



# ST CHAD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

To Know Christ and make Him Known



2010 Spring Edition

# Chadderbox



## **From the Rectors desk**

### **To the wonderful people of St Chad's**

#### **CASUAL ATTITUDE OR COMMITTED ACTION?**

I begin my message with this illustration of a man who was travelling on a plane filled with people and cigarette smoke. (Of course, this had to be some time ago since we know that smoking is now banned on airplanes.) He knew he would have to take a bath, and send his clothes to the cleaners when he got home. He felt like he had been braaied, Steer King style. Suddenly he turned to the woman next to him and said, "Would you like to chew my gum for awhile?" The lady was insulted. "What in the world do you mean?" she snapped. The man calmly replied by saying, "I've been smoking your second hand smoke ever since we left the city. I thought you might want my second hand gum."

Now, my illustration is not meant to offend smokers, but rather to make a point on what I call our "indifference." Many people are completely indifferent to those around them. They don't know and they don't care. And they don't care if their 'smoke' gets in someone else's face. Indifference is bad. It's a bad trait in anybody. It's a bad attitude. If Scripture teaches us anything at all about life it teaches us that we are to be considerate of the people around us: at home, at work, at play, and more so in the Church. Rom. 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves." We are not quick to do that, but we should be. Indifference is bad when it is aimed at people. It's worse when it is aimed at God. Most people respond to Christ in one of two ways: Casual attitude or Committed action

#### **CASUAL ATTITUDE**

Dr. Margaret Mead, a distinguished anthropologist and author, made a very interesting observation in an address some time ago. She pointed out that for a long time it was the universal custom to say on parting: "Good-bye," which is a shortened form of "God be with you." Today it is quite common instead to say: "Take it easy."

Many people have the "take it easy" attitude about a lot of things in life. Don't take it seriously. Take it easy. This is also the attitude, the casual attitude that many people have toward God, Christ and the church. "Don't worry about it."

"Don't take it seriously." We see in Scripture people did not always respond positively to Jesus, to His life, His ministry, and to His love.

John 6:66 "From this time many of his disciples (followers) turned back and no longer followed him." Some disciples stopped following Jesus because they didn't like or receive His teaching. It's easy to have an indifferent or casual attitude when you don't like what is being taught.

But that is the wrong attitude to have toward the Lord and His Word, toward the presentation of His Word. John 14:23 Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." My response, and I pray yours as well, is, "Come on in, Lord! Make yourself at home! Here, have my recliner! I'll sit here before you!"

A casual attitude is not kosher. It is not condoned in Scripture, or by the Saviour.

## **COMMITTED ACTION**

In 1873 a group of women met and prayed and then read the 146th Psalm. Then they prayed and pleaded with the saloon keepers to give up their business. Church bells tolled simultaneously with the crusade of prayer and persuasion. On the second day one saloon keeper gave in. He gave his entire stock to the women saying, "Do as you please with it."

At the end of eight days, every one of the eleven saloons in the town closed. The brewers of that area offered a large reward to anyone who would break up the movement. One unusually courageous man tried to do so. In four days he threw up his hands and surrendered to the women.

The point I want to make here is that commitment brings results. They were committed to their cause and they acted strongly on their commitment. We need more people like that in the Lord's church. I thank God everyday for those of you who are committed to the cause of this Church, to the building of God's Kingdom, and who work for the unity of the Body of Christ here at St Chad's.

May I end by saying, **Casual attitude or committed action?** Which characterizes your life in relation to Christ? It has been said Church members may be divided into three classes: **wishbones, jawbones, and backbones.** The wishbones are always wishing, hoping that their church will somehow grow, but without their effort. The jawbones talk a lot, but do little. And the backbones do the work.

*Casual or Committed?* Which are you?

With much love, Fr William



*From Revd Brenda's desk*

*Beloved in Christ,*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever Ps 106:1 ***"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. –Thornton Wilder***

When you begin to feel weighed down by the storms of life – take a moment to focus on the folk and things that God has blessed you with, and God's grace will enable you to keep a healthy perspective. By taking a moment to appreciate the good – the bad will not be able to overwhelm us.

Feeling gratitude is something that is such benefit to all of us. It has a positive impact on the way we think and feel. According to some reports grateful people have higher levels of enthusiasm, attentiveness, alertness and determination. Besides, having an attitude of gratitude also has an impact on those with whom we interact in life. When we have been in the presence of a person who has a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving for the many blessings in life – it is an

energising experience, as opposed to being in the presence of an ungrateful, negative person. With the latter we can sometimes come away drained and exhausted.

Being grateful, like most things in life, is a choice we have to make. It is an attitude that we need to put into practice daily. Sometimes when the going gets tough we need a quick visual reminder to get us back on a positive track of thanksgiving to God.

I have found it helpful in the past to carry a cross in my pocket. Each time I touched it, I would be reminded of the love of God to me - in and through the gift of Jesus Christ. I also sometimes carry my Anglican Rosary in my pocket. Just touching the beads fill my heart with the knowledge that I am not alone – God’s Spirit is with me. As I run my fingers over the individual beads my heart overflows with thanks to God for the many blessings in my life and for the privilege I have of interceding for those in need.

Another wonderful idea is to string together some colourful beads – each bead representing one thing that you are grateful for. Let these beads be a reminder to you of the blessings you have in your life and give thanks to God each time you finger them. You will soon find that you have a heart full of praise and thanksgiving and the blessed peace that comes from the heart of God.

Finally another way to achieve a heart full of praise is to keep a journal of gratitude. Each night before going to sleep, simply pray God’s help to walk back through your day and jot down the blessings of the day.

It’s a choice – our Father God has given us so much and too often we may be tempted to forget our blessings and focus on the negative things in life. So when the storms of life hit us – let’s prayerfully place it in God’s hands with thanksgiving for the fact that we have a Father who is more than able to carry us through.

*“Give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures forever.”*  
2 Chronicles 20:21b



I give thanks to God for the privilege and blessing it has been to me, to minister and be ministered to at St Chad's. My life has indeed been enriched by all of you. God bless and keep you in His love.  
**Yours in Christ, Revd Brenda**

## **GREETINGS FROM THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL**

We greet you in the Name Of Christ. Writing this article makes us realise that we are over half way through the much anticipated 2010, and what a first half it has been. Not only for South Africa, but also for St Chad's. The journey thus far has been one filled with excitement, nervousness, new learning, and being patient. As a newly elected Parish Council, we are still getting to know one another, but the need to serve God is great. We are a team ever willing to listen, learn and help improve. We don't have all the answers and we might sometimes do things differently; which is why we urge you, to please engage in conversation with us, so we can together...

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| <b>Council</b>                     | <b>Portfolio</b>         |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Silvana Morrasutti                 | Pastoral Care            |
| Tabeth Chitimbe                    | Social Responsibility    |
| Chantel Tucker                     | Youth                    |
| Fr Anthony Henderson               | Education                |
| Lyn Hall                           | Social Events            |
| Ann Bowker                         | Media                    |
| Althea Groenewald                  | Worship                  |
| Revd Brenda Payne                  | Evangelism, Outreach and |
| Fr William, Mervyn Hartman, Jerome | Prayer                   |
| Samuels                            | EXCO                     |

There are other Leaders, Groups and Parishioners that go unnoticed doing God's work. We are most grateful and really appreciate your dedication and hard work. We are blessed to have Fr William, Revd Brenda, and Fr Anthony, who in their way, teach, challenge and guide us as a Parish and also individually. We pray that God will continue to fill them with love, joy and peace.

## ARE YOU ON THE PARISH ROLL?

– Irene Mugglestone

A few years ago an acquaintance developed a fast growing cancer. When I visited her in the Hospice, I became aware that she was very afraid of what lay ahead. Knowing that she attended a certain Church, I phoned the Minister thinking that she would benefit from a visit or that the family would need support. Unfortunately, they were not listed on the Parish Roll so he could not place her.

This incident has made me aware of the importance of the Church having members' telephone numbers and addresses regularly updated - not only for the above reason but to be known by a loving Church family and to get involved. Just think of all those friends waiting to get to know each other. Receiving a blessing on a special occasion makes one feel all fuzzy inside and getting phone calls from new friends when you are ill or have other problems, make you feel much better.

### The Rose



**In a slender crystal vase there stands a lovely rose,  
Its crimson velvet petals beginning to unclose.  
A fresh and fragile flower just waiting to impart  
And touch us with the fragrance deep within its heart.  
And as I gaze, I ponder upon this perfect thing,  
What purpose does a rose have? Except to bless and bring  
Upliftment to the spirit when jaded, tired and sore,  
To gladden and refresh us with its presence – nothing more.  
A messenger of beauty that whispers peace and calm,  
Just like a silent visitor who comes with healing balm.  
Did God make flowers for healing? I'm sure it's in His plan,  
To speak through His created things and touch the heart of  
man. -Kathleen Gillum**

EM Bounds once said "Prayers are deathless. The lips that uttered them may be closed in death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but they live before God, and God's heart is set on them and they outlive the lives of those who uttered them; they outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world."

## SOUP KITCHEN ON WHEELS

*“We felt God was leading us to this calling after having a dream about a soup kitchen to feed the hungry in our community” – The Groenewald Family*

After much prayer, discussions and searching God’s face and seeing the need, literally on our doorstep, we decided to commit ourselves to establishing a soup kitchen. This is a big commitment and takes you out of your comfort zone, but it is also a very rewarding calling.

We don’t operate as a normal soup kitchen, but rather as a soup car. We make a large pot of soup which we load into the car and drive around looking for people in need and bless them with some warm soup and bread. We are committed to doing this every Tuesday for as long as God allows us.

Albert goes out on Tuesday evenings and would stop at various places such as the hall behind Pick ’n Pay at Boy de Goede Circle’s, the field next to Merlot centre and various other places where people would be waiting for him. We started this ministry during February by making an extra pot of food a week and then hand out about 12 plates of food every Tuesday.

With John’s baptism we were given a large catering pot and are now able to feed about 35 people at a time. Some evenings Albert would come home and make more soup in order to feed more people that he encountered during the evening. It is amazing and humbling to witness the joy and hope with which people receive this meal and how they cannot sometimes comprehend why someone would care so much to feed them week after week. This winter has been filled with some stormy nights and not only did these people have to suffer the cold, they also had to endure the agony of having their few belongings either stolen or confiscated by the police. We were blessed in being able to replace some of their blankets, clothes and even offer some bibles.



We would like to thank all those who have so generously been contributing to our ministry, whether through your prayers, your supply of yoghurt and butter containers or ingredients for the soup.

We pray God's blessing on you and ask that you continue to keep us and this ministry in your prayers; that God would allow us to reach more people and in doing so bring in the harvest that he is preparing. If you would like to assist in any way, please feel free to contact us.

*As Jesus said to Peter in John 21 vs. 17 "If you love me, feed my sheep." We pray that God would allow us to continue feeding his sheep and thereby bringing them home to Him.*

**The Lay Minister hands the Priest a folded piece of paper after the sermon.**

***Priest:* "What's this?"**

***Lay Minister:* "Comment from a congregation member"**

**The Priest opens the piece of paper and reads the word IDIOT written on it. He looks at the congregation, smiles and says: "In all my years of preaching sermons, I received a lot of letters with comments about my preaching; but never ever with a signature. Today is a first - I received a letter with a signature but no comment!"**

## **STEPPING OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE**

By Ann Bowker

I am a shy and reserved person by nature until you know me well. More of a 'wall flower' than a 'belle of the ball' type of person. I am more inclined to want to be an Indian rather than a Chief.

When I was approached on day in February and asked to serve on Council as the Media Liaison portfolio holder, my immediate and terrified answer was "NO". The service was about to start so I promised to think about it and give my answer afterwards.

During Lent, we were studying the book “Life’s Healing Choices” by John Baker. During the service on this Sunday, Reverend Brenda preached about choice number three – The Commitment Choice and we were challenged to consciously choose to commit all of our life and will to Christ’s care and control. Now this is a major thing for a person like me as I am a complete control freak – just ask my kids!

As Reverend Brenda preached, she brought to mind everything that Jesus did and still does, for me. It was as if he was saying to me “look how much I have sacrificed for you, can you still say ‘NO’ to helping in My Church?” I am currently unemployed and cannot contribute much in the way of traditional tithes, but I can give my time. At the end of the service I volunteered to serve on Council as I could not continue to say no, knowing how much He has done for me. At the Vestry meeting later that afternoon, I was terrified and wondered what on earth I had got myself in to.

The panic phase passed and the reality phase set in with time. I made a conscious commitment to give my fear to Jesus knowing He would help me through. Today my comfort zone has been stretched, I feel more at home in St Chads and know many more people now than I did in February. I still feel daunted at the task, but know that I have helping hands, both above me and next to me, to ease my way. All I had to do was make the decision and the process would follow. John Baker says “Whatever God asks you to do; He will enable you to do. Just rely on Him as He holds tightly to your hand. God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you to grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.” **Philippians 1:6**



## **ST CHADS MEN’S MINISTRY**

The Men’s Ministry have been very busy in the past - not only with their monthly meetings, but also organising help for the underprivileged, especially for the people of Klawer. They have been a tremendous help to Fr Nick Williams who has been looking after that parish. We acknowledge the work of Hilton Frans who has coordinated this fellowship in the past.



At present the St Chad's Men's Ministry is undergoing some changes.

The meetings are now being held at the Church and every third Friday of the month; the men of St Chad's are invited to meet and enjoy fellowship together.

All members are given the opportunity to put forth their ideas as to what they would enjoy doing in their time together. The St Chad's men's ministry will still be called upon to help with social concern projects when requested by the council.

If you have never tried the fellowship before, please do come and join us. We look forward to whatever God has in store for the men of St Chad's.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr William



## KIDS CORNER

*Dear Pastor,*

*I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance?*

*Dear Pastor,*

*My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold.*

*Dear Pastor,*

*My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house.*



## **A TESTIMONY OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

By Greg and Sue Sproul

Sue and I have been involved in a Bible Study group of St Chad's since Lent earlier this year and have gained immensely, both spiritually and in fellowship. I would like to begin from a point four years ago, where we were one of the most fortunate families around. Life was utopian, and we had everything we could ever need. We had, and still do have two wonderful and healthy boys. Sue and I had jobs we both really enjoyed, we attended Church regularly, and Sue was involved in the St Chad's Care Giving Group. Then overnight our lives were changed forever, and in a way that we were unable to manage on our own, but at the time we thought we could.

Sue's elder sister Kim, who had recently immigrated to Australia was rushed to hospital one day with a bowel obstruction, and after emergency surgery to clear the obstruction, she was diagnosed with stage 4 bowel cancer. From that moment on our lives spiralled out of control as each new phase brought initial positive results and then hopes being dashed. At the same time as Kim was diagnosed I was offered a really wonderful flying job in Australia, which just added to the pressure, and increased the speed of the roller-coaster. Eventually Kim succumbed to her illness but the roller-coaster for the family went on. During this phase we slowly drifted away from St Chad's, and eventually stopped going altogether.

About ten months after Kim's death we both realized that something was missing from our lives, and that we needed to get off the hamster wheel that we had found ourselves on. I suppose in desperation we decided to give Church another try, which from our current vantage point, was the Lord providing guidance when we needed it most. For both Sue and I it was definitely a case of being in the right place at the right time when we met Father William and Reverend Brenda. I am sure that neither of them was aware of the profound effect they have had on our lives, but it has been immense. To be recognized and spoken to by name from the second service we attended was amazing, and for both of us it was as if the sermons were tailor-made to our needs at the time.

The most crucial decision Sue and I made during the last six months was to step out of our comfort zone and attend the “Life’s Healing Choices” course. Again the gentle persuasion came from Brenda and William, who in the weeks leading up to it, advertised the course at each service in such a way that convinced us we should try it. I will be the first to admit that I was nervous before the first meeting and unsure what to expect.

However, through the course Sue and I have met some truly wonderful people, and together with their and our testimonies have learnt an immense amount about the Lord and ourselves.

We have come a long way since coming back into the St Chad’s family. The “Life’s Healing Choices” course was not easy, and a number of tears were shed along the way, but it was instrumental in providing an understanding to what we had gone through. I can say in all honesty that no magic wand has been waved and no light has suddenly been switched on for either of us, but rather there are many wonderful people in the St Chad’s parish who, together with the Lord our Saviour, are there to support anyone who needs help like we did. I would like to encourage others who might be in a similar situation to let God and the fellowship of St Chad’s assist you in understanding and overcoming your troubles.

## **ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE**



The Alpha Course began at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Brompton, England. It was designed initially as a means of presenting the Christian faith to new Christians, but has been a very useful tool in helping all church members to re-examine and explore their faith in a relaxed manner.

The Alpha Course has already been presented quite a few times here at St Chad’s. I think it was initially presented by Brenda Stauch before Fr Will and I came here. Since then I have presented a course and the last one was run by Hilton Frans.

Fr Will and I have used this course many times in the parishes we have ministered in and have always found it to be a true life-changing blessing to all who attended. I have also used this course countless times in many of the prisons and have seen God do amazing things in the lives of many through this course.

The Alpha Course is a basic Christian Course which God has blessed and used to bring about new life to His Church. The course spread during the 1990s, initially in the UK and then internationally, as more churches and groups found it a helpful way to answer questions about the Christian faith in an informal setting.

There are now over 33,500 courses worldwide in 163 countries and it is supported by all the major denominations. In September this year the **Anglican Church** wants to encourage many more people to be a part of this course. There is going to be a lot of pomp and publicity to get as many churches on board as possible. This course will be available once again at St Chad's. God willing we will be launching this course on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010. It will begin with a lovely dinner to which you are all invited and there will be a presentation of the Course. If you have done Alpha before then you will know how excellent the course is, so we encourage you to bring a friend or two along with you this time.

***Here are some quotes from others who have experienced the Alpha Course:** I tried to control life myself; I could sort out all my problems myself, I didn't need anyone else's help. When I did have problems I would fill it with something else like women, beer, shopping, or money. It got to the point where I was just turning up for work and didn't see anywhere else to go. All this time I said, no, no, I'm all right, I'm fine, I can take control', until I realized I couldn't. Since doing the Alpha course I have more of a positive outlook on life, if I've got a problem I'll sit and pray about it, talk to God about it. I feel so much happier.'* **Paul, East Yorkshire**

*When I came on the course I thought they might try and get me on some sort of Religious treadmill, but the Alpha course taught me that I could have a personal relationship with God, and that God was but a prayer away. I went on the Alpha course with an open mind expecting nothing. I still find it hard to take on board the positive*

*difference it's made to my life, marriage and family. The Alpha course helped to look at myself as I really am, and helped me to love and respect other people, even those I considered not my type. Considering how reluctant I was to go, I actually found myself looking forward to the Alpha course each week.'* **Jim, Kent**

*What Alpha offers, and what is attracting thousands of people, is permission, rare in secular culture, to discuss the big questions - life and death and their meaning."* **The Guardian, London**

*Many claim Alpha has changed their lives and appear genuinely happier for the experience."* **Time Magazine**

**We look forward to enjoying this course with you all.**

**Yours in Christ,  
Revd Brenda & Fr William**



## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CHURCH**

*Tabeth Chitimbe, coordinator of the Social Responsibility portfolio at St Chad's shares her views on social responsibility in relation to her own individual walk with God.*

We are currently in the process of establishing a Support Group under the Social Responsibility portfolio covering areas such as Poverty alleviation, Addictions, HIV and AIDS and Natural disasters. The church's social responsibility is an integral part of its response to Christ who gave himself to the world to create 'a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.' (Titus 2:9 – 10)

As Christians we are to respond to the call of the Lord Jesus Christ by living appropriately and acting responsibly in accordance with the values of the Kingdom of God. While the needs of the world provide good reason for Christian action, the fundamental motivation comes from the Lord Jesus Christ who is the foundation of our life and faith.

He is the one who strengthens us and who enables our action, and it is He who directs and guides our belief and behavior.

*First, there is the individual dimension of each person's relationship with God in Jesus Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit:*

Hearts receive God's love (Rom.5:5), lives are transformed (Rom.12:2) and the Spirit guides (Gal.5:25). Without this relationship with God in Christ all attempts at developing a Christian social responsibility are well-meaning but ultimately futile.

Secondly, an authentic Christian social responsibility will involve 'works of mercy', that is, acts of practical care for individuals and families which follow the example of Jesus and the apostles (Matt. 25:31 – 45); Acts 6:1 7). 'If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?' (James 2:15).

Thirdly, Christian social responsibility not only works with specific situations as these arise, but it also aims at dealing with the social, structural causes of such problems.

We remember the words of the Lord Jesus, 'You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5:14 - 16).



## **THERE'S GREAT FELLOWSHIP IN THE CAMEO CLUB**

***Come and Meet Each Other*** - invites chairlady, Jeanette Marais

Cameo is a fun, fellowship club for the seniors of St. Chad's Church. We meet on the third Saturday of each month and have a great time of fellowship. We hold breakfasts, play games such as Rummicup and Bingo or invite someone to entertain us with music. Line dancing has also been a great form of entertainment and fun for all.

Cameo is not exclusively for the seniors, so if you would like to join us we would be delighted. The annual fee is R30.00 which is used for our breakfast in the following year. Saturday meetings cost only R5.00 and there is always plenty to eat and drink.

## **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK AT LADIES GROUP**

**A year ago twelve ladies from different walks of life and ages met at Lynn Hall's home for the first meeting of St Chad's Ladies Group. They all had one common goal in mind: To serve the Lord through fundraising for the Church.**

They started this year's functions with two cake sales which were held between the two services on a Sunday. On the same day, they also hosted a Ladies Tea, Flower Festival and Crafts morning. *"Well, we learnt our lesson and will be splitting up these events in the future,"* says Lynn Hall, coordinator of the Ladies Group. *"We are really still finding our feet and listening closely to what it is that God wants from this group. While we wait on Him we continue to network and do our bit to raise funds for the Church."*

And so they did. They launched a new recipe book in August and organised a Ladies Afternoon Tea in September. Other social events this year were two men's breakfasts in February and May with attendance figures in the twenties and thirties. The men were treated to good, hearty breakfasts and excellent speakers.

### ***Upcoming Social Event***

**An International Food Fair** will be held on Saturday 27 November. Various countries will be represented including Britain, America, India, Italy and South Africa plus the all-rounder pudding stall. Parish members will be manning the stands and there will be a prize for the best-dressed stand to be decided by 'secret judges.' Anyone interested in helping or donating ingredients, must contact Lynn on 082 467 1903. *All ladies of St Chad's are welcome to join the Ladies Group.*

**"If a person neglects the Bible, there is not much for the Holy Spirit to work with. We must have the Word." DL Moody**

## A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

By Edna van Zyl



When Bertie and I first moved into our new home in Table View in 1981, there were vast open fields and rolling hills around us and our then Priest, Allen Lindhorst, was still visiting his parishioners on horseback.

At the time, we did not have a church building, but hired the Leibrandt van Niekerk hall in Table View to serve our total congregation of 25 members. It were fellow members such as the late Theo Boswell and Keith Shaw who later became the first churchwardens at St Chad's and their lovely wives Sheilagh and Netta, who made me and Bertie feel welcome.

Our Chapel of St Chad's became a reality with the arrival of Rev Michael Burt as our first Priest. I will never forget his first service at St Chad's when his warm radiation of the Holy Spirit moved and filled me to abundance to renew my relationship with the Lord. My late daughter, Bertina, was one of the first to be confirmed and the Boswell's daughter, Debbie, was the first to be married in St Chad's. It was at these celebrations that a new dimension was added to my spiritual life.

During that time, fund-raising became most prominent in the life of the church in order to pay back our debt to the Diocese of Cape Town. The ladies joined the Anglican Women's Fellowship chaired by Helen Snyman, wife of now retired Rev Bruce Snyman. We organized fetes, cake sales, tea parties and sometimes even wore home-made hats as the main attraction at these functions.

Our evening meetings with spiritual leaders who shared with us their lives in the Spirit were always well attended. But it was our cake sales outside the then Blaauwberg Hotel where the Management supplied the team with tea, coffee and scones *on the house* while we were selling our cakes, that were the most popular and profitable fundraising events.

We sold second hand clothing, held flower arranging displays, mannequin parades and tea parties with guest speakers and entertainment with great success. One of our biggest fundraising efforts was selling “bricks for the church” at R5 a brick towards the building costs.

Our men were equally involved in helping at all the functions and also planned the Men’s Breakfasts. Since the early days of St Chad’s the men played a major role in the maintenance of the church and its gardens. Not only did they do the landscaping but also worked the soil and planted every shrub and tree with love and care. And all the hard work was done amidst much fun and laughter.

When Rev. Brian Hill joined us, he introduced hiking trails in the Langeberg Mountains near Swellendam, which became some of the most popular family outings in the church, followed by regular parish hikes up Table Mountain. These events lead us to rediscover the beauty of God’s world and his love for us. One of my most memorable times at St Chad’s was the Celebration of Communion on the beach followed by fun and games.

The morning usually ended with a braai or a picnic. More family outings arranged by Tug Wilson at the Koeberg Power Station, provided great enjoyment for the whole family.

The power of early morning prayers was introduced to members of St Chad’s by Bob Bosworth, a well-known spiritual leader. These 5am meetings taught us the true meaning of Isaiah 50 v 4 & 5 which reads: “If a Christian is to have spiritual food to give to others in his daily service for Christ, he must get his *Manna* at God’s prescribed time.” What stood out for me in this week-long experience with fellow Christians was that early morning quiet time with the Lord is the most spiritual fulfilling time of the day.

When Rev Des and Kathy Roberts arrived, we organized a RENEW course, ALPHA courses and TLC prayer meetings. Overseas visitors were invited to come and share with us the word of God and their experiences in the Spirit. Our fundraising program continued and we started a Ladies Evening Group (LEGS) to raise funds to buy all the necessary kitchen ware for our functions.

I was part of all the activities at St Chad's for the past 29 years. Over the years, I have been involved in Sacristan, flower arranging, Bible study groups and all fund-raising events as well as the Cameo Club. Today, I am still part of the Lay Ministry, Pastoral care and Sacristan. My life at St Chad's has been a continued growing experience in my walk with God. He teaches me daily to trust Him, to give Him full control of my life and to always walk in faith with the Lord.

*Edna van Zyl served as chairlady of the AWF, the Ladies Evening Group and the Cameo Club*

### A Poem by Hilary Franck

We meet each Tuesday and we find  
that James, John, Matthew, Mark, Peter, Luke and Ruth,  
Teach us how to live each day in love  
and to our neighbour be kind,  
It helps us to keep the teaching in our minds  
as we about our chores go, share a word to those who feel low,  
So all may feel uplifted as Jesus is the Saviour lifted above all,  
To know and love, as He loves all mankind.

### GOD'S BILLBOARDS

**I Love you, I love You, I Love you.—God  
Will the road you're on get you to my place? – God  
Follow me. – God  
My way is the highway. – God  
Need directions? – God**



**I am weak; Satan is mighty; God is Almighty  
Unknown**

## **ORDINATION AT CLANWILLIAM**

This wonderful occasion took place in Clanwilliam, Saturday 24 April 2010. I was privileged to be part of a group of six and one of four to be ordained as Deacon. Two were ordained as Priest, one a woman. This was the first outing to Namaqualand Archdeaconry and our retreat at Caleta Cove on the banks of the Dam was lead by the wonderful Fr Russell Blassoples. The Right Reverend Raphael Hess, Bishop of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay, presided at the ordination service and we were overwhelmed by the support from within our Diocese. The Venerable Jerome Prins, Archdeacon, went out of his way to ensure everything went according to plan. I was enthralled with the presence of my family, Adrie, Anthea, Adrian, Angus and Angelo and the extended family of my mother, brother and sisters. Our Rector, churchwarden and other leaders' attendance was the cherry on top! I wish to express my thanks to all who contributed to the smooth running of these events.

*Yours in Christ,  
Fr Anthony Henderson*



## **DO YOU FEAR CHANGE?**

*By Leigh-Anne Thomas*

Change is intimidating and often stirs up the emotion of fear. Fear of the unknown. When Christ isn't the centre of your life, that fear grips you and becomes a controlling force in your life. Christ reminds us that fear does not come from Him. 2 Timothy 1:7 - God did not give us a spirit of fear, but rather He gave us a spirit of power, love and self-discipline.

Approximately 5 years ago, I was faced with a change that would force me to step out of my comfort zone. There were mixed emotions. We were excited as my husband, Darren had been successful with a job offer that would further his career but the sacrifice was moving from our home town, Port Elizabeth to Cape Town. We would be leaving everything that was familiar to us, all of our security, everything that was comfortable and safe.

The security and familiarity I found in family and friends, my place of worship, the company I worked for and the colleagues I had built relationships with over the ten years of employment.

 For the time that I was in PE, I had joined a cell group and started learning about our Saviour Jesus Christ. Even though I started developing a deeper relationship with Christ during the time I spent at the cell group and worship at church, Christ hadn't become the focal point of my life. Christ was part of my life but only when I thought it necessary did I allow Him in.

I do believe that God has a plan for my life. As Jeremiah 29: 11 -13 says "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. " I also believe that God goes ahead and prepares the way as he did for my family and me. As the move to Cape Town began, I was blessed in obtaining a transfer within my company; we found a house that would be central to both Darren and my place of employment; we found a wonderful nursery school for our then 2½ year old daughter, Emma and the Holy Spirit lead me to worship at St Chad's.

Even though the move was hard for me, one I thought I would never embark upon, I believe it is part of God's plan for me, for my family so that He will be glorified. It was a necessary change. Since the move, our Lord has placed people (from work and church and sometimes strangers too) along my path that help me strengthen my walk, faith and hope in Him. We are constantly disappointed by man and material things of this world, but our Lord promises that He will never leave us nor forsake us as long as we keep our eyes fixed on Him.

The Lord continues to work in my life and there are many blessings that I am thankful for. I seek God's face in all the decisions I make no matter how insignificant they might seem.



Knowing Christ doesn't exempt us from pain and suffering but enables us to work through it and gain a peace beyond human understanding. Our Lord wants us to depend more and more on Him and to come to Him for encouragement and hope during times of suffering. He doesn't want us to be alone. As the paradigms continue to shift in our lives, may Christ be our anchor.

## **CARE GROUP CARES FOR THE SICK AND LONELY** - Joan Bind reports

The work group consists of six members who are active in an ongoing basis. We meet once a month to pool information and ideas. Our main aim is to visit and help senior citizens who are either living alone or in retirement homes. Should someone be too ill to look after themselves, we, with the aid of willing volunteers supply cooked meals for a short period, especially after an operation or hospital stay.

Each week we visit as many people as we can, either at home, in hospital, River Glade or Vue de Cap. The bouquets of flowers we take with us on Mondays, using the Sunday arrangements, are always well received and we thank everyone for their permission to use the flowers in this way.

On behalf of our group I would like to thank all of you who so faithfully contribute to the Care Basket in the foyer. The list of requirements that is shown on the overhead and in the pew leaflet is meant to serve as a guideline only and does not preclude other items. God bless you all.

**“The happiest people do not necessarily have the ‘best things.’  
They simply appreciate the things they have. Live your life as  
simply as possible.”** *Warren Buffet*



## Numbers at a glance...

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|--|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Rector                                 | Fr William Payne     | 021 554 5495 | 076 133 9998 |
| Curate                                 | Fr Anthony Henderson | 021 556 8911 | 083 748 8463 |
| Churchwardens                          | Mervyn Hartman       | 021 557 7194 | 082 332 5332 |
|  | Jerome Samuel        | 021 557 2291 | 082 892 2889 |
| Councillors                            | Tabeth Chitimbe      |              | 072 331 7922 |
|  | Althea Groenewald    |              | 084 492 4541 |
|  | Chantel Tucker       |              | 072 751 0380 |
|  | Lyn Hall             |              | 082 467 1903 |
|  | Anne Eltringham      |              | 082 897 9084 |
|  | Silvana Morassutti   |              | 072 497 8697 |
| Ann Bowker                             |                      | 083 499 1306 |              |
| Parish Office<br>(Mon-Fri 09h00-12h30) | Ros Monk             | 021 557 1842 | 079 420 7666 |
| Baptism Prep                           | Bruce Bain           | 021 557 3233 | 082 465 6209 |
| Cameo Club                             | Jeanette Marais      | 021 556 4239 |              |
| Care Group                             | Joan Bind            | 021 554 5654 |              |
| Men's Ministry                         | Fr. William Payne    | 021 554 5495 |              |
| Ladies Group                           | Lyn Hall             | 021 557 4690 | 082 467 1903 |
| Prayer Chain                           | Ros Monk             | 021 557 1842 | 079 420 7666 |
| Prayer Ministry                        | Revd. Brenda Payne   | 021 554 5495 | 084 621 2845 |
| <b>Confirmation</b>                    |                      |              |              |
| Adult                                  | Trevor Mentor        | 021 554 3084 | 071 257 2324 |
| Teen                                   | Fr Anthony Henderson | 021 556 8911 | 083 748 8463 |
| Teen Church                            | Loretta Hartman      | 021 557 4401 | 082 322 4739 |

### Blessing

May the Peace of Christ enfold you,  
May the love of Christ possess you,  
May the Spirit of Christ direct you,  
May the Joy of Christ be in you and  
May you at all times experience the  
Abiding Presence of the Living Christ  
In your Heart and in your Lives.  
And may the Blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be among you and remain with you always. Amen

