

FCA launch for PE

'Be Faithful'

Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi, just retired as Primate of the Anglican Church of Kenya, will be the main speaker at the launch of the Southern African Chapter of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (FCA) which will take place at St John's, Walmer, on 3 September. Other speakers will include Canon Dr Chris Sugden of Anglican Mainstream in the UK and Canon Dr Viney Samuels a GAFCON theologian.

During the day on 3 September there will be various teachings, with fellowship over teas and lunch. Registration is 08h30 and cost is R150 to cover handouts, lunch etc. Register on the diocesan news page at: www.anglicandiocesepe.org.za or ask your rector to send your name in. The FCA launch with keynote address is at 19h30 and all are welcome at no charge.

The title for gathering is "Be Faithful", meaning that we are commissioned to fully express what we believe we should be and offer to the Christian community in Southern Africa. Be faithful – this is our calling as Anglican Christians today. The Scriptures exhort us to remain faithful to the faith 'once for all delivered to the saints', to the Lordship of Christ and hence to Apostolic teaching and practice.



Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi who will be the main speaker at the FCA launch.

FCA is not an organisation but a movement within Anglicanism seeking unity in Jesus Christ and around the truth of the gospel.

Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi

A few facts from Nicholas Asego's "From grass to grace." Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi's humility, compassion and service to others is

founded on his humble beginnings. Interestingly as he goes about his work, his wife is permanently by his side and this has earned the couple the nickname 'the inseparables'. The Archbishop says that Alice's presence by his side is a sign of a true marriage.

Abp Nzimbi says of himself, "I'm just a simple evangelist, called by the Lord to serve his people in the community and church."

One of eight children, the family was very poor, but his evangelist father taught him to serve others with compassion, and to share, no matter how little they had. He also taught the importance of God's word and the value of education.

With a bachelor's degree in education he lectured at Machakos Teachers Training College before studying for the priesthood. He was elected as the first bishop of the new Machakos See, where he served for 10 years before he was sent to Kitui, a new diocese, becoming its first bishop in 1995 and in 2002 he was elected the fourth archbishop of the ACK.

See full report by Nicholas Asego on <http://contact-online.blogspot.com/>

FCA in the diocese

The local steering committee comprises Dudley Greenshields, Mark Derry, Rob Penrith, Lawrie Wilmot, David Stansbury and David MacGregor (all priests) and Rob Snelgar, Pat Ferguson and Neville Lobb (laymen) – any of whom can be contacted for more details.

David MacGregor assured iindaba, "The FCA is not another organization. It is not seeking to create another church. It is a spiritual movement and fellowship for



Give your Church power to proclaim the gospel of Christ; and grant that we and all Christian people may be united in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. APB

renewal, reformation and mission – uniquely bringing together those whose key shaping and commitment, but not exclusive identity, have been through the Anglo-Catholic, conservative evangelical, and charismatic expressions of Anglicanism." see: fcasa.wordpress.com/ or www.anglican-mainstreamsa.org.za



Back: Pat Ferguson, Andrew Symes (former priest in the diocese and visiting from the UK), Neville Lobb, rector of Holy Trinity - David Stansbury, and retired priest - David MacGregor.
See also page 2.

100 years' ministry to farmers



Centenary picnic at the slipway at Cannonville.

began with soup and bread for 70 plus people (we'd expected about 40!) in the wood and iron hall, where everyone was delighted to welcome Bishop Bethlehem. Holy Trinity Music group with local young men, led the worship very beautifully and Bishop Eric gave a challenging talk on 'Walking as

Jesus walked - in the Father's presence.' (1 John 2:6).

At lunchtime on Saturday many families gathered at the slipway at Cannonville for a Bring 'n Share Picnic. They were blessed with balmy weather and much fun was had by all. That evening they gathered once more for food, worship and another challenging talk by Bishop Eric with the theme of

'Walking in the light and as the light'. This was followed by a talk on the history of the church by Bart Logie (a former Woodridge teacher who has written several books on local history and knows some Kinkelbos families well). His entertaining presentation was well-illustrated with many photos from distant and recent past, and he spoke of how farmland was donated, the entire community raising building funds by means of bazaars and selling tea and scones on the tiny station to the passengers of the PE-Alex train! The first priests also made use of this means of transport, staying over with farm families to lead services and visit their flock.

The prayer of the congregation throughout the months of preparation had been "to God be the glory", and that everyone attending the celebrations would feel a deep touch by the Lord and leave knowing they had been blessed. Praise

God that by the close of worship and the celebration Eucharist on the Sunday many expressed the wonder of what had happened to them during one or more of the gatherings. The celebrant at the Eucharist was our Bishop Bethlehem and the preacher was Bishop Eric, who once again gave a challenging message - 'The Church Jesus prayed for.'

A specially iced cake was cut by Bishop Bethlehem and Joy Lake, an active member of the church for over 60 years! A buffet finger lunch was served in the marquee and everyone spread out over the lawns in the perfect weather to admire the antique carts and farm and household treasures decorating the grounds.

The entire weekend was greatly blessed with fun and joy - God has indeed been faithful and brought his sheep safely through many ups and downs. The crowning gift was 50mm of rain a few days later!

Rosemary Newcombe

For 100 years God has been worshipped in the little church of St Peter's, Kinkelbos, at first by fairly large numbers of farm families and later, as the platteland has emptied, by a smaller congregation drawn mainly from Colchester and Cannonville villages. Friends from as far afield as East London, Cape Town, Queenstown, Kenton, Sidbury, Alexandria and Port Elizabeth came to celebrate a joyous centenary over the weekend of 17 - 19 July, with Eric and Joyce Pike as guests of honour. Bishop Eric had composed a special prayer to use over the Centenary.

On the Friday night the celebrations

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Peace Prize for Cassidy

From "Out of Africa" newsletter AE Canada.

African Enterprise Founder, Michael Cassidy, received the Peacemaker Award from *Christians for Peace in Africa (CPA)*, an organisation dedicated to promoting the biblical values of peace, reconciliation and hope across the continent. Pastor Thomas-René Kitutu, CPA Founder and CEO, presented the award to Michael at the AE Centre in Pietermaritzburg on 26th March, 2009. He said that Michael's peace-making efforts both here

in South Africa and across the wider continent, were very much appreciated and had borne much fruit, particularly in his home country of the DRC. He said that CPA wanted to bestow the award on Michael in recognition and appreciation of his faithful stewardship and commitment to see Africa transformed by the message of the Gospel and the power of the ultimate Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

In accepting the award, Michael paid tribute to the



Dr Michael Cassidy, founder of African Enterprise.

African Enterprise team which has worked alongside him to promote peace and bring reconciliation in many countries and conflict situations across Africa.

Preaching salvation is heresy

By George Conger

Church of England Newspaper 17 July

Salvation is heresy, US Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori told the opening session of the US Episcopal Church's General Convention, denouncing as a false teaching the proposition that individual believers can find salvation through Jesus Christ.

The grace of God is a gift to the community of believers, not for the individual believer, Bishop Jefferts Schori said on July 7 in Anaheim, California, loosening a broadside against conservative evangelicals.

In a wide-ranging address that touched upon the social and economic ills facing the United States and her hopes for the General Convention, Bishop Jefferts Schori argued the theological roots of the global economic crisis lay in a culture of selfishness.

This selfishness of spirit was the cause of a series of "crises" that all had "do with the great Western heresy, that we can be saved as individuals, that any of us alone can be in right relationship with God." Full report on: <http://contact-online.blogspot.com/>

GAFCON book for FCA launch

The GAFCON book "The Way the Truth and the Life" will be available at the FCA launch, or perhaps earlier. Orders can be placed with Mary MacGregor at 041 581 7788 (same number for fax) or e-mail: dsmacgregor@gmail.com Price is R45 with a discount of 10% for 10 copies or more.

Joy magazine on 'Anglican Crisis'

August edition of "Joy" magazine carried an article on the 'Anglican Crisis' and will carry more reports in the September and October issues.

Letter to the ed

"Did you got a Licence?" (that old joke).

It has come to my ears that there is some confusion in the understanding of laity, and clergy alike, about "Licences" issued by any Bishop of a Diocese. I write to help sort out these confusions.

Order under the Holy Spirit

- It is the scriptural and historic role of a Bishop to preserve two things in the Church: a) Unity and b) Orthodoxy. But they do it in consultation and after much prayer. The Church is not a 'democracy' as interpreted in secular politics. It is Apostolic, but the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) indicates it is also consultative.

- One of the methods of preserving unity and orthodoxy was the issuing of 'Licences', by which it was proclaimed publicly that the minister (whether lay or ordained) fulfilled all the criteria of faithfulness to scripture, devotion, self-discipline and mutual love and respect. As the Bible says: "In honour preferring one another", i.e. from the Latin *præferro* - 'putting others first'; and not "lording it over" any.

Three kinds

- There are three kinds of 'Licences', depending on the function of the minister.

a) The Pastoral Licence, by which a bishop appoints clergy (incumbents and assistant

curates) to share his pastoral care of the people of God in a certain parish or mission-district; ('receive the cure of souls, which is mine and thine');

b) The General Licence, by which a bishop can cash in on the expertise of someone with special skills; and this licence gives the holder the temporary right to attend Synod (even if 'retired') where s/he can be useful to the Church. It is a licence usually given to clergy in a diocese/church with 'office' responsibilities; and

c) The Licence called "Permission to Officiate," is usual in the case of all clergy who have achieved retirement age, and according to the Canons must no longer hold pastoral office. (Most of us "golden oldies" are in this category). It is a public recognition of the clergyman's Orders, and his/her good-standing (morally etc) is recognised; and the bishop has no objection to his/her doing priestly-ministerial functions in the diocese, under set conditions eg. length of time etc. (When I did a 'Locum' in the Diocese of George for more than three consecutive Sundays, Bishop Donald gave me an additional License to function there.)

Misuse and Abuse

- Like everything, especially in secular politics, the granting of these licences is open to abuse or misuse. Some think that over the years the Canons, Rules and Regulations of Dioceses, and

other formularies, have given too much "power" to the Bishops, and lessened the 'consultative' procedures formerly used, so that any bishop could become a 'dictator'.

In some cases where this has been experienced the parishes just refused to pay assessments and the autocratic bishop had soon to take a few steps backwards.

- In my experience, bishops do care about Christ's Church and the flock in his diocese and (within their vision and lights) try to do their best. Most will admit that they can and do err, but I also know that the truly holy apostolic incumbents of the Episcopal Office are open to consultation, and have been known to apologise for their mistakes and human-ness.

- And, also, an explanatory PS The title 'Honorary Canon' is like 'The Order of the Diocese' but only for clergy, whom the Bishop (in consultation) wishes to recognise and honour for special ministry in the diocese. It does not make the recipient a member of any diocesan Chapter (if there is one) nor a Diocesan Advisory Council. It is just a rather nice accolade to rejoice in. It's a gracious Act by the Bishop!

I hope this helps many to have a broader understanding of the need to have 'Order' in God's Church.

Shalom. Yours sincerely,

Roy Snyman tssf (Hon Canon)

The Calling

The Story of a Pioneering Woman Priest

by Nancy Charton

Edited by Dr W H Meyer

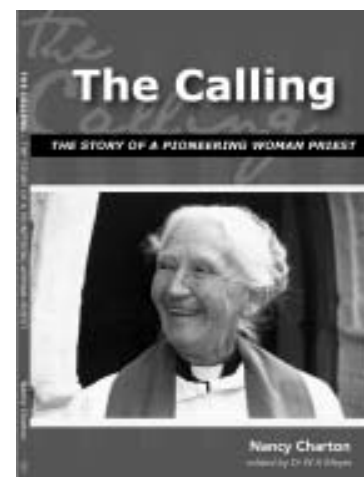
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The issue of women's ordination still occasionally makes the news. The controversy over women Bishops in the 2008 Church of England synod is a case in point. Within the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches the struggle continues despite growing evidence of the full ordination of women to the diaconate during the first four centuries of Christian history.

Yet it is in personal histories such as this one that the true nature of women's struggle with the Church to claim their full humanity becomes apparent. This is also a quintessentially South African story of a woman struggling against the multi-layered obstacles put in her way; sexual abuse, class prejudice, cultural chauvinism, patriarchy and apartheid have all played their part in trying to keep Nancy Charton from achieving her destiny, but like a rock, the mbokodo of the slogan, she has been weathered but not broken and emerged fully into her calling as a priest and canon of the Anglican Church in South Africa.

This book charts Nancy's life from the moment of the calling by God in the garden of a miner's cottage on the



Witwatersrand, through her painful growing years when she lost her faith, to her re-emergence into faith with a mission as a community activist, campaigner against forced removals, crusading academic and finally as a pioneering advocate of full ordination for women in the Anglican Church.

Nancy Charton has been a pioneering South African woman in many fields from social activism to academia. She is a priest and canon of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, one of the first women to be ordained as both a deacon and a priest.

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Carehouse opens doors

Pam Brown

Umzi Woxolo opened the doors of its Carehouse on Monday 29 June in temporary accommodation in Talhaldo Haven while awaiting the completion of a wooden cabin being built in the grounds.

This house will shelter children in need in the short term and will be manned by the home carers of SEa Vista. Their training has partly been through Eye of the Child (Child Welfare) and partly the Wellness programme of the Anglican Church.

We thank all those who have supported the fundraiser of the



Sr Bertha Strydom and Staff Nurse Caroline Plaagtjies from Sea Vista Clinic visiting the sleeping accommodation at Umzi Woxolo Carehouse.

Anglican Rosary. We would also like to thank all those who have donated furniture and linen and toys.

Our carers never doubted that their prayers for the Carehouse to open would be answered.

Beading for Carehouse

The young ladies of Sea Vista requested beading classes so that they can help fund-raise for the upkeep costs of the Umzi Woxolo (House of Peace) Carehouse, and carer Christine Witbooi is seen helping them with their beading.



The Bishop writes...

My dear People of God,

Greetings in the name of Christ, our Lord and Saviour!

The things we think, however much they can be, may sometimes not wisely be said or done (TL Peacock: The Priest and the mulberry tree). In essence they reflect what is going on in our innermost being. Since we are created in God's image (*imago Dei*) his indwelling Spirit is manifested in our intentions translated to the acts of love. This is what the heart of those who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour should resemble; unless we are *in Church* and not *in Christ* (1 Cor 2:16).

The biblical understanding of both the *heart* and *mind* seems to overlap in meaning. The heart is not just the hollow organ of the body responsible for the circulation of blood, the understanding goes further. The heart is the breast, mind and soul. For the Greeks the heart (*kardia*) and the mind (*nous*) bear similarities of meaning. The heart is on the one hand conceived to be the inner self where faith dwells as in "...believe in your heart...you will be saved." (Rom 10:9-10). The mind on the other hand refers to reason, attitude, purpose or intention. The Spirit of discernment that we pray for at confirmation is also conceived to form an integral part of a renewed mind (Rom 12:1-3 & 1 Cor 2:16). This means therefore that the heart of a believer bears character, and the character is that of Christ.

Christ's character is of a sacrificial love based on humbleness and obedience to the will of God even to the point of death on a cross (Jn 3:16 cf Phil 2:5ff). In addition to this, he prayed during his passion in particular, before and on the cross. Significant is his priestly prayer in John 17. He bore a compassionate heart which went out to the people (Mk 6:34). We engage ourselves in accordance to this character in fellowship, teaching and in an attitude of prayer 'The Anglican Way' (Roy Snyman tssf). That is why at synod

The heart of a believer



The clergy at St Peter's centenary service were Gary Griffith-Smith, Bp Bethlehem, Christopher Holmes, Dr Brian Jennings of the Methodist church, Bp Eric Pike and kneeling is Terry Beadon.

is a Sacrament of his Body and Blood which opens up eyes to his presence among and within us in the breaking of bread (Lk 24:31f). Sometimes we refer to it as Mass in

we provided a commission group of Indaba on Anglican Identity.

Apart from the expectation of the Anglican Prayer Book that we pray, or cause people to pray in the morning and evening, we also pray the prayer of Great Thanksgiving in a Divine Service of worship especially on Sundays. The Eucharist therefore is the centre of our lives as believers in worship. This is the reason why on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday we give thanks to God once a year for the table of fellowship he has given us following the great gospel events of Passiontide, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This is referred to as *Corpus Christi* meaning the Body of Christ.

We need to pause and think of the titles Christians have given to this act of worship instituted by their Lord on Maundy Thursday. First, the word Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning thankful or grateful. We thank God for salvation brought to fruition for us by Jesus Christ, unmeritorious though we are. It is the Lord's Supper instituted on the eve of his passion as a commemoration of him when we gather together, 'whether in the simplicity of a house Communion or in the grandeur' of the great occasion of the bishop's consecration or ordination of priests and deacons in a cathedral. It is Holy Communion for knitting the believers together in the fellowship of saints. This

identification of ourselves with his sacrificial act of love and obedience as he continues to intercede for us at the right hand of the Father in heaven. There is movement at the Eucharist of both to and fro. We are invited to 'draw near and receive' strength from the fellowship of the Lord to go out in peace into the needy world awaiting the good news of salvation as we 'love and serve the Lord'.

We appeal to you therefore, do not slide into routine when you come to worship God in this manner. This is a service which needs to be approached with a sense of joy, wonder and awe for wisdom, discernment, inner strength and the fear of the Lord. Lay ministers need to come with the priest in a service of preparation for this great privilege God has given us in Christ (APB Preface to the Eucharist). Our believers are too noisy before the Eucharist in some of our churches. This upsets me greatly. Beware and be not guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord by showing no respect of these holy mysteries (1 Cor 11:27ff). Let us live up to our calling as dear children of God to transform lives and situations and bear the heart of a believer which is the heart of Christ.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Chilling at the rugby

Melissa Awu

On Youth Day, 16 June, Bishop Bethlehem was 'chilling' (it was a cold day) with Bishop Siboto, the Presiding Bishop of the Ethiopian Episcopal Church and the Diocesan Bishop of ENQWEBA, at the rugby day held at the new stadium.

The bishops were hosted in the VIP Suite by Mveleli Ncula, brother of Nkonzo Ncula, assistant priest at St Peter's in Zwede. Mr Ncula is a lay minister in the Ethiopian Episcopal church, and also an Executive at SA Rugby. People were so pleased to see the two bishops at the rugby who were heard cheering for the Southern Kings! The bishops seemed to



Bishop Bethlehem with Melissa Awu and Bishop Siboto, the Presiding Bishop of the Ethiopian Episcopal Church.

be having a great time and phenomenal, exciting and great, were a few of the words they used to describe their day.

Melissa Awu proved not only to be a server at the altar at St Stephen's, but was also serving the bishops with refreshments at the After-Match Function that was organised by the Mayor. Melissa was in charge of the Wives Suite (wives of the players) – but could not resist popping in to the VIP Suite to check if the bishops were being well taken care of.

Youth Day commemorates the lives of the youths who died when security police opened fire on school children who were protesting in 1976.

Tag lines!



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

Stove for Soup Kitchen



Delivery of a new gas stove to Selamma Oersen who runs the Soup Kitchen in Sevende Laan, Arcadia. She is a member of St Boniface Church which is part of the parish of the Good Shepherd which assists with monthly donations of soup powder and soya mince. Selamma now owns her own stove thanks to donations - both overseas and local. She has waited so patiently and it was wonderful to see her joy when the stove finally arrived.

On the move

Clergy who are on the move on 1 September:
- Jogra Gallant to St Katharine's in Uitenhage;
- Angela Hambury to St Simon of Cyrene.

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ iindaba is sad to record the death of Louise Hoyle, wife of James, retired priest and diocesan secretary from our 'mother' diocese of Grahamstown. Louise taught at Kingswood College, and was greatly loved by her pupils and fellow members of staff. Howard Lancaster and Christopher Holmes, who were at St Paul's College with James, attended the funeral at Christ Church in Grahamstown. James and Louise's son, Clifton, flew out from the UK shortly before Louise died. iindaba extends condolences to them and all their family.

- Some of the 'more senior' members of St John-the-Baptist in Walmer may remember when a somewhat younger James and Christopher spent one of their college vacations at St John's when Ron Taylor was the rector. James has been appointed chaplain of the Sisters of the Community of our Lord in Grahamstown, taking over from Roy Snyman tssf who retired from that post recently.

❖ Speaking of St John-the-Baptist, two of its members and one from St Hugh's were recently recognised as Paul Harris Fellows - a recognition which was made by the Rotary Club of Algoa Bay. They are Gianna (rhymes with manna) Doubell and Michèle Lehy from St John's, and Bob Wynne from St Hugh's. Congratulations as they are recognised for exceptional service to the community.

❖ The clergy and their spouses enjoyed a wonderful evening last month as guests of †Bethlehem and Mazoe at St Saviour's. This was the annual dinner hosted by the episcopal couple, and is a wonderful occasion where the only agenda is food and fellowship. The team from St Saviour's – both in the bar and in the kitchen – kept all well fed and watered. The waitresses and waiters were charming – a good evening was had by all. The only sad thing was that some of the clergy were not able to be there!

❖ News from Australia is that Abp Philip Russell, 1st Bishop of Port Elizabeth and afterwards Archbishop of Cape Town, will be celebrating his 90th birthday with his family in Adelaide in October. Abp Philip suffered a stroke shortly before a planned trip to South Africa a few years ago.

❖ Joan Evans, widow of Bp Bruce, our 2nd bishop, broke an ankle in three places. iindaba wishes her a speedy recovery.

❖ Retired priest George Bode has moved to Munro Kirk Frail Home, where he is able to have all his meals supplied, and has the security of being cared for at all times. Formerly he lived at Laubscher Park in Walmer. His cell-phone number remains the same.

❖ iindaba is relieved for the sake of Debbie Vencencie that the men who murdered her policeman husband Winston – whilst performing his duty – were found guilty, and have been sentenced to life imprisonment. This helps to bring closure for Debbie, her young son Chad, and Winston's family, after two years of tension. iindaba joins the family in saying 'thank you' to our Lord that they can finally lay Winston to rest in their hearts.

❖ Good news of Nicolette Leonard – her blood count improves each time she has tests done. She is back at work, although she finds a full day too tiring at this stage. iindaba assures her and Myron of ongoing prayers.

- As we do for the iindaba editor, Frankie Simpson, also back at work at the market research company on a part-time basis after her triple by-pass surgery.

Tea with a difference

Bernice Burgers

A lovely time was had by everybody who attended the Ladies' Tea, held in aid of St Michael and All Angels Church, on Saturday 30 May at the Happydale Centre in Algoa Park.

The guest speaker, Lynne Torento, is a well known author and Motivational Speaker in Port Elizabeth. She spoke on the "different layers that make me the woman that I am." She likened this to an onion and called it the Onion Theory. Looking at the layers of an onion and seeing it as others see you, how your family and friends see you, how you see yourself and how God sees you. God looks at the inner person, the core of your heart and He knows the real you.

There were also represent-



Desiree Goliath, Lucinda Allies, Erna Peters, Natasha Cunningham and Mercia Frieslaar at the Ladies' Tea.

atives of different products like Honey Jewellery, Avon Cosmetics and Herbalife. Each of the representatives were given the chance to promote their products as well as explain the opportunities available to make extra money to sustain your income in these trying economic times. Twelve prizes were given away as lucky draws and after all this a delicious spread of finger snacks (savoury as well as sweet) were laid out which was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies.

Mothers' Union Tea Party



Dancing at the Tea Party at Church of the Ascension.

neighbours and co-workers.

A relationship that she chose

to dwell on was worship relationship. She related this to object 3 of the Mothers' Union, 'To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service'. She said, "Being a mother is to be a manager - until we are able to manage ourselves - we won't be able to manage relationships with others. Unless you love yourself - You won't be able to love other people."

She went on to say we must first build peace, learn to forgive, and then go on to 'Managing other Relationships.' Some of the points she gave were that we need to be interested in the people we worship with, listen when they talk and respond with warmth, be supportive, adopt a positive attitude and acknowledge achievements. She also told us to, "Forget your ego and admit your mistakes," and ended saying "Let's build relationships and support each other".

The members had a happy and relaxed time, they all danced to music.

Later on tea and cakes were served.

Xoliswa Jack Reports

On Sunday 26 July MU Christian Family Life finance and administration members of Church of the Ascension hosted a tea party. The aim of this party was to raise funds to help elderly people to pay their dues, with a second reason being to build relationships among members. The theme for this party was "Love One Another."

Unfortunately the guest speaker, Thandi Mahangu, was unable to attend and her speech had to be read.

Her speech was about "Building Relationships", she said that it is important to build relationships, starting at home with our husbands and our children. We must also build social relationships with friends,

Youth - architects of your future



(l to r) Mrs Ncula, Mrs Qunta and the guest speaker Lwando Bantom enjoying a game during Youth Day celebrations.

St Peter's reporter

With the theme of 'You are the architects of your future' the youth of St Peter's in Zwide celebrated a youth day during April.

The guest speaker, Lwando Bantom from the South African Institute for Chartered Accountants, challenged the

youth to fight poverty and deal with unemployment by being organized into an association, registering and making tenders in the world of entrepreneurship. He said they could also affiliate with Umsobemu Youth Fund and get involved in projects by making business plans, and they must PUSH - Pray Until Something Happens. He encouraged them to study to get good symbols

which would enable them to get bursaries for higher education.

The day had been opened by the rector, Mkhwanzi Mgedezi, who read from Psalm 133 and said the youth need to have peace with God and among themselves to enable them to fight the battles of the world. His wife, Nolubabalo, followed with a talk on how to choose a career saying the young people must seek God's purpose for their future, looking at their abilities, what they value most and what their interests are. They could then choose the right subjects to study.

There were games and music in between the presentations as well as responses by the youth.

Talent of all ages



Left - Rugby talent!

Right - Three generations of singing talent.



From wee ones of three years old, to grannies and granddads, the talent shone out at St Saviour's on Friday night 24 July, to the enjoyment of a packed hall - 145 seated and children on the floor in front of the tables.

Three year old Joey Johnson did a tribal dance; his five year old sister, Ruth, got a standing ovation for her rendering, memorized and recited flawlessly, of a portion from "Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory"; and a very young Eddie Daniels (aka Mark Phelps) strung the jokes together. The youth did their thing in dance and song and contrary to reports of his death, Michael Jackson (Benito), arrived for the Moonwalk. Four of the Springbok rugby team also showed up for a last minute ballet lesson before the big match next day; the Can't-Can't girls put on a wonderful display, bloomers et al, and Frank Sinatra (aka Eddie Daniels)

arrived to do it his way. Owen Hill, Danny Ah Hing, Bev and many more made the evening fly and reach the two 'grand finale' items ... three generations in beautiful voice - Gran, Colwynne Roux, with mother and daughter, Cathryn (who also played a mean piano) and Chelsea Gilson - followed by ABBA 'Unplugged'.

The interval supper of delicious bean soup and bread was also enjoyed by all.

A dream come true

Melissa Awu

The servers in the diocese will not easily forget 14 June as it was the day the Diocesan Servers' Guild was launched - it is on this day that a dream came true!

During the 2007 synod, it was decided that the servers should also have a formal structure in the diocese - and Shane Fraser was appointed chaplain of the Guild. Inge Schovell and Melissa Awu presented a proposal to him and on-going meetings have taken place since October 2008. The committee was elected at St Francis Xavier, Kabega Park, on 17 May and Vivian Molozi was there to assist in the election procedure. Those elected to serve three-year term of office are: Melissa Awu, chairman, Luntu Zishushu, Thami Tandani, Genevieve Domingo, Inge Schovell, Oyama Ndingana, Wyndham Muspratt-Williams, Ellen Kwong, Lynn Muller, and Daphne Scheepers.

The day of the launch was all SMILES! The servers processed from the Herald Office, to the

Cathedral - with banners and all ... singing choruses! Music was supplied by the extremely talented JIM Band, from St Francis Xavier - and the servers agreed that the music was exceptional. Bishop Bethlehem presided over the ceremony, and in his message he reflected that the launch was a dream come true, not only for him, but for the diocese as a




whole. Many parents, some clergy and approximately 200 servers attended the launch.

We hope the other parishes will join the guild, as it is a diocesan structure.

Revival
at the Cathedral
Looking at
Isaiah 61:1-3
on Wednesday nights
at 18h30
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