



# CHRISTUS REX

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## From the Archives

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"We are not up to much, really. Even when we have had spiritual experience and have at some time or another come close to knowing God, one day succeeds another and the glory dims, and we sink back into our particular slough. We are all alike in this and need prodding from time to time. Lent is the Prodding Season. Make the effort, and use the Lenten Services. Get your daily prayers right. Learn some self-discipline in some small way. Prayers, fasting, almsgiving – these are the classic rule of Lent. And literally, for Heaven's sake, come to church and worship God in the congregation of his people."

"It is surprising to see that there are about 767 people who claim membership of this parish."

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These extracts from an issue of *Christus Rex* over 50 years ago illustrate that although some things remain the same (the first paragraph) some things do change (church membership). Please heed the advice, and do what you can to revive the numbers claiming membership of the parish.

## Lent Observances 2017

The parish's traditional Wednesday observance of Lent will this year consist of a morning study session following the morning Eucharist. The Lenten course *Reflecting, Praying, Acting Together*, commissioned by the Archbishop will be used.

This Lent course is all about seeking first God's kingdom in the context of all that is happening in the world at the present time. But what does this mean in practical terms, and how can we, as God's people, become the agents for God's rule in a tangible way?

The course consists of six portions of teaching, one for each week of Lent and they are intended to be used corporately or privately, for prayer, reflection, discussion, and preaching. Wherever possible, prayer and reflection on the material should also happen in small groups.

On Wednesday evenings we will join with the St. Thomas congregation to continue the study sessions on the *Life of Jesus*.

The Holy Week evening observances will this year consist of; Monday – Tenebrae; Tuesday first 10 stations of the "Pilgrimage way of the Cross" (which focuses on the Christian Baptismal Journey); Wednesday second 10 stations; Thursday – washing of Feet; Good Friday – three hour devotions.

## Glynis' Ordination

A strong contingent of parishioners made their way to St. Cyprian's, Retreat to participate in Glynis Rhodes' ordination to the Distinctive Diaconate on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. The congregation of about 500 persons from parishes in the diocese was present. We were treated to an inspiring service that, apart from the ordination of two

Deacons, included a brief history of Deacons in the Christian church. It was interesting to learn that the Order of Deacons (which is being revived in most Christian denominations) is older than the Order of Presbyters (Priests). Also that St. Francis of Assisi was ordained Deacon and never Priest or Bishop. The special role of Deacons in general and Glynis in particular is:

"To assist the Parish to exercise its ministry to the wider community with a special concern for the poor, disadvantaged, those suffering discrimination and exploitation or injustice and to expose and work towards the removal of the causes of social, economic and political oppression and injustice, deprivation and disadvantage.

In doing so always seek the cooperation and support of the wider community, working with other churches and faiths, and with the approval and support of your Bishop, parish priest and parish council."

Glynis' participated at a Eucharist as an ordained Deacon for the first time on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. She was duly admitted to her office and was warmly welcomed back by the congregation.

## Vestry 2017

The annual vestry meeting took place following the Eucharist on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Thirty eight parishioners took part. There being no other nominations, Gert Bam and Joan Welby-Solomon were accepted as church wardens with P-J Welman as alternate warden. All nominees for parish council who had signed the nomination sheet were also accepted as duly elected: and the nominees whose formal acceptance was missing will be co-opted to the council if they agree. The parish councillors are: Charmaine Johnston, Richard Fuggle, Graham Pearce, Gabby Jacobs, and Marlene Hermanus.

The rector's and church wardens' reports are reproduced in this newsletter as is the parish budget for 2017. In presenting the financial statement for 2016 Charmaine drew attention to the fact that collections and pledged giving provide less than half of the money needed to run the parish. The greatest contribution to making good the deficit is from rental of the rectory and hall, and that without these income streams this parish would not be financially viable.

## True or False?

The longest word in the Bible is: Mahershalalhashbaz.

The shortest verse in the Bible is: Jesus wept.

The cat is the only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible.

## Where are they today?

Rome	a) Greece
Damascus	b) Egypt
Ur	c) Italy
Goshen	d) Syria
Thessalonica	e) Iraq

Answers next month

# Rector's Report to Vestry

Dear People of God,

In Isaiah 30:15, the prophet says; "In returning to me, in resting in me, you will be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength"

And so I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with these powerful words, which epitomizes my vision for us for this year.

I remain eternally grateful to God for the awesome privilege I have been afforded to serve God and you, my parish family, as your Rector here at Christ the King. For the blessings of grace, wisdom and guidance and for those whom God has placed around me, to support me in the running of our parish, that with deep gratitude and humility I present my Annual Report to Vestry.

Firstly I once again welcome Revd Glynis Rhodes, our newly ordained Deacon and her family as she embarks on a new journey in ministry with us.

Secondly, give thanks to God, for the life of the late Darryl Johnston, previous Churchwarden, Lay Minister, Choir member, maintenance man, and dear friend, whose has served this parish for many years, both in health and sickness, and to express our most heartfelt condolences to Charmaine and their daughters, assuring them of our love and support during this time of mourning.

## Ministry

Ministry at Christ the King during 2016 has seen a number of new and exciting developments all of which are being reported on in the various organization reports presented here today.

Our monthly Saturday morning Prayer Hour has been supported by a faithful few and I would like to extend an invitation to parishioners to join us in praying for our parish, Diocese, community and the wider Anglican Communion.

We had also hoped to explore different styles of worship, once a month on Sunday evenings, but have not been able to get this off the ground. It is my hope that in quietness and resting in God, this ministry can still be explored.

In setting up our calendar for 2017, we have intentionally sought ways in which we could find a balance in growing together spiritually as well as socially. To this end we have planned two quiet mornings with our Lay Ministers, one at the beginning of Lent and one at the beginning of Advent. Our Lay Ministers will also be conducting a Bible Study once a month to which all parishioners are invited.

This year we will be producing our parish magazine "Christus Rex", and invite contributions which you may wish to have included. Our parish calendar which will be available shortly will also serve as a reminder of planned events.

Revd Glynis has completed the first year of preparation for Confirmation with our candidates and this year our Candidates will be confirmed on 22nd October 2017, by Archbishop Thabo, together with the candidates of St Thomas Rondebosch, at St Thomas Church.

## Administration and Fundraising:

The Financial statements are presented monthly to parish council and I am pleased to report that our Parish Assessments are up to date and all financial matters addressed regularly. Special thanks to Charmaine Johnston our Treasurer for her efficient and conscientious management and preparation of our financials and the budgetary controls that she has put in place.

We have once again by God's grace been able to meet our financial commitments. In the absence of a planned annual fundraising programme, and the unwavering efforts of our Fundraising Portfolio Holders, particularly Peter-John Welman, Gert Bam and Mereille Pursad and our parishioners who contributed and supported the various events.

I wish to convey special thanks to Sharon Christians, Debbie Davids and Meghan Segal for their contributions of Roti's and Curry, and to the Welman Family for arranging the Big Band fundraising event.

Finally, to all our parishioners my thanks for your monetary donations in lieu of our Annual Fete and for your faithful pledging and giving to those in need. I trust God as I express my gratitude to you that this part of our vocation will grow stronger this year and in the future.

## Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Churchwardens; Richard Fuggle and Graham Pearce, for your loyalty and dedication to our parish, and more especially for your unfailing care, love and support of me, particularly as I face the demands of Diocesan and Provincial responsibilities. For your selfless giving of yourselves, your time and skill to the running of our parish even when so much of what you do often goes unnoticed.

To the Parish Council for your friendship, dedication, and amazing teamwork, and especially in your commitment to your various portfolios, it has been a great privilege to share with you in this ministry.

To our Lay Ministers, Altar Servers, Choir Master and Choir and Sunday School Superintendent for your commitment to serving God and all God's people with such dedication and for your support in our shared ministry.

To Brenda Peters, our parish Secretary for your love care and support.

To our Sacristans for ensuring that the church is ready for services; and our flower group; Mavis Prezents, Patsy Johnston and all who assist them, for your beautiful and creative ministry amongst us

To Vincent and Joan Welby- Solomon for your generous contributions toward the upkeep of our plant and for maintaining and beautifying the Memorial Cross.

To Joan Welby-Solomon, who coordinates our Tea Teams and to all the team members for your generosity which enables us to share in fellowship each Sunday after service.

To Derek Hanslo, for finalising our Annual Financial Statements.

Thank you too to our Sides persons for the hospitality and friendly manner in which you greet all who join us in worship

As you rest in God and guided by God's Holy Spirit, may you all in quietness and confidence find your strength in God as you seek to do God's will for the world.

Venerable Canon Cheryl Bird. Rector.

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## Church Wardens' Report

Looking back over 2016 several parish occasions come to mind as particularly noteworthy. Reflecting first on worship: the outdoor Eucharist, held in the grounds of Marsh Memorial Homes, ably orchestrated by Gill Reynolds and the late Darryl Johnston, got the year off to a flying start. The "Lenten Reflections on the life of Simon Peter - Crisis and Restoration in his relation with Jesus", led by our rector and John Freeth, proved to be most meaningful to those who participated in these faith-sharing sessions. Our parish joined with St. Thomas' to watch and reflect on eight of John Dominic Crossan's eye-opening DVD presentations The Challenge of Jesus (and we will be joining them again this year to study the remaining eight sessions in the series). The Commentated Eucharist also proved to be a special worshipful event. Secular events included getting a parish website up and running, the UCT big band evening, the "Pudding and port" get together, as well as "Breakfasts on the run" and "Roti and Curry mornings". As wardens we extend our sincere thanks to both the organizers' and participants in these events.

Despite some unfortunate medical ailments placing strain on the rector and wardens during the first half of the year parish activities continued without a hitch and the second half saw everyone again in full harness. The extra-

parochial duties imposed on our rector by the diocese, and province, continue to be of concern to the church-wardens.

During the year under review several maintenance projects were tackled: the Umbry was transferred from the Corpus Christi chapel to the sanctuary; the church gates were repaired and replaced; the trees in the church grounds were pruned; the old hall lights have been removed and replaced with modern LED tubes capable of providing different levels of lighting; work has started on renovating the Garden of Remembrance; the memorial Cross has received attention; the Hall roof was repaired. On behalf of the parish we extend our very real thanks to the parishioners who made many of these projects possible through donations in kind, or of their time. We also thank all parishioners who so generously supported the U-turn initiative either by buying coupons or donating used clothing.

Unfortunately several "big ticket" items still need to be addressed. These include repair to the church roof (there were seven significant leaks during the recent black-southeaster storm); re-painting the church bargeboards; repair of the masonry walls surrounding the church property; re-surfacing of the Garfield road parking area and walkway from the car park to the church; repainting of the church hall both inside and out and repair of the hall gutters; making good the shoddy plumbing done to provide water to the hall kitchen.

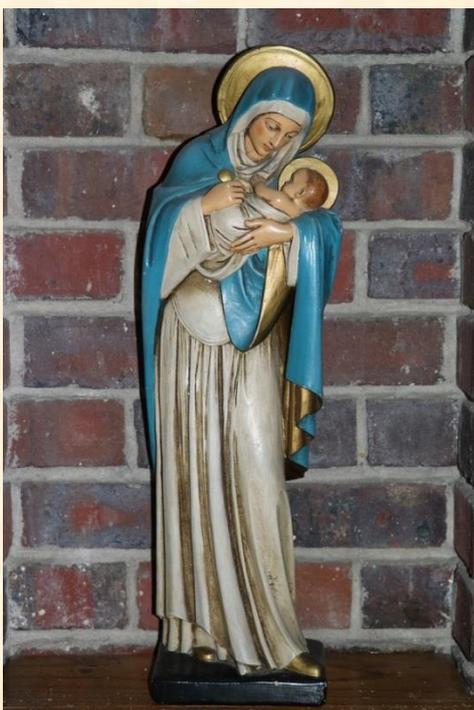
To conclude we want to say thank you to the many people who so willingly and ably enable the parish to function smoothly and harmoniously. In no particular order we would like to recognize the ministry and service of many teams of parishioners: the sacristans, the tea teams, sidespersons, the choir and organist, altar servers, lay ministers, the members of the church council who have month after month attended to the business of running the parish. And finally, we express our thanks to the clergy who have sustained us spiritually during the year: John Freeth, Suzanne Reed, Julian Titus, and our friend and rector the Venerable Canon Cheryl Bird.

Richard Fuggle

Graham Pearce

## CtK Quiz

Where in the church is this statue found ?



## Smile

The priest said, "Anyone with special needs who needs prayer, please come forward.

With that, a parishioner came forward and asked the priest to pray for his hearing.

The preacher put one finger of one hand in the man's ear, placed his other hand on top of his head, and then prayed and prayed and prayed.

After a few minutes, the priest removed his hands, stood back and asked, "How is your hearing now?"

The parishioner answered, "I don't know. It isn't 'til next week!"

## Something to ponder

If we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for would replace us in a matter of days, possibly weeks. But the family we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives: we can never be replaced. But so many people give more of themselves to their places of work than to their own families. Are you investing your time wisely?

Do you know that the word FAMILY means?

FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

## The Church of the Future?

**DO NOT switch off your cell phone.**

Rector: Good Morning, please make sure your phones and devices are charged and **switched on**. "Praise the Lord!"

Congregation: "Praise to the Lord the Creator of Apps"

Rector: "Will everyone now please use their Tablet, PC, iPad, or smart phone, and using eBibles find and reflect on the first reading from the ancient text, 1 Corinthians. 13:13."  
P-a-u-s-e

Rector: To listen to my sermon on this text please switch on Bluetooth to download and listen to it from the parish's podcasts."

S-i-l-e-n-c-e f-o-r t-e-n m-i-n-u-t-e-s

Rector: "Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Messaging Apps, Twitter or Facebook, and have a chat with God"

S-I-l-e-n-c-e f-o-r t-w-o—m-i-n-u-t-e-s

Rector: "To make your offerings, please use snapscan to scan the snapcode card being carried by the sides persons"

## This and that

**True or false?** All the statements are true!

**CtK Quiz.** Answer next month.

**Christus Rex.** This monthly newsletter will be distributed via email to all parishioners whose email addresses are on file in the church office. No paper copies are being printed.

**Contributions and feedback.** Contributions to the newsletter will be welcomed. Please email these to [ctk\\_clare@telkomsa.net](mailto:ctk_clare@telkomsa.net) with <For Christus Rex> in the subject line. Constructive criticism using the same address and heading will also be appreciated.

**Editor.** Richard Fuggle



**CHRIST THE KING, CLAREMONT**  
SOUTH FAÇADE

## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday 9:30 & 19:00	2	3	4
5 Church Officer Admission	6 Lay Ministers 19:00	7	8 Eucharist & Lent Study 9:30	9	10	11 Quiet Morning
12	13	14 Church Council 19:00	15 Eucharist & Lent Study 9:30	16	17	18 Parish Prayers
19	20	21	22 Eucharist & Lent Study 9:30	23	24	25
26 S/School Family Get Together	27	28	29 Eucharist & Lent Study 9:30	30	31	1

**DRAFT BUDGET 2017**

**GENERALINCOME 751 000.00**

Pledges	375 000.00
Collections	50 000.00
Plant hire	270 000.00
Recovery of Muni Acc & ADT	34 000.00
Garden of Remembrance	10 000.00
Archdeacon's donation	12 000.00
Flowers	5 000.00

**FUNDRAISING 95 500.00**

FEB	Outdoor Service - Food sales	3 000.00
May	Bingo	7 500.00
July	Pudding & Port - Barry Moses in concert	15 000.00
Sept	Spring Ball	25 000.00
Nov	UCT Big band	15 000.00
Nov	Silent Fete	30 000.00

**TOTALINCOME 846 500.00**

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**Expenditure 860 600.00**

Diocesan Assessment	132 000.00
Parish Assessment 6.5%	215 000.00
Rectors Travel & Housing 6.5%	149 100.00
Rectors Muni & Telkom	24 000.00
Honoraria / Salary 6.5 % Increase	145 000.00
Visiting Clergy - Offset against Archdeacon donation	6 000.00
Ministry Allowances R2000 per organization	8 000.00
Building Insurance	6 000.00
Municipal accounts offset 60/40	56 000.00
Repairs & Maintenance R3000 pm	36 000.00
Bank Charges	2 500.00
ADT	12 500.00
Telephone	11 000.00
Stationary	1 000.00
Minolta rental & Copies	8 500.00
Overhead Projector - wish list	10 000.00
Memorial Garden offset against donations	10 000.00
Donations - Back to Church	2 000.00
Fire Extinguisher Annual service fee	2 000.00
Flowers - offset against donations	5 000.00
Petty Cash - R1000 quarterly	4 000.00
Parents day : Breakfast / Brunch potjiekos	5 000.00
Contingency Costs	10 000.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE 860 600.00**

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SUMMARY	
INCOME	846 500.00
LESS EXPENDITURE	-860 600.00
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>-14 100.00</b>

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