

What a vibe!



Listening to a question posed by one of the young people are four clergy members of the panel - Xana McCauley, Zweli Tom, Abigail Tukulu and Ruby Zauka.



As Modern Tribe played the young people showed how much they enjoyed the beat of the music by dancing in the aisles.

What a vibrant atmosphere was felt in the Cathedral on Saturday 10 May when about 150 young, and not so young, people gathered for the 'I'm the one' Conference.

The full title was, 'I'm the one, saved by God to make a difference' (Eph 2:8) and the dynamic MC, Mxolisi Makapela, did not allow anyone to forget it. Once the sound and data projector problems were sorted out and the conference got under way it was enjoyed by everyone. St Luke's music group kept the vibe going in between the various speakers and the panel discussion.

Assistant priest at Holy Trinity Central and former youth chaplain, Nicolette Leonard, was the keynote speaker. Her topic was "How Spirit-filled

believers live (as a group, individually and interpersonally with a focus on gender issues)". She said that we are not powerless to fight the evil around us such as lust, self (eg 'selfies') and negativity. Eph 6 tells us how we should be transformed. She went on to speak of women being seen as sex objects, treated as slaves, abused etc but that Jesus came to restore what God intended - all are equal in the world, but that the church was resisting this restoration because there was fear of change from the status quo. God creates both men and women in his image and gave them the responsibility of ruling over everything and in Galatians, Paul reminds the church we are all one in Christ. On the personal side she posed the question, "Does your partner make you

feel loved, supported and encouraged?" and said that if not, then get out of that relationship. She closed by saying that there are many Godly women who have the talents to transform the parishes they're in.

Nicolette was followed by a panel of four clergy, Xana McCauley, Zweli Tom, Abigail Tukulu and Ruby Zauka who answered questions posed by the young people. Questions ranged from 'How do we resist temptation?' and 'How do we make our committees/councils see our capabilities as women?' to 'Why do victims of sexual abuse not get out?'

The 'Grand finale' of the morning filled with a wonderful 'vibe' was the appearance of Modern Tribe who had everyone dancing in the aisles.

Anglicans Ablaze

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2-5 July

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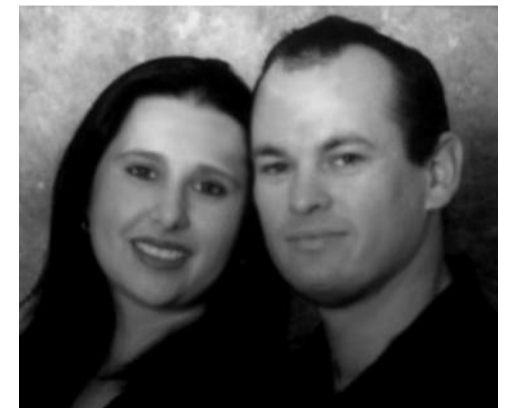
Almighty God, consuming fire of love,
You have given us the vision
Anchored in the Love of Christ,
Committed to your mission and
Transformed by the Holy Spirit

We seek
To honour you in living worship,
To embody and proclaim
the Good News and
To grow communities of faith

Set us ablaze with your power and love
To build up your Church
And serve you in the world
To your praise and glory

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

The Bishop has a new secretary



Bishop Bethlehem has a new executive secretary, Adele Erasmus seen here with her husband Dean.

Adele and Dean have two boys, Luke in grade 6 and Jason in grade 2. She told iindaba, "We worship at Holy Trinity in Central where I was the PA and Secretary to David Stansbury for almost 10 Years, before embarking on a traumatic experience working at the Forensic Science Laboratory for two years until I began this job. I love interacting with people and have the gift of compassion. Dean and I are cell leaders and both assist with prayer ministry. I also assist teaching in Sunday School. Dean is in the worship group and assists with the healing and deliverance ministry. I believe God has placed me in this new position for a reason and I look forward to being a blessing in this ministry.

Standing in solidarity with abducted girls



Seen here are some of the crowd who gathered at the Donkin to pray for the Nigerian schoolgirls who have been abducted.

Boko Haram, and to give thanks for those who had managed to escape.

The rector of Holy Trinity, David Stansbury,

clergy and parishioners from 11 of the churches in Central gathered on the Donkin on Saturday 7 June to show solidarity with the girls and support for the families of the 276 young girls abducted from their school in Nigeria by

led the time of praise and prayer and said, "We are praying for the safety and the release of the girls and standing in solidarity with their families ... as well as our brothers and sisters in all the churches in Africa who are under fire of

persecution by Muslim radical groups." The prayers were powerful as Christians from many nations who worship in the many churches in the area called upon God to intervene against the evil of Boko Haram and enable the girls' safe release. The Islamist group's name means (roughly translated) 'western education is a sin'.

God had already blessed the gathering with a beautiful day and as they sang and prayed their numbers swelled as passers-by saw the placards and joined the group. The gathering was brought together by the Central Fraternal Churches and MOR 4 Central.

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#Bringbackourgirls campaign

This hash tag was used on most of the posters held by those attending the gathering.

Some of the countries where Christians are persecuted: North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Maldives, Pakistan, Iran, and Yemen.

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Clergy enjoy dinner



Nicky and Eddie Daniels, Tommy and Valerie Maulgas, Rene de Wet and Lynn de Donker.



Vincent Mdidimba, Dudley and Carolyn Greenshields, David and René Grobbelaar and Nomhle Mdidimba.



Lorraine Fraser, Jacob and Marie Plaatjies, Alwylene and Ronnie Allwright and Winston Bright.



Tembela and Fumi Kula, Sipambo Ludidi, Lungile Ngcola, Zandisile Ndzwane, and Phumla and Nomsa Mtila.



Sandla and Pumla Koltana, Zodwa and Mziwoxolo Nodwela with a couple of visitors.



Lindy Stansbury, Glenis and Rowan Jacobs, Claire and Craig Phelps, Bisi Fadeyi-Adetuberu, Andrew and Juliet Watt and David Stansbury.

The Annual Clergy and Spouses Fellowship Dinner hosted by Bishop Bethlehem and Mazoe was a little bit different this year as Pastor Neville Goldman from the Algoa Assemblies of God was the guest speaker. The dinner was held at Christ the King hall on 16 May.

Bishop Bethlehem welcomed all the clergy and spouses and introduced all the 'new faces' since last gathering. He spoke of the frustrations faced by clergy and the need to rise like eagles above the storms, for the Lord to bless us so we can bless others. He also reminded the clergy that this was his way of showing his appreciation to the clergy and their spouses.

Pastor Neville spoke of the Christian leaders in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropole having come together as one to claim back the city for God. He said the role of the church is critical at this time and must be strong in addressing

issues as it had been during the struggle. A committee from the leaders has divided the city into 60 wards, of which 33 are made up of very poor people. The leaders are looking to the churches to help address things like the socio-economic problems. He asked our clergy to find their 'Ward Champion' and work with them to help transform the city. He reminded the clergy that Jesus had said they were to make disciples of all people.

Pastor Neville said the leaders are challenging those in power and looking for integrity, good service delivery, addressing the educational system, crime and unemployment. He asked that everyone please keep the church leaders in their prayers that the Metropole may be transformed.

Christ the King put on a wonderful spread and all enjoyed the evening.

A comment from the editor Honouring the House of God

So, the bride is late, or the speakers at the funeral are going on ... and on ... or, perhaps it's a gathering for one of the many organisations in the diocese - men's, women's or youth, and food is served, or you go out and buy KFC etc. What do you do with the papers, boxes, bottles etc afterwards? Throw them on the floor?

The problem is that so often of late when this has happened the church has been left filthy with bones thrown on the floor, KFC boxes, empty bottles or cups strewn around and sweet papers etc everywhere. For goodness sake, isn't this the House of God we are talking about? Do you leave your house looking dirty like this? No (or I hope not)! So why do you leave rubbish thrown on the floor of the Cathedral or whichever church where the event is happening?

It is a sad indictment on the children of God that they show so little respect for our Lord's house ... and this impacts on the fact that although God gave us dominion over the earth - to care for it - we are leaving it in a mess!

A thought to remember: *"To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it."* Deut 10:14

Learning to Give

Duduzile Mbebe



Jeanete Vlabok and Chumisa Mentjies enjoying the Cheese and Wine evening at St Augustine's.

A very informative time was had at a cheese and wine party held on 10 May at St Augustine's in Gqebera Walmer. This was part of a fund raising effort to support the church financially, hosted by the Masakhane Prayer Group. The name Masakhane means "let's build each other" and the guest speaker, former priest of the diocese, Lulamile Ngesi (now chaplain in the navy) had started this prayer group when he was at the church.

Lulamile spoke on giving, using Genesis 22:2 and John 3:16, and said one needs to give oneself first, just as God gave what was most precious - his Son Jesus Christ. He said that when Christians give without holding back they will be looked after because God has impeccable timing and things just fall into place and that giving comes with sacrifice. Also that giving is to God not to the church, the assessment etc because if Christians view giving as something to do with others, other than God, then it's no longer serving its purpose.

The event was very uplifting and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident. It was a wonderful evening and we enjoyed the delicious food that was prepared.

New car blessed



Correctional services, has been promoted as Area Coordinator of Development and Care entrusted with a task of supervising a chaplain and managers of professional staff. She is based at Mthatha. She is seen here with the rector Thokoza Mngomezulu during the blessing of her car.

It was the day of praise and thanksgiving at Holy Spirit in KwaZakhele when Thembe Tom's new car was blessed by the rector, Thokoza Mngomezulu. Thembe, who is the chaplain in the Department of

Enjoying fellowship

Enjoying fellowship over lunch at Angelo's in Walmer on 4 June were some of our women clergy. Seen standing are Claire Phelps, Carole Meyer and Sharon Nell, while seated are Bisi Fadeyi-Adetuberu and Hazel Goodfellow.



The Bishop writes ... A time to pray under God

My Dear People of God,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose Spirit endows believers with power, love and sound mind, Alleluia!

At the Bishops' Prayer meeting in the Bible Society in June we were reminded of the importance of prayer in the life of the Church. Jesus prayed for the Church, and in his life of prayer commanded that people ought to pray and not to faint (Jn 17; Mtt 6:5ff). The Anglican Prayer Book gives us two major forms of prayer, viz the Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer and the Eucharist or the Great Thanksgiving. The Benedictine Order prays seven times a day. When we take time to pray, things happen.

South Africa needs a praying Church at this point and time. Our City prayers and ecumenical services are generally not well attended. What could be the reasons? Kindly give feedback to Frankie and Archdeacon Mark Derry. We gave thanks to God for the peaceful elections. Very few people attended the important prayer gathering. This leaves us with a searching question: Do we really pray for this country and do people publicise these widely, particularly in our context in the City of Port Elizabeth? In both Church and cell groups we must continue to pray for the new government, the President and his Deputy and the ministers of State who have been announced. The prayer items are: good godly governance, delivery of services, honesty, competence and integrity, creation of jobs, mining industry and stability in strikes and unions, and as I write this letter platinum miners seem to be reaching settlement with Amcu after much straits and losses of more than R32.2 billion in this mining industry. Education and health will always be priorities for the life of a nation. Say these prayers and put them before the mercy seat of God daily. Take time to pray.

Municipality is the face of the government on the ground at grassroots level. We continue as Church leadership to pray



Bishop Bethlehem and Mazoe with Pastors Neville and Roji Goldman at the Clergy and Spouses Fellowship Dinner. Pastor Neville was the guest speaker.

Africa is destabilised by war, killings, maimings, poor governance and greed for power, and repressive governments particularly on women and children who suffer most severe consequences. The Boko Haram kidnappings and

in the office of the Mayor every Tuesday morning at 08h00. The Church in Port Elizabeth in the sixty City Wards has set up committees that are going to work with councillors in reaching deadlines and fulfilling promises of delivery. The recent unrest in Walmer Township on electricity supply is the result of unfulfilled delivery promises with no follow up explanations. This causes great frustration to the ratepayers as electricity cuts are a prominent feature. When I conducted teaching sessions at St Augustine's we finished one session in darkness through no fault of the community of faith I had visited. It is these non delivery services which cause a lot of anger to the people of South Africa, manifested in strikes and instability, while the elite are well-off economically. We have angry people in our homes, sadly in churches also, streets and work places manifested in drivers and those assigned duty to serve the public. So take time to pray for inner peace, friendliness and love in all our people.

killing of people in and around the City of Jos in North Nigeria, the Central African Republic, and West Africa and so on are but a few examples of suffering caused by humans to others. Africa bleeds. The Middle East is an area of continued concern on instability.

South Africa needs people with a forgiving heart for inner peace. The Church must demonstrate this and be more embracing, than judging the already depressed and oppressed people, to set an example to the unkind and cruel world. The Transformation process we have embarked upon, inter alia, seeks to put value in people with effective machinery to perform that ministry.

Let us mobilise ourselves as the Church of Christ in prayer and unity, with bonds of love, forgiving one another and pray fervently for these things.

Do not forget the time to pray.

B. Bethlehem

A musical feast



Some of those who enjoyed the afternoon of praise were: Standing - Pumla Makeleni (St Stephen's), Bill and Ros Holderness (Holy Trinity) and Hebe Usher (St John's). Sitting - Barbara Evans with Claire and Jack Hughes (all from St Paul's).

St John's church in Walmer was full of music enthusiasts when the Royal School of Church Music held their Eleventh Annual Thanksgiving Service

on Saturday 24 May.

The wonderful organ playing by Justin Stone helped lift everyone's voices as they sang favourite hymns - older ones together with some newer ones. It was a well-planned programme of hymns, responsory prayer and readings. The new chairman, Thomas Horne, gave thanks for all the blessings of the past year and the work done by his predecessor, Jenny Yates, who as secretary gave a background to many of the hymns chosen.

A feast of music enjoyed by all who attended - as were the tea and eats afterwards.

Celebrating 90

Margie Miller



Winnie Alexander being greeted at her birthday party in the Cathedral hall.

Winnie Alexander celebrated her 90th birthday at a wonderful tea after the Wednesday Service at the Cathedral, as well as having a great family gathering in the hall on the Saturday evening. Winnie was born in Earl Street, South End on 14 April - very much a "laat lammetjie." Her parents died when she was very young and her sister Clemmie worked while Winnie ran the home. They attended St Peter's until everyone was moved from South End when they began worshipping at St Mary's.

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ *iindaba* gives thanks for many of our clergy who are recovering from operations:

- John Davis had a heart triple by-pass. He is staying with his daughter in Gauteng for the next month or so. Please pray too for his wife Joan as she will play an integral part in getting John up and about and back on his feet again;
- Angela Hambury had hip replacement;
- David Grobbelaar had elbow surgery;
- Jogra Gallant was in hospital with severe asthma;
- Sharon Nell has had further surgery to her knee.

Please continue to pray that they all have full recovery so they are able to continue their ministry for our Lord.

❖ Our archivist Warren Morris has had another spell in hospital and *iindaba* asks for continued prayer for him.

❖ Mother of retired priest Terry Beadon has been discharged from Greenacres Hospital after an operation and moved to Aurora Rehabilitation Centre. She is making a slow but steady recovery and *iindaba* asks for prayer for her and the family.

❖ *iindaba* also asks for soaking prayer for a former priest from our diocese - Solomon Nkesiga. He was diagnosed with a tumour on the liver which was malignant. He had to fly to India for an operation which took place on 6 June. He will be starting chemotherapy and investigations are underway to find out whether the chemotherapy can be followed up at home so that they don't have to stay in New Delhi for 2½ months. Please also cover Diana and the two boys with prayer as they deal with all the trauma.

❖ *iindaba* is sad to report the death of retired priest, Michael Gale on Saturday 6 June and sends condolences to the family. May they feel the love of our Lord Jesus surround them as they mourn.

❖ *iindaba* asks prayers for the editor's grandson Pan who was born with a hemangioma (growth) in the throat and has had to have a tracheotomy inserted to assist his breathing.

❖ *iindaba* reports that on 18 May Lambeth Palace issued the following statement in response to reports about the Archbishop of Canterbury's position on same-sex marriage: "The Archbishop has said before that he accepts the right of Parliament to change the law and that the Church should continue to demonstrate the love of Christ for every person. The Archbishop voted against the Same-Sex Marriage Act in the House of Lords last year."

Clergy on the move

❖ Hazel Goodfellow will be taking over as rector of St Mark and St John from 1 July;

❖ Zola Nanana will become the rector of St Mary Magdalene from 1 November;

❖ Mzamo Gojela will be licenced as a self-supporting priest to look after Paterson area. He has moved here from the Diocese of Mthatha.

❖ *iindaba* is sad to announce the departure of Rene de Wet who will be moving to the Diocese of False Bay because of her husband being transferred to that area.

❖ Not mentioned in the last *iindaba* among those up for ordination was Pam Goodwin who was priested on Trinity Sunday. Pam ministers in the Bushmansriver area of the Parish of Alexandria.

Tag lines!



Every day we draw nearer
to our dying day.
Who has time to quarrel?

A road worth travelling



The group of women from St Cuthbert's who enjoyed a wonderful retreat during May.

A group of women from St Cuthbert's in Central enjoyed a retreat led by assisting priest Karen Groepe and Esther Baxter which was held at St Luke's Retreat Centre over the weekend 9 and 10 May.

Jane Cowen was on the retreat and gave this testimony: How appropriate it seemed to me, our theme of Dancing in the Rain. I had experienced a torrent of a week in terms of shocks and setbacks, and arrived feeling emptied out and anxious that I would be unable to make a positive contribution.

We began our allegorical journey as travellers in faith, where women often find themselves – in the valley – where Habakkuk had seen only desolation yet found 'strength and joy in the Lord'. Desolation in our lives must not become desolation of our selves – we may be wading through mud but we are not to become of the mud.

We learned that our faith hike is best undertaken in fellowship and always in the safety and clarity of daylight – the Light of Christ. We are warned against travelling companions that can sabotage our path. We were reminded not to be overloaded, to travel light and remember to stop often to assuage our thirst with 'living water' and to avoid spiritual exhaustion by eating regularly of the 'bread of life'. Haste should not prevent us taking in the scenery of our journey with God and we were urged to rest and reflect - to evaluate our progress in terms of eternal, not material gains.

We are to 'encourage one another', and so it was that I was transformed by my fellow retreaters whose acceptance and honesty showed me I don't have to go it alone.

Fellowship at fête and fayre held on Saturday 7 June



Some 'friendly persuasion' from Caroline Bradfield as she tries to sell a beautiful baby doll to Zeld van Niekerk at the Cathedral fête in the Walmer Town hall.



A time to remember



With lit candles, those who have lost loved ones through AIDS came forward to place a ribbon in remembrance of them.

On 1 June a candle-lighting service in solidarity with people living with AIDs and a time of remembrance of those who have died from AIDs related diseases was held at Holy Spirit in KwaZakhele. The AIDs remembrance services are always held on a Sunday because the Lord rose from the dead on the first day of the week.

Noni Mdaka from Hospice was the guest speaker and she spoke of how things have changed because of access to anti-retroviral treatment. She said people still need to get alongside those living with AIDs and help families through their time of need.

Vuyokazi Ndayi lit the AIDs candle from which others took the flame before the candle was handed to the rector Thokoza Mngomezulu to place in the sanctuary.

Veterans rewarded

Songezo Mfazwe



Holding their long service award certificates after the presentation are members of the Bernard Mizeki Guild.

On 24 May the Bernard Mizeki Men's guild family acknowledged the support and contribution given by its veterans during the years since its inception in our diocese around 1972. Acknowledgement Certificates were awarded to 56 guilders out of ±300 with five stalwarts receiving long service awards for 42 years. The ceremony was held at St Stephen's in New Brighton and the certificates were presented by the diocesan president Archdeacon Ste Rini assisted by three members of the diocesan executive. This was the first time these awards had been made within the Guild and on analysing the lengths of service and ages of recipients, it was good to realize that just 19% have been with the Guild for over 20 years which means that there are 81 % young and supposedly vibrant guilders who can carry and fulfil the guilds aspirations and objectives.

The diocese will be hosting the 17th Triennial Provincial Conference of the Guild from 18-22 June at Nangoza Jebe hall in New Brighton. This will be only the second time it has been held here, the other was in 1988 and was held at Holy Spirit in KwaZakhele.

The Bernard Mizeki Guild was introduced to the diocese by the Revd Dilika Qabazi from Cape Town and the Revds JG Dumezweni and Douglas Mbopa from PE.

Left - Young Luke Clotz, with the tray, was one of the very energetic waiters at the St Hugh's Fayre Tea Garden. Enjoying being served by him are members of the Mostert family, Jason, Anton and Caitlyn.

Once again it is time for all the fêtes, fayres and bazaars around the diocese. Do let iindaba know well ahead of time if you want your one advertised.

Resident Social Worker for Haven



Haven volunteer Saskia Nettler from Germany has a sun-break in the garden with the Resident Social Worker, Duduzile Mbebe.

Having been a volunteer at the House of Resurrection Children's Haven during her second and third years of University, and then as a Student Social Worker doing her practical training from July to December during her final year, Duduzile Mbebe has now become the Resident Social Worker for the Haven.

Dudu's focus is on the needs of the children and the mothers in the foster-cluster home situation. She is looking at four areas of need: 'Belonging, Mastery (having self-control), Independence and Generosity'. She recently took a group to the beach on a team-building outing and is very involved with the family reunification programme. The hope is that as they get to know their background they will be able to "be" a whole person. She is encouraging the children to do the things other children do in a 'normal' home situation, such as making tea, washing dishes, tidying and looking after their own toiletries etc. She is teaching them skills so they can become independent and they are learning to give as well as receive as they reach out to other less fortunate children.

Dudu's salary is sponsored by Australia Aids South Africa who, when their representatives visited the Haven were so impressed with the transition taking place and the change to family homes that they felt this was where their sponsorship should go.

A year of celebrations

It is a year of celebrations for the Parish of St Mary Magdalene in West End. They are celebrating their 40th year and Christ the King in Gelvandale is celebrating their half-century.

St Mary Magdalene

They have already held some very successful events such as a Valentine's Ball in February and a Mother's Day Treat in May. They have planned many more events which they hope will be supported by the diocesan family:

Friday 18 July – Debutante Ball in the West End Community Centre;

Friday 21 November – Dinner Dance with the Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, as the guest of honour;

Sunday 23 November – Eucharist with Confirmation, presided over by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.

Tickets for all the above events can be obtained from Gladys Bowers: 076 053 8726 or 041 456 2266.

Christ the King

No news has been sent in but readers who have been part of the parish who would like to celebrate with them can contact them on: 041 452 2465.

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