



ADONAI HAS SWORN, YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK!

ADONAI has sworn and will not change his mind, declaring, “You are a priest for ever in the order of Melchizedek.”

The Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in an atmosphere of prayer and thanksgiving. A new chapter in the ministry of Reverend Siyabonga Malapi who has been ordained to Priesthood. The sermon was preached by the Dean-Designate, the Ven. Luwaca, who drew upon the narrative of Elijah and Elisha as recorded in 2 Kings. In his exposition, the preacher reflected on the passing on of ministry, the cost of faithful obedience, and the grace that sustains those called to serve in God’s name. He emphasised the importance of remaining faithful to the call, even when the journey is demanding, and underscored the need for attentiveness to God’s Spirit in the life of ordained ministry.

This ordination was the second to be celebrated since the consecration and patronal observance of the Diocese under the episcopal oversight of the Right Revd Lionel Sibeko. The occasion was received as a sign of continuity in apostolic ministry and of the Spirit’s ongoing work within the life of the Diocese.

The liturgy was experienced as deeply edifying and spiritually enriching, bearing witness to the Church’s enduring conviction that those whom God calls are also sustained by God’s grace. In the season of Advent, the gathered faithful gave thanks for the gift of priestly ministry and commended the newly ordained priest to the prayers of the whole Church, trusting in the God who calls, equips, and sends.

The God who calls, never leaves nor forsake!



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THE BISHOP'S EASTERTIDE COLUMN

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As we journey through the season of Eastertide, we are reminded that Easter is not simply a celebration that belongs to one Sunday in the Church calendar. Easter is a way of life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything. It changes how we see ourselves, how we see one another, how we face our difficulties, and how we live in the world.

The empty tomb proclaims that death does not have the final word. Fear does not have the final word. Despair does not have the final word. In Christ, God has opened before us the way of new life. The challenge for us as Christians is therefore not simply to believe that Christ was raised from the dead, but to live as resurrection people.

To live the resurrection is to choose hope when circumstances tempt us to despair. It is to choose forgiveness when resentment seems easier. It is to choose love when division surrounds us. It is to serve when the world tells us to look only after ourselves. It is to believe that God is still bringing life out of places that appear barren and lifeless.

Our communities and our world need this Easter faith. There are many things that can make us anxious or discouraged. Yet the Church is called to be a people who bear witness to another reality: Christ is alive, and therefore hope is alive.

A Resurrection People Must Be a Praying People

At the heart of this resurrection life is prayer.

The risen Christ did not call His disciples simply to go and work harder. He called them to remain in Him and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. The life of the Church cannot be sustained by activity alone. We need the presence of God.

Prayer is not an escape from the realities of life. Prayer is where we bring those realities before God. In prayer we bring our families, our communities, our struggles, our fears, our hopes and our dreams. We bring before God the places in our lives where we need healing and renewal.

A healthy prayer life also changes us. When we spend time in the presence of God, we gradually learn to see the world through God's eyes. We become more patient, more compassionate, more attentive to the needs of others, and more willing to follow where God leads.

Sometimes we imagine that prayer must be complicated. It does not have to be. A few moments of silence before God can be prayer. Reading a passage of Scripture slowly and allowing God's word to speak to us can be prayer. Saying, "Lord, have mercy," can be prayer.

Giving thanks for the gift of another day can be prayer. What matters is that we make space for God.

Let Us Recover the Gift of Prayer

During this Eastertide, I encourage every member of our diocesan family to renew their commitment to prayer.

Let us pray in our churches, but also in our homes. Let us pray as families and as individuals.

Let us pray with the Scriptures. Let us pray for our Diocese, for our clergy and lay ministers, for our young people and children, for those who are sick and struggling, and for those who have lost hope.

Let us also pray for our communities and for our country. May we become intercessors who stand before God on behalf of the people entrusted to our care.

Also, let us not be afraid of silence. In a world filled with noise, silence can become a sacred place where we hear the gentle voice of God again.

The resurrection invites us to move from fear to faith, from despair to hope, and from self-reliance to dependence upon God.

Our Diocese: A Community of Resurrection Hope

As the Anglican Diocese of Khahlamba, we are called to be a community where resurrection life can be seen and experienced.

May our worship be filled with joy.

May our homes be places of prayer.

May our churches be communities of welcome and healing.

May our ministry bring hope to those who are discouraged.

May our young people know that they have a place in God's mission.

May our service to the poor and vulnerable proclaim the love of the risen Christ.

Above all, may we never lose sight of the One whom we proclaim.

The risen Jesus continues to meet His people. He meets us in our worship, in the breaking of bread, in Scripture, in prayer, in one another, and in those whom the world may overlook.

This Eastertide, therefore, let us not merely speak about resurrection. Let us live it. Let us rise each morning with thanksgiving. Let us pray with confidence. Let us love generously. Let us forgive freely. Let us serve faithfully. And when we encounter darkness, let us remember that the stone has already been rolled away.

Christ is risen, and because Christ is risen, our lives can be renewed, our communities can be transformed, and our hope can never be finally defeated.

May the risen Christ deepen our life of prayer, strengthen our faith, and make us faithful witnesses to His resurrection life wherever God has placed us.

May the joy and peace of the risen Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Yours in the risen Christ,
+ Lionel Khahlamba

BERNARD MIZEKI MENS' GUILD DIOCESAN TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild held its Diocesan Triennial Conference on 28 - 30 November 2025 at Peace House Retreat Centre, Ntabethemba, under the theme "Reclaiming our Priesthood".

Day 1 began with a holistic welcoming service conducted by Chairperson Mr Majelman and later on the evening prayer led by the Chaplain Revd Manzi.

The second day started early with the Bishop leading the Eucharist service. The energy was high and the atmosphere vibrant as BMMG members prepared for the day's activities.

An Outreach program led by the Social Development Officer, Bro Ndimithi saw members visit the home of a bereaved BMMG member in the village in support of the family.

The day's activities included the main speakers from different aspects of life such as Dr S Jwaqa, speaking on men's health issues like prostate cancer, chronic lifestyle disease and sexual health.

Mr Somdyala the CEO of Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA), spoke on societal development and agricultural opportunities provided by Government.

There was also an address on behalf of the newly elected PEXCO by the new Provincial Secretary, Mr M Mavuso. One of the stalwarts of the Guild, Revd Mhlontlo then addressed the Conference delegates on Spirituality.

There were also messages of support from sister Guilds - MU, MM and AWF. An anti-GBV candle light service and the remembrance of the departed souls was led by the Diocesan Chaplain Revd Manzi.

Late in the evening Bishop Lionel led the election of the new Diocesan Executive, which consisted of:

- Revd C. Smile (Chaplain)
- Revd. M. Mpondwana (President)
- Mr S. Tindleni (Chairperson)
- Mr N. Mabandla (Secretary)
- Mr A. Gwija (Deputy Secretary)
- Mr H. Nompula (Treasurer)
- Mr VK. Khanzi (Legal Officer)
- Mr MG. Mpafa (Media and Communication Officer)
- Mr Z. Nombila (Training and Development officer)
- Mr A. Zungu (Social responsibility Officer)

The day concluded with a powerful closing message from the chaplain.



The final day of the Conference was filled with joy, holistic prayers and excitement as it was concluded with a Eucharistic service led by the Bishop, who delivered a powerful sermon on "how can we reclaim our priesthood". Lastly the newly elected President Revd M Mpondwana thanked everyone who attended and made the Conference successful and enjoyable.



KOMANI ARCHDEACONRY MOTHERS UNION CELEBRATES LADY DAY

Komani Archdeaconry Mothers Union celebrated Lady Day at St Andrews Parish in Mlungisi on the 28 March 2026. The main theme was “Join us, join in! Mothers Union changing lives”. The celebration started with a banner procession which was blessed by the presence of Archdeacon Nqoko, Revd Jobodwana, Revd Smile and Revd Mbuthuma and that showed respect to what the Mothers gathered for.

A powerful praise and worship was led by Komani Archdeaconry MU Deputy President, Ms Thandiwe Dliwa and a number Mothers joined the powerful worshipping. Revd Jobodwana delivered an amazing sermon taken from the book of Hezekiel 37: 21b-28. God promises to gather the scattered people of Israel from all nations and bring them back to their own land. Hezekiel prophesied that the divine leader was going to come from the house of David. The celebration focused on remembering Maria, the mother of Jesus, who was a virgin. God prepared Maria for delivering the divine leader, but was not prepared in a good way, but rather a bitter way. “She fell pregnant even though he never met a man. She was going to meet people who were not appreciative”. Maria endure all this pain and suffering because of the leader she was going to give birth to.

The Reverend emphasised that, Mothers need to be supportive, be strong, pray together and not undermine each other in doing so they become great mothers.



Komani Archdeaconry Mother's Union Executive Induction

The Komani Archdeaconry Mothers' Union (MU) held its Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2025 at St. Andrew's Church, electing a new Executive. The installation took place on 2 November 2025, led by Ven. Z. Nqoko with assistance from Revd Jobodwana and Revd Kuse.

Ven Nqoko expressed gratitude to the outgoing Executive for their pioneering work and encouraged members to support the new leadership with prayer and unity.

The new Executive :

-Presiding:	Ms Kholeka Madonono
-Deputy:	Ms Thandiwe Dliwa
-Secretary:	Ms Kholeka Shasha
-Deputy Secretary:	Ms Nozuko Bhaselwa
-Treasurer:	Ms Noxolo Maqungo
-Unit Coordinator:	Ms Phozisa Nyaka
-St Agnes Coordinator:	Ms Khaya Koti





GUILD OF ST AGNES ANNUAL COMMEMORATION

The Annual Guild of St Agnes Commemoration of the Diocese of Khahlamba was held on 24 January 2026 at St Andrew's Parish, Burgersdorp, in the Aliwal North Archdeaconry. The day commenced with a banner procession, followed by prayer and warm words of welcome from the Venerable Beis Archdeacon of the hosting Archdeaconry. The Eucharistic service was led by Bishop Lionel Sibeko, with the first reading delivered in English by the Diocesan Chairperson, Asive Bidi, and the Gospel proclaimed in isiXhosa by the Reverend Siyabonga Malapi. The sermon was delivered by Reverend Mamello Mosola, who shared an inspiring message on "Unshakable Faith, Renewed in Christ," with particular emphasis on compassion.



The Diocesan Chairperson, Asive Bidi, delivered a powerful keynote address based on "Unshakable Faith, Renewed in Christ," inspiring members on the importance of purity, godly living, and unpacking Iinjongo zoManyano.

Mrs Mampho Jayiya, President of the Mothers' Union, provided practical advice and ideas for the future of the Guild, encouraging members to remain steadfast in their faith and mission. Phase 3 commenced with the fundraising initiative, which contributed significantly to the Guild's financial stability. The Komani Archdeaconry Chairperson, Sinoneliso Mpame, expressed appreciation to the Bishop for his continued support of the Guild and its events.

The day concluded with closing remarks from the Venerable Chapa, the Diocesan Chaplain. Overall, the Annual Commemoration was a spiritually enriching and empowering occasion that strengthened fellowship among members and renewed their commitment to the Guild's mission. The event inspired all members to follow in the footsteps of St Agnes by living lives marked by unwavering faith, purity, compassion, dedication, and steadfastness in Christ.



Phase 2 was led by Avuyile Mnyombolo from the Aliwal North Archdeaconry and opened with prayer by Konwaba Dyantyi from the Lukhanji Archdeaconry. Siqalo Sikele from the Tele Archdeaconry shared the purpose of the day, providing insight into the meaning of commemoration and reminding members of their calling to live Christ-centred lives of purity and abstinence.



DIOCESE EQUIPS MEDIA TEAM WITH COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Diocese of Khahlamba recently hosted a communication skills workshop aimed at strengthening the capacity of its Diocesan Media Team to communicate the mission and ministry of the Church more effectively.

The workshop brought together members of the Diocesan Media Team from all archdeaconries, for a day of learning, collaboration, and practical engagement. The initiative formed part of the Diocese's ongoing commitment to ensuring that its communication reflects the Gospel with clarity, professionalism, and integrity.



Participants explored key areas of effective communication, including news writing, photography, social media engagement, video production, designing visual material, branding, and the responsible use of digital platforms. The session also highlighted the importance of accurate reporting, timely dissemination of information, and communicating in ways that inspire hope and strengthen the Church's witness.

Addressing the participants, Reverend Mamello Mosala emphasized that communication is not merely about sharing information but is an essential ministry that connects people, builds relationships, and proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ. The media team was encouraged to become faithful storytellers who capture and share the life, worship, and mission of the Diocese with excellence.

The workshop also provided an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas, discuss challenges faced in parish communications, and identify practical ways of improving collaboration across the Diocese. Through interactive discussions and hands-on exercises, members gained valuable skills that will enhance the quality and consistency of diocesan communications.

The Diocese of Khahlamba expressed its appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the workshop and reaffirmed its commitment to investing in communication as a vital tool for mission and ministry.



As the Diocese continues to reposition itself for mission and ministry, an empowered and well-equipped media team will play an increasingly important role in sharing stories of faith, celebrating ministry, and ensuring that the voice of the Church reaches communities both within and beyond the Diocese. Similar workshops will feature prominently on the calendar of the Diocese to ensure ongoing capacity building.



RENEWING THE CALL : DIOCESAN SERVERS GATHER FOR RENEWAL OF VOWS

A spirit of joy, reflection, and recommitment marked a special gathering of the Diocese of Servers as they came together for the renewal of vows. The occasion served as a powerful reminder of the sacred promise each server made at the beginning of their journey in service to the Church.

Servers from across the diocese assembled in high spirits for a meaningful and spiritually uplifting service. The celebration began with vibrant and heartfelt choruses, setting a reverent and joyful tone that carried throughout the day.

The service was officiated by the Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Revd. Lionel Sibeko, while the Chaplain, Revd. Mehlomakulu, served as the synaxis leader. The Diocesan President, Bukanani Mdungela, delivered the first reading and led the prayers of intercession.



In his sermon, Bishop Lionel Sibeko reflected on the simple yet profound foundations of the Church. He guided the servers through the significance of the Church seasons within the Anglican tradition, emphasizing their role in shaping the spiritual lives of believers. He also spoke about the challenges that hinder a closer relationship with God, reminding the congregation that sin separates us from Him. He encouraged all present to turn away from harmful habits, seek reconciliation, and embrace spiritual renewal—highlighting the importance of repentance and growth.

The service was enriched by the active participation of priests, servers, and congregants, who rose together in unity to sing hymns and dance to lively choruses. Their joy and enthusiasm transformed the gathering into a vibrant celebration of faith, leaving all in attendance spiritually refreshed and inspired.

The renewal of vows stood as a meaningful expression of commitment, unity, and the enduring call to serve with humility, dedication, and devotion.





ANNUAL SPIRITUAL HIKE WITH THE BISHOP

Members of the Diocese gathered in Sterkspruit for a spiritual prayer hike led by the Diocesan Bishop, Rt Revd Lionel Sibeko. The successful event was hosted by St Monica at the Chapel of St Francis Jozana and combined worship with wellness, reminding members that faith is lived both inside and outside the church walls.

As members walked together with the Bishop, they prayed, shared fellowship, and celebrated the gift of health. The hike was not only a spiritual journey but also served as a way of encouraging active living among diocesan members.

The event was attended by priests and diocesan members. One of the highlights was the participation of community members who joined the group as they gathered up the mountains for prayer. Their participation confirmed that people are hungry for God and that this fellowship should continue, as it strengthens members as people of God.



MOTHERS' UNION THANKSGIVING

A thanksgiving service was held on 28 February 2026 at Hangklip High School in Queenstown to honour Mrs. Gela, affectionately known by her clan name Mzondi. Mrs. Gela served as Mothers' Union President for two terms, from June 2018 to June 2024, becoming the fourth President of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Khahlamba.

The celebration drew representatives from the Eastern Cape Cluster, the Dioceses of Grahamstown, Mbashe, Mthatha, and Port Elizabeth, together with clergy and members of the Diocesan Mothers' Union Council. The Bishop of Khahlamba opened the service with a prayer, commending Mrs. Gela for her humility and steadfast leadership.



Speakers reflected on her remarkable journey, recalling her leadership qualities even before her election as President. Her tenure was marked by significant challenges, most notably the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020–2021, which she navigated with resilience and faith.

The atmosphere was filled with joy as family, friends, and fellow members of the Mothers' Union joined in laughter, music, and dance. Her successor, Mrs. Jayiya, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mzondi for her dedication and service to the Diocese, acknowledging the lasting impact of her leadership.

In her reply, Mrs. Gela warmly thanked all present and expressed appreciation for the support she had received throughout her journey. The thanksgiving service was a fitting tribute to a leader whose humility, perseverance, and devotion continue to inspire the Mothers' Union and the wider church community.





GROWING THE CHURCH MINISTRY (GTC) STRENGTHENS ITS MISSION THROUGH WORKSHOPS

A workshop on Growing the Church, coordinated by Canon Masoka held in Cacadu Archdeaconry and was a resounding success. Participants left motivated, encouraged, empowered, and eager to continue learning.

The day began with an opening prayer by Rev. P. Nomxhego, followed by remarks from Canon Masoka, who shared a Bible verse on finding peace through forgiveness. Drawing from Matthew 18:21–27, he introduced the theme: What does it mean to grow the church, and how does it grow? He emphasized three dimensions:

- Numerical growth
- Spiritual growth
- Holistic growth (skills, talents, and service)

Session 1: How to Forgive Yourself

Reverend Canon Masoka guided participants through Bruce Wilkinson's teaching on forgiveness, sharing personal testimonies and stressing that forgiveness is a process, not a single event. He reminded everyone: "Forgive without limits — always forgive to set your heart free."

Groups discussed practical steps for forgiveness, including:

- Identifying and accepting the problem
- Seeking mediation when needed
- Praying consistently for strength
- Speaking to trusted family or friends for support
- Evaluating progress and leaving room for setbacks



Session 2: Requirements for Lasting Forgiveness

This session, grounded in Matthew 18:35, highlighted the importance of choosing forgiveness to find peace.

Key points included:

- Acknowledging that victims are not at fault
- Releasing those who hurt you from your heart
- Setting boundaries against abuse
- Trusting God for healing and restoration

The sessions underscored that forgiveness brings peace, healing, and spiritual freedom.

At the close, elections were held to appoint parish representatives who will train others in the Archdeaconry. The following members were elected :

St John the Baptist [Bholothwa]:

- Revd. Phumlani Nomxhego
- Miss Gladile Vuyokazi

St. Peter's [Lanti]:

- Miss Noluthando Tayo
- Mr Athule Gwija

St Andrew's [Cacadu]:

- Mrs Mrubata

Reverend Canon Masoka expressed heartfelt gratitude to all who attended, stating that the workshops will continue throughout all archdeaconries.



“RESTORED IN FAITH, RENEWED IN PURPOSE”: DIOCESAN YOUTH GUILD’S TRANSFORMATIVE GATHERING HELD IN BHOLOTWA

The Diocesan Youth Guild (DYG) gathered for a powerful Restoration and Spiritual Uplifting event held from the 27th to the 28th of March 2026 at Bholothwa Nondumiso Retreat Centre. Anchored on the theme drawn from Ephesians 4:32, “Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you,” the gathering created a sacred space for reflection, renewal, and recommitment among the youth.

From the very beginning, the atmosphere was filled with a deep sense of purpose and anticipation. Young people across the diocese came together not only for fellowship but to seek spiritual growth and restoration. Through worship sessions, teachings, and moments of prayer, attendees were reminded of the importance of kindness, forgiveness, and unity in their daily walk of faith. The message of restoration resonated strongly, encouraging many to let go of past hurts and embrace a renewed relationship with God and one another.



A significant highlight of the event took place on the 28th of March 2026, marking a moment of great importance in the life of the Diocesan Youth Guild, the licensing of the Diocesan Youth Guild Executive. The licensing service was officiated by Bishop Lionel Sibeko, who formally licensed the Chaplain of the Diocesan Youth Guild, Revd. P Nomxego, together with the Diocesan Youth Guild Executive. This sacred ceremony symbolized a new chapter of leadership, commitment, and service within the Guild.

The event concluded on a high spiritual note, with many participants leaving the event revitalized, inspired, and spiritually uplifted.

The Restoration and Spiritual Uplifting gathering not only strengthened faith but also reaffirmed the mission of the Diocesan Youth Guild to build a united, compassionate, and Christ-centered youth community.

Indeed, the weekend at Bholothwa Nondumiso Retreat Centre will be remembered as a transformative experience, one that ignited hearts and renewed spirits for the journey ahead.





AWF HELD DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT THEME “RE-IMAGINING OURSELVES, IGNITING GOD’S FLAME”

The Anglican Women’s Fellowship continues to play a vital role in nurturing faith, unity, and service within the church. The following activities were held :

Fundraising

In the spirit of togetherness and service, the fellowship hosted a vibrant fundraising event on 16 November 2025 to support its ongoing ministries and community initiatives. The event was not only a reflection of generosity but also a celebration of unity, as various church guilds came together in support of a common purpose. Among those who were present were the clergy, Khahlamba Lay Minister’s Fellowship and the Mothers’ Union, each contributing in meaningful ways to ensure the success of the occasion. Marry Magdelene supported the event in absentia. The fundraising event created a joyful atmosphere filled with fellowship, music, and shared purpose.



Renewal of vows

Renewing vows serves as a potent reminder that faith is a continuous journey rather than a static state. The Anglican Womens Fellowship is unwavering in its mission to be a light within the Church and the larger community, inspiring, uplifting, and serving through fellowship and recommitment. The guild recently renewed their vows in all parishes, marking a profoundly spiritual and significant occasion. Their dedication to serving God, the Church, and their communities with faith, humility, and love was reaffirmed on this holy occasion.

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is a Christian observance that takes place the day before Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. It is popularly known as Pancake Day. People would use up rich ingredients like eggs, milk, and sugar before the Lent fasting began. The AWF commemorated the day on 17 February 2026 at different parishes, beginning with the Eucharist service, during which short devotional message were delivered by the Priests, encouraging women to embrace humility, strengthen their faith, and commit to acts of service within their families and communities.



In keeping with tradition, the fellowship also observed the custom of sharing pancakes, cakes and scones symbolizing the use of rich ingredients before the fasting period. This created a warm atmosphere of unity, fellowship, and joy among members and invited guests.





AWF HELD DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT THEME: “RE-IMAGINING OURSELVES, IGNITING GOD’S FLAME”

World Women’s Day of Prayer

The Anglican Womens Fellowship joined Christians worldwide in commemorating the World Day of Prayer, an international ecumenical campaign spearheaded by women to encourage solidarity, prayer, and action. St. Women made time to visit an elderly person who struggles to attend church services . The intention was to show Christian love in action. The fellowship exemplifies Christ’s teachings by serving others, particularly those who may be weak or in need, by being kind, respectful, and caring.



The retreat offered a sacred setting for meditation, prayer, and unity, enabling women to take a break from their everyday obligations and reestablish connections with God and each other. The Eucharist ceremony kicked off the program, establishing a solemn atmosphere for the retreat after a warm welcome by the Rector, Reverend Nandi Mehlomakhulu. Bible study, prayer sessions, and inspirational talks on spiritual growth, leadership, and the place of women in the church were among the several activities that took place. Participants were urged to apply Christian values in their daily lives and to deepen their understanding of them. Through worship and song, the atmosphere was filled with joy and spiritual revival.

AWF Retreat

On 28 March 2026, the Anglican Women's Fellowship organized a spiritually uplifting retreat with the goal of fostering unity, faith, and personal enrichment among its members that was led by the newly appointed Chaplain, Canon Bulelwa Hlanjwa at St Marks, Sada Archdeconry. The theme of the day was “ The realignment and spiritual empowerment for impactful ministry” The focus was on revisiting the way we do things, how we relate with other people, our spiritual focus and link these with Christ’s mission and character as well as the word of God.



ST MARY'S BIDS FAREWELL TO REVEREND SIKHUNYANA



The 15th of March 2026 is one of the days that St Mary's Parish will forever remember, as it bid farewell to the beloved Rev Sikhunyana who retired as the priest in this parish and diocese.

Reverend Sikhunyana joined the Parish in 2016 and retired on 31 December 2025. A wonderful send off message was rendered by Rev Mdalana in the form of a sermon, based on the book of 1 Samuel 16:2-13 (Anointing of David in Jesse's house).

We got messages of support and presents from Archdeaconry priests, Tele Archdeaconry, represented by a veteran, Rev Sisa Sonti and fellow Christians from the archdeaconry. Archdeacon Mluleki Manzi represented the Sterkspruit Archdeaconry. All speakers delivered moving messages as they proved knowledge of her service and pastoral care in the parish.

Reverend V Sono, the Canon Chancellor, offered final words of wisdom acknowledging the work of Revd Sikhunyana and wishing her well in the next phase of life.

Serving with dedication, commitment and selflessness characterized Revd Sikhunyana's years of service. "You are a priest in the order of Melchisedec..Enjoy your retirement but you will not cease to be a priest". All speakers echoed the same message.

Hebrews 5:6 "As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."



BIBLE TRIVIA

Bible Easter Trivia



Name: _____ Correct Answers: _____

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| 1. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during His Triumphal Entry, what was He riding on?
A. Horse
B. Camel
C. Donkey
D. Chariot | 2. How many times did Peter deny Christ?
A. Two times
B. Three times
C. One time
D. Four times |
| 3. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple Peter?
A. Malchus
B. Alexander
C. Matthias
D. Rufus | 4. What was the Jewish feast being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
A. Pentecost
B. Passover
C. Firstfruits
D. Unleavened Bread |
| 5. What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink while on the cross?
A. Fruit Juice
B. Water
C. Vinegar
D. Wine | 6. For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ?
A. 10
B. 20
C. 30
D. 40 |
| 7. Who carried the cross for Christ?
A. Simeon
B. Simon Peter
C. Simon of Cyrene
D. Thomas | 8. What color was the robe that the Romans placed upon Jesus?
A. Purple
B. Green
C. Yellow
D. Brown |
| 9. In what was Jesus wrapped before He was buried?
A. Sheep skin
B. Linen clothes
C. Golden robes
D. Goat skin | 10. Who rolled away the tomb stone?
A. Soldiers
B. God
C. Jesus
D. Angel |
| 11. What was the name of the man who requested Jesus' body for burial?
A. Tibo
B. Nicodemus
C. Jonathan
D. Joseph | 12. For how long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven?
A. 7 days
B. 14 days
C. 40 days
D. 49 days |

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EASTER BIBLE Trivia

How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord? _____

Where did the angel tell the women to go and see the risen Savior? _____

When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on? _____

How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for? _____

When Jesus saw the disciples after His resurrection, what did He ask them to bring at the Sea of Tiberias? _____

In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what? _____

What was the name of the prisoner the people wanted released instead of Jesus? _____

What kind of crown was placed on the head of Jesus? _____

Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner? _____

Who was the first person to see the risen Christ? _____

What did Jesus say would cry out as He rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? _____

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