

## We have a Bishop Elect!

As promised, this is a 'Stop Press' to introduce you to our Bishop-elect, Canon Grant Walters.

### *Our Bishop Elect writes ...*

*Dear Diocesan Family,*

I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make the elective assembly run smoothly. Thank you to Archdeacon Claire and the parish of St John's for hosting the assembly.

As we enter the holy Season of Advent, we are reminded that Advent is a time of watchfulness, hope, and renewed expectation. Advent encourages us to pause amid life's busyness, as we prepare our homes and hearts for the coming of Christ, both in remembrance of His birth and in anticipation of His return. This pause is not about doing nothing; it is a time to prepare our homes with the symbolic things that remind us of the Season of Advent and, moreover, prepare our hearts by being ever mindful of the reason for the season.

We prepare our hearts through Prayer and Pause: By slowing down and setting aside dedicated moments for quiet prayer, reflection, and holy listening; through Repentance, Renewal, and Reconciliation: By turning back toward God through honest self-examination so that we may walk more faithfully with God and one another; through Hope and Helpfulness: Clinging to the promise that God will never leave us or forsake us,



**Archbishop Thabo Makgoba congratulates Grant Walters on his election as our Bishop Elect.**



**Grant with daughter Zia and wife Abigail.**

**Right - Advisory Committee with Archbishop Thabo.**

**We welcome  
you as our new  
shepherd!**



Emmanuel – God with us. We are called to share that hope with those who find life uncertain and overwhelming - the vulnerable, lonely, forgotten, depressed, and destitute.

In these ways, preparing our homes and hearts is less about doing something extraordinary and more about opening ourselves to the One who is always drawing near. Christ comes to those hearts that have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control and are willing, humble, hopeful, expectant, and reconciliatory.

With lots of love, grace and peace

*Grant, Abigail, Zia and Zeus our dog*

### **Who is our Bishop Elect Grant Walters?**

**He is the Provincial Executive Officer;**

**As such he is the Administrative head of ACSA, which means he is responsible for the implementation of:**

**Synod of Bishops;**

**Provincial Synod;**

**Provincial Standing Committee.**

**He is also a member of:**

**Provincial Trusts Board;**

**Provincial Finance Board;**

**Canon Law Council;**

**Safe and Inclusive Church;**

**Hope Africa.**

**He was a volunteer counselor for Lifeline/ChildLine, but he is not a counsellor at this time.**



**Above - Grant with Secunder, Barbara Cairns and Proposer, Robin Berhens, the Rector of the Parish of the Good Shepherd.**

