

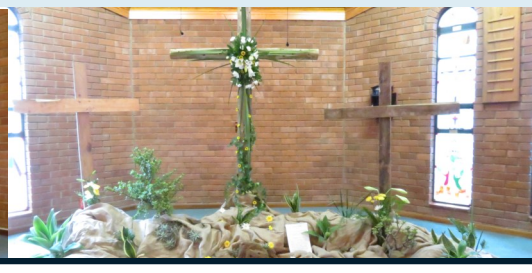


Holy Trinity Hillcrest

News Letter May 2015

Holy Trinity we give thanks.

As we celebrate our patronal festival at the end of this month this edition of the newsletter is dedicated to giving thanks for Holy Trinity and acknowledging what it means to those who worship here and the community we serve.



Flower Ministry

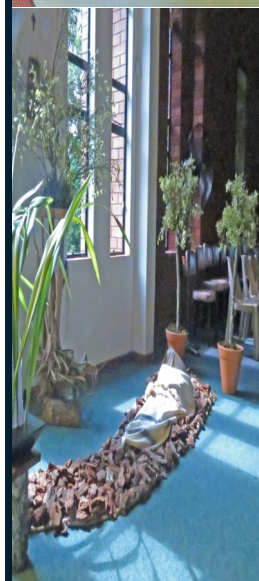
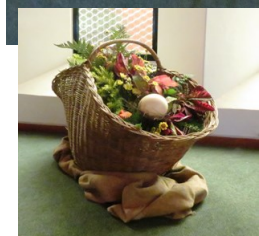
It is very rewarding to be part of the flower ministry of Holy Trinity. Not only is it a pleasure to beautify our Church but important to make good use of the talent of creativity that we have been blessed with. Being able to work with the abundance of plant material, nature provides for us makes our task easier.

Every year during Holy week we invite people to the church to see the floral display depicting a theme related to Easter. We are thankful that, what seems to be the whole church, is made available to the floral art group to be used as a canvas to express our faith, praise God and give thanks. The church seem to be filled with God's presence and God's peace. Sometimes the art work is incorporated in the worship service itself, for example, when the displays were used as a focal point for the stations of the cross.

When we are called upon to work together on larger projects, we draw on each other's skills and it is a special time of sharing and growing. I/we thank God for his provision and our talents.

The surrounding pictures are of the 2015 Holy Week exhibit.

Margaret Vorwerg



A Parishioner's Impressions

When we arrived in Hillcrest over forty years ago the Anglicans and Methodists met in the Highbury School chapel. A small hall and the rectory was on the Nkutu road property. The small hall stood where the present hall stands but it was much smaller than the present one.

With the church growing traffic became a problem and bigger premises were needed and multipurpose building was erected. This hall- cum church is now the front part of the present building. In time the offices were added, the church building was extended and the new hall was built. We must never take for granted how blessed we are in having the facilities we have. They are the result of the contributions of so many parishioners over the years. We can be truly proud of our church complex which provides for the activities of the community.

Over the years we have been ministered to by 6 or 7 Rectors and have seen many families come and go for a variety of reasons but one constant has been the commitment of the congregation to focus on their worship of the our Lord, in spite of the many worldly and human challenges that have had to be resolved. This loyalty and commitment by members of the congregation has proved to be the strength of the parish and been manifested by the ongoing functioning of the 23 ministries which enable members participation in the life of the church.

I know that Christians favour worship in a variety of ways but in my case I feel blessed that I am able to worship in the traditional Anglican way as a member of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Hillcrest.

Highbury Chapel



Somewhere in between!



**2003 Anglican Parish of
Hillcrest renamed
Holy Trinity**

From your Administrator

We give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is gracious!

One of our Zulu speaking parishioners once said to me that the prayers of Holy Trinity were more than enough! She said this to me when she popped in to tell me how much better she was feeling since we had been praying for her.

As the theme for this Newsletter is "Holy Trinity – we give thanks" I thought about this lady, God's grace and the amazing journey I have had serving you for the past 13 years. The decision to give up my previous job and work at the church was a decision I made without thought! Kees was unemployed I was going to take a R4000 drop in salary and lose our medical aid, but it was a decision made in faith, a decision I have never regretted and have experienced God's blessings in abundance through my ministry here.

I have been involved from the beginning of our new life as Holy Trinity and seen miracles

happen as we evolved from Anglican Parish of Hillcrest to Holy Trinity.

The changes have been vast and varied from buildings to rectors! Each one of them has brought their own special trademark and we cannot deny that each one of them has had and is still having a great impact on us in one way or another.

Working here I have gone from Administrator and Anglican Parish Secretary before the split to Parish Secretary and now Parish Administrator. I have grown so much in my spiritual life through the tender love and care of each and every one of you. My job has gone from being a calling, to being a passion to becoming my life! It is an absolute joy to work in God's house and serve His children. Thank you for entrusting me with this honour.



Patronal Festival - Trinity Sunday

May 31st is Holy Trinity day – the day on which we celebrate our Patronal festival, the day on which we thank God for his many blessings on our Church.

What does our Church mean to me I wondered? When I attempt to answer this question, these aspects come to mind.....

Firstly there is Father Gary – our headmaster so to speak – yet not one dishing out punishment and cuts! One who is always inspiring, encouraging, caring and appreciative.

Next there is Enid – precious Enid – so friendly, kind, willing, accommodating, efficient – without whom Holy Trinity would fall apart.

Then there are all the other disciples – the lay ministers, church wardens, sidespeople, the EWG, the AWF, the flower guild, garden ladies, Constance, Eugene, the list goes on

All these make up a whole, and the whole is a happy, busy, vibrant, friendly church. It is one where I feel I belong, and one which gives me great joy. For that, to God be the glory. Sue Yates



Since the Hillcrest Private Hospital opened some parishioners have gone to the Hospital to offer prayer and some friendly conversation to the patients.

The reaction to the visitors varies. There are those who turn down the offer of prayer politely but firmly. Those who have attempted suicide or have had a miscarriage are very receptive. Some react with joy and eagerly join in praising God or praying for the visitor. With the doctors and nurses having little time to talk and many patients not wanting to burden their families with worry the hospital visitors provide help just by listening.

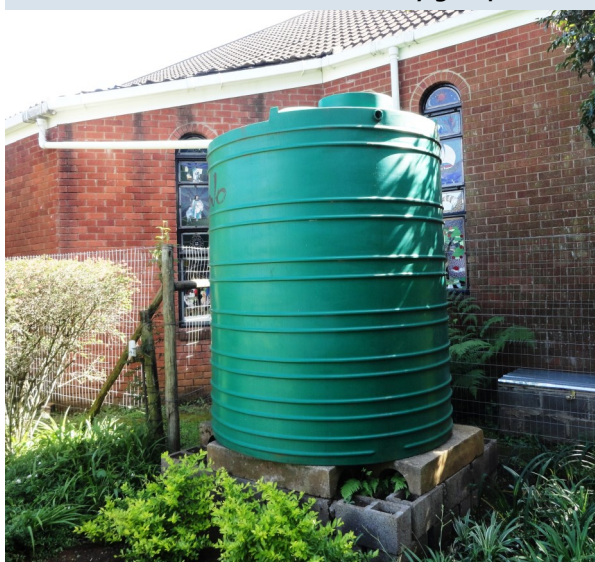
Many of the patients are surprised and grateful that there are people who take the time to offer this special ministry. Some have taken the trouble to telephone the office to express their thanks. Rosemary Combes

Messy Church from a parents perspective

As parents, we play a huge role in shaping our children's lives and encouraging their development in the various aspects thereof. Yet, when it comes to spirituality, we tend to leave it for other people to do – be it at school or even Sunday school and our belief is that our children don't need our involvement in this area. For us, Messy Church addresses the importance of family worship. Through fun and creative activities, all centred around the theme for the evening, we are able to share in Max and Georgia's spiritual growth and witness the joy that the evening gives them. We look forward to many more of them! Megan Pennefather



Our JoJo tank - made possible by the kind donation of Mickey & Barbara Webb and donations from the various ministry groups.



Like all our ministries we are grateful for our vibrant Environment group. We give thanks for the exceptional work being done at Holy Trinity. Over the years they have raised awareness through the annual environment month always coming up with fresh ideas to raise awareness on how we can reduce our carbon footprints and our impact on the earth. The outdoor Eucharist service in Hillside Conservancy last year was beautiful and touched many people. Even though we were recognized as environmentally friendly by SAFCEI the work did not stop and now we are capturing rainwater from our roof in the JoJo tank and using the water in the garden. The was made possible by Mickey and Barbara Webb and various Parish Ministry Groups. More rain water can still be caught if we add other tanks at other locations around our buildings. We are blessed to have such a knowledgeable and committed group at work here. Harold Walker



ZIKWANELE HOUSE OF HOPE.

This photograph was taken last week when the children of the crèche were presented with their "art" aprons. You can see by the smiles on their little faces the joy and pride. This is truly a house of hope, a hope of things to come, a house where the very seeds of education are being planted.

We give thanks to God for the vision and dream of Princess and of those who have been instrumental in successfully tending the seed and helping it grow into something so amazing.

"Those blessings are sweetest that are won with prayer and worn with thanks. - Thomas Goodwin"



Swooners and Crooners



With the Gee Jays



The Swooners & Crooners brought to you by the Evening Women's Group on 19 June 2015— Tickets available from Lynette Reynolds

Bits and Pieces!

May Birthdays

01- Lyn Elliott
01- Wendy Hartley
01- Penny Hudson
03- Lauren Stainbank
03- Mavis Fuller
04- Trish Groenink
04- Brian Blows
06- Alta Manzie
06- Susan Jones
07- Barry Stops
07- Charles Rich
08- Lorraine Kuter
10- Trevor Chaplin
10- Beth Buckland

11- Joyce Small
11- Wendy Logan
14- Graham Thurbon
14- Peter Evennett
14- Jonathan Grubb
15- Martie Butler
17- Ann Harker
18- Barrie Wann
20- Robert Hartley
20- Wendy McCormack
20- Nalane Walker
21- Rosemary Scherzer
25- Ntombizonke Siyotula



18- Ray and Mollie Markham
20- Derek and Jean Blunden
26- Trevor and Dianne Chaplin
26- Gavin and Gail McEwan

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