



Council collated

Members of the Bishop's Consultative Council were collated at a service held in the Cathedral on Wednesday 5 March. About 100 friends and family of the various members gathered to witness the installation of the Dean, Provost, Archdeacons and Canons. Unfortunately, because most parishes have Eucharist services on Wednesday mornings, very few clergy were able to attend.

The members of the Bishop's Council are:

The Dean - Dudley Greenshields

The Provost - Shane Fraser

The archdeacons for:

The Bay - Sharon Nell

Tsitsikamma - David Grobbelaar

Kariega - Zweli Tom

Karoo - Michael Julius

The clergy canons with their portfolios:
David Stansbury - Mission and Evangelism;

Mario Hendricks - Social and Economic Development;

Mike McCoy - Theological Formation;

Mark Derry - Bishop's Chaplain.

The lay canons with their portfolios:

Ethel Schultz Pittaway - Genders Issues;



Bishop Bethlehem with the members of his Council at the Collation Service. Missing is David Stansbury, one of the new Canons, who was called away to attend to an emergency.

Linda Ncaca - Health and Welfare;
Greg Moses - Diocesan Organisation;

Vivian Malloy - Environmental and Other Issues.

Saint Theresa's Prayer

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.



Some points from the Gender Desk brainstorming session:

- There is a great need for prayer around gender issues;
- some of the issues need to be on the Diocesan Intercessory leaflet;
- Research needs to be carried out on sexism;
- when national 'awareness' days/weeks are held, clergy should be encouraged to preach on those subjects;
- Conferences are needed on various subjects such as women and child abuse etc;
- people should be encouraged to tell their stories;
- invite the 'people with passion' for the subject of gender to speak at parish events;
- Empowered women and men should encourage others to be empowered;
- Children's and Teen Churches need to have material to teach awareness;
- Church must not pass the buck to schools but should be leading the way (Grade 2s in school are being taught to be 'aware' of abuse);
- The church needs to be brave and speak out on issues;
- ❖ The question was asked, "Is there a place for exclusive groups eg MU, AWF, CMS and Bernard Mizeki in the church?"

Back to the drawing board



Raymond Hartle was busy preparing his strategy while Bonnie Haya of St Stephen's, Siyabulelo Tshatshu of St Matthew's, Irene Meyer and Avril Smith of St Michael's discussed the Gender Desk Strategic Plan.



Also discussing the Strategic Plan were Bridget Clarke of St Paul's, Phopho Mayekiso of St Nicholas' in Charlo and Nomonde Qoto Diocesan President of MU Christain Family Life.

By the end of the discussion on the Strategic Plan for the Gender Desk, the committee was told to go back to the drawing board and bring a plan that is do-able, defined to 'here' and measurable. This came out of the small group brainstorming, facilitated by Raymond Hartle, at the first workshop held on Saturday 8 March at St John's in Walmer. Only 26 people, including two of the

clergy, turned up, representing very few of the parishes in the diocese.

Bishop Bethlehem welcomed everyone and introduced the Gender Desk. He was followed by Ethel Schultz Pittaway, one of our new lay canons, who spoke about reconciliation. As Myron Leonard was unable to be present, Ethel's husband Mike very ably filled the gap. He answered some questions on equality

between the sexes and that gifting, salvation, respect and responsibility are shown in scripture to be for both men and women of all races, ages and classes.

The brainstorming session took place after tea and the groups discussed the various points. The consensus was that the plan is viable but needs a lot of defining as some points are not 'do-able' by lay people and others were too wide.

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Letters to the ed

Why is the church leadership failing us?

When we look at what is happening in this beautiful country of ours, SOUTH AFRICA, I have to ask why our church leaders are not standing up publicly and drawing attention to the severe failings of our government and its leaders. The Ten Commandments are very specific about crime (fraud and corruption) and sexual immorality.

Our church leaders are meant to set a prime example to which the public can aspire. By condoning incorrect activities, by saying nothing, only sends the wrong message to the public and thus we have an ever worsening situation in our country.

Unfortunately we have certain leaders in the ANC, as well as within the government, who fall short of the requirements of upright leadership.

We also have the Travelgate

saga, among others, where no action is taken to remove the perpetrators from office thus sending the incorrect message to the people.

Over the past months I have been waiting for the Bishops and other church leaders to come out with a statement publicly denouncing these activities, but this has not materialized. It is said that at times quiet diplomacy should be applied but one only has to look at what has happened in Zimbabwe to see what has not been achieved.

Our church leaders should ask themselves, 'What would Jesus do?' I am sure that he would say something at every opportunity and not sit by and watch.

During the apartheid years, the church leadership stood up continuously calling for change and it should be remembered that they did not have the amount of Freedom of Speech that they have now.

I call upon our church leadership to actively draw attention to the problems of the country by:

a Calling for a properly publicized meeting with the government to discuss the situation.

b Separately call a similar meeting with the leadership of the ANC.

c A meeting of other religious groups to be followed by a public statement on their take on the situation.

d Placing adverts in the communications media calling for moral change and responsibility.

There needs to be a continuous call for change until such time as it takes place. We need to lift up the moral fabric of the people of South Africa if we claim to be a Christian nation. Failure to take action will put a new meaning to Alan Paton's "Cry the beloved country".

Alan Bradder

An open letter:

to the Bishop of Port Elizabeth and the Archbishop of Cape Town and hopefully, through them, to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We are angry, dismayed and devastated, and have been in tears over the announcements made on Thursday 7 February 2008 by the leader of the worldwide Anglican Church.

It appears that the Archbishop of Canterbury is trying to embrace parts of the Islamic Law for the Church, and judging by the storm of fury that has broken out around his words I don't think we have misinterpreted his meanings. As I write this, five days later, there is nothing that we have read, including excerpts from the Archbishop's opening address to the London Synod, that has changed our views.

We cannot see any Biblical justification for what he is saying and we know that it is the published intent of Islam to take over the whole world.

We have some very close friends in the UK whose lives are being destroyed by a conflict with the teachings of Islam which has been adopted by their son who has married a Muslim girl. The horrors of the Islamic code of behaviour are being demonstrated in a Christian family so it is rather close to home!

This has raised other serious issues.

We grew up in a Christian environment with strong leadership that did not compromise on beliefs.

It is now our perception that the leadership of the Anglican Church has become "wishy-washy" and is attempting to be accommodating of other faiths and beliefs. We want to hear strong statements that the law of Islam is evil and that the Christian church will never bow

down to try and accommodate it. Accepting chosen parts is but the thin end of the wedge and surely the Archbishop of Canterbury must see this.

We went to a movie about 4 weeks ago (we have forgotten the title but it came HIGHLY recommended by personal friends.) After 15 minutes we both stood up - I proclaimed in my normally "quiet" voice that we were not prepared to tolerate such foul language and blasphemy - and we walked out! I also let the foyer staff and any customers who happened to be around know exactly what we thought.

We need Christian leaders in all countries who will stand up and fight the current legislation being passed through the British Parliament to legitimise blasphemy. Where are our Archbishops on this issue as it affects most of the data-sphere that surrounds us, or doesn't it matter?

The evil that appears in most television programmes is infecting the minds of all viewers and it needs to be countered by a strong visible leadership based on sound teachings from the Bible.

We Christians who are at the "coal-face" need to know that we have strong backing from the topmost echelons. Unfortunately that does not exist any longer. We will continue to fight, with the Bible as our weapon, but some higher worldly support would help. Our fights may be concerned with daily "mundane" issues but these are the things that concern us deeply, and not brilliantly worded theological or academic exercises.

We need to have Christian leaders who are not afraid to stand up and say that homosexual and same sex marriages are evil and an

abomination to God. The current philosophy of political correctness is destroying nations and cultures.

The 10 Commandments were not suggestions and it seems that some of our leadership have even forgotten Exodus 20:3 (Authorised King James version) "Thou shalt have no other gods before me". This is in no way ambiguous!

We are aware that the possible future King of England has already proclaimed that he does not want to be "Defender of The Faith" but rather "Defender of Faiths", whatever that may mean. The UK Government is already planning for a "multi-faith" coronation whenever it next occurs. Where does our Christian leadership stand on this issue?

The world is rapidly descending into a pit of evil and we know that this is to be, but does that mean we should stop proclaiming our faith?

As concerned parishioners from St Cuthbert's, Port Elizabeth, this is a request for the Bishop of Port Elizabeth, the Archbishop of Cape Town and hopefully the Archbishop of Canterbury, to let us know where they stand on the issues raised.

Where is our strong Christian uncompromising leadership based on the Bible? At present it is absent.

People walk around with "What Would Jesus Have Done" wristlets. We wonder?

Bill & Jenny Wynn

Mike McCoy, the Diocesan Canon Theologian, has put into perspective what Abp Rowan Williams said. This will appear in the May issue.

For the transcript of what the Abp actually said go to:

www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/1581

Book review

Francis Collins: *The Language of God* – A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief

Simon & Schuster, London, 2007. ISBN-10: 1-84739-092-7

Reviewed by Geoff Booth

Many books have been written about the interaction between Science and Faith. Some, like the recent work of Richard Dawkins, purport to show that the findings of science are incompatible with any form of belief about the supernatural. Others, often written by scientists who claim to have 'seen the light' argue that recent scientific findings support the notion of a recently created Earth and Universe. Collins does neither in this volume.

Francis Collins is the head of the Human Genome Project, and as such must rank as one of the world's foremost authorities on human biology. He is also a committed Christian. He describes poignantly his journey from atheism to belief, culminating in an acceptance of Christ while hiking in the Cascade Mountains, west of the Mississippi. The writings of the great CS Lewis influenced him profoundly, as did the existence of a universally accepted (but widely violated) Moral Law.

Collins gives accounts of current understanding of the origin of the Universe and the origin and development of life. There is a very readable account of his work on the human genome. He considers various world-views, including the strident scientific

Early Easter

Much discussion has taken place about Easter being so early this year. Bishop George Connor, chair of the Anglican Liturgical Consultation, sent the following info about the date of Easter:

"It may be of interest that Easter is early this year, yet this is not the earliest possible date, that would be 22 March, but in the 250 years between 1875 and 2124 there is no instance of it falling on that date. The last time it was on 23 March was 1913, and it won't happen again in the 250-year period. The next early dates for Easter are 24 March in 2035, and 26 March in 2062! Of the late dates: Easter is on 24 April in 2011, and on 25 April in 2038.

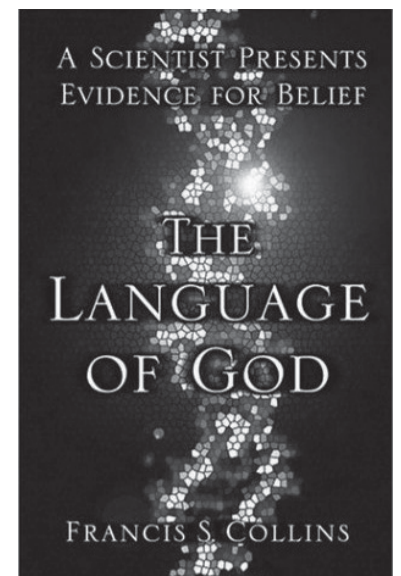
editors note: Easter Day is set as the first Sunday after the full moon on or after 21 March.

He's not new

Thokoza Mngomezulu, who was instituted as rector of The Church of The Holy Spirit, KwaZakhele, on Sunday, 24 February, is no stranger to our diocese. Evelyn Kibble, who assists at St Katharine's, told iindaba that Russell (as she knows him) stayed with her about 23 years ago when he was at, the then, St Paul's College in Grahamstown and was in Uitenhage for a mission. Welcome back Thokoza

Apology

iindaba apologises for the error made of one of the names under the photo of St Mary Magdalene members in the Jan/Feb issue of iindaba. Valmé's surname is Bramwell, not Rockman.



atheism of Dawkins and others, young-Earth creationism and the more recent notion of Intelligent Design. He rejects all of these for cogent reasons. His own position he describes as 'theistic evolution' or *BioLogos*. This is the idea that God achieves his purpose through natural processes, of which he is the author, and does not have to intervene supernaturally on a regular basis. Collins is therefore quite comfortable with evolution, an ancient Earth and other issues which are deeply troubling for many Christians. Indeed he discusses some of the quite spectacular evidence for evolution that the sequencing of the human genome has revealed.

I found this book to be one that I could not put down. It is quite possibly the best work on Science and Faith that I have ever read. In the words of Desmond Tutu, it is a 'real godsend to those with questioning minds but who are also attracted to things spiritual'. Christians from all persuasions and traditions will find it a blessing.

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The Bishop writes ...

My Dear People of God,

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

Racism

I have been reading a book, "Small Island", by Andrea Levy, in which she handles the challenges England faced after 1948. Weighty matters of English colonialism, racial prejudice, the aftermath of the war and love as well. It does not surprise me that since those colonial days, and apartheid, racism and prejudice on account of colour are still rife among us. Sadly, even those within the church circles are as guilty, as they display their sinful attitudes of racism and hate.

Even now, in our new and fragile democracy, racism still surfaces in many of its ugly facets. The University of Free State, some other centres of learning, the Black Editor's Forum, communities, the church and work places, have not displayed the desirable knowledge of God's law of love. The Diocese of Port Elizabeth is no exception. The pain is to observe racial attitudes even among those who claim to know Jesus as personal Lord and Saviour according to the Scriptures. What a pity! Obviously there are 'weeds among the wheat' (Read Mt 13:24ff). Jesus is right in saying that 'let them grow together until the harvest'. It is one thing to be a member of the church. It is something else to be 'in Christ' (2 Cor 5:17ff). When church people know Jesus as Lord, love becomes genuine and sensitivity towards one another is exercised (Rom 12:9), thus the Lord blesses us with an increase both in the quality of faith and in numerical strength. Derogatory words like 'kaffir', 'malawu', 'albinos of the sea' (iinkawu zaselwandle) and 'baboons', as well as those that cause



offense like 'monkey', must be removed from our vocabulary. I appeal to you to offer yourselves to God as a living sacrifice, and pursue love, fellowship, unity and embrace. Otherwise God shall never change this world through us.

The Sharia Law

The comments of the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Islamic Sharia law that it was "unavoidable" to incorporate some of its aspects into the English legal system has raised great concern among some of us. I have read the full text of his speech and have asked the Canon Theologian to look at this and advise accordingly. We shall also consult with our legal Fraternity. We are all concerned that liberal theology seems to be down playing the Bible as the Word of God to just 'a primary source' document of our faith. Added to this is the attitude that everything from other religions must be embraced unequivocally, and that Christian Faith is always the 'guilty party' in theological debate. There is no more 'antichrist' or anything sinful. Should these be mentioned, a judgmental element has already been employed for doing so. This distresses us. We appeal to you for your prayers for the church and her leadership daily.

The Bishop's Consultative Council (BCC)

The collation of the BCC was a happy and fulfilling service to us. Many thanks for your ever appreciated support. We apologise to the churchwardens for the behaviour they found upsetting from some of our clergy towards the Bishop at the Wardens' Meeting. The process of change is uncomfortable to the 'old', especially those who claim 'more than ten years' in the leadership of the Diocese. It is a great pity that things have to be so in the business of Christ! We are indebted greatly to the Registrar and the Chancellor for all the work they have done in helping the Bishop put his Consultative Council into place. May the Lord add more blessings on them. Blessed are those who take no offence on us and our mission to the world. One leg of the call of Diocesan Synod 2006, to revisit the structures, has been completed. The Structures Committee has also submitted their recommendations on resource management. Hopefully, we shall bring you into the light on this one in the next letter. The Sanballats and Tobias cannot win where the Lord is in charge, and "the people eager to work" (Neh 4:1ff).

The Risen Christ appeared in the upper room and stood among his disciples and said: "Peace be with you!" and the disciples were glad to see the risen Lord. May the Peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts always.

Yours in the love of Christ,

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ Now you see him, now you don't. Musa Daba left the diocese unannounced, and he and Lavinia and their daughter are in Bermuda, where iindaba hears Musa is working. We wish them happiness in their new home and country. Perhaps he is wearing a dog collar and Bermuda shorts as his uniform!

❖ Three of the clergy canons have names beginning with 'M' – Mike McCoy, Mario Hendricks and Mark Derry, the odd one being David Stansbury. Do we refer them as the 3M? We can't, as that's a registered name. However they are not as biblical as in the old days, when we had Peter, James and John as archdeacons – Peter Bowen, James Haya and John Dumesweni. The odd one out in those days was Neville Whitford, archdeacon of Uitenhage. Peter Bowen, the only survivor of the team, lives with his wife and soul-mate Valerie in Bushmans.

❖ What does one call a lay canon? Are they still Mr, Mrs, Miss or Ms, or are they called Canon Smith etc? In England, where there have been lay canons for some time, they are referred to as 'Mrs Sheila Smith, Lay Canon'. So there you have it!

❖ In one part of the collation of the archdeacons and appointment of the canons, Ethel Pittaway from St Nicholas in Charlo didn't know where she belonged, as she was once referred to as Yvonne, and that she was from St Ninian's – which is an isiXhosa-speaking congregation in Somerset East! She quickly checked her licence, resplendent with the Bishop's seal, and was relieved to find she was indeed Ethel Pittaway from St Nicholas.

❖ Lorna McCoy, wife of our new canon, Mike, had a shocking experience recently. On a Monday evening last month, the evening of the thunderstorms over Port Elizabeth, Lorna was in the shower, and got the shock of her life – a genuine one. A lightning flash obviously hit the house, and Lorna had a massive jolt go through her body. Fortunately she was standing on a rubber mat which probably saved her life! Not so lucky were their television, Mike's computer and other electrical appliances which were 'zapped'.

❖ 'Churchwarden becomes rector of St Peter's, Zwide'. Such a headline would probably cause a bit of consternation, but that is exactly what has happened at St Peter's, Zwide, where the Bishop has appointed Churchwarden as rector. This is because the new rector's name is Churchwarden Mkhwanana Mgedezi. Perhaps his parents had high hopes for him, not realising that he would step out of the laity into the priesthood. Unfortunately his wife, Sweetness, is presently teaching in Mount Fletcher, the other side of Umtata on the way to Matatiele. She travels to their new home every Friday and returns Sunday afternoons. The good news is that she has now got a post in Port Elizabeth, but the department is a little slow in processing it. Your prayers for a speedy transfer will be much appreciated!

❖ Henk de Groot, retired priest who assists at St Paul's in Parson's Hill, has flown to Australia to be with his eldest daughter, Renee. Henk, a widower, is a retired doctor who spent many years in obstetrics in Livingstone Hospital.

❖ iindaba congratulates our Diocesan Secretary Emeritus, Dennis Burkinshaw, on his 90th birthday. May he enjoy many more years in good health and happiness. We want to hear more of his wonderful stories!

Prison ministry growing fast

Help is needed for this ministry to succeed



Some of the new Theological students at St Alban's Prison with our prison chaplain, Jogra Gallant, and her two helpers Judy Arendse and Jenny Derrocks.

iindaba spoke to our prison chaplain, Jogra Galant, and heard that she now has to run two classes for the Bible students at St Alban's Prison as there are 550 who have signed up for this year.

Not only is she running classes for the inmates but her theological students are

also running small Bible study classes for the juveniles and the veterans. The Lord has blessed this work and iindaba hopes that readers will become part of that blessing by offering her help in whatever way they can.

The large numbers of students has meant a logistical headache for Jogra as she needs funds, or help in kind, to make that number of copies of the lessons each week. She is not receiving funding from the diocese so has to rely on parishes and individuals to help her. Anyone who would like to help can contact her at home on: 041 481 7654

or through the parish office at St Mark and St John, where she is the assistant priest, 041 457 2033.

What a party



Some of the children who enjoyed the party provided by a well-wisher.

Hazel Braun

A generous donation from a well-wisher enabled the St Mark's Mission to provide a party for 300 children - as per the kind donor's request.

The inclement weather did not deter the enjoyment and excitement of the grateful children who went home with smiling faces and satisfied tummies.

Stop press!

❖ iindaba is sad to hear of the death of Bishop Bethlehem's youngest brother, Fundani Ferrington Nopece. He died suddenly on Sunday afternoon 9 March whilst driving to hospital. His wife, Bongwiwe Natasha, was with him. He leaves behind 5 children, three sons and two daughters.

❖ As we were going to press we had news of - Nicollette Leonard, assistant priest at St John's, being very ill;
- Jacques Nell having had an operation for broken arm bones. He had been attacked at the beachfront. Jacques is the son of our new archdeacon, Sharon, and husband Piet, May the healing of the Lord be theirs.

Tag lines

A smile is an inexpensive way to change your looks.



One more! One more!



The worship was awesome and young and older folk joined in.

When the Worship Watch Band from Ireland finished playing 'Be Thou my Vision', having announced it was their closing song of worship, they were greeted by shouts of, "One more! One more!" To the delight of everyone present they obliged.

Young and not so young packed into Holy Trinity, Central, on Friday night 7 March to be led in worship by this talented group of men from

Belfast in Ireland. They had folk clapping, waving, kneeling or just standing quietly, lost in worship. The music changed from beat to quiet at different times during the evening and, almost two hours later, people had still not had enough worship.

The group are one of Christian Fellowship Church (revival in Belfast) main bands - they have eight. The band members say,

"We see the act of worship as a sacrifice of praise and a life-style rather than an event we and specialize in extended times of worship and waiting on God." They lead a monthly worship event lasting five hours called 'Worship Watch', hence the name of the band.

They were visiting South Africa because they felt that God had opened doors to allow them to minister in worship here.



Chris, Martin, Terry, Ken on drums, and Thomas of the Worship Watch Band.

Go, and reach out in the Karoo



Some of the Karoo farm children who saw the sea, the 'deep, unknown waters', for the first time

Nolene Voster

When God said, "Go and reach out in the Karoo", the Nehemiah Mission Team from Pretoria had no idea what he had in mind. That was, until they were introduced to the farm workers in the Tafelberg and Conway area in the Middelburg district, part of the Parish of the Karoo. Since then they have had numerous outreaches in the area, and a rather special relationship has built up between the workers and the team.

On a visit during November, the team promised the Conway school children a trip to the sea. They kept their promise and the children were taken to Jeffrey's Bay early this year. We are grateful for the loving care God put into the hearts of the team members. They managed to get sponsorship which enabled them to give each of these underprivileged children a shoulder bag containing a Bible, some basic needs and a bathing costume. This meant the world to the children.

During the camp, time was spent with the Word - building relationships and trust with these very shy children. On their first trip to the beach, many a nervous comment was passed on

the 'deep, unknown waters', but when the children discovered what the sea really was like they had the time of their lives. It was here that they dropped their guard and connected with the team members. They played soccer on the beach and made such an impression that other people joined in spontaneously.

Apart from the spiritual impact, the children were taken to Port Elizabeth where they visited the Oceanarium, the Boardwalk and even ate pizza, all of which made it an experience they will never forget. It was a message of love from their God and the team which they will never forget. They had such a wonderful time many did not want to return home.

We thank and praise God for their love and commitment and that of the teachers at Volmoed Primêr who put a lot of effort into preparing the children for their trip.

The Lord God made them all



The rector of ZRV Parish, Sharon Nell, holds a duck up as she blesses it, and the eight siblings, at the Pet Service.

Sunday 2 March was a beautifully sunny morning and on the banks of the Swartkops River a large crowd of people gathered for a Communion Service. But, they were not alone, as nearly all had a pet or two in tow. The service was the annual Swartkops River Valley Parish Pet Blessing and the rector, Sharon Nell, was praying that nobody turned up with a snake to bless!

There were lots of dogs, a guinea pig, budgies and even a baby duck - who stood proxy for his eight siblings and a snake - which turned out to be plastic. Some of the children were delightful as they joined in with comments and questions, none of which floored Sharon.

SABC TV2 was there to capture the moment and a short snippet was shown that evening on the main news.



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Night of the stars



Geoff Booth prepares the telescope for people to view some of the closer stars.

"He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the surface of the earth, the Lord is his name." Amos 5:8

It was a night of the stars when the iindaba editor attended a talk entitled, "Focussing on Creation: a Tour of the Universe", given by Prof Geoff Booth, on Thursday evening 31 January at the Redhouse Yacht Club.

What an awesome evening! As Geoff spoke and showed photos of how enormous the universe is and how 'ordered' the stars, suns, moons and planets are, various verses from scripture would come to mind. Our galaxy, the Milky Way, has some 500 billion stars in it, and is about 100 000 light years in diameter - a light year is 9.3 trillion kms. We looked at the life of a star in a stellar nursery, the Orion Nebula, a kindergarten, the Pleiades, and also at planets in

the making. Geoff closed his talk by saying, "Astronomy remains for me a deeply spiritual experience of Creation writ large. The sheer enormity of it in both space and time produces a sense of wonder which hasn't gone away in over three decades."

Later in the evening we were able to look through a telescope at a few of the stars and planets closest to us. How great is our God! The editor looks forward to the next instalment.

Geoff is a Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, as well as being a lay minister at the Parish of the Swartkops River Valley - although he did make it clear that the evening was a private initiative organised by a group of Christians acting in their own capacities and not tied to any Church.

A celebration visit to the CR Sisters



St Mark's Mission chairman, Elroy Damon, with Sr Dorianne CR and Mother Zelma CR.

Report by Hazel Braun.

St Mark's Mission chairman, Elroy Damon, rector of St Francis Xavier, and members of the committee visited the Community of the Resurrection in Grahamstown on 20 February to celebrate the commemoration of the death of Mother Cecile, the foundress of the Community. They joined Mother Zelma and the Sisters in their time of worship.

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