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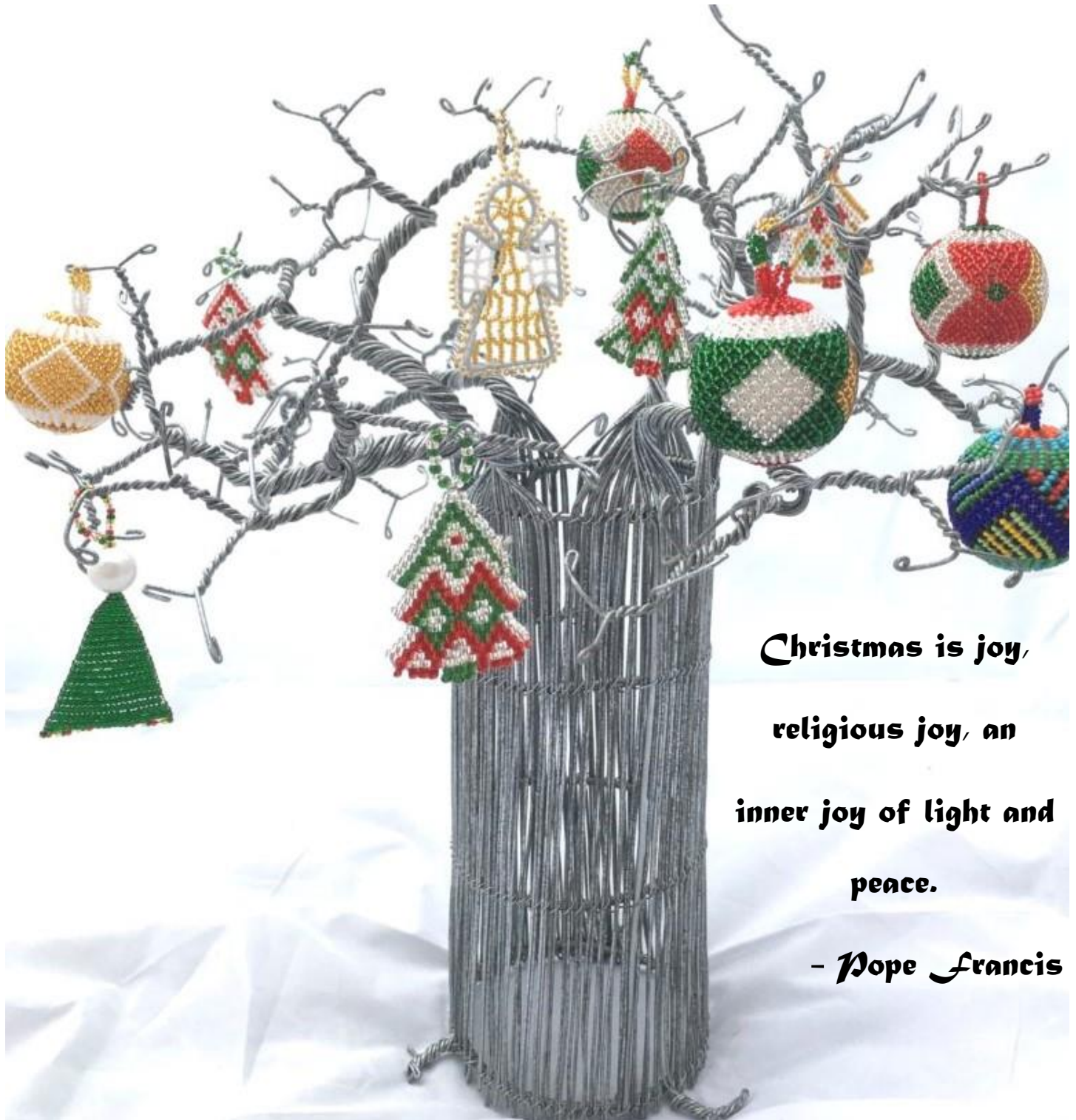
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Christmas is joy,

religious joy, an

inner joy of light and

peace.

- Pope Francis



The Incumbent's Christmas Message



way to reach us. The herald is heard: 'He, is coming, our God is coming, the Immanuel God, God with us.' He comes to embody our broken and grieving condition. The season of hope is heralded. As disciples of Jesus, we are called upon to be prisoners of hope. Those who are filled with the hope that is planted and grown through the comforting presence and word of God, should allow encouragement and not judgement to flow from us.

Although we are at the end of a year, we are in a new liturgical calendar year and a new liturgical season. With God there is always renewal, new beginnings. So, permit me to wish you and you families a joyous and blessed Christmas day and season. They say 'it's the season to be jolly,' 'within reason,' I say. If COVID-19 taught us anything it is learning to focus on the importance of family, the value of being family. As we do so we are able to appreciate and work for sanctified community within the church and society. God bless and thank you all for your contribution to enabling the parish to be all she could be in a very different and difficult time.

Love and peace - Rodney Whiteman ✠

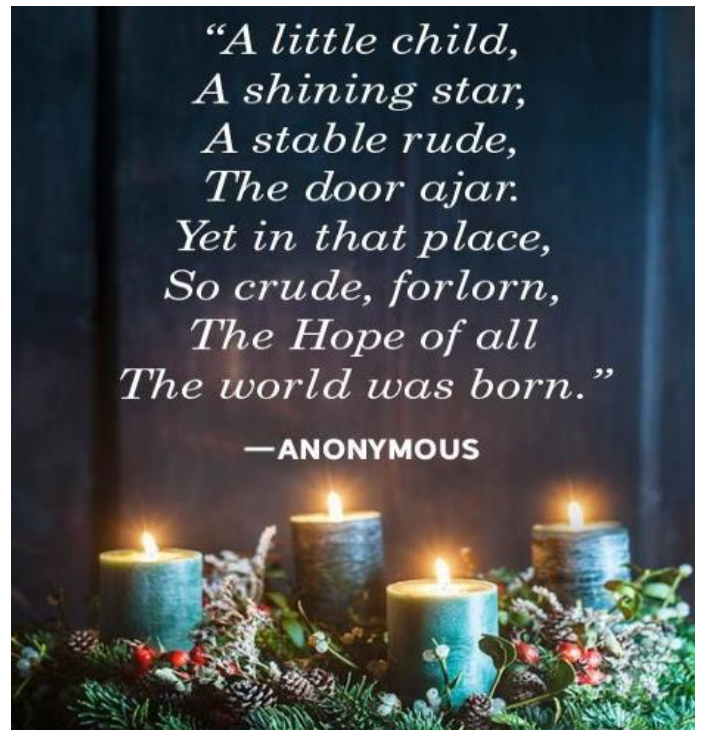
Dear People of God, I bring you greetings from my family, the clergy and leaders of the parish. It is rather strange to be thinking of such a celebratory festival and season, when we are now needing vaccine boosters. This means the COVID-19 continues to do its worst with assistance from us.

Yet, the announcement from the prophet Isaiah (40) 'Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.' How would God comfort God's people? Those God calls to be prophetic are counselled by God to – 'speak tenderly,' 'proclaim' – give her a divine message that they are delivered from their sin – their disobedient, non-compliant attitude has been redemptively dealt with. The prophet assures us that God never leaves us comfortless, and this promise is delivered by Jesus, the Beloved Son, our deliverer – 'I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.' [John 14:18]

In the same Isaiah passage – the divine action of comfort is put in place; 'A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' No matter how dark the clouds that gather seem, God is building a high-

*"A little child,
A shining star,
A stable rude,
The door ajar.
Yet in that place,
So crude, forlorn,
The Hope of all
The world was born."*

—ANONYMOUS



*Wishing all Parishioners a
Blessed Christmas and a prosperous
New Year. From the Church
Leadership*

Keith Jenneker - A Master Musician

4 March 1953—1 April 2021

By Merle May



There once was a gentle giant who walked quietly and unobtrusively amongst us, illuminating our lives with his gift from God, and leaving us all the better for it - never asking much praise or accolades in return.

I am referring to Keith Jenneker (1953 – 2021) who once was organist and choir master at St George the Martyr. In compiling this tribute to him, I initially wanted to focus on his musical genius, but as I interviewed people who had worked closely

with him, I was struck by the comradery, respect, admiration, fondness and love they had for him.

Keith, younger brother to Bruce and Stuart, began his formal music journey with piano lessons at the age of six. Stuart recalls that even before then, when Keith was much younger, their dad challenged him to play Claude Debussy's Clair De Lune. Keith managed and delivered with aplomb! He received £2 sterling, the equivalent of about R40 in today's currency, for his accomplishment! He also sang solos at church functions - the well-loved anthem, "He", in particular.



ERUB Choristers with Keith their choir master

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Keith and his wife, Elphinstone's paths crossed very early, in fact in Standard 2 at Frank Joubert Primary School in Port Elizabeth, now Gqeberha. She shares that she remembers him playing the piano for hymn singing at the school assemblies. By the tender age of ten he was the assistant organist at Dale Street Congregational Church, Uitenhage. His moth-

er was choir mistress at the time, and his grandfather, Rev. C.W. Hendrickse, the minister. Being from Port Elizabeth myself, I would say that Keith functioned in a society that took music seriously. Church choirs and school Eisteddfods were the order of the day.

By the time Keith was in matric the lingering problem with his eyesight was such that he learnt



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Keith during a recital at the Bellville College of Education



From L—R: Elphinstone, Dorian, Theo and Tarryn Williams, Aiden and Keith at the wedding of their daughter.

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Braille in preparation for his final exam. It was interesting to learn that music was Keith's second choice for a career. He was advised to change from languages to music because of his deteriorating eyesight. At UCT he blazed a trail with his studies. He achieved a B Mus (Performers). He was the first "person of colour" to receive the Chancellor's Award of Excellence. He also holds Licentiates from Trinity College London and the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM). In 1984 he completed a B.Ed. degree.

During his long teaching career Keith taught Primary and High School learners, through to adults at colleges and university as well as 3-4 year olds in Oman. Mr Roy Benjamin, Keith's colleague for many years at Bellville College of Education (BOK), recalls that a post was ear-marked for Keith at UCT College of Music, but he preferred to give back to the local community instead, hence his appointment at BOK. According to Roy part of Keith's legacy was to change the way music students were evaluated. Keith called a meeting to voice his concern that inspectors with no training in music evaluated music

students. The outcome of the meeting was that the inspectors had to relinquish this task. In Roy's words, "Keith was firm. He wouldn't take "No" for an answer!"

Keith and Ronnie Samaai, also an accomplished violinist, conductor, choir master and music teacher were colleagues for almost 20 years. Mr Samaai was Head of the Music Department of the Bellville College of Education when Keith started there as a lecturer. Keith went on to become Head of the Music Department, Acting Vice Rector and Acting Rector.

Mr Samaai recalls that Keith was an exceptionally gifted musician. They built a wonderful friendship, and he enjoyed many visits from Keith in Paarl, where they always made music! Mr Samaai recalls fondly and proudly how they performed at numerous concerts. He appreciated Keith's virtuosity as an accompanist and felt "safe" as a performer in Keith's presence. Mr Samaai says: in addition to Keith's music prowess, he was also a refined human being, and a deeply committed Christian. He went beyond his scope as a lecturer and was totally unselfish in sharing his expertise with the broader community.

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Keith (R) and some choir members of St George. L—R: Annie Pasquallie, Glynnis Ismail and Sonia Petersen

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Liezl Gaffley was “discovered” by Keith at the age of fifteen as a piano pupil. She went on to become a music student at BOK. Keith nurtured her talent in Choral training, and many years later they decided to enroll together for the Certificate in Choral Conducting with Dr Salome Hendrickse as director. Not only did Keith achieve two certificates in this course, but was also promoted to lecturer because of the wealth of experience and knowledge he had acquired over the years. Liezl has done so well with her choral training that she has also become an adjudicator of note. Keith was so proud when she adjudicated the series “Sing in Harmonie” that was aired on TV. He remarked: “on TV nogals”.

Keith’s last involvement in music was as director of the ERUB (Elsies River, Ravensmead, Uitsig and Bishop Lavis) Children’s choir. Margot Khamal, acting manager, says that the choir’s participation in the opera “La Boheme” at Artscape, was also Keith’s swan song. Although Keith’s health was already severely compromised, the children’s choir performed superbly. They absolutely loved “Mr J”. Stuart remembers Keith’s positivity and cheerfulness during this time.

Keith’s swansong at St George’s Anglican Church, where the Jenneker family worshipped, was when the ERUB choir performed at the Ihlombe choral festival on Mandela day (2019) to a packed audience. Those of you who were there will remember the choir’s moving renditions of the **Sanctus and Benedictus** from The Armed Man—a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins, also



Keith playing at the baptism service of one of Stuart’s children in the Anglican church of St Mary Magdalene, in Port Elizabeth

the well-known chorus, **My only Hope is You Jesus**.

Elphinstone, his children, Dorian, twins Aiden and Tarryn, remember that Keith presented workshops, adjudicated, moderated, composed, sang, directed choirs, and accompanied on all the major stages in Cape Town and on stages abroad. He spoke English, Afrikaans, German, and Arabic. He played the piano, organ, violin and oboe. Their fondest memories of their dad is him cooking up a storm in the kitchen and how he enjoyed swimming in the sea. He had a tremendous love for the ocean.

Fellow musicians will tell you that they all have their areas of expertise, but it is very rare indeed that someone like Keith Jenneker comes along who is brilliant in so many aspects of music. Secondly, it is extremely unusual that someone who had such an awesome mind, would spend so much time uplifting the community with so much charisma and charm.

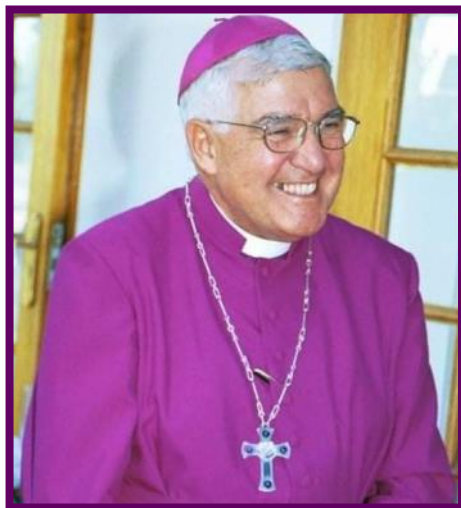
We are grateful for his many years of dedicated service as organist and choir master at St George the Martyr in Kuils River. We hope that his legacy inspires us all to achieve more in music, and in life.

May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.✠

The Right Revd Merwyn Edwin Castle

2 November 1942—2 August 2021

By Lucretia Davis



Bishop Merwyn Edwin Castle was consecrated as bishop on 5 February 1994. With the multiplication of the Diocese of Cape Town into three new Diocese, namely Table Bay, False Bay and Saldanha Bay, he was enthroned as the Bishop of False Bay on 27 April 2007. When Bishop Merwyn retired, Bishop Margaret Brenda Vertue was consecrated on 19 January 2013. In a moving tribute at the funeral service to the late Bishop Castle, Bishop Margaret announced that the Boardroom in the Diocesan Office will be named the Merwyn Castle Boardroom and that his ashes are to be interred under the altar in the All Saints Anglican Church, Somerset West.

The interment service was held on 1 November 2021 at All Saints Church, Somerset West.

At the service, the 10th Year Celebration for the Social Development Department of the Diocese of False Bay booklet, was handed over to Errol, the Bishop's brother. The Social Development Department was established during Bishop Merwyn's term of office.

May his dear soul rest in peace and rise in glory.✠



Bishop Merwyn's brother Errol and family receive the celebratory booklet from members of the Social Development Department



The plaque marking the place of the interment of the Bishop's ashes



In Memory of Nick Pasquallie 22 September 1933—14 July 2021

By Karen Botha



Nick and Annie Pasquallie were joined in holy matrimony on 6 April 1958 and they were blessed with six children.

The Pasquallie family joined the St George's congregation in Kuils River in 1987 after they moved from Glenhaven where the family worshipped at St John's Anglican Church in Bellville South, since 1971.

Nick and Annie were avid music lovers, especially choral music, with Nick being the conductor, and Annie accompanying on the piano. They have won numerous awards for the best School Choirs since the sixties. Therefore they joined the St George's choir, living out their passion as long as their health allowed them to.

When St George's church was renovated and extended, the Pasquallies donated a pew in honour of their three sons, Nicolo, Alfredo and Don who has passed on.

After retirement Nick and Annie joined the Senior's Club and they thoroughly enjoyed the company, the activities and the outings that were arranged by the church.

May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. 🌹



In Memory of Reggie Carter 1 September 1942—27 August 2021

By Cindy Carter-van der Merwe

Reginald Neville Carter, fondly known as “Reggie”, was born in Somerset West on the 1st of September 1942. He was raised in the Methodist Church in Somerset West and attended the primary school attached to the church, where his dad was a teacher. He matriculated from Gordon High School at the age of 17 and went to study Psychology at the University of the Western Cape (then known as Bush College) but after his first year of studies, decided that psychology was not for him.

He met the love of his life, Levona Cana, in the



mid-sixties and they married in 1968 at St Phillips Church in Chapel Street, Cape Town where they worshipped. They moved to Kensington in the late seventies and started attending Good Shepherd Anglican Church. In 1989, Reggie and Levona, along with their four daughters, Chantal, Leanne, Tammy and Cindy moved to Kuils River and joined St George the Martyr Anglican Church.

Reggie was licensed as a lay minister in 1997. He loved taking communion to the aged and home bound and often visited parishioners who were in hospital. He truly found his passion being a lay minister and was referred to as “the dancing lay minister” by some of the parishioners because of his love of worship and dancing while worshipping.

Reginald Neville Carter was not a wealthy man by worldly standards, but he left a legacy that is priceless in the Kingdom of God. He was extremely well read and had a vast knowledge of the history of the Bible and biblical times and taught his family and community much about the Kingdom, not just with words - though much was learned from his wise words - but far more by his actions.

As is said by his children: “We are better able to relate to the love of our Heavenly Father because of how much our earthly father loved us. We always knew that we were loved, and that he would do for us whatever was within his power when we were in



need”.

Reggie was an accountant by profession and was registered with the AIC and South African Receiver of Revenue Service (SARS) as a Registered Tax Practitioner. He had a brain like a calculator which was as sharp as a pin right up until the day he died.

Reggie passed away due to heart failure on August 27 2021 and was honoured with a guard of honour by the lay ministers of St George the Martyr Church at his funeral. His death leaves behind many broken hearts. He is survived by his wife Levona, 4 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. 🌹



Theodore Ismail 22 September 1957—22 May 2021

Theodore passed away unexpectedly on 22 May 2021. He leaves behind his wife Rose, his children Regan, Nazli and Terence and six grandchildren.

Theo served on the Magazine Committee assisting with the distribution of the hardcopy of the St George's News magazine. Since the outbreak of Covid-19 in 2020, the Magazine is distributed digitally. We remember him fondly as friendly, tolerant and committed to his task..

We express our heartfelt condolences to Rose, the children and grandchildren and the wider Ismail and Titus family.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. ☞ □ Editor

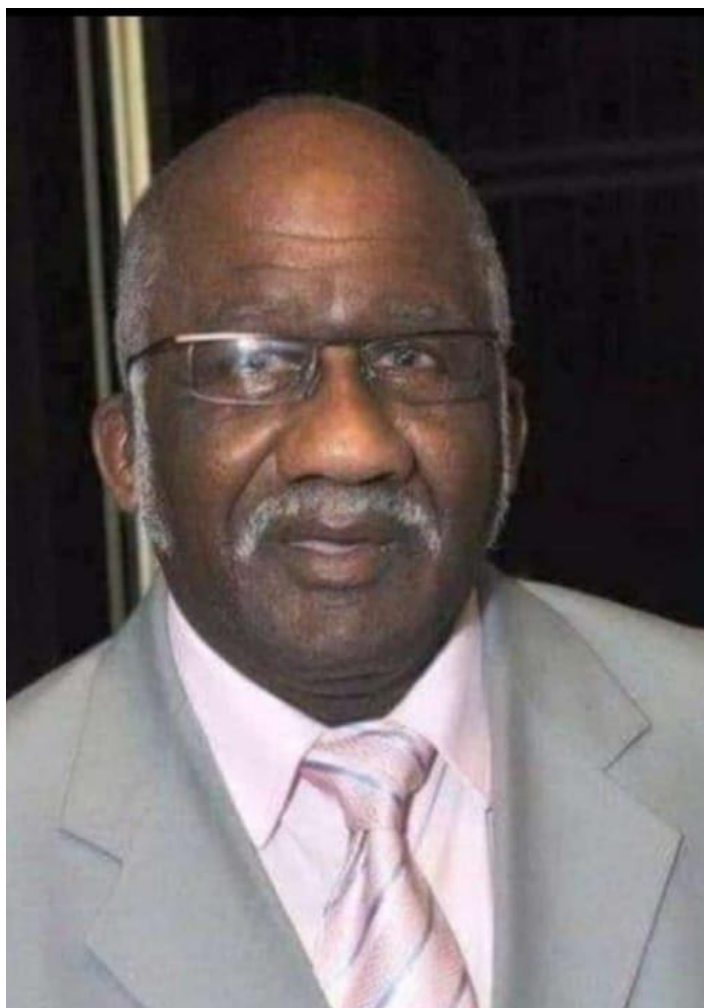


Theodore with some of his family members

***Each of you should use
whatever gift you have received
to serve others as faithful
stewards of God's grace in its
various forms***

1 Peter 4:10

Edmund Hellenberg 28 May 1935—2 September 2021



Edmund Hellenberg passed away peacefully on 2 September 2021 after a long illness. He is sadly missed by his wife Maria, his daughters Gail and Joy and grandchildren.

He started off his career in education as a teacher and retired as a principal of a primary school in Blackheath. As a keen sportsman since his teenage years, he played rugby and participated in wrestling competitions, while simultaneously being involved in weight-lifting.

In 1992 he accompanied the S.A. Weight-lifting team to the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain and later to the USA and the All Africa Games in Harare, Zimbabwe.

His 42 years of voluntary service to the Cape Peninsula Organisation for the Aged (CPOA) earned him the Mayor's award for long and unselfish service

to the community. He and Maria also travelled extensively.

In 1987 Edmund and his family became parishioners at St George the Martyr Anglican Church in Kuils River, where he made a valuable contribution to parish life. He played an important role in the establishment of the Chapelry of St Mark and also chaired the building committee which saw through the building of St Mark the Evangelist in Rotterdam Kuils River. In addition he also chaired the building committee that was responsible for the building of St Monica Worship Centre and Creche in Wesbank—St George's second Chapelry. He served as Catechist for 3 years and was a member of the Fund Raising Committee for 4 years.

Dedicated as he was to serving God through the Church, he served as a church warden for 2 years and represented the parish at Synods. He was a member of the Wesbank Educare Committee for 4 years and initiated the first Harvest Festival at St George. This in addition to organizing two trips to Hartenbos and Kleinplasie.

May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.✠

Editor

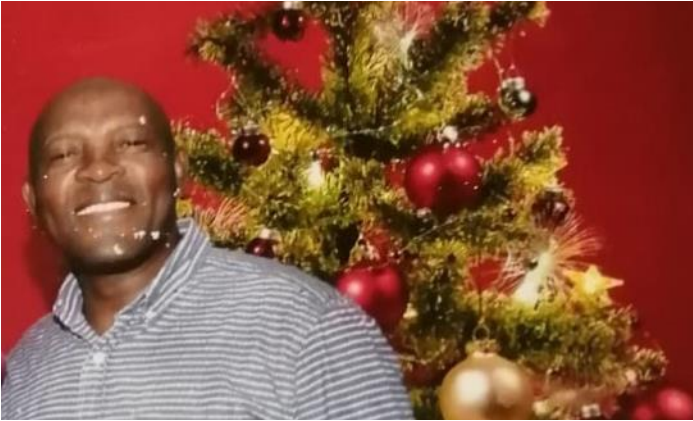
For God loved the world
so much that He gave his
only Son,
so that everyone who believes
in Him may not die
but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (GNB)



New Assistant Priests in the Parish

Revd Gugulethu Ningi



Revd Gugulethu Ningi was appointed as assistant priest at St George the Martyr, Kuils River from May 2021. He is married to Ntombekaya and they have three children, Imanathi, Nqabakazi and Sanelisiwe.

He was born in Bengu, a small village near Queenstown in the Eastern Cape. He was invited to serve in Cape Town by Archbishop Emeritus Njongkulu Ndungane, at the parish of Christ Church in Kenilworth. Thereafter he served at St Michael and All Angels, Khayelitsha in a community with many challenges. While there, he travelled far and wide to raise funds to uplift the parish. With this assistance, they started a pre-school, a primary school, a guest house, craft market and a child and woman abuse ministry. He was also instrumental in planting Churches in the surrounding areas. After St Michael he was moved to St Clare in Malibu Village and was instrumental in establishing the parish of St Matthew between Malibu and Mfuleni. He successfully linked the two parishes, and their link name was Manche Masemola, a South African Christian Martyr. Here too, he raised funds to extend the church of St Matthew and established a pre-school centre.

Revd Gugs, as he is affectionately named, again faced many challenges when he was moved to the Chapelry of St Andrew in the Strand. While he was in the Strand, a number of ministries were developed to grow the little church and much needed worship equipment was purchased. An administration centre and Rectors' office was set up and major repairs effected to the church building.

Revd Ningi likens the Apostle Paul's many difficulties he faced, to his own ministry. But, like Paul, he can also count on God's faithfulness and trustworthiness as he labours on in God's vineyard.✠

Revd Leticia Rose Villet



My Christian journey started at a very tender age in my parents' home and at Sunday School. My parents are Douglas and Catherine Singh and they are very staunch Anglicans. I have five siblings, two sisters and three brothers. My children are, Keagan and Darren, aged 33 and 30, Kaylin, aged 21 and a four-year-old grandson. Keagan is a metrologist and Information technology specialist, Darren is a Graphic designer and Kaylin is a third year Occupational Therapy Student at the University of the Western Cape. I have been in the teaching profession for 37 years of which 34 years are at Goeie Hoop Primary School in Bellville South I am currently the Deputy Principal have a true passion for children.

Having had a keen interest in drama since my youth, I participated in operettas and dramas in Sunday School and sang in the Junior and Senior choirs. As a youngster I taught Sunday School.

I have played a pivotal role in the training of Sunday School teachers, Confirmation teachers and Women's Groups in the church and within the community. I have also been involved with confirmation and Sunday School teaching, as well as arranging and spear-heading confirmation camps.

As an ordained minister, I am also doing counseling. On 29 September 2007, I was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Merwyn Castle. Spreading the Gospel and telling especially young people about Jesus is my greatest passion.

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The Fifth Session of Synod of the Diocese of False Bay

By Editor

The fifth session of Synod of the Diocese of False Bay was held from 10 – 13 October 2021. This Synod was extraordinary in that for the first time it was held in dispersed venues across the Diocese. Up to this point all previous Synods were held in one venue where all the clergy and representatives were present for the duration of the proceedings. The Covid-19 pandemic that necessitated restrictions and protocols regarding large indoor and outdoor gatherings, resulted in Bishop Margaret Vertue, as Chairperson of the Synod, conduct the proceedings from All Saints Anglican Church in Somerset West in the presence of some clergy and representatives. The rest of the clergy and representatives followed and participated in the proceedings from several Archdeaconry hubs via Zoom.

The opening Eucharist was livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Bishop Margaret aptly referred to this new way of conducting Synod as a hybrid/virtual Synod.

The theme of the fifth session of Synod is:

“I am, because we are and because God is—embracing a world shattered by the COVID-19 pandemic”.

A significant decision that was taken at this Synod was that the All Saints Church in Somerset West will become the **Cathedral of the Diocese of False Bay**.

Priests and delegates at Synod



Bishop Margaret chairing the Synod via Zoom





Launch of the Workbook for Theological Education and Ministerial Formation

By Lucretia Davis



After spending a considerable time thinking, discussing and praying about how to enhance the training of priests in the Diocese of False Bay, all the hard work finally reached a climax when the Workbook for Theological Education and Ministerial Formation (Workbook), was launched,

The formal launch of the Workbook was hosted by St George the Martyr on Sunday, 23 May 2021 on the Day of Pentecost. The proceedings were opened by Bishop Margaret Vertue with a brief service which set a suitably reverent and grateful tone to the afternoon's programme. The bishop then gave a brief overview of the reasons why such a task was undertaken. She acknowledged the representatives of the various formation groups present as well as others who, because of COVID-19 protocols, could not attend in person but followed the proceedings being live streamed on the Face Book link of the diocese. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the Editorial

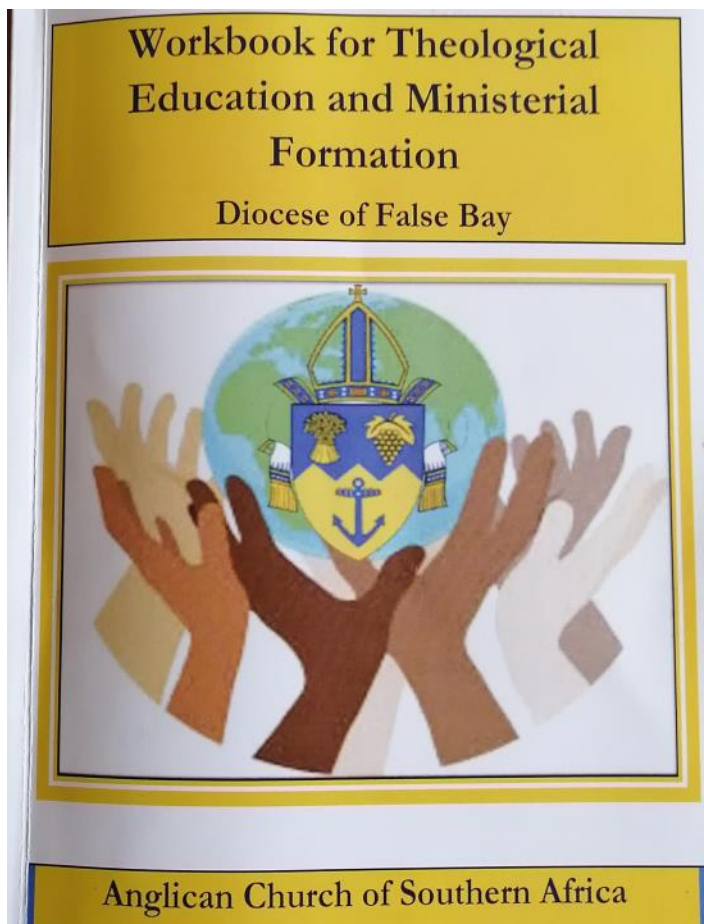
Committee for successfully seeing this challenge through.

Revd Canon John Goliath, who, as the Co-ordinator of Theological Education and Formation in the Diocese of False Bay, and appointed by the bishop to oversee the project, briefly sketched the history and development of the Workbook. Revd John said that although the launch marked the pinnacle of a long process, it should not be seen as the final step.

The Venerable Revd Rodney Whiteman, in explaining the purpose of the gathering, started by quoting a popular former television series, i.e. the A-Team, when he said "I love it when a plan comes together..." referring to the successful completion of the many sided Workbook project.

At this point Revd Ronald Phillips said a prayer, preparing the way for the short service. Revd Canon Cheryl Uren, Director of Post-Ordination Training, read the first scripture, Revd Merle Kakora the

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second and Revd Margaret Heyns, Director of Fellowship of Vocation, read the Gospel reading. A brief service presided over by Bishop Margaret Vertue followed.

Thereafter it was the turn of Revd John Goliath to outline the history and development of the Workbook project. Drawing on the analogy between the Workbook project and Pentecost, Revd John said that in the same way the believers gathered together on the Day of Pentecost so too the various Directors of Organisations in the church came together to discuss what they were doing with regard to the training of Deacons and Priests. It is out of that process that the idea of a Workbook to guide the training of clergy was born. An editorial committee that would work closely with the bishop and chapter, was established. The process was led by Revd John Goliath, assisted by Revd Byron Samuel and Revd Rodney Whiteman; thus, forming the Editorial Committee. Revd John Goliath described the Workbook as having Theological substance and as Christologically founded. He pointed out that the



Revd Canon John Goliath, Consultant and Co-ordinator for Theological Education and Ministerial Formation, Diocese of False Bay

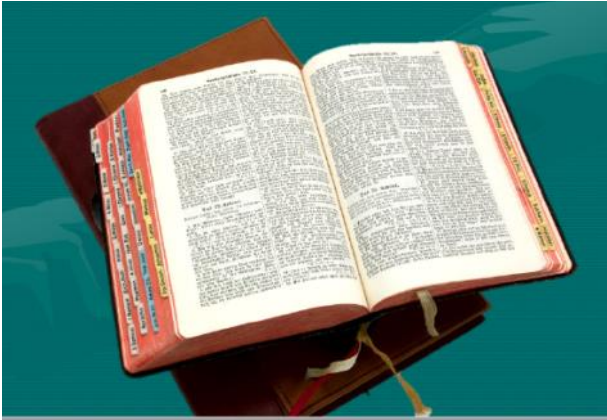
Workbook as having room for improvement and that hopefully, after five years it could be revised. He asked priests for their input as they read and work through it.

Revd John Goliath concluded by thanking the Editorial Committee, their spouses and partners as well as all those who submitted contributions to the Workbook. He expressed the hope that all who read the Workbook would reach new heights of understanding. Revd John Goliath then handed two copies of the Workbook to Bishop Margaret Vertue. Messages of support and encouragement from the Archbishop of Cape Town, The Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba, and the Bishop of Saldanha Bay, The Rt Revd Raphael Hess were read.

Bishop Margaret Vertue handed complimentary copies to all the representatives present. The proceedings ended with a word of thanks from Rev. Dr Ronald Phillips.✠



The Power of Virtual Small Groups to build Spiritual Connections



By Anthea H M Jacobs

The COVID-19 pandemic may have restricted church services, but it is during these trying times that we need to rely on our faith and spiritually support one another. The pandemic has unexpectedly put the spotlight on the power of small church groups to do exactly this while we have not been gathering in-person for worship services, but in a virtual format. During the pandemic we have all been so caught up in trying to restore some sense of normalcy, sometimes overlooking obvious solutions to the challenges we are confronted with. I had all but forgotten about the power of small groups as a tool to grow in faith and serve God's Kingdom, until a recent study where I collaborated with a colleague, addressing the notion of a 'virtual community of practice to navigate uncertain times and spaces'. Albeit a study in higher education, I realised the merit of aligning our findings to virtual small groups in the church context.

The study was an autoethnography study where a colleague and I reflected on our experiences and vulnerabilities as higher education practitioners during the Covid-19 pandemic. We considered how a community of practice (CoP) helped us to support one another and share ideas and knowledge during these uncertain times of heightened vulnerability and tested resilience. Our CoP helped us to feel less isolated and more connected. Its virtual or online format made it convenient as we could participate from a

'safe space' home office environment. We illustrated how we used the virtual space to build a collaborative network, share innovative ideas and practice as well as foster a supportive relationship. Our reflections within our CoP enabled us to consider and understand our changing contexts as we journeyed through the uncertain times and spaces associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. I believe our study offers a couple of lessons which we could translate to our church context.

Why are small groups important in the church context, especially during Covid-19? There is no better explanation than the one offered in the Bible. Jesus started the Christian church with a small group of twelve disciples. Jesus spent time with his small group. He bonded, instructed and prayed with them. Right now, with restricted gatherings as a congregation for church services, we could virtually do what Jesus did in his small group to alleviate feelings of spiritual isolation. A virtual small group offers a mechanism of staying in touch with one another, growing spiritually and offering emotional support. In literature this is called the "one another principle". Virtual small groups in the church context during Covid-19 can foster this principle by being devoted to one another – Romans 12:10; carrying each other's burdens – Galatians 6:12; encouraging each other – 1 Thessalonians 4:18; praying for one another – James 5:16; and instructing one another – Romans 15:14. A virtual small group during the Covid-19 pandemic can be one or two families staying in touch using a WhatsApp group, Zoom, Skype or any other convenient social media or online platform. The important thing is to avoid spiritual neglect.

As we continue to navigate uncharted waters as a church, our virtual small groups are playing an essential role for maintaining strong and healthy spiritual connections. Let us keep on "one-anothering" in accordance with the New Testament "one another" command. We were all caught off guard by this pandemic that has changed our lives. We are all grieving our loss of routine, control, freedoms and in some cases, loved ones. Focusing on care and prayer have therefore become extremely important.

In conclusion, in times of uncertainty it is natural to focus on trying to "fix" things for ourselves and

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others. That is good, but we should not lose sight of God, our all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present and loving heavenly Father, who is working all things together for our good.

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

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I have been licensed by Bishop Margaret Vertue on the 1 June 2021 to serve at St. George, the Martyr, with the chapelries of St. Marks and St. Monica. It is wonderful to be back at my home parish where I started with Revd Fred Hendricks, as our Rector, 34 years ago.

I am currently representing the Diocese of False Bay at the Anglican Board of Education in the Western Province as well as being the chaplain for the Guild of St. Christopher, formerly known as the Sunday School. During lockdown, while we could not have Sunday School, lessons, video clips and presentations were forwarded to all churches within the Diocese, to ensure that families are able to interact with God and their friends in a fun way, in the comfort of their own homes. On Archdeaconry level, I am a representative for the well-being of our children, in conjunction with the Diocesan Social Development officer.

I thank the Bishop Margaret, most heartily for my placement back at my home parish, as well as the Venerable Rodney Whiteman, the Revd. Gugulethu Ningi and the people of God at our current Christian home for the wonderful welcome that we have received as a family. I pray that God will continue to utilize us as instruments to work within God's vineyard. With God's grace I am looking forward to working together with all role-players including the community at large.

May St. George the Martyr together with the two chapelries, the clergy, the wardens, councillors and parishioners go from strength to strength. ✠

Bowing out after 45 years of service



After more than 45 years as a nurse, Sylvia Henry has finally called it a day when she retired from Tygerberg Hospital in October 2021. While looking forward to a life of retirement, she says she will mostly miss the daily contact with her colleagues and patients.

While growing up as a child in Zeerust in the former Transvaal, now Gauteng, she already knew that she wanted to become a nurse. This awareness came as she often accompanied her late father and brother, Spencer, to the local hospital to deliver fruit to the children. One of the highlights of her career was when she obtained a degree in nursing, which, she says, better equipped her to apply her knowledge to her daily tasks.

Some of the many plans she has for her life in retirement, is to continue working in the community and to visit retirement homes, as well as tackling creative projects and of course travelling. She encourages young people who are interested in nursing as a career, to ensure they have a passion for the work and above all, a caring and nurturing attitude towards others. As a deeply committed Christian, she cautions against trying to rely only on your own strength, but to also pray and acknowledge God in everything you do. We wish Sylvia all the best in her retirement and pray for good health and that all her plans will be realised. ✠

Editor



Kayden Solomons

Making his mark on the Pitch

By Ivorecia Solomons



Kaden represented the Cobra Cubs in the Cricket South Africa (CSA) u-18 Cubs week earlier this year where they won the tournament. He was then selected to form part of the SA u-19 squad that played in a 3-day CSA Inter-Provincial Tournament during September/October 2021.

Kayden is currently one of three Western Province players who was selected to play in the SA u-19 World Cup team that will be participating in the ICC Cricket u-19 World Cup to be hosted by the West Indies in January/February 2022. Prior to the World Cup they will be playing five One Day International games against the West Indies in St. Lucia. They will be leaving on 17 December 2021 for St. Lucia.

Congratulations Kayden on this outstanding achievement. You are making all of us proud.

We join together in wishing you well in the upcoming matches in St Lucia as well as the Cricket World Cup competition. 🎁

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

***Geseënde Kersfees en Gelukkige Nuwe
Jaar***

*Krisímesí emnandí nonyaka
omtsha*

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Keith Jenneker
Brian Lackey
Theodore Ismail
Merle Rayner
Showrin Adams
Valentine Abrahams
Sophia Julie
Gladys van Ster

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Kids corner





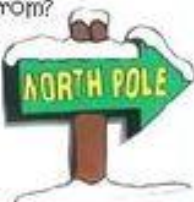
Santa Claus Quiz

Circle the right option.

What do you know about Santa Claus?

1. Where is Santa from?

- a) The UK.
- b) The North Pole.
- c) The USA.



2. What colour is his costume?

- a) It's green.
- b) It's white.
- c) It's red.



3. His boots and belt are usually

- a) black
- b) red
- c) brown



4. He is ...

- a) old and sad.
- b) plump and jolly.
- c) thin and greedy.



5. And he's got a ... beard.

- a) black
- b) grey
- c) white



6. He goes into your house through the

- a) window.
- b) chimney.
- c) front door.



7. How does he go from house to house?

- a) On a sleigh.
- b) On a horse.
- c) By car.



8. His sleigh is pulled by ... reindeer.

- a) three.
- b) six.
- c) nine.



9. ... is the most famous reindeer.

- a) Blitzen.
- b) Rudolph.
- c) Vixen.



10. Rudolph's nose is

- a) white.
- b) brown
- c) red.



11. What are Santa's reindeer favourite treats?

- a) Cabbage.
- b) Carrots and sugar cubes.
- c) Potatoes.



12. Santa likes eating

- a) chocolate.
- b) cookies.
- c) soup.



13. Santa's helpers are ...

- a) ghosts.
- b) fairies.
- c) elves.



14. What do most elves wear on the tip of their shoes?

- a) Bells.
- b) Holly.
- c) Stars.



15. Santa checks his list ...

- a) once.
- b) twice.
- c) three times.



16. Where does he carry the toys?


- a) In his pocket.
- b) In a box.
- c) In a sack.







17. He delivers the gifts on ...

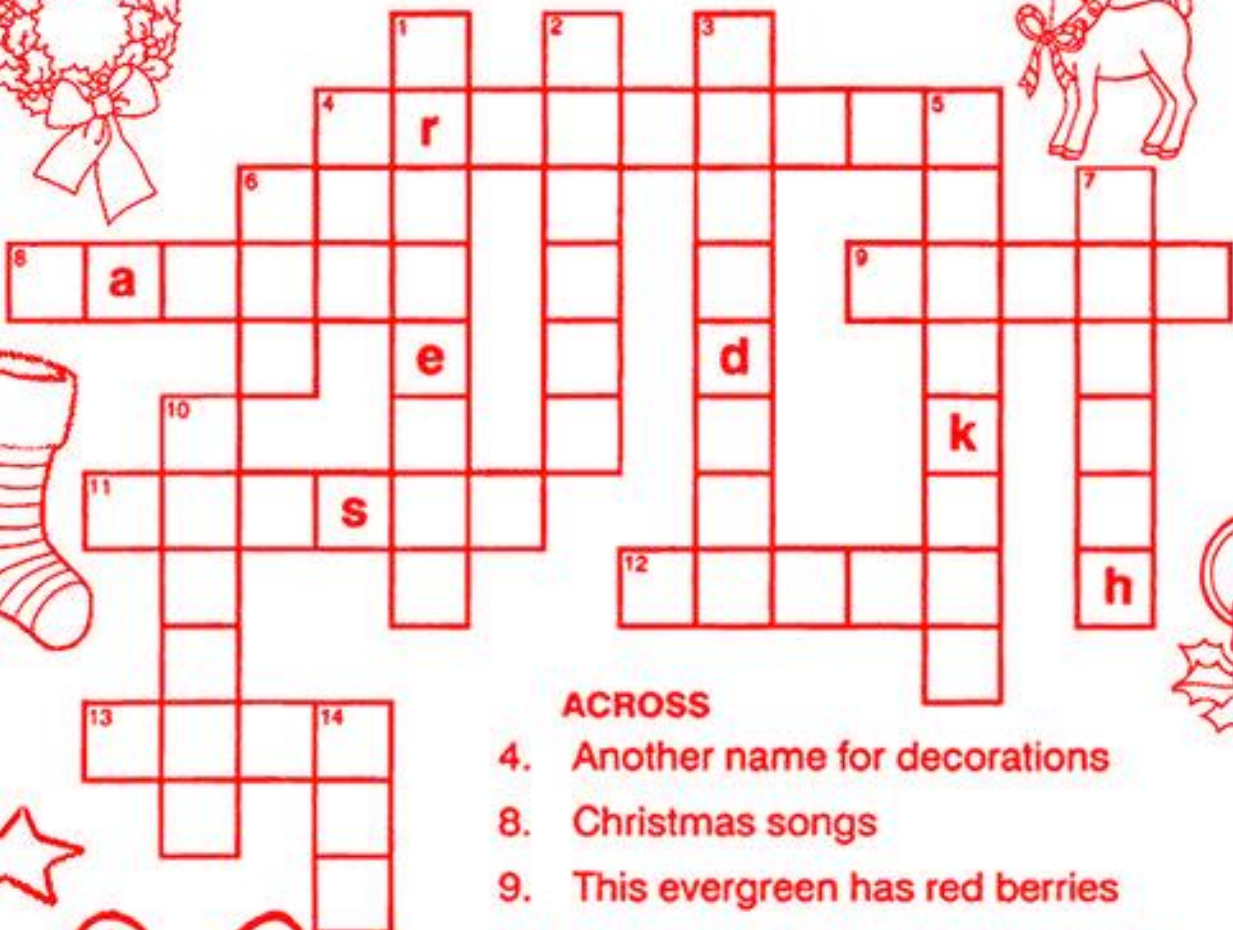
- a) Christmas Eve.
- b) Christmas Day.
- c) Boxing Day.







Christmas Crossword Puzzle



WORD BANK

sleigh
reindeer
holly
presents
green
red
ornaments
stocking
candle
Frosty
wreath
carols
bow
star

ACROSS

4. Another name for decorations
8. Christmas songs
9. This evergreen has red berries
11. The name of a famous snowman
12. A traditional Christmas color
13. Bright heavenly body visible at night

DOWN

1. Another name for gifts
2. Made of wax, this gives off light
3. Santa has eight of them
5. Hang this over your fireplace
6. A decoration made with ribbon
7. Horses pull this over the snow
10. A decorative ring hung on doors
14. The color of Rudolph the Reindeer's nose



Meditation

God is at Work in the World

We have to learn how to think about the events of the day that take place in our community or in our larger world, and to see them as ways to come to know God in new ways. There is the spiritual life and the political world and the economic world, but somehow we must really believe that God is a God of history who works in the events of the day. . . . It is important that you learn to read the newspaper with a heart that sees God at work among his people and to be aware of the great struggle in which you are involved—struggles with the power of evil and the hidden love of God. God is present, but you have to be in touch with that very reality. . . . You might know about Ireland, and Iran and Iraq, and know about communities in different places that suffer . . . but do not see them as a set of distracting things but see God is at work in this world. The world and the reality of daily events are there to be read with the mind and heart of God.

Prayer itself should gradually become more and more reality-oriented. To pray is not to sit there and fantasize and daydream. To pray is to look at Jesus who is real and to believe more and more. The greatest of all reality is the presence of God in the world. God is the core reality from which all things derive their reality. What is not real does not belong to God.

"You came near when I called you, and you said, "Do not fear."

LAMENTATIONS 3:15 (NIV)

- Henri Nouwen

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