



Holy Trinity Hillcrest

News Letter March 2016

Dear God's people,

I recently heard how seriously the Health Professional Council of South Africa takes complaints about health professionals from the public. Apparently, on receipt of a complaint the Council will register the professional's name on their website with a notice that an investigation is pending. So before an investigation is done to decide on the validity of the complaint this notice will appear on their website. Now we can imagine the impact that such a notification would have on the integrity, ability and livelihood on that professional.

There was a case where a patient messaged her doctor with her symptoms and requested that the doctor diagnose her. When the doctor refused to do it on the basis of a text message, because it is un-procedural the doctor was reported to the HPCSA. It seems like the kind of thing that Prof Tim Noakes was charged for and for which he had to appear before the Disciplinary Committee. For some members of the public, if your doctor doesn't reply to a SMS they will be reported to the Health professionals Council and if you do take pity and offer a probable diagnosis they run the risk of appearing before the Council's Disciplinary Council. A NO WIN situation.

The perpetrators of such actions do not behave out of the ordinary. It is very typical for many human beings. We can all share examples of people we may know who have often been accused of thinking that the 'world revolves around them'. Those who like to have things done their way and whenever they desire for it to be done. This kind of behaviour has been with us from the earliest stages of human history. From a Biblical perspective we begin to read about it as early as chapter 3 of the first Book of the Bible. The first two chapters of Genesis tell us of God's amazing work of creation. Louie Giglio describes it as "astronomical grace". At the end of each day of creation, "God saw that it was good." On the sixth day after making *Adam*, human kind, in their own image, God said, "It is very good". And then in the very next chapter *Adam*, human beings, seem to unravel the perfection of the Divine plan. In Genesis 3: 5 the serpent says to the woman, "God knows that when you eat of it [the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden] your eyes will be open and you will be like God."

It is this secret and personal ambition that drives human beings to compete with God for the sovereignty of their personal lives. Humans so much want to be in control that we are now witnessing, on the world stage, the psychological, spiritual and physical battles of repeated attempts to outmanoeuvre our brothers and sisters. Our fellows whom God had brought us into fellowship with have become our competitors. In every book of the Bible we read how *Adam* who was made in the image of God, male and female, rejects the divine intentions and pursues the things that

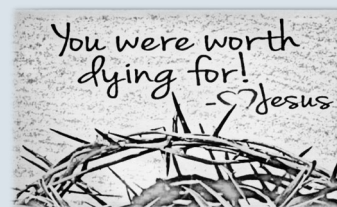
make them to "be like God" –being in control of our own lives and trying to dominate the lives of other with our self-ish desires. The Bible calls this demand to put ourselves before all else, SIN. Sin is the slippery slope into complete destruction. Lent is the season where we attempt to put the brakes on and slowdown from slipping deeper down the slope and return to that original state of being "very good" in God's sight. It is in this state of sin and darkness that we again experience God's abundant grace. The NO-WIN situation becomes a WIN-WIN situation.

In our Gospels we read how God, the Redeemer, gave selflessly for the sake of all humanity. Instead of competing with human beings Jesus says, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3: 35) Instead of wanting to be served, Jesus said, "just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mat 20:28) Instead of claiming the honour of king, St Paul writes that though Jesus "was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness." (Phil 2: 6,7) Instead of preserving his life Jesus gave it up on a cross. The historical Jesus presents us with an alternative which he told the Scribe was the greatest commandment - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and love your neighbour as you love yourself." (Luke 1: 27)

In the next few weeks we will be celebrating renewed hope as we recall Jesus' death on the cross – the ransom God paid for our salvation - and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, who conquers the enemy, Satan by providing that precious gift of eternal life. As we focus our attention on Jesus and glory in the wonder of His mercy we pray that like Jesus we will build the bonds of fellowship with all who are made in the image of God; that we will seek the opportunities to serve without expectation; and that we will humble ourselves with appreciation that we have been honoured to be in fellowship with God and our fellow Adams.

May God's hand protect us on our journey to Calvary and the empty tomb and may the celebration of Easter renew our hope for our God is alive.

With my love and blessings
Your priest and friend,
Fr Gary





Honouring our Mothers and Fathers in Christ



Hard at work putting in the finishing touches to the starter. Doesn't that look scrumptious?



Thank you, & all who were involved for the delicious Lunch on the 17th February.



Then came the mains!



Enjoying the meal and fellowship.

Exodus 20:12

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

The meal was scrumptious (as even!!) the decor stunning and the fellowship great.

the ladies were... Thank you to all the helpers who waited on us, and the biggest thank you to all the cooks for such a wonderful effort, I enjoyed every mouthful.

THANK YOU

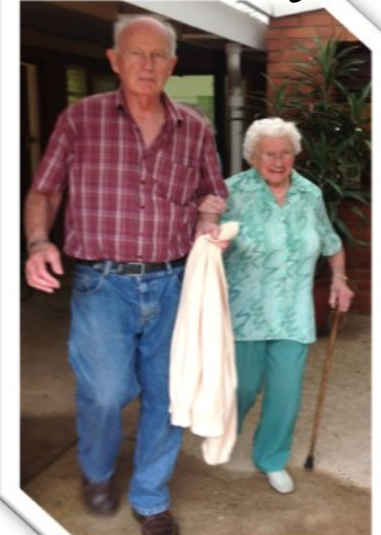


An enjoyed meal and dessert...



Lunch yesterday. It was a very special occasion enjoyed by all & a good opportunity to get to know & a good opportunity to get to know members of the 80's club who were previously just familiar faces. God Bless you all for your hard work & generosity.

...And home we go!



Menu

Tuna Mousse

Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce

Green Beans
Roast Butternut
Potatoes

Cup Cakes

Cheese Board

Tea & Coffee

I just want to thank you and all the ladies who worked so hard to give us oldies such a treat yesterday. The food was absolutely delicious, and I'm sure I wasn't the only one who appreciated all the extra touches.

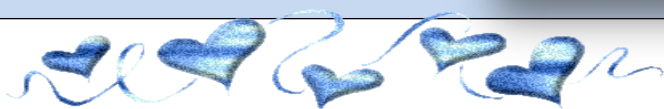
WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR TAXI IS LATE?

Akos Railston-Brown found an exciting way to entertain the children while they waited for their taxi to Embo. While Althea Kroone was away on holiday recently Akos assisted with Young Church.

The photograph shows Akos on all fours playing a game with the children in the carpark. It was a Ghanaian song which the children seemed to enjoy.

As we thank Akos for stepping in for Althea we also welcome Althea back and hope you had a good holiday.

Young Church

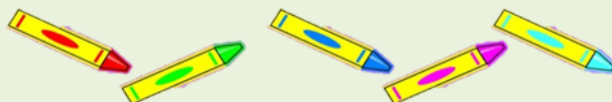


24 February 2016 - **Messy Lent**

Sweet parcel – Some sweets were wrapped with colorful wrapping paper and a ribbon and labeled with the date of Easter. The children were asked to take it home put it somewhere safe and to save it until Easter Sunday. The lesson was to teach the little ones, and big ones, the importance of waiting patiently for things. Lent is a good time to practice. (Volunteers: Glenda Kyzer/Angela Mitchell)



Painting of stones – This craft was a little keepsake. The children had fun painting a stone with a symbol of the Cross or a heart shape on the front of it and the words 'Pray', 'Give' or 'Fast' on the front and at the back their names as well 'Lent 2016'. (Volunteers: Glenys Dickson/Jill Saunderson)



Obstacle course – The children were led on this blindfolded. The purpose of this was to show how difficult it can be to live life as a Christian, sometimes there are things that get in our way and slow us down, but then that we know Jesus is always with us and Jesus understands our frustrations. (Volunteers: Kay Hicks/Rosemary Combes)

Easter invitation to Messy Church – We encouraged the children to decorate and personalize an invitation for our Messy Easter service on 16 March 2016. The children were then asked to send, or give, the invitation they had decorated to a friend or family member. We spoke about how the first disciples went out and told people about Jesus and that now, we too, can invite people to come to Messy Church and hear the story of Jesus for themselves. (Volunteers: Akos Railston-Brown)

The Bible story – Based on Luke 4: 1-13 was narrated by our Deacon: Bruce Woolley-keeping children thoroughly entertained!

After the excitement a **Scrumptious Meal** was served by Neville Gallie and his team.

Jenipher Lavender





The gift of life...

Thank you to all who contributed to our "Water Drive". Together with the Methodist church we collected approximately 500litres of water for drought stricken areas. A very grateful Gift of the Givers collected the bottles from the office for distribution.

A little about them... **Gift of the Givers Foundation** is a South African Non-governmental organization started by Dr. Intiaz Sooliman in 1992. It is the largest disaster relief group of African origin. Gift of the Givers has worked in many countries around the world, including Bosnia, Pakistan, Somalia, Haiti and Zimbabwe. Sooliman started the charity after a Turkish Sufi master, Mohammed Saffer Effendi, instructed him to set up an organisation of that name to do humanitarian work.



Gift of the Givers
FOUNDATION



"Best Among People are those who Benefit Mankind"

March Birthdays



02-Lionel Doherty	21-Sally Smyly
03-Ella Baxter	23-Sean Kelly
04-Cecil Rhodes	26-Brian Kear
07-Rosmarie Johnstone	27-Elaine Hutt
11-Rosemary Shezi	27-Megan Pennefather
12-Bob Mickel	29-Barbara Mercer
12-Sally Lovemore	30-Margie Cooper
15-Evelyn Mahachi	31-Brenda Parry-Hughes
20-Elise Brink	
20-Belinda Royston	

BITS AND PIECES!

Happy Anniversary

12 - Vernon & Liz Lavender

14 - Tony & June Tucker

30 - Dean & Edna Simpson

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Lay Ministers
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Prayer Chain
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