

Banners proclaim stand



The banners said it all 'Violence is everyone's problem', 'Speak out – stop abuse', 'Created equally – don't look away' on Women's Day.

Almost 200 women processed from Newspaper House to the Cathedral on Women's Day carrying placards saying 'Violence is everyone's problem', 'Speak out – stop abuse', 'Created equally – don't look away' ... spelling out their call for women's issues to be taken note of and acted upon. Members of Bernard Mizeki Guild were also present to lend their support.

Candles were lit by a young person, a female, a male, a member of the clergy and the Provost, standing in for Bishop Bethlehem who had been delayed at a prior meeting, in remembrance of all the women who have been raped or have suffered violence.

Berenice Malgas, director of the PE Rape Crisis Centre, was the speaker and highlighted the trauma that victims of domestic violence and rape go through. She emphasized that this has nothing to do with the race, colour or age of the victims. She called on members of churches to play a bigger role by becoming actively involved in the community to help stem these atrocities.

During question time she said that rape victims must report to the police and make a statement, and continued by saying how very important it is that they do not wash themselves until a sample of the semen is taken for DNA testing ... they also need to make sure they take anti-viral drugs within 72 hours.

Asked about needs at The Rape Crisis Centre she said panties, hair brushes, toothbrushes, toiletries and toilet paper are among the many things that will help make the victims visit more relaxing.

Candles were lit in memory of all women who have been abused or raped.



Almighty God,
Guard and defend the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ, and come to the assistance of the church against which the powers of hell are unchained. Watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the enemy, assist us especially at the hour of death. May we be judged worthy through Jesus Christ and may we have the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen
Written in the 1880's by Pope Leo XIII and prayed in all Roman Catholic churches pre-Vatican 11.

Authority of Scripture

The Anglican Church bases its doctrine and practice on the scriptures ... see the 39 Articles:



"Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation". This means that there is enough information in the scriptures to tell us the truth about the Christian faith and how to be saved.

We do not need any teaching from anywhere else to tell us what is true about these things. All our theology must be based on the scriptures. This is one reason why Anglicans think the scriptures are so important, and why we make sure that the sermon is about passages and ideas from the Bible.

Africa looks to their 'big brother'



Left - At St John's for the FCA launch were Abp Benjamin Nzimbi of Kenya, Dr Vinay Samuel from India and Oxford, George Malek of the Ecumenical Pastoral Institute, the Revd Gavin Mitchell General Secretary of Anglican Mainstream SA, and the Revd Dr Chris Sugden of the Church of England.



Being commissioned by Abp Benjamin Nzimbi and Bp Bethlehem (FCASA Patron) to lead FCA in SA are three priests - Gavin Mitchell, Alan Smith and Nigel Jeukes.

The launch of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (South Africa) took place at St John's, Walmer, on Thursday night 3 September.

The church was full and the keynote address was given by Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi, just retired Primate of the Anglican Church of Kenya. He said, "Anglicans need to work together to receive the Word of God and to preach it as it was given to us." On the lack of response from ACSA he said the voice of 'our big brother SA' is very important to the church in Africa and they would have been very happy to have been guided by ACSA.

Abp Nzimbi, together with Bishop Bethlehem, the FCA Patron, then commissioned the three leaders of FCASA, Gavin Mitchell and Alan Smith, both priests from Cape Town and Nigel

Jeukes from Natal.

'Be Faithful' gathering

Earlier 70 Anglican clergy and laity from ACSA, Church of England in SA and Anglican Catholics gathered in the hall to listen to various invited speakers. These included Abp Benjamin Nzimbi of Kenya, Canon Dr Vinay Samuel from India and Oxford, George Malek of the Ecumenical Pastoral Institute, the Revd Gavin Mitchell General Secretary of Anglican Mainstream SA, and the Revd Dr Chris Sugden of the Church of England. They

sent out a clear message that "the Scriptures exhort us to remain faithful to the faith 'once for all delivered to the saints', to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and hence, to Apostolic teaching and practice."

In his keynote address Canon Samuel reminded everyone that we are called to the prophetic stance of the obedient disciple, rather than the stance of political people who have become messianic with

the new universal of human rights which is now being imposed, claiming that these rights are self-evident - and if the Bible teaches anything different it is to be rejected.

Canon Chris Sugden spoke on the need for GAFCON and also on the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans saying, "Why Confessing Anglicans? Public confession of the apostolic faith is needed to identify where orthodox Anglicans stand in relation to the current challenges. It is not saying that we are the only faithful Anglicans. It is reaffirming Anglican identity and rooting it in the apostolic faith, belonging to a Christian church which is centred on the gospel and bounded by Scripture. The Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans invites others who share this confession to stand clearly and firmly with us and to be willing to pay the price."

Archdeacon Sharon Nell was a member of a discussion panel in the afternoon session of the FCA conference. She said she had attended the launch to find out what FCA was all about "and what I have heard is the confirmation of the authority of scripture and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I am here because the Lord has called me to preach his Word," and she quoted Is 61:1ff.

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Sea Sunday celebrated

Steph Muller

As it has become custom, St Paul's celebrated Sea Sunday on 28 June with invited guests from the S A Naval Officers Association, Royal Naval Association, Sea Cadet Corps, S A Legion and NSRI, with some of them participating in the service. The beneficiary of the collection was the National Sea Rescue Institute who always show their support by the attendance of their members. The morning concluded with refreshments in the hall.

Right - The NSRI team who attended the Sea Sunday Service at St Paul's.



Heart matter - prayer matters

Frankie Simpson

The power of all your prayers are what pulled me through so 'easily' ... thank you!

When one has a family history of parents who died of heart attacks before they were 50 and a grandmother who didn't manage very many years more than that, one has to make sure one has annual checkups with the doctor.

In January my doctor, Pieter Rossouw, looked at the results of my ECG and although he wasn't too worried by what he saw he said that "with your

family history I think it will be good for you to see Dr Dean the cardiologist." Dr Michael Dean said almost the same thing about my family history and suggested I have an angiogram. Well, most iindaba readers know that this resulted in my having a triple bypass operation on Wednesday morning 10 June.

When I say, "... pulled me through so easily" I don't mean there was no pain etc! What happened was that on the Friday morning my bed in ICU was needed urgently, but there was no room for me in High Care, so I was taken through to E ward.

There I was well looked after but I had to do a lot more for myself than I would have done in high care ... so I just had to get on with it ... and so, got better fast! Praise God for your prayers!

I can still feel the 'steel-works' ... and will do for some time I hear! ... but, I am able to get on with my life again knowing that the Lord had gone ahead of me in seeing that I had the operation before I had a heart attack.

I praise God for heart by-pass operations (which were not around for my parents) and his enabling of the doctors, specialists and surgeons.

TEE College 2010 - Howard Lancaster

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Letter to the ed

Scori mis-quoted?

Americans tend to receive a fair bit of flak from around the world.

The indifference that the Episcopal Church has displayed towards the rest of the Anglican Communion has aggravated the position and means that people are likely to prejudge much of what they say.

We need, though, to be fair in our commenting. The reaction to the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Schori's Opening Address to the General Convention (iindaba August 2009) is a case in point. A recent communication from Anglican Mainstream SA which accuses her of attacking personal salvation highlights this.

The words "individual" and "personal" do not mean the same thing and she used only the former. What Katharine Schori said is what many have said, not least in South Africa in the dark

days of our past, that we cannot be saved without reference to others. The word "individual" relates to that. The old Prayer Book used to invite us to confession, not even Communion, with the words "Ye that ... are in love and charity with your neighbour".

We cannot be saved merely as individuals without reference to how we have related and are relating to others. That is surely all caught up in the word "repent". Our response must be personal but it cannot be individual, which is clear if one reads the whole of Presiding Bishop's address.

The comment on "reciting a verbal formula" is a similar misrepresentation. Just saying some words does not mean salvation any more than just receiving a piece of bread and wine means receiving Christ. Both are to be made "with faith

and thanksgiving" and the reference to the grace of God is absolutely clear in the Presiding Bishop's address.

Perhaps I am particularly sensitive on this one as I had an aunt who disowned me because I didn't share her racist views. I was constantly told that she had "given her heart" to Jesus, and while I do not want to question her salvation, I wonder how the good news was explained to her! I use the "verbal formula" myself but salvation involves much more than its mere recitation.

Finally, far from reacting to the reference to "individual", we should be telling the Episcopal Church to heed what she said. An individual relationship with God is surely no more feasible than the kind of individualism that that branch of the Church has displayed towards the rest of the Communion.

Howard Lancaster

Rector of All Saints', Kabega.

Book review - by Geoff Booth

Wm Paul Young: *The Shack*,

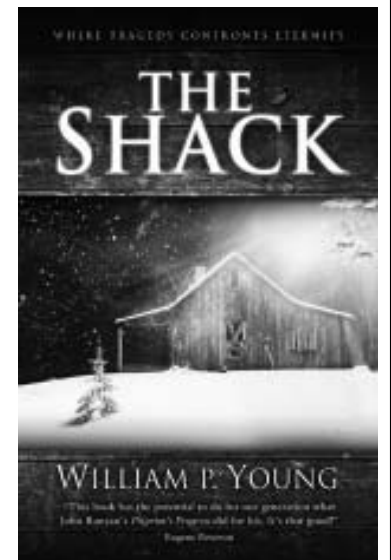
Windblown Media, Newbury Park, CA, 2007.

ISBN 978-0-9647292-3-0.

This novel, first published in 2007, initially attracted little attention, but has suddenly rocketed to being the no 1 bestseller of the *New York Times*, with over 3 million copies in print. It is the story of Mackenzie Allen Phillips (Mack), a seminary graduate who finds his theological training totally inadequate to handle his experience of life. Mack takes three of his children on a camping holiday in Oregon, where the youngest, Melissa (Missy) is abducted and murdered by a serial child-killer. Missy's body is not recovered, but her bloodstained dress is found in a dilapidated shack. Four years later, during his Great Sadness, Mack receives a cryptic letter from 'Papa' (the family acronym for God), inviting him to a weekend at the shack. Mack accepts and travels there in a borrowed vehicle. He discovered that the shack has been miraculously transformed into a magnificent log cabin.

Mack meets the three Persons of the Trinity in the shack. The Father (Papa) has the form of a large African-American woman, while Jesus is (accurately) a Middle Eastern Man. The Holy Spirit is a small Asian woman named Sarayu. Mack has various experiences with each of them, and sees Missy in Heaven. At the end of the weekend he returns to the everyday world a changed man. But then the story takes a number of unexpected twists and turns, which I will not reveal here for fear of spoiling it for prospective readers. Those who want a full summary without reading the book can find one easily enough on the Internet.

The Shack has come in for considerable criticism, principally from conservative-evangelical sources. It has been



called unbiblical, and there are claims that it downplays the holiness and righteousness of God. One website claims that the author has stated that he does not believe in the Atonement. If that is so, it does not come through in the story. At one stage Mack encounters an enigmatic woman named Sophia, who tells him that only two of his five children can go to Heaven, and he must choose which ones. Mack initially refuses to make that decision, then pleads, and finally offers to spend eternity in Hell in the place of his children. The message of Atonement comes through loud and clear here.

Not all evangelicals are critical of the book. Eugene Petersen says "This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his. It's that good." I agree. It is fiction to be sure, and it is certainly no theological treatise. But the story is poignant and powerful. Many have found it to be a valuable aid on their spiritual journey, and many more will no doubt do so. To the undecided, I say: Read a couple of chapters and make up your own mind. If you don't feel comfortable with it, put it down. But don't let the Teachers of the Law make that decision for you. They have been wrong before.

I believe - do you believe?

With the statement from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on the shared Communion cup the editor poses some questions:

As a 'low church' Anglican I believe that the wine and bread are symbolic of the Body and Blood of Jesus ... however, wine is a natural antiseptic so I believe I cannot be infected by the shared cup. I also understand that the wine becomes more infected when a person tinctures because the bread has picked up the germs from their hand before it is dipped into the wine ... and therefore can pose more of a hygienic problem.

'High church' Anglicans believe the consecrated elements become Christ's Body and his Blood. If this is so, I ask the following questions: How can one be infected with disease when drinking Christ's Blood? How deeply do High Church Anglicans really believe the mystery of Transubstantiation?

Is the consecration prayer earnestly believed or is it only a ritual?

I was at boarding school during the 1956 Asian Flu epidemic and more than half the school were in sick-bay, but when the rest of us went to Communion on Sundays nobody at the Cathedral in Pietermaritzburg turned away from the shared cup.

We have far better medication now ... so why the fuss ... ?

The Bishop writes... Pastors and teachers

My dear People of God,

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

You are aware by now that The Episcopal Church of United States (TEC) has been ripped apart by schism. A new Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) has been formed. This indeed is a regrettable situation in the history of our communion. The worst is that there are legal battles that still go on, despite the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury to put a moratorium to further ordinations of practicing gays and court disputes. We keep asking why this arrogance and disregard of the rest of the world-wide church? May the Lord deliver us from schism (cf. The Litany, APB p74). However, we still hope that there is no door that would shut completely to reconciliation, true repentance and amendment of life when we come to Christ (Mtt 11:28ff cf Mtt. 18:15-17; 6:14-15). Let us pray fervently for these sisters and brothers in Christ.

As a result of GAFCON the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (FCA) has been founded. The fellowship seeks to encourage believers, especially in our church, to give themselves to prayer and fasting; to engage in Bible studies and teaching as well as pastoral care, particularly for those finding themselves having homosexual orientation. This is in line with Lambeth 1998 Resolution 1.10 (d) "while rejecting homosexual practice as incompatible with scripture, calls on all our people to minister pastorally and sensitively to all irrespective of sexual

Bishop Bethlehem and David Stansbury with Pastor John Scholtz and his wife, Jane. John led the Growing the Church clergy forum and the lay leaders evening entitled 'Leading in the things that matter to God' on Tuesday 21 June.



orientation and to condemn irrational fear of homosexuals, violence within marriage and any trivialization and commercialization of sex".

The launch of FCA in our diocese seeks to influence the Bible believing Christian to lift up godly standards of morality within the church and communities of our world. The Church should not seek its agenda from the church, but should continue with the mandate of Christ to "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Mtt 28:16ff). You will be informed of any more developments on this issue by the BCC.

You should realise that the problem is deeper than the symptomatic homosexual practice. The crux of the matter is the lordship of Christ and the authority of Scripture. Instead of humble obedience to the Holy Writ, liberal theology with its use of Reason rejects some sections of scripture as being authentic, even to the

point of challenging Incarnation and Resurrection as not historical occurrences but just an idea. Salvation of individuals is regarded as heresy by the Most Revd Katherine Schori, the current presiding Bishop of TEC. This is highly disturbing to a believer. As The Litany prays, may we be delivered "from false doctrine, heresy and schism; from hardness of heart, and from contempt of your word and commandment" (APB p74).

As I conclude this letter, I am on my way to Synod of Bishops. You pray for us as indicated in our Intercession Leaflet. Continue to do so. God will never leave his Church. I strongly believe that in ACSA we shall stand together on the word of God so as to fulfill the prayer of Christ "that they may be one".

Yours in the love of Christ,

B. Bethlehem

Training them young



Tommy Horne

Holy Trinity Church in Central believes in training its members from a very young age for positions of leadership and responsibility.

Athizilungile Adonis and Aduma Tshengu, both 12 year old young ladies, are part of the team assisting with the control of the computer and data projector during services. Another member of the team is 11 year old Jarryd Stansbury.

One doesn't need to look very far to find a reason for this empowerment of the young when one learns that the rector, David Stansbury, became a lay minister at All Saints', Kabega Park, when he was only 18 years old. The then rector, David Scott, believed in 'training them young' and licensed three teenagers as lay ministers, all of whom are still very involved in ministry – Doreen Prinsloo in Australia and Garth Calder at St John's, Walmer. Both were just 20 when they were licenced, and many of his servers were just eight years old.

Athizilungile Adonis and Aduma Tshengu work the data projector at Holy Trinity during a Sunday morning service while the rector, David Stansbury, enjoys the singing.

St Saviour's 70



St Saviour's was overflowing at the 09h00 service on Sunday 30 August when they celebrated their 70th anniversary.

The worship was beautiful; Eddie's

sermon using a Susan Boyle clip was challenging; and the birthday cake and eats in the hall afterwards were delicious.

There from the start ... well, almost!

Joining in the 70th birthday celebrations at St Saviour's, Walmer, on Sunday 30 August was David Pearce (seen in front with friend Virginia Haddon) the third baby to be baptised in the newly built church. Also present were Tony and Joan Bradford who were the first couple to be married in the new church. At the back is the present rector, Eddie Daniels, while Archie Byrne was the rector who baptised David, and Donald Levey conducted the marriage service for Tony and Joan.

Claire Phelps has put an interesting commemorative publication together containing 'memoirs' from some of the long-standing members such as Doreen Twiss, Noelene Ellis, Dave Pearce and

Dennis Burkinshaw.

Obtainable from the parish office for R15 a copy. Tel: 041 581 5118.

On the move

- ❖ Archdeacon Sharon Nell adds the Sundays River Valley Parish to her rectorship of ZRV;
- ❖ Domenic Dube as associate-rector in the Parish of the Good Shepherd;
- ❖ Zola Nanana as priest-in-charge of St Michael and All Angels from 1 October.

Tag lines!



Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ iindaba extends condolences to two clergy whose loved ones died recently:

- The rector of Holy Spirit, KwaZakhele, Thokoza Mngomezulu's mother in Ingwavuma in KZN;
- Andy McCoy, brother of Mike died in East London in August. Mike's mother, Peggy, who lives in Grahamstown, was able to stay with Andy and his family for the last few days of his life. His sister Penny, who is married to a priest, Peter Silva, and lives in Oxford, England, was able to be at the funeral.

❖ There is a freshness to the Diocesan Intercessions. After compiling the intercessions for 25 years, Christopher Holmes, rector of St Hugh's, has 'hung up his pen', and the intercessions are now prepared by Gill Bowman, assistant in the Zwartkops River Valley Parish, and University Chaplain. Christopher 'inherited' the Intercessions from Daile Pillans, former rector of St Paul's, Parsons Hill, and Alexandria.

❖ The rector of St Francis Xavier, Mark Derry, was spotted in Port Elizabeth during his sabbatical, after he and his family went to the USA (including a visit to Disneyland) on a sponsored trip, and then he and Debbie were off to the UK for the blessing of a wedding. iindaba was wondering with modern technology if perhaps this could have been done via Skype! Well perhaps, but we're sure it was much better to be there in person.

❖ St Hugh's seems to be in the news!

- Doreen Collett, a 'retired' priest, who nonetheless continues with a much appreciated ministry, fell and broke her left arm near the shoulder. She was admitted to hospital where she underwent surgery, and then moved to Maranatha Frail Care where she could regain her strength before returning to her cottage;
- self-supporting deacon, Jean Budgen, has returned after spending some months in the UK with her elder daughter and family. Her return is most welcome, particularly with Doreen Collett's mishap. Whilst in England, Jean worshipped at the church where David Scott, previously rector of All Saints', Kabega Park, is the priest. Small world!

❖ Reg du Preez, for many years a preacher at All Saints', Kabega Park, died after a long illness very bravely borne. Reg was a great encourager, and was given the gift of discernment. iindaba extends condolences to his widow, Nola, and all his family.

❖ iindaba was shocked to hear of the murder of Nancy Norton from Redhouse. Nancy, a member of St Nicholas, Redhouse, was brutally killed for her bicycle. Aged 82, Nancy was taking her dogs for a run when she was attacked. We uphold her husband, Mike, and all the family, before God. Her funeral was held in St Nicholas last month.

❖ God works in mysterious ways. Larry Pow Chong, churchwarden of St Francis Xavier, Kabega Park, always hoped that his parents would be baptised. Retired priest Peter Evers, who is assisting at St Francis Xavier, baptised both Larry's parents, Shun Sing and Chuk Ying. Barely two months later, Larry's father, Shun Sing, died. Once again iindaba can bear witness to God's timing, showing his love and grace, as we extend our condolences to Shun Sing's family.

❖ iindaba congratulates Josephine Cotton, a member of the Order of St Simon of Cyrene, who recently celebrated her 96th birthday. Josephine is a long-standing member of Christ the King.

Gender Desk makes it happen

Women of Valour share their stories



Right - Leanne Naidoo, Ethel Pittaway and singer, Anika.

left - From St Barnabas were Marie Stone, Denise Fortuin and Monica Wright.

Leanne Naidoo, currently in private practice as a Counselling Psychologist, was the main speaker at this year's Women of Valour afternoon held at St Nicholas in Charlo on Saturday 15 August.

The title of her talk was 'Exclusion and Embrace - The Challenge of the Unfamiliar.' She challenged the women to embrace those who are, or appear to be, different from us and looked at what affects our

prejudices and said we need to be an extension of Jesus' love to help heal the hurts in our communities.

Among the ten 'Women of Valour' who shared their story in three minute slots at the Women of Valour afternoon were Debbie Vencencie whose policeman husband had been shot while on duty; quadriplegic Kingfisher Radio announcer, Petra Koen; Gerda Dormeyl - who walked the Wall of China



(and donated prizes of two lounge 'make-overs' from Décor Dive), Nomvuyo Sibiza - who works with the elderly in Walmer Qebera) and Erna Jonker from FAMSA. Mrs Matsolo was St Matthew's Woman of Valour and Khunjie Adams of St Peter's.

Besides St Nicholas only four other parishes hosted tables - St Matthew's in KwaMagxaki, Holy Trinity in Central, St Michael and All Angels in Schauderville and St Barnabas in Sidwell.

Seminar a great success



Time to get to know one another at the seminar, and discuss some points raised.

Participants at the workshops discovered God's ideal for

marriage and family life and were provided with the opportunity to discuss with other leaders how to apply this ideal to challenges facing marriage and family today.

EIM promotes biblical teachings on equal dignity and potential for unity among all human beings in Christ, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, education, social or family status.

The 2009 team came to Port Elizabeth after conducting seminars to the Nairobi staff from the International Justice Mission in Kenya, the Anglican diocese in Uganda, First Lady of Burundi and leaders in Malawi.

Ethel Pittaway

The Gender Desk arranged a very successful three-day seminar 'New Man, New Woman, New Life' from 29 June to 2 July, followed by a one-day seminar, 'Redeeming the Changing Family' on 2 July.

Dr Carrie Miles and her team, Dr Sarah Nutter and Dave Nutter from Empower International Ministries, were the facilitators and the topics covered subjects such as 'What has shaken the institution on marriage and family life in modern societies,' and 'What are the biblical ideals are for marriage and family?'

Bingo and soup

Pam Brown



On Wednesday 22 August the ladies of St Mark's, Humansdorp, prepared the soup, and after a little bingo the different varieties underwent sampling by parishioners Noel, Ronnie, Dougie and Dennis.

Christian Medical Fellowship of South Africa (CMF) and Healthcare Christian Fellowship International (HCFI).

With Healthcare Sunday rapidly approaching on 18 October, we compiled a brochure for distribution among the churches. We invite you to download it from our website. Feel free to print out the brochure and make copies for distribution - there is no copyright on it. You can choose between versions with or without pictures, in English or in Afrikaans.

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Guild celebrates

Xoliswa Jack

The Guild of St Mary Magdalene celebrated their patronal festival on 9 August and it was a blessing to all because it coincided with the Women's Day.

The preacher was Mrs Dwane whose theme was "Show your love by being tolerant with one another." She said that love starts in oneself because we are created in the image of God, we have been forgiven our sins therefore we must make peace with ourselves in order to be able



Guild members dance as they bring their gift of a microwave oven to the church.

to love your neighbour. She said, "Let's plant love where we are. Love your enemies and pray for them. Finally: God loves us all - In God's eyes we are all the same."

Women's Day celebration

Pam Niekerk

The Kitchen Working Committee (KWC) at the Parish of Christ the King did it again with a smart function celebrating the goodness of women on



Saturday 8 August in the church hall. The guest speakers were Lauren Jonas, and Roslyn Baatjies of NMMU (who soke on having been involved in a taxi accident). A beautiful Spiritual dance was done by members of the Kitchen Working Committee (seen above).

On Sunday, 9 August visiting priest, Abigail Tukulu, graced the congregation with her presence.

New Diocesan President

Linda Ncaca

The 9th biennial conference of MU Christian Family Life took place from 26 - 29 March and Mazoe Nopece was elected their new Diocesan President.



The President, Mazoe Nopece, speaks.

With the theme of 'Choose to be revived in Christ the Cornerstone', the delegates were challenged by the motivational message given by Bishop Behlehem. He said he was setting before them the vision of Jesus Christ the Lord and they need have no fears as he is their saviour. They need to be 'born again' and become ambassadors of the Word of God.

The Mayor, Nondumiso

Maphazi, touched on the need for women to support each other so that women can rise.

The newly elected president, Mazoe Nopece, shared what she felt her the meaning of her role to be and her goals for the next three years. She also said she hoped to see effective and efficient administration and the need for more projects focussing on HIV/AIDS and poverty.

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