



the Quill and Quiver

from the Bishop of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay

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Dear People of God
in the Diocese of Saldanha Bay

... the Season is upon us

... **“WONDERLAND”**

This Edition of the **Quill and Quiver** will serve as the Christmas and New Year Edition. It will carry the “statutory and customary” good wishes “for the Season”, but in fact more than that ... I hope and pray that there will be amongst us a deepening awareness of the Incarnation, experiencing the liberating presence of the Word becoming flesh, that we will feel ourselves truly loved by God and in our community.

“**Alice in Wonderland**” and her adventures “**Through the looking Glass**”, has taught me so much about Christmas.

Alice has a delicate balance between reality and imagination ... when reality seems a bit tough, imagination (transformation) comes to the rescue, and when there’s too much imagination (fanciful thinking!) a good dose of reality is the tonic required.

Alice has a wonderful sense of self awareness and personal identity. In conversation with the caterpillar she is asked: “Who are you?”

Alice replies: “I hardly know Sir ... at least I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then”.

There are Eucharistic undertones in Alice’s experience down the Rabbit Hole.

She comes across little glasses marked “DRINK ME” and cake marked “EAT ME”, and the spectacular changes takes place as she eats and drinks the various delectables placed before her ... transformation through Eucharistic participation is the gift of the Incarnation.

Alice always took a great interest in questions of eating and drinking.

“It is always Tea Time here” in Wonderland

I wish you all a vey Happy Magical Season of Joy and Happiness and self discovery of the child within you this Christmas and New Year Season. May it be festive and joyful!

PERSONS, PLACEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

The Quill and Quiver gazettes the following placements and appointments.

Ordinands from the College of the Transfiguration Grahamstown

The Ordinands have been placed as follows:

- **ANTHEA BRACHE** in the Parish of Clanwilliam with the Archdeacon of Namaqualand South, Fr Jerome Prins
- **GRANT WALTERS** in the Parish of St Andrew's Northpine with the Rector, Fr Selwyn Engelbrecht
- **JEANNINE LOUW** in the Parish of Hopefield with the Rector, Fr Joseph Thomas

God willing, their Ordination to the Diaconate will take place on **Saturday, 30th April 2011**.

The Revd Fr Craig Abrahams has been appointed as Vicar of Klawer under the tutelage of the Archdeacon of Namaqualand South, Fr Jerome Prins.

Fr Craig's appointments is effective from 28th November 2010

NEW ARCHDEACONS

After due process of prayer and consultation I am pleased to announce the following appointments, all effective from the 1st January 2011.

- **The Revd Charles Claasens** to be the Archdeacon of Paarl
- **The Revd James van Staden** to be the Archdeacon of Bellville
- **The Revd Joseph Thomas** to be the Archdeacon of the West Coast
- **The Revd Flores Anthony** to be the Archdeacon of Maitland

We extend our good wishes, congratulations, thoughts and prayers to all these persons and their families as they prepare to take up these new appointments with all the challenges and exciting opportunities for ministry that they will face.

The Theological Education and Formation Ministry in the Diocese of Saldanha Bay

The following appointments have been made to the various ministries under the auspices of the Dean of Studies.

- (i) The Fellowship of Vocation
Chaplain: The Revd Melaney Klaasen

- (ii) The Ordinands of the Diocese
Chaplain: The Revd Selwyn Engelbrecht
- (iii) The Post Ordination Training
**Chaplains: The Revd Frankie Leonard
The Revd Flores Anthony**
- (iv) The Lay Training
Chaplain: The Revd Charles Claasens
- (v) Continuing Ministry Education (Clergy Support)
**Chaplains: The Revd Velma Jansen
The Revd Leon van Rheede**

THE BISHOP on SABBATICAL

... I am taking time off ... and taking time out. Again ... after due thought, consultation and prayer, I will be taking a three month Sabbatical from 1st February to the 29th April 2011.

I will also be on leave during January 2011. The Senior Priest, **the Ven. Anthony Gregorowski** shall be the Vicar General during this period.

CONTINUING INDABA

I think this is going to be a very fruitful exercise for our Diocese, and I see huge potential that this process can feed positively into the Anglican Communion.

I attended the first consultation involving the three Bishops of the Dioceses in Africa participating in this Pilot Project. There are four other conversations involving three dioceses, each also taking place at the same time across the Anglican Communion Worldwide.

The three Dioceses involved in our Conversation are:

- The Diocese of Mbeere Kenya with **Bishop Moses Masamba Nthukah**
 - The Diocese of Ho in Ghana with **Bishop Matthias Medadness-Badahu**
- and, our Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Continuing Indaba a journey of conversation to strengthen relationships for mission

- Intensifying relationships across the Communion
- Energizing local and global mission
- Encouraging genuine conversation across difference

What is Continuing Indaba?

What does Indaba mean?

It is a Zulu word for discernment by consensus common in many African cultures with parallels in many societies around the world.

Why continuing?

For Anglicans the Indaba journey began at Lambeth the Conference in 2008. This project continues that process by exploring ways of communicating across our differences within the Anglican Communion.

What is a journey of conversation to strengthen relationships?

Good conversations strengthen and build relationships. As participants in Continuing Indaba journey together in conversations across difference for the sake of mission these relationships will be strengthened enabling active support and encouragement of each other. Each offering insight from their own context

What does it have to do with mission?

For the Anglican Communion, God's mission is holistic, concerned for all human beings and the totality of a human person; body mind and spirit. Unfortunately sometimes we, as human beings, become focused on one or two issues that detract from this holistic vision. Conversations across our differences, re-engages us with God's holistic mission.

Who is having the conversation?

The aim is for anyone to engage in Indaba for the sake of mission. To enable participation we will offer Biblical resources drawing upon Christian traditions and understood from a diversity of cultural contexts. Resources will be both theological and practical and it is hoped they will be adaptable to a number of contexts. The materials are being developed through Theological Resource Hubs and through the evaluation of Five Pilot Conversations. Continuing Indaba is for men and women – both lay and ordained – who are involved in local mission, in a global context.

What is a hub?

Each conversation partner will be resourced by a Resource Hub which will ground each conversation in its cultural contexts and provide theological processes for conversation across difference.

What is a Pilot Conversation?

During 2010 and 2011 we will be running and evaluating 5 Pilot Conversations – each one typically involving three dioceses – in order to form a replicable and affordable model open to all.

Is this the same as the Listening Process?

The Listening Process was established to facilitate listening to gay and lesbian Christians in order to learn of their experience and to help us listen to one another and the insights we bring. Continuing Indaba is concerned with mutual listening across a range of topics.

Where can I find out more?

First stop to find out more is our website

www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/continuingindaba

Here you will find more information about the project, theological and process resources, latest news and lots more.

Continuing Indaba Project

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The Diocesan Team for Continuing Indaba

Each Diocese is expected to form a Team of Eight Persons (including the Bishop) to participate in this process. Special funding has been provided to cover the travel expenses of the participants on the visitations to the dioceses that are in conversation with each other.

Our Diocesan Council has formally adapted and approved our participation in this Indaba conversation. The Bishops meeting in Nairobi made the following suggestion for the selection criteria of the Teams, as follows:

- (1) A Lay Woman
- (2) A Lay Man
- (3) A Young Person (female) 20 – 35
- (4) A Young Person (male) 20 – 35
- (5) A Cleric
- (6) A Theologian/Educator
- (7) The Link Persons (appointed by the Bishop in consultation)
- (8) The Bishop

Our Link Person for the Diocese of Saldanha Bay is **Fr Fred Hendricks**, who will be attending the first meeting of all the Links Persons in London from 7th to 9th December 2010.

Diocesan Council has produced a list of names suggested by the Archdeacons and Lay leadership of the Diocese. The Bishop was entrusted by Diocesan Council to select names in discussion with the Link Person to finalize the Diocesan Team. Please don't hesitate to make contact with me if you have any further suggestion to make about the Team selection and appointment.

Schedule of Meetings for Continuing Indaba

May 2011	-	Saldanha Bay Diocese, South Africa
September 2011	-	The Diocese of Ho, Ghana
December 2011	-	The Diocese of Mbeere, Kenya

Participants must be available to travel during this scheduled times.

THE COMPASS ROSE

This is the symbol of the Anglican Communion. It is centered on the Cross of St George, and with the Biblical Motto: "The Truth shall set you Free". John 8:32

The Compass Rose itself bears witness to the mission of the Anglican Communion as it extends this message to all corners of the globe.



With good wishes, thoughts and Prayers

Yours in Christ,

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