

Mediator News

A PARISH NEWLETTER – INCORPORATING NEWS FROM
THE CHAPLERY OF CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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RECTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved

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

We pray for you and your families and loved ones, a blessed and hope-filled Easter.

With heartfelt gratitude, I also thank the veritable holy army of clergy, musicians (choir, organists, assistant choirmaster, director of music), liturgical dancers, sidespersons, sacristans, layministers, wardens and councilors, altar servers, sound team, Sunday School teachers, catechist's, baptism instructors, cleaning teams, verger, organisations, ministries, volunteers, floral arrangers, Church Lads and Girls Brigade and contractors, and our administrator for their dedicated and loving service to our parish. We are indeed blessed with such selfless and loving followers of Christ.

Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny. I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude.

May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones.

Peace, love and joy.

Father Dean F. Apples
Rector



CURATE'S MESSAGE

All Praises go to Our Lord and Saviour who has called me to be instrumental in the lives of God's broken people.

Eight years ago I was employed as Hospital Chaplain at Lentegour Psychiatric Hospital. One of my responsibilities is to counsel patients, patients parents and staff while they are experiencing challenges in their lives. I also conduct Memorial Services when a long term patient has passed on while in hospital. This is to help the patient's family and staff through the grieving process.

In December 2017 I was ordained as a Self-Supporting Priest. This has helped me to continue to minister to God's people at Lentegour Psychiatric Hospital, together with God's people at Christ the Mediator

Portland and Christ the Good Shepherd in Eastringe. I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Holy Easter and remember to always have the "Joy of the Lord" in you - this Easter and always!

Rev. Desiree Jackson



**Extract from the Rector's Vision statement as
read to Vestry on 11 March 2018**

- *"I believe in a shared ministry (participatory ministry), using your gifts, which were entrusted to you, by God".*
- *"I believe in empowering God's people".*
- *"I invite you to help me, to discern together, who to raise up for God's ministry".*
- *"I believe that a strong area ministry is essential for any parish success and growth".*
- *"Our Lenten theme, "Renewed for Life" (address our Spiritual), needs to spill over into a renewal of the resources (Buildings) which God have entrusted to us".*
- *"Thank you to all who generously gives for the furtherance of God's work in this place".*
- *"I urge you, to forgive those who have harmed you (in order, for you to be set free), love one another unconditionally as Christ loves us".*
- *"Christ the Mediator and Christ the Good Shepherd should be beacons of hope or an "oasis in the desert", and with that becomes "Life Giving Center's".*

**WARDENS AND COUNCILLORS
FOR 2018**

Following two successful Vestries, Parish and Chapelry, the following people have been elected to serve as Wardens and Councillors for 2018. We pray that God will bless them during their tenure.

CHURCH WARDENS

Brian February

Leona Hill

Cyril Samuels (Alt)

Parish Councillors

Gillian Hammer

Shireen Deliliy

Jasmine Julius

Alaric Prins

Alroy Solomons

Melissa Pretorius

Shaun Tremble

Vernon Seale

CHAPELRY WARDENS

Bridget Anthony *

George Johnson *

Vanda Solomons (Alt) *

Chapelry Councillors

Catherine Andrews

Denise September

Charlotte Kemp

Avril Lotter *

Mary Oliver

Raymond Miller

Colin Davids

** These persons will serve on*

Parish Council as well.

*The Church Wardens, Chapelry Wardens, Parish Councillors and Chapelry Councillors
wish you all a very blessed and Holy Easter. Be safe on the roads.*



**PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR
PORTLAND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE**

5 May 2018
10h00 to 14h00

Come and enjoy tasty foods from
Italy, USA, England, South Africa, India, Hawaii and Portugal
No entrance fee!
Games and activities for children.



PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

Some of you will remember that in 2014 we developed a Strategic Plan called Vision 2020. At the end of February we completed the review of this plan and decided to refocus our plans in line with the Rector's and called it Vision 2025.

We retained the seven Focus Areas namely:

- Admin and Governance
- Fundraising
- Stewardship and Spirituality
- Property and Plant Maintenance
- Communication
- Social Responsibility
- Training and Development

The Parish Councillors will be taking responsibility of leading each of the portfolios and will approach some of you to assist them in this important work to ensure that our Strategic Plan is a success.

In his Vision Statement to Vestry on 11 March 2018, the Rector identified the following objectives under each portfolio:

Amin and Governance

- Review of Funeral and Wedding Fees (Vestry 2018)
- Review of Pledge System by 30 June 2018
- Total completion of Parish Roll by 31 Oct. 2018
- Leadership Training – 10 November 2018

Fundraising

- Encourage giving during 2018
- Appoint a Fundraising coordinator by end March
- Thanks Giving Envelope – 25 November 2018

Stewardship and Spirituality

- Parish Quiet days on 12 May and 18 August 2018
- Spiritual Growth Enhanced
 - Preaching
 - Lenten Journey
 - Area Prayer Meetings
 - Weekly Prayer Groups (CtM/CtG)
 - Ministry Involvement
- Approach Local Government to obtain the land adjacent to the current Rectory for possible future development of a new Rectory.
- Youth or Parish Worker to establish a vibrant youth group - 2018/2019

Property and Plant Maintenance

- Renovate Boardroom & Rector's Office by 31 March 2018
- Ensure electrical integrity of both the Hall & Church. by 30 June 2018
- Renovate Church Hall by 31 Dec. 2018
- Renovate & Extend Church (CtM), which includes the Sanctuary, Lady Chapel, Cry Room, Organ Repositioning, Ceiling, New Foyer, Toilets and Rectory
[Special Vestry & Consultation Process to follow]
- Extend the Church (CtG), New Foyer and Meeting area
[Special Vestry & Consultation Process to follow.]
- Parking at CtG
- Consolidation of the two plots at CtG – rezoned as 1 plot

Communication

- Establish a Communication Team by 30 April 2018
- Improve Audio System (CtM) by 30 April 2018
- Install new Audio System (CtG) by 31 May 2018
- Functioning Hymn Boards at (CtM & CtG) by 30 May 2018
- Invite parishioners to donate 3 x 55' Flat screen and 2 x 67' Flat screen TV's for display of liturgies in church (CtM). Make: Samsung. This will help us become paperless for our services by end 2018

Social Responsibility

- Establish a Grief Support Group by 3 March 2018
- Encourage a unified approach by the AWF, MU and Social Responsibility Group during 2018
- Investigate the viability of an Anti-Drug Support Group for parents of addicts during 2018
- Engage with Local Government for the possible future development of Night Shelters in Mitchell's Plain with the express aim to remove people sleeping along streets and alleyways. This should have a positive impact on the elimination of certain crimes -2018

Training and Development

- Sides-person's Training - July 2018
- Leadership Conference – November 2018
- Develop a Safety Awareness Plan – 2018

APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MINISTRY



The Rector and Executive are pleased to announce the following appointments:

Director of Music: Mr Henry King

Assistant Choirmaster: Mr Dudley Herbert

Organist at Christ the Mediator: Mr Gregory Coerecius

Organist at Christ the Good Shepherd: Mr Gordon Stewart

The Choir meets every Thursday evening at 19h30 and are in search of some young voices. They are willing to teach children how to read music and to sight singing.

An Organ Playing Development Programme for young people is also being offered at R 20.00 per session.

ANGLICAN WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP



The Anglican's Woman's Fellowship Branch has been in existence since 11 August 1980.

Their Aim is to promote:

- Prayer and Worship,
- Mission and Witness
- Fellowship and Study
- Service and Stewardship

The new Executive of the AWF is:

Chairperson - Lydia Veldsman, Assistant Chairperson – Gwendoline Meningo, Treasurer – Georgina Apples and Secretary – Pauline Hans

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Recently, a Grief Support Group has been established in the Parish.

This is not a counselling service, but a friendly and supportive listening service. This group is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend or maybe someone who wants to support a grieving family.

We cannot remove your pain, but we can avoid letting you bear it alone.

Healing from your grief is not easy. It's a long sometimes painful process.

Remember we all grieve differently. We want to help you on your journey towards recovery.

When someone you love dies, it is common to feel isolated. You are not alone. There are

others who understand what you are going through. You'll have the chance to talk about your experiences as it can be healing too.

Feel free to join us at our next session on Saturday 14 April 2018 in the Church Hall at 10h00.



PLEASE DIARIZE THE FOLLOWING EVENT DATES

27 April - Area Greenhill Takeaways - Eastridge

28 April – Christian Education Portfolio – Family Day

05 May – Parish Food Fair

12 May – Parish Quiet Day

13 May – Mother's Day

20 May – Archdeaconry Pentecost Sunday Service 15h00 – Strandfontein