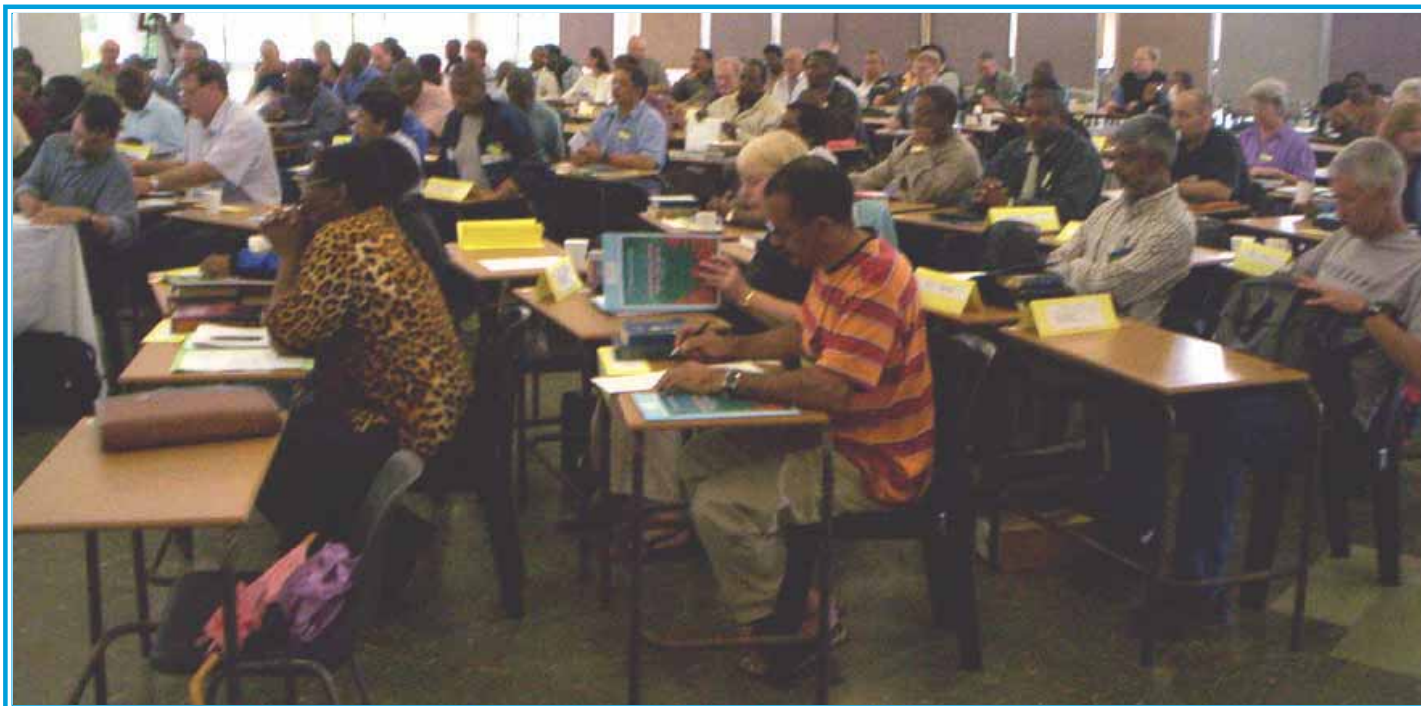


# NATAL ANGLICAN NEWS

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## Arise and Build!

–Nehemiah 2

## Stimulating Clergy Synod

“Inspirational – Challenging – Refreshing – Threatening – Enlightening”

This was the missionary theme of the Clergy Synod based on Nehemiah 2 which was eloquently expounded by Dr Makhosi Nzimande and enthusiastically promoted by Bishop Graham Cray of Maidstone at the gathering of 120 clergy in Pinetown at the end of January.

The spirit of the Synod was well summarised by one member in his reaction to the week, who wrote “Inspirational – Challenging – Refreshing – Threatening – Enlightening”

A Special Edition of Anglican News containing the detailed record of the proceedings has been produced for circulation through all the parishes in due course, in order that every parishioner in the Diocese can be put fully

into the picture, and to provide material for study at parochial level.

This is to ensure the fullest commitment to the campaign by

everyone, following the example of the Bishops who have themselves made a formal pledge of commitment

Preparations are meanwhile also

being made by the anglican-inspired “Soul Survivor” movement for a city-wide ecumenical mission to the people of Durban in 2009.

**Suggested Old Testament and Psalm for Sundays during Lent to fit in with the Diocesan “Arise and Build” theme. The New Testament and Gospel readings remain the same as in the lectionary.**

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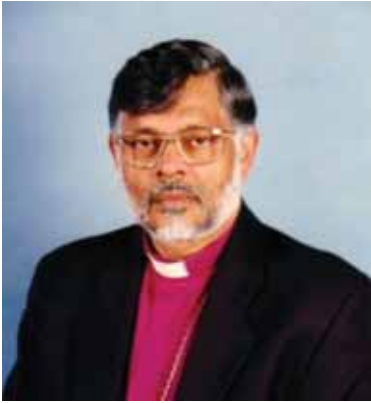
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Psalm 4



# Bishop's letter

## NDDF Lent 2006



We invite your support for the refurbishment of the Rectory at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mpophomeni Parish

Mpophomeni Parish was originally known as the Parish of Inhlosane. It was established in 1965 and grew very quickly. The local congregation had originally worshipped at St Mary's, Howick. As a result of the Group Areas Act the people were forced to move to Mpophomeni and the property was sold. Mpophomeni is situated about a twenty minute drive from Howick. It has a population of about 50 thousand people with unemployment at around 80%. HIV/Aids also causes untold

suffering and hardship.

As a result of the development of Mpophomeni, and the growing Anglican community, Revd Enoch Gumede made an application to build a church in 1972. Permission was granted in 1976 and a site was allocated. In 1977 the NDDF Lent Appeal was directed towards raising funds for the building. Revd Gumede was a qualified builder and oversaw the building of the Rectory as well as being the driving force behind the building of the church. The church was consecrated on 19 December 1981 by Vicar General Alfred Mkize. In 1985 this Parish became known as the Parish of Mpophomeni cum Mpofana.

For the past five years there has been no resident Priest in the Rectory and the Parish has received ministry from various non-stipendiary clergy. This lack of a full-time Zulu speaking Clergy person has been a cause of great concern. In November 2005, Bishop Ruben Phyllip appointed Revd Thulani Ngcobo as the Rector of the Parish starting in January 2006. Thulani is an experienced Priest with a passion for Church growth and Church planting. We are thrilled at his appointment. He is sure to fill a large gap in the regional clergy team and bring much needed ministry to this place of much pain and suffering.

The Rectory requires considerable work to make it suitable for him to move into this year. We would be most grateful if you would give generously to this project and partner with us in making it into an appropriate home for the Rector and his family.

With my prayers for a blessed Lent, I am yours in Christ + **Rubin, Bishop of Natal**

Sicela ukuba nixhase ukuvuselelwa kwendlu yoMfundisi eChurch of the Good Shepherd, kwisifundaMpristi saseMpophomeni.

IsifundaMpristi saseMpophomeni sasaziwa ngokuthi yisifundaMpristi saseNhlosane. Sasungulwa ngo1965 sabe sesikhula ngokukhulu ukushesha. Ibandla lasendaweni laliqale lasonta eSt Mary's, eHowick. Ngenxa yomthetho wobandlululo owawuphoqa abantu ukuba bagudluke ezindaweni ababakhe kuzo (Group Areas Act), abantu baphoqwa ukuba bagudluke ngokunjalo nempahla yabo yadayiswa. IMpophomeni iyibanga eliyimizuzu engamashumi amabili ukusuka eHowick uma umuntu ehamba ngemoto. Inesibalo sabantu ababalelwa ezinkulungwaneni eziyishumi (50 thousand) abahlala kuyo kanye nezinga lokuntuleka kwemisebenzi elingamaphesenti ayisishiyagalombili (80%). IHIV/AIDS nayo ibangela ukukhandleka nobunzima obukhulu.

Ngenxa yentuthuko yaseMpophomeni, nokukhula komphakathi webandla laseSheshi, uMfundisi Enoch Gumede wenza isicelo sokwakhiwa kwebandla ngo1972. Imvume yanikezwa ngo1976 kanti nesizinda sokwakha sabiwa ngokunjalo. Ngo1977 isicelo sokuxhasa ukwakha sikaLenti (NDDF) sanikezelwa ekukhushulweni kwesikhwama sezimali nasekwakhiweni kwendlu yesonto. UMfundisi Gumede wayengumakhi oqeqeshiwe ngakhoke wazengamelela ngokwakhe ukwakhiwa kwendlu yomfundisi kanti futhi wabamba iqhaza elibalulekile ekugququzeleni ukwakhiwa kwendlu yesonto. Indlu yesonto yabusiwa ngomhlaka 19 Disemba 1981 nguVicar General Alfred Mkize. Ngo1985 lesisifundaMpristi saziwa ngesifundaMpristi saseMpophomeni nase Mpofana.

Kuleminyaka emihlanu edlulileyo bekungekho Mfundisi ohlalayo endlini yomfundisi kodwa lesisifundaMpristi besithola ukusizwa nokunakekelwa ngabefundisi abehlukene abangaholelwa yiDiocese. Lokhukungabibikho koMfundisi osebenza ngokugcwele okhuluma isiZulu bekudala ukukhathazeka okukhulu. NgoNovemba 2005, ngaqoka uMfundisi Thulani Ngcobo njengoMfundisi ozosebenza ngokugcwele kulesisifundaMpristi kusukela ngoJanuwari 2006. UThulani unguMfundisi onesipiliyoni kanye nothando lokutshalwa nokukhula kweBandla. Siyathokoza kakhulu ngokuqokwa kwakhe. Sinesiqiniseko sokuthi uzogwalisa isikhala esikhulu eqenjini labefundisi bakulerijimi futhi alethe nokunakekela okuyikhona okudingeka kakhulu kulendawo egewele ubuhlungu nokukhandleka.

Indlu yoMfundisi idinga umsebenzi omningi ukuze ibengefanele ukuthi azohlala kuyo ngalonyaka. Siyothokoza kakhulu uma ninganikela ngokuphana kulomshikashika, nihlanganye nathi ekuyenziwe ibe yindlu efanele ukuba yikhaya loMfundisi nomndenani wakhe.

Nginifisela uLenti obusisekileyo emikhulekweni yami, owenu eNkosini, +**Rubin, UmBhishobhi waseNatali**

## Bishop Elijah to retire

Bishop Elijah will be retiring as Bishop Suffragan at the end of June, and a farewell service to which the whole diocese is invited, will be held on Saturday, 24th June 2006 in the Cathedral of the Holy Nativity at 9.30am.

Bishop Elijah is on sabbatical in January and February, and should not be disturbed at this time, all requests, questions etc, being directed straight to Bishop Ruben, until his return at the beginning of March.

There will be no Elective Assembly to elect a replacement until next year, probably in the first quarter of 2007.

This gives an opportunity to draw up new Commissions ("job profiles") for the bishops in the light of the fresh commitment in the diocese to mission, and also to continue the process which began 5 years ago, which was to strengthen the regions with Archdeacons taking greater pastoral and oversight roles in their regions, and not simply acting as administrators. This new approach to their roles has already begun to take place.

## Vestry Dates

Annual Vestry Meetings must be held no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> March in future according to the amended Canons of Provincial Synod, which deleted the words "being of the age 18 years and upwards" in the first sentence, and added the word "confirmed" before the word "parishioners" in that sentence, and also substituted the words "six Sundays after Easter" with the words "the 15th March".

In other words, the 2006 vestry - and all future vestries - must be held no later than 15th March, so, unless a parish is planning to meet in vestry on a weekday, the last Sunday on which they can meet is 12th March - not later, as this is a Canonical requirement!

New representatives to Diocesan Synod at the Cathedral from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June, postponed from last year, are to be elected and their names and other personal details sent to the Bishop's office, immediately after the elections.

Bishop Ruben and Bishop Funginkosi will be meeting with the newly - elected churchwardens in their regions during the months of March and April. The purpose of these meetings is to listen to them share whatever is on their minds with regard to the diocese, their regions and their parishes. They would also like to clarify their roles and functions as set out in the Acts of the Diocese, the Parish Manual and the Canons.

## WCC Assembly

The Archbishop of Canterbury has sent a greeting to the 9th World Council of Churches Assembly, which formally began on February 14 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The message was read by Bishop Tom Butler of Southwark, England on his behalf, and the Archbishop will travel to Brazil himself in time for February 17th's group of sessions, when he will deliver a keynote address to the Assembly on Christian Identity and Religious Plurality.

In his message, Archbishop Rowan Williams urged the churches gathered to learn from their dependence on Christ: "We must ... draw strength and clarity of purpose from our utter dependence on the One whom we know to be 'full of grace and truth,'" he said. "In Christ too, we can find renewed impetus in our painstaking quest for theological convergence, in the knowledge that this also will be used by God, in his grace, to transform the world, opening up, as it does, new possibilities for common mission as divisions are healed and we deepen our fellowship together."

## From our Link Diocese

I have recently returned to Southwell Diocese in the UK after a fascinating month spent in the Diocese of Natal. I came back from South Africa with so many memories and impressions, but among the many 'snapshots' of a land of such great contrasts are the following.

The first contrast was my very first impression - the journey from Durban Airport to the City Centre, past impressive modern buildings and along fine motorways so typical of First World countries. But occasionally I would glimpse very different views of acres of shacks where tens of thousands of people appear to live in wretched poverty with no proper sanitation. Throughout my visit I was constantly struck by the contrast in South Africa between great wealth and abject poverty - the extremes are so much greater than in any other country I have visited.

A second contrast involves a weekend I spent with the Men's Group from St. Cyprian's Durban in the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. I was struck not only by the sheer size of the Diocese of Natal in comparison with Southwell Diocese, but also by the amazingly wide vistas of breathtaking beauty. Contrast that splendour with so many streets in Durban where seemingly every house is surrounded by high security walls. In fact, during my time in Natal, there was a headline in the newspaper trumpeting the encouraging news that the murder rate in the City of Durban had dropped to an average of only 5 murders per day! Yes, South Africa is a country of contrasts: of amazing natural beauty on the one hand, and on the other hand of great challenges in terms of combating violent crime as well as poverty.

A third snapshot would be the contrasting conversations I had with South Africans. As a generalisation, Blacks and Coloureds tended to be optimistic about the future and were enjoying the equality that was denied them for so long under apartheid. Yes, they were concerned about the high levels of crime, and they were also worried about corruption in high places and about the inevitably slow pace of change, but most of them seemed to think that it will all come right in the end. In contrast to such optimism, I found that many Whites were quite fearful about the future, and especially concerned

that South Africa might even yet become another Zimbabwe, and that there might come a time when there could be a sort of 'apartheid in reverse'. It struck me forcibly that the Church in South Africa has a major role to play in providing a safe forum for an honest exchange of hopes and fears, as well as being a potential powerhouse for prayer.

The last contrast surrounds the four Sundays I spent in the Diocese of Natal. On my first Sunday I worshipped in the open air near the Drakensberg Mountains with the St. Cyprian's Men's Group. Contrast that simple Service with my next Sunday as the visiting preacher in an African township where I was the only White face in a congregation of over 600 Africans, whose exuberant and joyful worship lasted over two and a half hours and was conducted entirely in Zulu (apart from my sermon in English!). The third Sunday I preached in a largely Coloured parish, where the Communion Service was informal and the hymns were sung to the accompaniment of an electronic keyboard. And on the final Sunday I preached at St. Cyprian's where (for the High Mass) there was a great deal of ceremony and the incense was wafting all around!

What a contrast between each Sunday. And yet there was also a wonderful similarity, which was a great joy to me: that wherever I went among all the churches, I was welcomed as part of God's family because we share a common faith and a common desire to work out what it means in practice to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I am most grateful to Fr. Dane Elsworth, Natal Diocese's Link Officer, for all his skills in organising my itinerary, as well as to all the clergy and lay people who helped to make my visit so enjoyable. The month passed all too quickly, and I look back on my visit to Natal with great affection for the Christians who made me so welcome, and with immense gratitude to God for giving me the opportunity for such a memorable experience of the Anglican Church in another setting and culture.

**The Revd. Jeremy Green**

Vicar and Area Dean of Bawtry in the Diocese of Southwell

### Around the Diocese



**The Revd Mduduzi Mkhize** moved from Tongaat to become the Rector at Lamontville

**The Revd Margie Silva** moved from Tugela Rivers to become the Rector at Umzinto

**The Revd Tholi Zungu** moved from Assistant priest at Umlazi to become the Rector at Osisweni -

**The Revd Victor Makhubu** moved from Osisweni to become the Rector at Marinnridge.

**The Revd Thulani Ngcobo** moved from Edendale to become the Rector at Mpophomeni

**The Revd Mervyn Singh** moved from Greyville to become the Rector at Woodlands

**The Revd Moses Thabethe** moved from Assistant Priest at St Paul's to become the Rector at Greyville

**The Revd Nkosinami Nkomode** moved from Assistant Priest at Umhlali to become Rector at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

**The Revd Nhlanhla Mbense** moved from Lamontville to become the Rector at Tongaat

**The Revd Sifiso Dube** moved from Margate to become Assistant Priest at Umlazi - Jan 2006

**The Revd John Alexander** moves from being community priest at Umhlali to become the Rector at Margate.

**The Revd Thulani Goge** graduated from COT in Dec 2005 and has become the Assistant Priest at Umhlali.

**The Revd Sibusiso Mncube** graduated from COT in Dec 2005 and has become the Assistant Priest at Durban, St Paul's.

**The Revd Siphon Luthuli** moved back from the Diocese of Zululand to become the Rector at Edendale.

**The Revd Roger Sparks** retired at the end of January 2006.

**The Revd Mark Marais** has relocated to the Diocese of George

**The Revd Kevin Ronne** has relocated to Ireland.

**The Revs Warren Oxford, Nicky Ing, Khanyi Mackenzie and Lyndy Domoney** have resigned from the Diocese.

**Ms Tracy Kotiah** has been appointed as Bishop Rubin's Secretary

**Ms Janice Thorpe** has been appointed as the Human Resources Manager

**Ms Cherry Walker** has been appointed as Secretary to the Human Resources Manager.

**DrMakhosi Nzimande** has been appointed to head the Institute of Leadership Development.

**The Revd Richard Hawkins** has had two emergency operations for a cerebral haemorrhage after a fall.

**Dr Nkosinathi Ndawandwe** who has been appointed Canon Missioner of the Diocese, will continue to assist at the Cathedral in addition to developing his new portfolio.

## Communications Task Team

The Bishop is in the process of establishing a Communications Task Team to look into the matter of regular, effective and clear communication in a diocese as vast as Natal.

In particular there are the questions of establishment of a diocesan website, the use of text messaging, the production of a video/DVD of the diocese, evaluation of Anglican News as an effective, appropriate and relevant communication instrument, and the best ways to deal with our various publications. Anyone who might be interested in joining this team should let the bishop know.

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It is thanks to you, the readers, that *Anglican News* is becoming so newsworthy. We are already finalizing material for the next issue. Do please send in your news as promptly as possible.



Some of the prize winners at the St Nicholas Diocesan School Senior Primary Prizegiving displaying their trophies and one of Zime Mtolo, the shining star, who won the Marianne de Jager Trophy for Performing Arts for her wonderful talent in Ballet, Dance, Singing and Drama.



With Deputy Principal of St Nicholas Diocesan School, Deb Avery, is Sinenhlanhla Khumalo who won the Kamal Rugbar Trophy for Basketball and was Hockey Player of the Year.



Gordon Stewart directing the 70 strong choir in St George's Garrison Church.

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The members of the 2006 RSCM South African Summer School at St Nicholas Diocesan School, Pietermaritzburg

**“SOULIN THE CITY DURBAN 2009”**

Different churches are already responding to plans for the “Soul-in-the-City-Durban 2009” campaign which will bring young people from across the world to work with Christians in Durban in order to impact the local community and demonstrate the love, mercy, compassion and grace of God.

Focussing specifically on building God’s Kingdom among the poor and marginalised, their desire above all is “to bring the presence of God to the last, the least and the lost, and serve and love the communities of Durban”.

The plans are already unfolding with a couple of teams coming in April, July and August 2006, and the organisers hope that up to 3,000 young people from the UK and around the world will join with thousands of young people from South Africa and the city of Durban for a massive citywide initiative in July 2009.

**DURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**  
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Professor Bonke Dumisa, Chief Executive, Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**“As the Durban Chamber gears up to celebrate its 150th Anniversary at its Annual Dinner, taking place on 06 April, Durban ICC, I would like to extend an invitation to all businesses - big and small to take advantage of this not-to-be-missed networking opportunity by purchasing tickets in support of this event which has been branded as the ‘most prestigious networking event on the Durban business calendar.’ If you are serious about making serious networking contacts, then I urge you to attend this year’s celebrations.”**  
**-Professor Bonke Dumisa**  
**Chief Executive, Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry.**

## St Mary's celebrates!



Natalie Ellis, Mayuri Reddy (Head of Student Affairs), Caitlyn Keal (Head of Chapel), Rebekah Charlton (Head of Boarding), Caitlin de Kock (Head Girl) and Mrs Tyna Charter (Acting Principal).



A couple of learners and the Chairman of the Centenary Committee, Guy Brazier, dress up in style and pose in the beautiful Centenary Garden, a gift to the school from the St Mary's Old Girls Guild.



Nigel Jukes (Archdeacon), John Maxwell (Chairman of the Board), Bishop Rubin Phillip, Tyna Charter (Acting Principal), Gill Padoa (School Chaplain) and Guy Brazier (Centenary Chairman).



The St Mary's DSG Opening Ceremony took place on the Erasmus Ellis Sports Field and was attended by approximately 1600 people.

Bishop Rubin reminded them of their privileged position and the serving role they should

continue to play, in not only the educational landscape of South Africa, but also in our community. The chosen Christian theme for our Centenary Year is: "Blessed to be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2-3), a fitting theme, as we look towards reaching out to those around us. A wonderful sense of peace and purpose prevailed during the morning's proceedings, culminating with the release of pigeons that soared and circled above in a breathe catching display before they took off into the blue, symbolising the Holy Spirit leading into the century ahead.

## Anglican women prepare for U.N. gathering

THE LARGEST-EVER GATHERING of women from around the Anglican Communion – 96 women representing 37 provinces -- will mark the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), to be held in New York City from February 24 through March 8.

Gender equality, the advancement of women in the fields of education, health, and employment, as well as increased participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels, will be the focus of the 2006 UNCSW meeting.

"Working together, Anglican women delegates to the UNCSW are raising their voices in support of women's education and development, to combat hunger, poverty, and the spread of HIV/AIDS, and to work for equal opportunity," said Margaret Rose, director of the Episcopal Church's Office of Women's Ministries. "This event provides an opportunity for Episcopal women and men to listen to and learn from the experiences of our Anglican sisters and to strategize together for women's empowerment throughout the Communion."

UNCSW was established in 1946 to promote women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields. Since 1995, a priority has been to assess the progress of the Beijing Platform for Action, a declaration to advance the goals of equality, development and peace for all women.

Sponsored by Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE), a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of UNCSW will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. The program and panel discussion will feature women from across the Anglican Communion sharing hopes and concerns for a world in which Christian faith calls them to action.

## Parish Tour



The parish of St. John the Baptist is arranging a tour as part of its 150th anniversary celebrations from 26 August- 8 September 2006

Join us on this exciting and interesting tour.

Departing Durban on August 26 we travel to Bloemfontein for the first night and then on to Kimberley for two nights where we will visit the McGregor Museum, St Cyprians Anglican Cathedral, the Big Hole, etc. Then on to Augrabies Falls for a night and the following night in Springbok.

Two nights will be spent in Vredendal and while there we will visit the famous succulent nursery in Vanrhysdorp before traveling up the fantastic Vanrhyns Pass to visit the flower area near Nieuwoudtville and Loeriesfontein.

Then on to see the glacial pavement at the Oorlogskloof Reserve. We will then travel to Cape Town for three nights at The Avenue Hotel, Fish Hoek. Days will be spent visiting the Cape Point Nature Reserve, Hout Bay, V&A Waterfront, St George's Cathedral, Kirstenbosch Gardens, The Castle and more.

Returning we will spend a night at the Karoo National Park, a night at Gariep Dam (sunrise over this dam is an unforgettable experience) and a night at Clarens.

The cost of this tour is R8250 per person sharing. Single supplement is an extra R1000. The fee includes dinner, bed and breakfast, all entrance fees and transport in a luxury air-conditioned coach. Well-known conservationist Jean Senogles will accompany the tour.

For further details and bookings contact Delise Coad 031 464 8579 or e mail **(The itinerary is subject to change without prior notice.)**

## Profile of an Editor

(CV inserted by Bishop Rubin)

Canon David Jenkins has a long history of media involvement, beginning from schooldays when in 1944 he edited the St John's College school magazine, became News Editor of Wits University student Newspaper and was given a typewriter for his 21st birthday.

In his first parish a parishioner with a hand-fed Cropper printer press introduced him to the old-fashioned art of hand-compositing, layout and letter-press printing. Thirty five years later he learnt how to achieve a similar result more easily by computer, so that today this whole newspaper is produced on his office desk.

Entering the broadcasting medium while a parish priest in Rhodesia he began regular radio broadcasting in 1953, and broke into the Television medium in 1960 when he presented his own weekly programme and was appointed Director of Religious Television

In 1961 he founded a Public Relations consultancy company and was also appointed as liaison Executive Officer to facilitate communication in the Province of Central Africa, and while on holiday overseas held the fort as Press Officer in Church House Westminster at the heart of the Anglican Communion to enable the Director of the Church of England Information Office to go on leave.

In 1963 he was elected to the Central Committee of the World Association of Christian Communicators at its inaugurating assembly in Nairobi, and the same year was made an honorary lifetime Canon "in recognition of services to the church in the field of communications and public relations".

During this time he published three books, wrote and produced two sets of language teaching records and conducted broadcasting training seminars in Rhodesia, Zambia, Malawi and for the SABC in South Africa.

The collapse of the Federation of Central Africa in 1965 brought his cross-border provincial activities to an abrupt end, and when he took up a parish in Somerset West the SABC offered him a slot for his own weekly church music programme "Lift up your hearts" which ran for four years.

A year later he became a columnist for The Cape Times with his "Saturday Talk", which continued without a break for twenty years and was later syndicated to The Natal Witness where he was already a Leader Writer and ran a chat column under the name of Pilgrim while he was rector of Scottsville. From 1968 right up until now he has also contributed a daily Thought for the Day in the Cape Argus.

In his retirement from parish work in Howick he became Manager of CPSANET, the Church's Internet communications network and then took on Anglican News as editor, producer and manager five years ago – all this with technical assistance of two young graphic artists and the encouragement, help and support of his wife Elizabeth as his honorary news-hound and proof reader, and while sharing responsibility for Sunday services in his local parish church.

He has been a member of the CPSA Media Committee for forty years.



## Start Up! Start Over!

CLERGY AND LAITY in the U.S. of congregations seeking rejuvenation and vision will gather in San Diego, California for a 'Start Up! Start Over!' five-day seminar in February.

This is a national training event for clergy and laity that provides basic congregational development theory and skills for congregations in decline and seeking a new direction, have hit a growth plateau and need new energy, or are thriving and ready for their next step.

Seminar participants will learn practical, goal oriented skills to help them rediscover the optimistic, mission oriented spirit that marks healthy thriving congregations.

Agenda topics include:

- \* The basic principles of congregational development and church life cycle
- \* Marketing & conducting a campaign to invite new members
- \* Planning church space that is within your budget, appropriate for your future
- \* New member incorporation - how visitors become involved members of a congregation
- \* Leading in changing times
- \* The use of multi-media in congregation life and worship
- \* Managing conflict that accompanies change
- \* Making your site and buildings inviting to the visitor
- \* Understanding generational differences and reaching the un-churched

## 2007 Anglican Conference

The Archbishop of Cape Town has drawn together a number of representatives from the worldwide Anglican Communion, to form a steering committee for a major global Anglican Conference to be held in South Africa in March 2007.

The working title for the conference is 'Towards Effective Anglican Mission' (TEAM): *An International Conference on Prophetic Witness, Social Development and HIV/AIDS.*

The vision of the conference is that people of the Anglican Communion will meet in a context of prayer and theology; sharing diverse experiences and views on specific social issues; renewing the church's commitment and capabilities to respond to God's call to service in the 21st Century.

At a meeting of Anglican Primates in Kanuga, USA in 2001 our Archbishop was entrusted with the responsibility of moving the Anglican Communion forward by addressing the vital social issues of poverty, trade, debt and HIV/AIDS.

## Rhodes Scholar

Andrew Kerr, 23 year old son of Canon Nick and Barbara Kerr of Mooi River, is one of only nine South Africans to be awarded a Rhodes scholarship this year, and the only candidate from Kwazulu/Natal.

He completed his BSc in applied mathematics and economics at UKZN with distinction, and will now be able to study overseas for a Masters degree in Philosophy at Oxford.

## Lambeth 2008

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has officially announced the Lambeth Conference dates in an Advent Letter to the 38 primates of the Anglican Communion. The conference will take place at the University of Kent in Canterbury from July 16 to August 3, 2008.

Outlining his hopes, the Archbishop said "The main focus I long to see at this conference is the better equipping of bishops to fulfill their task as agents and enablers of mission, as co-workers with God's mission in Jesus Christ"

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As St Mary's Kingsburgh prepares to celebrate its 77th Anniversary its oldest active member, Edna Nielsen, (seen here emerging in 1940 with her late husband from the original little church that stood on the present site) recalls some early memories of the days when trips to Durban normally entailed a train journey.

Edna remembers the construction of the new church and hall, and although at the time she didn't feel the new buildings were necessary, admits now that they are "okay". The new church was built in the time of the Revd Goldie, and the hall in the time of the Revd Buchanan, and the pulpit at St Mary's was donated by Edna's parents,

She played badminton in the church hall up until five years ago, and is still very actively involved in the Women's Guild; sings in the church choir and serves teas after the morning Eucharist, and has seen a dozen rectors come and go.

## Neville Greenham O.S.C. A memoir

Neville Greenham served as Diocesan Secretary and then as Consultant alongside no less than four bishops of Natal, each of them very different in style and temperament. He survived them all! In fact, he was a loyal and wise colleague who was a constant source of encouragement and inspiration.

What are some of the memories? Here are a few:

His simplicity of life. Neville did not believe in frills or luxuries, either for himself or for the life of the diocese. He drove the smallest car that would accommodate his great height. He ran the administration on a lean budget and was loath to adopt expensive technology. Eventually, he saw the point of computers; we could no longer rely simply on his own vast memory. We used to joke that if there was an unexpected need for some finance or for a piece of forgotten information, Neville would be asked to look for it in his "little black box". But when a real act of faith was needed, as when the Trustees decided in 1989 to spend over R3 million (which they didn't have) on the purchase of a property for St Nicholas' School, he never held back.

His love of the Lord. We marked Neville's retirement during a diocesan synod and he made the point in a brief and telling speech that when he began as Diocesan Secretary under Bishop Vernon Inman he "did not know the Lord", though he was a man of the church. A Bryan Green mission in Durban changed that for him and for his wife, Iris, when they decided to make a public commitment. Neville carried that simple, very personal dedication to Jesus with him in all that he did, whether it was in his devout attendance at the weekly staff Eucharist or his handling of a tricky property matter or the need to stand and be counted on the wickedness of apartheid. He was all of a piece, a holistic disciple.

His steadfastness of spirit. If ever there was an example of "stickability" it was to be found in Neville Greenham. For well over 30 years – critical years in our country's history – he stuck it out as Diocesan Secretary, exercising an often unsung ministry of administration when others had to be out in the rough and tumble of the church's prophetic and pastoral work. It was good to be in his safe hands during that fraught time.

Now he is in the safe hands of God, as indeed he always was. As we pray for Iris and the family in their loss, we thank God for Neville and we thank them for sharing him with so many of us.

+Michael Nuttall

## Christmas and Mariology

Particularly relevant at Christmas time, as Christ's Nativity story is retold, U.S. Anglicans and Roman Catholics continued their reflection on "Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ," a document published out of a five-year study process engaging the two faith communities.

The document reflects the work of the Anglican - Roman Catholic International Commission, which in 1999 began a new study of the role of the Virgin Mary in the life and doctrine of the Church.

Participants noted the document's study of scripture, tradition and developments after the division of the churches, along with its forging of an ecumenical methodology.



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## The Revd Roy Wood A tribute

In October 2005, The Revd Roy Lewis Wood died suddenly in Canada. Born in 1931, he was educated at Clifton, Michaelhouse, Rhodes University, Oxford University UK and the University of Toronto qualifying as a lawyer. He Roy was a lifelong scholar and a great teacher. In 2004 he celebrated his 45th anniversary of his ordination.

Roy trained later as an ordinand and in 1957 was ordained deacon and served at St. Paul's Durban. In 1958 he was a curate deacon at St. Saviour's in Pietermaritzburg. In 1959 he was ordained priest. In 1961 he became rector of St. Lukes, Howick which included Lidgerton, Currie's Post, Dargle, Nottingham Road, Hilton and Michaelhouse. In 1963 he married Audrey Brooke with Bishop Inman officiating at the ceremony, and in 1965 became Rector of St. Martin's, Durban North.

In 1970 Roy relocated to Toronto, Canada, and from 1971 served the community of the United Church of Canada at Naramata Okanagan. In 1979 he served at Vancouver Cathedral until leaving the ministry for a short time. From 1981 - 1996 He was involved with North Shore Counselling and returned to ministry in 1997 at St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Sechelt sunshine Coast until his death.

from The Broome family

## Anglicans flocked to Church at Christmas

CHURCHES from around the Anglican Communion reported record attendance at their Christmas services. Carol Services and the traditional Midnight Mass found churches with standing room only, with some places having to turn people away for safety reasons.

According to Canon James Rosenthal: Director of Communications ACO, this was in contrast to news that some mega-churches denominations were closing on Christmas.

The traditional all-night queue at Kings College Chapel of Our Lady and St Nicholas, Cambridge, was again evident as hundreds tried to get into the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols, which is broadcast world-over each December 24th. This is likely the most widely broadcast Christian worship service in the world.

At St Paul's Cathedral, London, people were turned away at the Christmas Eve Carol service, presided over by the Bishop of London, as safety regulations would not allow more inside, thus well over 3000 were in attendance. At Midnight the cathedral was full again for the Eucharist.

"Our services were well attended in both urban and rural areas of the Diocese," said Bishop David Beetge from Southern Africa, Diocese of the Highveld. "The two I attended on Christmas Day were very well attended with our Cathedral almost full and the morning service at one of our biggest churches filled to capacity."

## Christmas crime in Hilton

Criminals were active in Hilton while members of the parish were worshipping on Christmas Eve, and the Rector had barely gone to sleep in preparation for Christmas morning when his own alarm went off.

It was a very frightening experience, as the family and house guests were locked in the bedroom section of the house while the burglary was in progress, and despite knowing that police were on their way, they continued to try to gain access to the bedrooms, and only fled when police arrived 15 minutes later.

Thankfully the occupants were all unharmed and most of their stolen goods were recovered from church and neighbouring gardens where they were dropped by the fleeing robbers.

The Rector refrained from saying anything at all about the incident at Christmas morning services which would have altered the focus of worship for the congregation. Their children slept through it all, but visiting niece and nephew who experienced it all were very traumatised.

## Gardens of Remembrance

Diocesan Council has established a Commission on Gardens of Remembrance and appointed Kevin Reddiar to chair it.

Those wishing to make submissions on this matter, or, on any matter relating to funerals, cemeteries and the like, should send them directly to Kevin, with a copy to the Bishop.

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