



# CHRISTUS REX

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Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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**We are called to love, worship and obey God; to put His love into practice in the power of the Holy Spirit through our witness and service, that all may know Christ our King**

## Our Altar Symbols (3)



Ι	Ιησους	=	Jesus
χ	Χριστός	=	Christ
θ	θεός	=	God
υ	υιός	=	Son
ς	σωτήρ	=	Savior

The symbol of a fish is thought to have been chosen by the early Christians for several reasons:

The Greek word for fish (ICHTUS), works as an acrostic for **I=Jesus, C=Christ, TH=God's, U=Son, S=Saviour.**

The fish would not have been an obvious Christian symbol to persecutors; It is said that during the persecution of the early church, a Christian meeting someone new would casually draw a single arc in the sand with their foot. If the other person was a Christian, he or she would complete the drawing of a fish with a second arc. If the second person was not a Christian, the ambiguity of the half-symbol in the sand would not reveal the first person as a Christian.

## Something to ponder

"It is remarkable how in times of danger we think about the people that we should not like to live without, and almost or entirely forget about ourselves. It is only then that we feel how closely our own lives are bound up with other people's, and in fact how the centre of our own lives is outside ourselves, and how little we are separate entities. I think it is a literal fact of nature that human life extends far beyond our physical existence." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

## The Greyladies Association

**A welfare arm of the Anglican Church**

Altruism has been at the heart of the work done by the Greyladies Association since they began their outreach work in Cape Town and surrounding areas 80 years ago! In 1893 the Bishop of Southwark, England, saw the overcrowding, drunkenness and crime in the slums of London, and as a result he founded the Greyladies Society – named after the colour of their uniforms.

Years later, the Coadjutor Bishop of Cape Town, Sidney Warren Lavis, visited London, and was so impressed by the work of these ladies. On his return to South Africa he persuaded Archbishop Francis Phelps to invite the Order to come to Cape Town, where the same problems were being experienced. On the 10 March 1937 three Greyladies arrived in South Africa and settled in a rented house in Rosebank Place, off Upper Orange Street, Cape Town. Eventually there were sixteen ladies in total in South Africa; the last one being Rhoda Townsend, who died in Cape Town in 1996 at the grand age of 99 years!

These ladies worked amongst the needy, taught confirmation, visited hospitals, distributed food and clothing, and in very special cases, gave money, but only when absolutely necessary. They started the Silver Star Clubs - the first one being in Salt River, called the House of Youth, and later another one in Rylands Estate. They took children off the streets, let them play games, enjoy biscuits and cool-drink, but always started and ended the time together with prayer. They never pushed these children into accepting the faith, but many of those children later wanted to get confirmed, and these ladies prepared them for confirmation. They were very much loved by old and young alike!

In 1978 Rhoda Townsend was no longer able to carry out her duties and a Social Worker, Mrs. Connie Barker, was employed, who worked in this capacity for 14 years. In September 1992 a commission, under Bishop Charles Albertyn, set up a new method of operation for the Association. A part-time secretary was employed to run the office and carry out the decisions made by a Management Committee.

The main work of the Association for many years, has been feeding the hungry through soup kitchens and food parcels schemes, many of which has been done via projects in various parish churches. In the

past, Greyladies have assisted with supplying wheelchairs to the underprivileged, and even helped fund a brickmaking project at Kalkfontein Informal Settlement. They also donate money every year for Christmas Cheer for the elderly and children, through various organisations. Their office is also a collection point for used clothes and blankets, which in turn are distributed to those parishes or projects, serving the needy areas in the diocese.

The Greyladies Association has been able to help assist many projects, too numerous to mention, over the years, and are very proud of the long and rich history that they share with so many in the communities throughout the various diocese of the Western Cape. Assistance has been given wherever possible to the needy, no matter what their faith or denomination.

The Committee Members are currently in the process of developing a new focus for the Association; "Teach & Reach", with a missionary type focus, as was the aim of the Original Order of the Greyladies when they first came to Cape Town. This new approach hopes to instil/promote core values by focusing on "Bible Play" sets for Sunday School.

The Greyladies may have been quieter than usual in recent years, but would like to tell people that they are still around! They have a Website [www.greyladies.org.za] which is updated every few months with details of forth-coming fundraising events. They welcome anyone who would like to become a member and get involved in any way with their Association.

The Greyladies funding comes from bequests, trusts, donations and general fundraising events which they hold each year. Any donations in cash or kind would be very much appreciated.

The Greyladies Office is at St Saviour's Church Hall, Brooke Street, Claremont. Call 021 671 0820 or visit www.greyladies.org.za for more information or a copy of their newsletter.

[Contributed by Liz Wheeler] .

## July Bible Quiz Biblical Relatives

Match the persons mentioned to how they are related.

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| Elizabeth to Mary  | a. Brothers        |
| Elkanah to Hannah  | b. Father          |
| Orpah to Naomi     | c. Cousin          |
| Herodias to Herod  | d. Daughter-in-law |
| Esau to Abraham    | e. Daughter        |
| Dinah to Leah      | f. Grandson        |
| Ishmael to Abram   | g. Sisters         |
| Jezebel to Ahab    | h. Son             |
| Mary to Martha     | i. Sister-in-law   |
| Benjamin to Joseph | j. Husband         |
| Kish to Saul       | k. Wife            |

To err is human, to repent divine, to persist devilish.

Tricks and treachery are the practise of fools that have not wit enough to be honest.

## Answer to CtK June Test of Observation

Where in our church is this statue found?



This statue of St. Francis can be seen on the left as one enters the Corpus Christi chapel.

## Smile

Many grandparents spend a lot of time in the garden making everything tidy and pretty, so they have something tidy and pretty to look at while they are doing the gardening.

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One good husband is worth two good wives: for the scarcer things are the more they are valued.

## Answers to June Bible Quiz

Unscramble these anagrams to form the name of a Bible character.

1. Silo \_\_\_\_\_ Lois
2. Tol \_\_\_\_\_ Lot
3. Charle \_\_\_\_\_ Rachel
4. Thru \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth
5. Samhot \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas
6. Beal \_\_\_\_\_ Abel
7. Kram \_\_\_\_\_ Mark
8. Ohan \_\_\_\_\_ Noah
9. Theres \_\_\_\_\_ Esther
10. Lie \_\_\_\_\_ Eli
11. Shebbatha \_\_\_\_\_ Bathsheba

Wish not so much to live long as to live well.

A long life may be good enough, but a good life is long enough.

## Parishioner Profile: Derek Hanslo

**On request Derek has kindly provided this synopsis of his involvement with our parish over many years.**

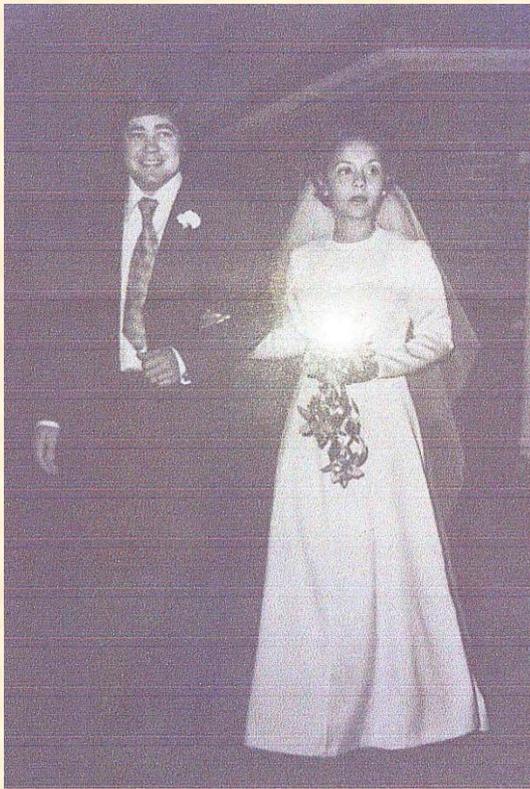
On Sunday 13 June 1976 and Sunday 20 June 1976 at Christ The King Church, Milner Road, Claremont and St Cyprian's (thatch) Church, Station Road, Retreat, was announced in a monotone voice –

"I publish the banns of marriage between

Alexis Smith, spinster, of Rondebosch East and Derek John Hanslo, bachelor, of Retreat

This is the second/third time of asking, if any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, You are to declare it."

And so it came to pass at 4.00 pm on Saturday 26 June 1976, that I found myself standing on the right hand side of the aisle of this very church, Christ the King Church, Milner Road, Claremont – in front of Reverend Canon Frederick Findlay – waiting for my bride to be, Alexis Smith (soon to be Alexis Hanslo) who was striding comfortably toward us on the arm of her father Edward Smith, not fifteen paces behind me.



And as it is often said – the rest is history at Christ the King Church (some sad, and some joyous)

11.12.1965	confirmation of Alexis Smith (Rev Arnold Hirst)
10.12.1978	baptism of Nicholas Hanslo (Rev Basil Berthold)
25.07.1982	baptism of Amy-Lara Hanslo (Rev Basil Berthold)
00.03.1988	funeral of Edward Smith
00.09.1990	funeral of Alice Hanslo
24.09.1994	funeral of Arthur (snr) Hanslo
05.04.2000	funeral of Olive Boltman
30.11.2002	funeral of David Hanslo
29.03.2014	funeral of Mavis Smith

And then there is ministry – some voluntary some thrust upon me (thank you) by the shrewdest of clergy.

For Christ the King:

Sidesperson (apprenticed to Mr Ken Welby-Solomon)

Bookkeeper/Treasurer (apprenticed to Mr Eddie Cotton)

Altar Server

Councillor

Warden/Alternate Warden

Lay Minister

For the Diocese:

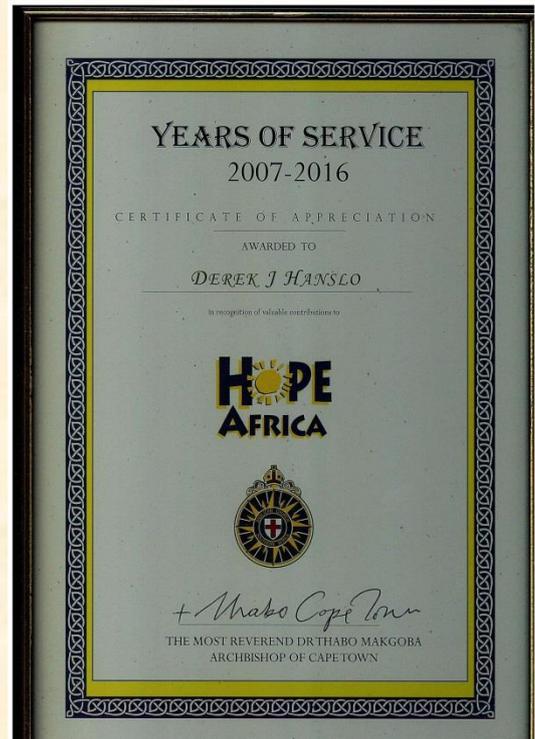
CPSA (member of Diocese – Western Region Council)

CPSA (member of Diocesan Council)

CPSA (member of Diocesan Trust Board)

CPSA (member of Diocesan Finance Board)

ACSA (director of HOPE Africa NPC)



I have had the pleasure of working with the following Rectors and Priests:

Fr Frederick Findlay, Fr Basil Berthold, Fr Lionel Kuiper, Fr Henry Frieslaar, Fr Michael Parker, Fr Hilton Marias, Fr Julian Titus, Fr Mervyn Moore, (Fr) Erica Murray), (Fr) Cheryl Bird.

And have appreciated conversation (meetings and social) with:

Archbishop Robert Selby-Taylor (confirmation), Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Winston Ndungane and Archbishop Thabo Makgoba; also Bishop Mervyn Castle, Bishop Charles Albertyn, Bishop Edward McKenzie, Bishop Margeret Virtue, Bishop Ellinah Ntfombe Wamukoya (Swaziland)

All of the above has been as a proud member of the parish family of Christ the King Church, Claremont

*Derek Hanslo*

PS. 22.10.95 confirmation of Nicholas Hanslo (Diocesan College – Bishop Geoff Quinlan)

22.09.98 confirmation of Amy-Lara Hanslo (St Cyprian's School – Bishop Charles Albertyn)

## July Test of Observation

Where in our church is this statue found?



*(Answer next month)*

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## Faith Sharing

### From Heart to Hands

19 July, 7.15pm

### Christ the King, Claremont

On 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Pope Francis stated: "...We are called to be witnesses of God's merciful love before the world. May the Divine Mercy which we have received pass from our hearts to our hands, and find expression in our practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy."

The catechism of the Roman Catholic Church deals with corporal and spiritual works of mercy as follows: "The Works of Mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity; it is also a work of justice pleasing to God."

There will be an illustrated introduction followed by small-group discussion.

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## Making History

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 (28<sup>th</sup> Ramadan 1438 A.H.) the parish of Christ the King, Claremont acted as hosts to the congregation of The Open Mosque as they celebrated Ramadan Iftar (breaking the fast). Addressing a gathering of almost 100 Muslims, Christians and Jews Dr. Taj Hargey, President of the Open Mosque, said that to the best of his knowledge and belief this was the first time that a Mosque had been invited by the Anglican Church of Southern Africa to celebrate the breaking of the fast. He hoped that this would be seen as a historic initiative to foster harmony and greater understanding between the faiths of the Abrahamic family. In their addresses both Dr Hargey and Archdeacon Cheryl Bird stressed that focus is too often on the differences between Muslim and Christian beliefs instead of on the many aspects of similarity. They both expressed the hope that the event would contribute to "building bridges of friendship and banishing barricades of fear between faiths".

## A Favourite Prayer

I glory in your handiwork, O God:

towering mountains and deep valleys,  
dense forests and expansive deserts,  
fathomless depths of blue below and immeasurable  
heights of blue above.

When I peer into the universe of the telescope and the  
universe of the microscope I stand in awe at: the  
complexity and the simplicity,  
the order and the chaos,  
and the infinite variety of colours everywhere.

When I watch the little creatures that creep upon the earth  
I marvel at:  
such purpose,  
such direction,  
such design; and yet  
such freedom,  
such openness,  
such creativity.

O Lord God, creator of the tiniest bird and the Milky Way, I  
am lost in wonder at your originality.

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## This and that

**Parish Council.** At its June meeting the Parish Council decided that CHRISTUS REX should carry short outlines of matters that the council discussed at its monthly meetings: excluding personal and confidential items.

On 20<sup>th</sup> June the problems caused by the recent storm – roof leaks in the chapel, above the choir stalls, and in the rectory; damage to the church sign-board – and the actions taken, and still required, to resolve these problems were high on the agenda.

The arrangements for the parents day "thank you" to parishioners, the lay ministers' monthly faith sharing initiative, the interfaith iftar event, and an application from a dance group to use the church hall on a Saturday morning, were dealt with.

Council also received a report on the state of the Garden of Remembrance. It noted that the records are up to date but that some memorial stones have become illegible and that the first attempt to have the stones refurbished has not been successful.

The monthly financial statements showed that the parish has no outstanding financial commitments and that there is no significant variance between the budget and expenditure. The parish bank balance has however declined during the course of the year and income from the silent fete and other fund-raising activities will be required to balance the parish books by the end of the year. The pros and cons of the silent fete were discussed, it being noted that while some parishioners do not like this appeal others have found it possible to respond positively and to contribute over and above their monthly pledges.

The concern that monies given to the church electronically (i.e. via EFT) are not being blessed in the same way that church collections are blessed before use, was considered. It was agreed that in future a copy of the record of monthly pledges received electronically will be conveyed to the altar and blessed together with the Sunday collection.

A suggestion that the parish web site and CHRISTUS REX should be supplemented by a parish Facebook page was favourable considered. This additional mechanism for keeping in touch with parishioners and distributing news will be implemented shortly.

Initiatives to cater for and involve both teenagers and retired persons in parish activities (not necessarily at the

same events or times) were mooted and are being considered.

Parishioners who have anything they would like discussed by the Parish Council should please speak to the Rector to have the item placed on the Council agenda.

**Christus Rex.** This monthly magazine is distributed via email to all parishioners whose email addresses are on file in the church office. No paper copies are being distributed. A limited number of printed copies will be made available each month at the back of the church for parishioners without internet access.

**Contributions and feedback.** Contributions to the magazine are welcomed. Please email these to [Richard.fuggle@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.fuggle@gmail.com). Constructive criticism using the same address will also be appreciated.

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