the day, we visited the St Bernard Mizeki Shrine outside Harare in Marondera, where we were taught about the history of St Bernard Mizeki. We saw his house where he lived and the place where he disappeared. On the 05th of December we came back to South Africa.



uBishophu uEbenezer ubhala athi...

Uhambo olusuka ekuthinjweni ukuya enkululekweni, lo gama sithatha ithuba si jamelene neenkathazo zethu...



Bantu abathandekayo bakaThixo

Libuye laqalisa elinye ithuba leLente yaye sikhumbula iintsuku zikaKrestu zohambo lweentsuku ezimashumi mane entlango. Uhambo lukaYesu Krestu ukuya entlango emva kokubhaptizwa kwakhe, nokuhendwa kwakhe, zizinto ezasoloko zibalulekile kumaKrestu ukusuka kwiTyalike yaMfamlibe.

Amalungu eTyalike yaMfamlibe alandela umzekelo kaYesu, aphuma kuluntu ahlala kulo, aye entlango ayokuhlala khona- omnye waloo mizekelo injalo inguAnthony oNgcwele owayesuka eJiphethe. Abantu babesiya entlango ukuze bakhe basuke kwiziphazamiso zoluntu lwabo, bonwabele loo nzolo. Kwibali elinguMprofeti uEliya, uThixo ufunyanwa “kulwandile lokuphephezela okuhle” (1 Kumkani 19:12). Intlango ke ngoko yayiyindawo efanelekileyo apho ubani anokuchitha ithuba noThixo khona.

Ngokutsho kukaBianchi – imonk yale mihla sikuyo, intlango inika ithuba lenguqulelo. Usebenzisa umzekelo wamaSirayeli awaphuma eJiphethe eliqela lamakhoboka achitha iminyaka emashumi mane entlango uThixo engumalathi-ndlela wawo. Ngeli xesha basentlango eli qela lamakhoboka laya lakhula laphuhla ngakumbi – laguquka lazalwa ngokutsha laba sisizwe. Laba ngabantu bakaThixo. “Njengendawo engenalusini nomntu nengenabuhlobo nanto iphilayo

(Numeri 20: 25), intlango, indawo yokufa, eBhayibhileni imele imfundo eyimfuneko kwikholwa, lithuba lokuqalisa imfundiso ekuthi ngalo iqela lamakhoboka ayishiyayo iJiphethe libe ngabantu bakaThixo. Ezinyaniseni, i b a y i n d a w o y o k u z a l w a ngokutsha” (Bianchi 2013: 34).

Kwezi mini abantu abasuki baye entlango ngokweziqo ngexesha leLente. Kodwa ke, ukusebenzisa intlango njengesikweko esibhekiselele kwiLente, kusinika ithuba lokuba sikhe siwuphendlisise lo mcamango wentlango. Intlango ngokweBhayibhile ingumfuziselo wemiba emithathu ebanzi eyimiqondiso ebhekisele kuyo intlango: *isithuba*, *ixesha nohambo*. *Isithuba* esingenalusini sentlango kufuneka kucandwe kuso phambi kokuba kuyokufikwa kwiZwe leDinga. *Ixesha* entlango lide kodwa linesiphelo – ‘leli xesha liphakathi’ lokulinda, ithemba nokulangazelela. Kukho *uhambo* olude nolunzima oluqala ngokunduluka ebukhobokeni, luphele ngokufika kwilizwe elamkela wonke umntu, ilizwe ‘lobisi nobusi’ (Bianchi 2013: 35).

Ngexesha leLente ke kucelwa umngeni kuthi ukuba singene *kwisithuba* sentlango yasemoyeni, sichithe *ixesha* leentsuku ezimashumi mane noThixo. Sijokwa ukuba siluqalise *uhambo* ukusuka ebukhobokeni ukuya enkululekweni – sizikhwebule kwizinto ezisibamba sibe ngabathinjwa. Olu hambo lolosapho lwedayosisi yethu

kwakunye nolomntu ngamnye kuthi. Ilente isinika, siyiDayosisi yaseRhini, ithuba lokungena kwisithuba sokungonwabi, ukungakhuseleki, ubudladiya, nokuthi silisebenzise eli thuba ukucamngca ngohambo lwethu lwale minyaka ili-165 yokugqibela.

Inde indlela esiyihambileyo yaye siyambulela uThixo ngokuhamba nathi kolu hambo – “kuba azipheli iimfesane zakhe kwabathe nkqi (Izililo 3:22 a). Kambe kuyafuneka ukuba sicamngce nangezinto ezisigcina sibambekile. Sijongane nemingeni yethu ukuze sibe nokuthabatha uhambo lokungena enkululekweni. Asikafiki ‘kwizwe lobisi nobusi’ ukanti bakwangakio abantu bethu abasabotshwe yintlupheko nentswela-ngqesho. Ngaba sibe ngawo na amagosa angawo abantu bakowethu, ezinto zelizwe lethu? Kufuneka sijongene ngqo nokunwabi okungenalusini, silisebenzise eli thuba ukuvumela uThixo asikhokelele enguqukweni. Kungelo xesha kuphela esinokuthi siwuxhamle ngokupheleleyo umvuzo welizwe elitsha. Masithandazelane njengoko sikunye kolu hambo lweLente.

UZuko noXolo

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Lilies Arise Project



By Luthando Madiba

On the 2nd of December 2017, the Lilies Arise Project was launched by St Agnes Guild led by Siki Putini Wababa and Revd Canon Nzwana to the people around King William's Town. The Project seeks to raise awareness of social justice

movements that seek to empower young women and girls including feminine hygiene and health, keeping girls in school and creating an HIV-free generation.

They marched from the University of Fort Hare Grounds, Bisho Campus to present the memorandum to The House of Traditional Leaders as the sign of presenting many social ills that they are facing as women and expressing the crying of society. The Petition was handed to the Chiefs and signed by the Bishop of Grahamstown.

The former Chairperson said her words of encouragement to the guild and expressed her condemnation of the abuse of women. There were a number of speakers that were there to show solidarity with the young women including the speaker from DRS.

The program included the lighting of a

candle by the Bishop of Grahamstown, to mark World Aids Day and remembering those affected and infected by the disease. They also distributed reusable sanitary towels to needy girls in the community as part of keeping girls in school.



Sponsorship for Cathedral's young organist



"Music touches everyone's heart – sends a message to everyone". Says Bayanda

By Maggy Clark

Bayanda Mthetho, a young member of the Grahamstown Cathedral choir, has been offered sponsorship for a year's organ lessons. A former Grahamstonian living overseas responded to an appeal on the Cathedral's website, and offered to pay for six months' lessons. To add to the joy, the family of the donor said they would match the sum, so Bayanda's organ lessons are now covered for the whole of 2018.

Bayanda, a 14-year old Graeme College learner, began piano lessons at the age of 11, and has now passed the

Grade 7 Trinity piano exam. At the Port Rex Lions Eisteddfod in 2017, Bayanda received a Special Mention (90%+) and an award for "most promising solo pianist" in the Senior section.

At the age of 13, he started organ lessons with Dr Andrew-John Bethke, the Cathedral Music Director, but with Dr Bethke's departure from Grahamstown in April 2017, the lessons came to an end.

Since that time, Bayanda has increasingly been used as a rehearsal pianist for the Cathedral Choir. In the National Arts Festival of 2017 he made his debut accompanying the choir on the piano for the programme 'Under African Skies' compiled by Ron Gill. More recently he has been the regular piano accompanist for the Choir when they sing anthems during services. In November 2017 he played for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Cathedral, accompanying the congregational items on the organ as well as anthems on the piano, and he played the organ for the Christmas services.

The Cathedral family gives thanks to God for the generosity of the anonymous donors, and looks forward to witnessing Bayanda's further progress as a church musician.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUALITY

WHO IS CHRIST? Article

By Mrs Prim Beja

Before we proceed with our topic which I am burning with uncontrollable desire to share with you, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and a Prosperous New Year!!

This is a year of **double portion!!** A year God has revealed will be manifested in double portion of the 9 fruits of the Spirit – Gal 5:22-23 "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"; a year that Christians will be blessed with the 9 manifestations of the Spirit – 1 Cor 12 "the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues."

This is the year of Spirit and fire. This is the year God has declared open doors as found

in Rev 3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it" Malachi 3:10 "Try Me now in this. If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it"

In 2018 we are operating in open heavens and blessings overflowing therefrom. May the heavenly fire consume all that is not of God that will prevent you from deriving the outpouring of the Spirit on your life. May the same fire consume anything that will cause you to operate in brass heavens when God has declared this year as a year of open heavens! Deut. 28:23 "And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron" cf. Deut. 28:12 "The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to

your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend money to nations, but you shall not borrow." Deut. 30:19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you, life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendants may live."

As earlier alluded to above we are exploring who Jesus Christ is; through the fourth gospeller Apostle John the divine. John 20:30-31 where it is stated that "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name**" There are 4 guiding principles in this one verse: Jesus is the Christ
The Son of God
He is life

There is an everlasting eternal

life if you believe in Him I have thus researched the 4th Gospel, the 3 epistles by St John and the Book of revelation to expose to you and for your edification, the fundamental pillars that were contained in this poignant verse above.

I have done this chapter by chapter but will only give as much as I am allowed by time in our slot, so let us continue with our journey never to lose focus on Him that we would like to have an everlasting relationship with.



HISTORIC MARCH BY THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN



By Mrs Beja

The 24th of November 2017 will go into the annals and archives of the Mothers' Union as a day to remember. The MU painted the streets of King Williamstown red and forced the traffic and pedestrians to a standstill as they embarked on a historic march to usher in the 16 days of activism against gender based violence. The march started outside the Municipal Library and ended at Holy Trinity Anglican Church whereat the petition was handed over.

The Bishop, Dean, Chaplain, Archdeacon to the Ordinary and other clergy from near and far, including Archdeacon Matyumza representing Brothers for Life, flanked the Diocesan President Mrs Mandisa Mhlwatika as she led the march.

Scores of MU members including the First Lady of the Diocese, Mama Noncedo and hosting Presiding Member Mrs Njoba, assisted by Mrs Mvubu marched whilst singing hymns as they trailed against packed traffic on a tumultuous day coinciding with Black Friday.

Mrs Anna Mangaliso, the Deputy President, was marching with our guests in attendance that included Thuthuzela and DSD.

The Diocese was most humbled to have been graced by visible and vigilant presence of Traffic Police and SAPS to ensure orderliness and protection of all participants.

The Organising team deserve a word of appreciation as they

took care of every detail in all they did even including a water station and ensuring a momentous handing over and reception of the petition. Needless to point out that Mrs Mhlwatika and Mrs Prim Beja had held the airwaves for about 30 minutes on the 23rd thanks to Tru FM. Mrs Mhlwatika called on the community of King Williamstown and beyond to come support the march referring all to Joel 2:15 "Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation; assemble elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the Lord weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord"

Mrs Beja could not contain herself when Pastor Trom had shared the word of God as contained in Luke 5:4 "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch". She was in the Spirit as she trailed



through the simulation of the Tabernacle and depicting the deep as the Holy of holies where Jesus is both Advocate and Intercessor; both Victim and High Priest for instantaneous "exchange"

having confessed your sins at the outer court and infused yourself with scriptural reading at the inner court. Mrs Mhlwatika wrapped up by saying salvation is through grace and this we are accorded when we wholeheartedly ask for forgiveness and ask Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour!

It is therefore no surprise that the 24th was as colourful as depicted above. It would be a great omission if we did not mention the presence of the President of Zwelonke and some members thereof in our midst.

The Petition sought partnership with strategic Departments in curbing the scourge and upsurge of Gender Based Violence and Violence in its entirety. The Diocese of Grahamstown had embarked on a missionary model presented by our Bishop at the 2016 Synod and this would be a stepping stone in arriving at holistic resolution of Violence in our Province. The KWT Station Commander, Colonel Lamana received the petition in person.

Mrs Wendy Mfazwe, the Diocesan Secretary, kept us spell bound as she directed the programme which culminated

Christ for her life as she is convinced that it was through Him that she survived.

The Department of Social Development and Brothers for Life gave supportive messages and decried the fact that very few males attended the hallmark of activism.

The Bishop took centre stage and kept us for a solid 1 hour exposing the ultimate Power of Jesus Christ in our lives as well as underscoring the role played by Government and the Church in curbing the scourge. In all this, the Bishop left no stone unturned!

As he ended his message he invited all for prayer and anointing which took yet another hour as he was doing it uncompromisingly. This was real apostleship and servitude at its best. We are eternally grateful to God for blessing us with a gifted apostleship reminiscent of the Isaiah 61 endowment.

Words of encouragement from the President of Zwelonke gave birth to a prophetic Old Age Home for the Retired which will need to be followed up.

The President had the last word thanking everyone for the successful event we had had. This was her last 16 days



in a Healing Service for all by none other than Bishop Ebenezer.

Mrs Mhlwatika gave a brief overview of the Purpose of the Day and a resumé of the Petition just handed over.

A **SURVIVOR** of gruesome rape experience painstakingly took us through her ordeal and all were in tears as she finished giving all the sordid details. She has chosen Jesus

of Activism campaign of her incumbency and it was befitting that the hosting Archdeaconry gave her a token of appreciation.

All left the church revived and ready to participate in whatever manner in this national clarion call for 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence!! **A luta Continua !!**

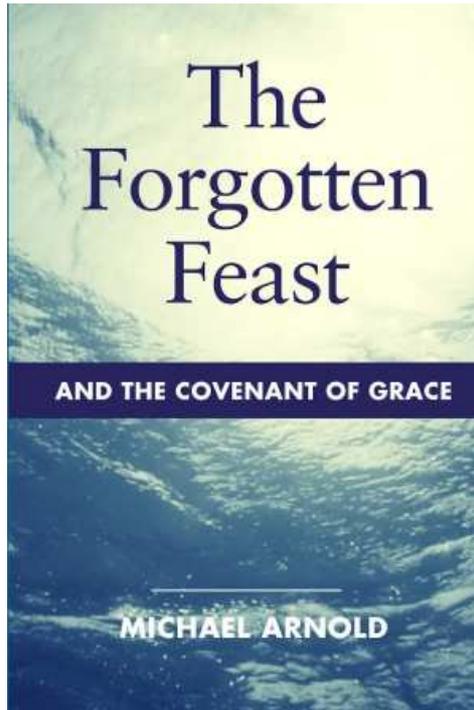
“The Forgotten Feast and the Covenant of Grace” by Michael Arnold

By Maggy Clarke

The Forgotten Feast of the title is the Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread. In this book Michael Arnold, a classical scholar, theologian and experienced Anglican school chaplain, focuses on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the Old and New Covenants in the Bible.

Many Christians feel a sense of hopelessness at their inability to live up to what they see as the 'demands' of the New Commandment and the Sermon on the Mount. Some give up altogether, and lose their faith.

There are other people, taking the first hesitant steps towards a Christian commitment, who find the requirements just too demanding. People in all these categories should find Arnold's book a source of comfort and encouragement.



Controversially perhaps, it is Arnold's argument that they have got it all wrong, and they are not supposed to attempt to live up to any demands. They must just accept that the New Covenant has been made on their behalf by Jesus Christ. To find out why this is not a licence to sin, you need to read the book! It is biblically based, scholarly but easy to read. The product of decades of study and reflection, it is filled with helpful quotations, both from the Bible and from a variety of Christian writers.

A Grahamstown link is that Michael Arnold took his first degree at Rhodes University, and taught Latin at St Andrew's College before his ordination.

'The Forgotten Feast' can be ordered from theforgottenfeast@outlook.com, or from Amazon.

Ordination to Diaconate

The following people were ordained to the transitional diaconate at St Alban's, East London on the 25th of November 2017.



- 1 Alice Kabaale – St Mark's East London;
- 2 Mnikeli Mkiva – St Bartholomew, Alice;
- 3 Zukisa Mabuya – St Luke, Nxarhuni
- 4 Vusumzi Botile – St Andrews, Mdantsane
- 5 Bassie Mbenya – St Francis, Mdantsane
- 6 Gcobani Maqubela – St Francis, Mdantsane
- 7 Siyabulela Bam – St John & St Chad, Zwelitsha
- 8 Mbongeni Pongoma - St Barnabas, Tsholomnqa
- 9 Siphokazi Matini – Church of

Resurrection, Fort Beaufort
10 Mzamel Mndi – St Peter, Peddie



This was a fully packed service which our own Bishop of the Diocese of Grahamstown presided and Canon



Canon Melany Adonis

Melany Adonis preached. There

were also two awards that were given to the people for long time loyalty to the Church. John Emery from Stutterheim and tata Kilmon Robert Ludziya. The Bishop Honoured Archdeacon



John Emery

Thami Mhlana, as a Canon of the Diocese as she is retiring.



Umbuliso uyakubulisa

BERNARD MIZEKI PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The Grahamstown Diocese will be the host for the Bernard Mizeki Provincial Council from Thursday the 1st of March to Saturday the 3rd of March 2018 at LekkerOord Christian Camp Site in East London. Kindly uphold them in your prayers.

Elections at the Cathedral in Grahamstown on Saturday 19th May 2018. Kindly pray for the smooth running of the process and for those nominated for the position.

ST AGNES GUILD will have their Conference at Byletts High School, Mooiplaas from 5th to 8th July 2018. Kindly uphold them in your prayers as they prepare for their conference

MOTHER'S UNION will have their Presidential

Venerable Andile Mbutye will be licenced as Rector of ST FRANCIS, MDANTSANE soon as he will be joining the Diocese on 8 April 2018. We welcome and commend him with his family to your prayers and the St Francis parish family. We thank God for the leadership of Archdeacon Matshaya and for the search committee for their hard work.

DIOCESAN LAUNCH OF IVIYO RENEWAL PROGRAMME



other dioceses as well. We invite the leadership and the diocesan family to come to this conference come in numbers. We commend this launch of this programme to your prayers.

From the Bishop's diary

March

- 1 Meeting with CoTT Sub-committee
- 2 Bernard Mizeki Provincial Council Eucharist Service, Lekker Oord East London
- 3 Ordination Service, Cathedral, Grahamstown
- 6 Office Day
- 7 Office Day
- 8-9 Marriage Counselling at Bishopsbourne
- 10 Meeting with Servers Executive Bishopsbourne
- 13 CoTT Council Meeting and Graduation
- 17 Meeting with St Alban's Clergy, Parish Council and Churchwardens
- 18 St Francis Confirmation Service
- 22 Archdeacons Meeting
- 24 Meeting with St Agnes Executive Meeting with Holy Cross Churchwardens & PCC
- 25 (Palm Sunday) Holy Cross Episcopal Visit
- 29 (Maundy Thursday) 09h00 – St Mark's, Cambridge 19h00 – St Alban's, East London
- 30 (Good Friday) 12h00 – St Martin-by-the Sea, East London

APRIL

- 4 Graduation Prof Mtuzi, Rhodes University
- 7 Meeting with Sangqu Family Idutywa
- 12 Diocesan Council Meeting
- 14 Mothers Union Lady Day
- 15 Institution Revd Jolobe, All Saints, East London
- 18 Clergy School, St John, East London
- 21 Meeting with St Gregory Parish Council and Churchwardens
- 22 St Gregory Episcopal visit

Remember that in our Synod of 2016 it was resolved that we start **Iviyo Lofakazo Lwaba KaKrestu** in the Diocese. This will be movement and a vehicle of mission and evangelism in our Diocese. As this is a programme which is part of the growing of the church. We acknowledge that it started in the Diocese of Zululand and spread out to other dioceses in the Province. We had a privilege to attend the Iviyo Renewal in the Diocese of Natal being 53 in total including 25 clerics. We had a safe travel and were enriched by the conference. Now we are ready to launch

this programme from the 24th to the 26th of May 2018 at Bernard Mizeki, Scenery Park.

The programme will follow in due course and we will be joined by

Bereavements and Prayers

We are keeping the following members of our Diocese in our thoughts and prayers as they have recently been bereaved. We pray for: Revd Mxoli Sizane for the loss of his brother, Archdeacon Mzinzi Dyantyi for the loss of his aunt and Revd Gwen Mvula for the loss of her brother. May all their family members rest in peace.

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Compliments for 2018 to you all my fellow Anglicans. May God continue to pour his blessing upon you all even this year.

Want to remind you about the Deadlines for submission of articles for our Umbuliso/Diocesan News Letter. Our deadline is the 20th of every second Month. This goes like this. The first deadline to submit your article is the 20th January, the second one is 20th March, the Third one is 20th May, the Fourth one is 20th July, the Fifth one is 20th September and the Sixth one is 20th November. Failing to comply with these dates, will make your article fall to the next issue or fall away.

Thank you.

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