



Challenged to grow

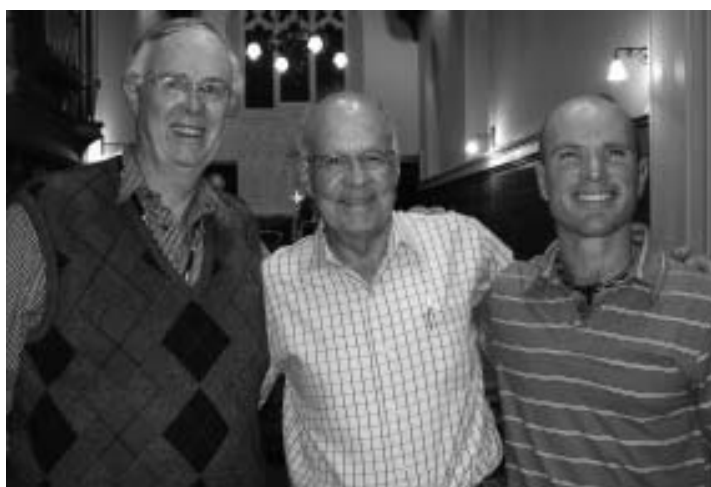
David Stansbury

At the invitation of our local Growing the Church (GtC) committee, Michael Cassidy of African Enterprise visited our Diocese on Monday 23 to speak to the lay leaders and Tuesday 24 March for the clergy forum.

The GtC vision for the Province this year is: 'to see spiritual leadership in the various parishes of our dioceses built up and expanded'. Michael was invited to speak to both lay and clerical leadership on the subject: 'a conviction of the gospel'. It is very clear that without a conviction of the gospel that brought us salvation, we have no gospel to proclaim, and without the truth of the gospel we lose the foundation and the mandate for building the kingdom and growing the church.

Preach 'didache'

Michael spoke passionately about the need for God the Holy Spirit to stir up the heart and spirit of every believer with fresh vision and passion for the lost (Ezra 1:1/ Hag 1:14). He said we cannot speak of a conviction of the gospel without first being stirred by the Holy Spirit of God. Without that inner stirring, we would remain apathetic and indifferent to those who will perish



Neville Cumming of St Francis of Assisi in Jeffreys Bay, and David Stansbury the rector of the host parish Holy Trinity in Central, with Michael Cassidy after he had addressed lay leaders at the GtC evening. Below - Lay leaders worship at the meeting.



without the saving knowledge of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He challenged us further, by saying that we as church give too much preaching time to the 'didache' of the gospel (ethics and practice of the gospel given to disciples)

and not enough time on the 'kerygma' of the gospel (the actual content of the gospel given to unbelievers). The result is that many people become frustrated with the church and fall away... they do this because they are being told how to live as a believer without first coming to salvation and having the assurance of salvation. Another insight he gave us was that we often confuse mission and evangelism. Mission = everything to which the church is called; evangelism = sub department of mission, relating to the proclamation of the gospel. All evangelism is mission but not all mission is evangelism. Another powerful statement he made was this: 'every church gets the country it deserves' - what he meant was that if we as a church are not a prophetic church, if we are not making the Gospel of Jesus known, the country we deserve is one without morals etc. The Church cannot blame the government for moral decay... it is our responsibility.

Pray for Synod 2009

26 - 30 May

Pray for:

- Bishop Bethlehem as he chairs synod;
- those elected to attend;
- meaningful discussions during groups;
- prayerful debates;
- love to permeate the discussions and debates at all times.

Love the lost

Speaking on John 3:16 to a fairly large number of lay leaders who attended the 'Growing the Church' evening, Michael Cassidy said we need to pray, "Baptise my heart afresh with love ... so that I can love the lost." He pointed out that Jesus told three parables about the lost being found and the joy it brought to the Father.

He challenged the lay leaders who had gathered at Holy Trinity in Central on Monday evening 23 March to be 100% involved in evangelism. He went on to say that we also need to pray, "Stir us O Lord," so that we will have the heart to witness in the market-place.

Michael first spoke on the situation in South Africa, saying that God wants to do a new thing in SA at this time ... but this depends on his people praying and being seen as the salt (preventing decay) and the light (bringing light into the darkness). Asking why we need to be concerned he went on to expound on John 3:16. He said, "Our love for God should be expressed by our telling others ... how far are we prepared to show our love for the lost ... as far as God showed his love for us?" He went on to say that when we are speaking to someone, we need to learn to work the conversation around so that we can share the love of Christ. Michael next looked at '... whosoever believes in him shall not perish. "The thought of people perishing was so horrific that the Son of God had to come to earth to die on the cross," he said and asked if the leaders were really convinced enough to take this seriously and go out and share the Gospel with the un-saved.

He then looked at the positive, 'whosoever believes in him should have eternal life.' Michael said this is a wonderful cure for 'lostness' ... the eternal present of knowing Jesus and the Father. He asked the leaders, "Do you know Jesus ... not about him ... but know him? Have you surrendered your life so that you believe 'into' Jesus? Jesus said, "I came that you might have eternal life (zoe - abundant life)."

Relay for Life a wonderful success



Left - A happy group of the St Saviour's Saints just before they took part in the CANSA Relay for Life.

Right - Elroy Damons was among the Cansa survivors who walked the laps of honour.

team completed a lap around the track the designated person in that team would collect a paperclip to mark the completion of the lap. At the end of the event "5am the

next morning!" all the paperclips were weighed and the winner announced. It was amazing how determined everyone become to collect their paperclips!

Dylan Phelps (12yrs old), the youngest member of the St Saviour's Saints, completed 100 laps of the 380m track, a

total of 38km, over the 9 hour period! The aching legs and lack of sleep were well worth those 100 paperclips to the teams total!

The organizers kept everyone entertained throughout the night and had many fun laps included the Pyjama Race, Crazy Hat Lap and Best Recycled Outfit.

This event is definitely not to be missed next year "we'll start training now and stock up on the Red Bull!"

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Claire Phelps

The CANSA Relay for Life was a fantastic event that was very well supported and provided a wonderful time of fellowship for the St Saviour's teams. There were a total of five teams that were associated with St Saviour's, including the St Saviour's Saints and the Youth Group team, FUEL.

The St Saviour's Saints chose a Lap-Counting Competition as part of their fundraising for Relay for Life. As each

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A view of the past



Lorna Moodaley (left) discusses a photo of the view through one of the arches of St Peter's Church ruins in South End with Mariette van der Walt of St Saviour's and Beverley-Ann Pieterse of St Mark and St John.

A visit to the South End Museum is always a walk down memory lane for those who remember the area before the forced removals took place. There are the photos of places and people, of the churches – with St Peter's among them – and the old cars, buses and carts to remind one of those days of the multi-cultural centre of Port Elizabeth.

The editor visited the museum to attend a media presentation and to do some research for an iindaba reader from the UK. Staff members Lorna Moodaley of Christ Church in Kamma Park and Beverley-Ann Pieterse of St Mark and St John in Parkside were most attentive and helpful.

Colin Abrahams addressed the visitors and spoke of what had happened over the past year and of what is planned for this year. The programme has some very interesting events to look forward to including plans for Youth Day, National Women's Day and a Chinese Community Exhibition in September.

They said that they look forward to visits from church groups who come to learn about the history of that area. Groups wanting to visit the museum can phone Beverley on 041 582 3325 to make an appointment, and they will even arrange tea if requested to do so.

Ashleigh needs our help!

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts ... if one part suffers, every part suffers with it;" 1 Cor 12:12 & 26.

Ken Berry



Ashleigh Botha is a third generation Holy Trinitarian. Her grandmother, Charlotte Scott has been a worshipping member of our parish for sixty years or more. Her daughter, Colleen married Colin Botha, they have three children ~ Darren, Chelsea and Ashleigh ~ and their family is still actively involved in, and contributing to, our parish



family life.

A Grade 10 learner at Victoria Park High School, Ashleigh is an enthusiastic sportswoman, musician (clarinet), budding model, popular teen and above all a witnessing Christian of powerful faith. All has had to be

Account name:
Ashleigh Botha Recovery Fund
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put on hold, other than her faith in Jesus which is a growing testimony for all to see.

At the age of twelve, her high blood pressure started to be cause for concern. After many years of failed attempts by G.Ps and specialists to stabilise it, she was finally diagnosed as the only known sufferer of Fibro Muscular Dysplasia in South Africa. FMD is a rare disease (there are less than 200 cases in the world) for which there is no cure or prevention. South African doctors do not have the experience or knowledge to treat this disease and Ashleigh's doctors have advised her parents to take her to America for treatment which will make her life easier and help with the pain.

We have many fundraising initiatives running concurrently, including the sale of plastic bracelets with HELP HEAL ASHLEIGH embossed at R15 each. These are available to any group or person who feels called to help. Contact the Bothas at:

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crbotha@netactive.co.za

Dear past and present friends of Wits

On the behalf of well over 26,000 students and thousands of staff members, please would you pray for everyone at Wits University. Each year countless future leaders emerge from Wits, and if these people were to go out as Christ-centred believers this country can be changed. Therefore, we humbly ask that you would pray for our campus and all the ministries trying to reach the many lost souls at Wits. You could even take this moment right now to lift up Wits before our Almighty God who can heal our country and save our land. Through prayer Wits can be changed.

May God's will be done on our campus.

For Him alone,

The many believers at Wits

and the Christians@Wits Committee

Growing again



Pumla Mtila, rector of the very fast growing Ascension Church in Cradock, has the heart of a pastor and also of an evangelist - which means an increase in parishioners.

numbers, and spiritually. Thanks too to Bishop Bethlehem, his office and may God give Pumla strength and dedication.

Increase of 300 members

iindaba spoke to the Archdeacon of Cradock, Michael Julius, about the parish and was told that the growth is really good. The numbers of active members have increased from around 500 to about 800.

Like all the parishes in the Karoo there is lots of traveling to be done, not only for services but for pastoral care. Mtila's parish includes chapelries at Baroda, Fish River, Mortimer and Hofmeyer, each of which have a service once a month for between 50 and 90 communicants.

With parishes that are of the great size of those in the Karoo, the clergy soon get stressed out and iindaba asks that members of the diocesan family pray regularly for the clergy in the country areas.

Malebo Abraham

The congregation of Church of Ascension in Cradock is growing again after having been without a rector for a while. The interregnum contributed to a decrease in the congregation and, of course, spiritual growth. The new rector, Pumla Mtila, arrived and even before he was instituted the congregation joined him in his ministry.

With the beginning of Lent Pumla began early morning prayers and the congregants joined him in the journey to Easter. Our journey is not only physical but also spiritual.

All levels of our church are growing as our priest is always praying for the growing of the church. All the 'manyanos' (guilds) are growing in

What's on!

Empower International 2009 : Three Day Seminar "New Man, New Woman, New Life"

Monday 29 June - Wednesday 1 July Led by Dr Carrie Miles

For: Clergy, Leaders, Educators
Maximum 30 participants

Purpose of Seminars :

- Help participants discover God's ideal for marriage and family life.
- Provide the opportunity for participants to discuss with other leaders how to apply this ideal to challenges facing marriage and family today.
- Empower participants to teach the biblical ideal themselves.
- Raise the position of men, women and children and marriage itself to Christian standards.

Materials: Each participant will receive a Bible Study Guide.

Venue : St Nicholas Anglican Church, Circular Drive, Charlo

Time : 09h00 - 16h00

Cost : Three Day Seminar : R250 (covers the cost of materials, three lunches, and tea/coffee breaks)

For more information contact:

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083 398 6218

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Booking Deadline : 30 May

First come, first served basis.

BOOK EARLY!

Carrie holds a doctorate in social and organizational psychology from the University of Chicago. She is the author of 'The Redemption of Love' and various Bible Studies which have been translated and used in her ministry work in Africa.

Disability Sunday - 30 August

"Go out into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the disabled, the blind and the lame."

Lk 14:21b

11% of the world population is disabled. Only 5-10% of this group is evangelized, making it the largest unreached people group in the world.

If you would like to participate and receive ideas and suggestions you can use to promote disAbility Sunday contact Barbara Watt the disAbility Connexion coordinator:

African Enterprise / Tel: 033 347 7005 / bwatt@ae.org.za

St Michael and All Angels Church,

Schauderville

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Understanding the different layers that make me the woman that I am"

Join us for a Ladies Tea with a Difference!!

Come and hear how special you are in God's sight!

Our guest speaker is the renowned author of the book "The Wrong Side of 30"

- **Lynne Torrente**

Date: 30 May 2009

Time: 09h30 for 10h00 to 12h30

Place: Happydale Centre Hoets Crescent, Algoa Park

Cost: Only R50.00

(includes tea, eats, lucky draws and entertainment!)

For more information and to book contact:

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Booking essential

so book Now!!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 21 - 31 May

Copies of the Ecumenical Service of Worship,

and pamphlet with readings for the week are available from:

Church Unity Commission,

PO Box 6096, Walmer

The Bishop writes...

My Dear People of God,

Greetings in the name of the risen Christ! By the time you read this letter you will have made your X on the ballot paper for the political party of your choice. The question then remains: "Why did you have to vote?" It is a democratic right. True enough. We have put a government in place. Will it be a credible government with good leadership - or just a bunch of self-centered, fake and fraudulent "gangs" who will only remember their so-called "people", who voted for them, when the next general elections are due? I hope not.

It is a great pity that in our young and fragile democracy party politics seem to override the spirit of patriotism. The latter seems to suffer neglect. The spirit of both "blackness" and "whiteness" which breeds tribalism and hatred has captured the minds of the people of South Africa. In this country, whether we like it or not, centuries of segregation and institutionalized racism called 'apartheid' still continue to haunt us to the core. Our thinking and action has been so shaped. The pendulum of racism has swung to the other side. Blacks who were 'innocent saints' when it came to racism are the very racists against the 'evil whites', much prone to criticism, particularly of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu (cf Cilliers, Charles: For Whites Only. Ch 1). Even our voting has not been influenced by patriotism, but by tribalism. Are we South Africans, or are we blacks and whites? It is indeed a long way to freedom!

According to Paul all human authority in general and of all degrees, in particular the governing authorities of the Roman Empire, exist by the will of God. It is therefore imperative that every person must be subject. If then the State is of divine origin, and assumes power and office at any given moment by the will of God, then they themselves have a duty to God and citizens of the land (cf Rom. 13:1 - 7). The Apostle believes that God still governs the whole world and in doing so has provided the State so that his creatures may be protected 'from the consequences of unbridled sin' (Barrett,

The Governing authorities



CK: Romans. P 245). The State then may be seen as the providential instrument by which the *b a d* (*Gr.kakon*) is restrained,

the *good* (*Gr.agathon*) encouraged (2 Thess.2:6 cf also Bruce, F.F.: Paul and Powers that Be). If the State then is God's servant, can we say so of the government we have chosen through the ballot box? (Rom 13:4). Can we say in all good conscience *the good* will be promoted amidst the cloud of many fraud and money laundering charges withdrawn out of 'political interference', travel-gates swept under the carpet, dishonesty and greed covered out of comradeship? May God have mercy upon us, and give us credible authorities.

Jesus is concerned about the kingdom of God. Relationship with the State is about rendering 'unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's' (Mtt 22:21). We all carry God's image. We therefore owe him our very selves. This is what we should render to him, with all our possessions. Taxes and revenue is paid to whom it is due (Mtt.17: 24-26). Respect and honour is given to whom it is due (Rom.13:7).

Our duty to God calls us to capture the model of an Ideal State, where patriotism far above party politics will be cultivated in the young minds of our land. They all go to the same schools, have the same education, and same teachers. Equal job opportunities are to be encouraged for our young more than Black Empowerment Equity programmes, with a free and fair market for all. Paul did not see the authority to govern as "an intrinsic property of those by whom it is exercised" (Furnish, VP: The Moral Teaching of Paul. P135). The governing authorities are willed by God. They are therefore in office for the welfare of all citizens of the land.

The government which is serviceable to its subjects in terms of delivery, irrespective of race, colour, creed or political affiliation is the *ideal one*. Should such ideals cease to exist, then the voice of criticism should be stepped up, particularly from the church, to the discomfort and irritation of the status quo until *good* takes its place.

Finally, every follower of Christ is summonsed to *sacrificial service*. Christians are called to obedience to authorities out of their obedience to God (cf Acts 5:29). Christian service knows no limits and can hardly come to an end as long as the cause is tempered with justice, love and mercy. Service to God's people in any democracy can be seriously disrupted by the structures of a tyrannical, fraudulent government. In such cases opportunity to serve cannot be without hardships. *Evil* should be opposed, even if it means to the point of death, for the sake of those to be served. The Master has come not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many (Mk 10:45). Christian service is not only sustained by the grace of God to ensure its continuity, but is also enshrined in the hope for success in better things to come. The *good* remains stronger and will prevail over *evil*.

May the strength of the Holy Spirit continue to fill your hearts always.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Servanthood in action



After preaching a sermon in which he implored the congregation to take on the servant heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, the rector of Holy Trinity

in Central, David Stansbury, assisted by S'busiso Majozi, washed the feet of visiting iindaba editor, Frankie Simpson, on Maundy Thursday.

On the move

❖ The Revd Elroy Damon moved to Pretoria diocese during April.

❖ Archdeacon Zweli Tom became the new rector of St Stephen's, together with the charge of Sundays River Valley, from 4 April.

❖ The following will be ordained at the Trinity Ordinations on Sunday 7 June.

To the diaconate:
Mark Barth (St Francis Xavier),
Willie Brandt (St Luke),
Samantha Eagles (St Luke),
Margaret Roskrige (St Luke),
Graham Soudien (St Mark and St John)
and Abigail Tukulu (St Peter).

To the priesthood:
Angela Hambury (St Katharine)
and Lynn de Doncker (Christ the King).

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ iindaba expresses its condolences to the Bowen family on the death of Beverley, Peter and Val's daughter-in-law, who was married to their elder son, Michael. Beverley, a provincial hockey player, died after suffering kidney failure. She leaves Michael, and two grown-up children. Beverley died on 13 March, the anniversary of the Rietbok disaster when a Viscount airliner crashed into the sea between Port Elizabeth and East London. Both Val's parents were on the plane! Peter and Valerie live in retirement in Bushmans River Mouth. Peter is often called on to take services at All Saints' United in Somerset East during their interregnum.

❖ Bertha Chama, wife of †Albert, Bishop of our link diocese of Northern Zambia, died in March. We in the Diocese of Port Elizabeth extend our condolences to †Albert and his family. †Bethlehem has been in touch with him.

❖ iindaba is also sad to report the death of Ruth Harker, widow of Hugh (Horse) Harker, for many years school chaplain at St Andrew's in Grahamstown. The funeral, which took place at St David's, Bushmans River Mouth, was conducted by Peter Bowen. A moving part of the ceremony was when her great-grandchildren, of which there were many, each placed a candle on the coffin. Ruth, a gentle and loving soul, was well into her 90s, and drove her car until quite recently.

❖ Many years ago in Grahamstown - the City of Saints - there was a social function, and one woman said "Have you heard the latest". Immediately all the ears of those around her pricked up. "Can you believe it, 'Horse' Harker is getting married!" "Who on earth would marry him!" exclaimed another (Horse had been a confirmed bachelor for many years). Ruth, who was the widow of Dean Beaumont of the Cathedral in Grahamstown, said "Actually, I'm going to marry him!" According to Ruth, there was a stunned silence before the congratulations started flowing. That's Grahamstown for you.

❖ Speaking of Grahamstown - our 'Mother Diocese' - when Kenneth Oram was the dean, celebrations were held in St George's Chambers (the diocesan Hall) on the 10th anniversary of his appointment. Kenneth responded to the congratulations by saying: "My dear friends of Grahamstown - now that I've been dean for ten years, I think you need no longer refer to me as 'the new dean'! Kenneth later became the bishop of Grahamstown.

❖ In the list of clergy moves, readers of iindaba will have seen that Elroy and Lyn Damon have moved to the diocese of Pretoria. Their daughter Vashti, who is at NMMU and their son, Nolan, who works at Volkswagen, will remain here. iindaba wishes the family every blessing both in Pretoria and here in PE.

❖ Pentecost Sunday will be a special day for †Bethlehem as he celebrates the 12th year of his consecration - the actual date is the day before, 30 May, which happens to be the last day of Diocesan Synod. He will preside at the cathedral at the 09h30 service. iindaba congratulates him, remembering that we have had him as our bishop for eight of those twelve years.

❖ Congratulations to Debbie Derry, wife of Mark, rector of St Francis Xavier in Kabega Park. Debbie, who is senior communications manager at NMMU, graduated with her Masters at the university last month.

Rose lady has died



Heather Leppan, a member of All Saints' United in Somerset East, died during March leaving a legacy of Heritage Roses in many of the towns in the Karoo.

She beautified the church grounds by donating 100 rose bushes which will remind the parishioners of her for many years to come. She'll be missed at fêtes for her hard work and her rusks, biscuits, jams, plants etc. which played a big part in the success of the event.

Heather had a broken neck, and the 'before and after' x-rays prove the miraculous healing. She also survived cancer, broken bones and much more, but never gave in. She was there for people who needed her and for the community. She and others from All Saints' initiated sewing, gardening and many other projects and she was a dedicated member of a Bible Study group and chaired the Anglican Women's Fellowship group for many years.

For her work in promoting the Heritage roses she was blessed with a rose named after her - the 'Heatherby Rose' - hardy, like herself.

Tag lines!



The best thing about the future
is that it only comes
one day at a time.

Lawrie bids farewell to his 'plant'



Lawrie and Isobel Wilmot with some of the gifts given to them by the Sunday School children and the parishioners.

Lawrie and Isobel Wilmot bade a sad farewell to the parishioners of the little chapel of Christ Church in Kamma Parrk at a very moving service on Sunday 29 March.

Lawrie planted Christ Church as a chapel of St Nicholas in Charlo. It was launched on 6



February 2005 and has grown from about 10 to over 40 worshippers every week, together with a vibrant group of Sunday School children.

The chapel became too big for the garage where it had been meeting and, after much prayer, the Lord provided them with a

barn. Even this has proved to be too small on some special Sundays when numbers have been over 60.

A team from St Nicholas will now minister to the parishioners. They hope that with the growth of that area numbers will soon start growing again.

'Blommetjies' at Relay



St Luke's Blommetjies were caught on camera looking very fresh before any of them could wilt from all the walking.

Wandering around the Kemsley Park Sports Ground on Friday evening 27 March this reporter met, not only the teams from St Saviour's (reported on by Claire on page 1) but teams from St Luke's, Palmridge, and All Saint's, Kabega, as well as members from many other parishes who formed part of their work teams. Also noted were many Anglicans among the Cansa Survivors who walked a few laps of honour, led by a Scottish pipe band, before the start of the relay.

The camaraderie was electric as all the teams set up their base camp tents and prepared food and fun to see them through the long night ahead.

Well done all those who took part in the event and many blessings to those who have survived the ravages of cancer.

Surprise visitors to St Alban's



Tony and Margaret Stone (centre) of St Alban's Abbey, England, are seen at St Alban's, Draaifontein, with Frances Beckley and Mick Tandy.

They just fitted in with our St Alban's family and attended our next service as well. They also came to our Ladies Guild meeting where we

had a 'Recall the Past' social. Frances Beckley gave a brief history of the chapel, Bunny Clark spoke of the Mothers' Union branch they had in the 1940/50s, and Carol Carter, a little girl in 1950, spoke of Sunday School in the "Tram."

We gave them a disc of photos we had taken of our family at St Alban's and other memorabilia, a pretty South African shell necklace and white beaded polar fleece scarf.

Margaret left us with words of encouragement from the dean of the Cathedral, Jeffrey John, who said: "To pray, is to allow a song to sing within us", and from Ruth Pyke, an assistant priest, who said on BBC2's "Good Morning Sunday": "To live hopefully, is to live life from the nativity to crucifixion, and the crucifixion needs not to be the end, but the opening of a door to a unimaginably beautiful life."

Joan Bright

Whilst on a trip to Port Elizabeth a couple of years back, Margaret and Tony Stone went on a sight-seeing drive, and to their surprise, found a little country church - St Alban's. Their home in St Albans, England, is just across the way from the great St Alban's Cathedral.

They were determined, on this year's visit, to find the country church again.

Imagine their surprise when their friend, Mary Lotz, with whom they were staying, told them she knew the church of St Alban's at Draaifontein, as she used to stay close by. Mary brought them out to the service on 15 February. What a lovely couple, and their Cathedral being their pride and joy! They had brought a water-colour painting of the Cathedral for us, which we have hung in our foyer.

Ethics IVF etc discussed



Enjoying some refreshments with Dr Peta Louw (left) after the discussion are Merna Mowbray and Helen Killian

Questions, such as whether it is ethical to keep someone alive who who has been in a Persistent Vegetative State (brain dead) for 17 years, and much more, were discussed at the seventh Biologos meeting on Thursday 2 April in the Redhouse Village Hall.

Dr Peta Louw, a member of All Saints' in Kabega, spoke on "An Ethical Approach to some current medical issues such as Stem Cell research, IVF (test-tube babies) etc." She said she hoped she would widen our horizons by our hearing what others think, as these are controversial subjects that are in the news.

On gene manipulation (cloning) Peta asked whether we ought to be doing all the things we are now able to do. She said that before going ahead with any procedure or experiment, one

needed to look at ethics such as: whether it was doing harm; would it really benefit the world; was there a mutual decision between the patient and the doctor; and finally, is it just?

Peta is a paediatrician and she has a diploma in theology from TEE College, and is one of their tutors. She is currently registered for an Honours degree in Ethics through UNISA.

BioLogos is a private initiative organised by a group of Christians acting in their own capacities. It is not tied to any church, but members (and non-members) of all churches are invited. Enquiries: Geoff Booth 082 741 4529.

Effective Parenting in a Defective World

Claire Phelps

A group of 14 parents and their children met every Saturday morning for five weeks to do a parenting course at St Saviour's.

Thanks to Nicky Daniels, the children enjoyed their own educational programme during the five weeks and had a fabulous time!

The moms and dads spent time learning how to raise their children according to God's plan and how to discipline Biblically.

One of the most eye-opening concepts was the realisation that our children emulate 'us' first. We need to show our children what a true Christian is by 'our' behaviour!

Apart from everything that was learnt, the time spent together was also important for fellowship, sharing and support of each other.

St Saviour's will be running this course again later in the year and will be opening it up to all churches in the diocese. Parents, keep your eyes open and don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to discover God's plan for your child!



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