



The Diocese of Johannesburg
at

St Michael's Bryanston

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa



As you are probably aware, this year marks the 70th anniversary of St Michael's. There are plans currently underway to celebrate this momentous occasion on Sunday 1 October, the first Sunday in October which is normally earmarked for St Michael's Day - our Patronal Festival. While we are planning to hold a celebration on this day, we are also planning to celebrate our 70th throughout 2023 and showcase God's faithfulness and blessings through all facets of our parish.

On behalf of the parish council, we would like to provide an overview of the 70th anniversary plans, and also get your support and contributions in bringing them to life. The plans have multiple facets, including the following:

Our Objectives

- Our aim is to create awareness of the church, its history and heritage, while promoting love and appreciation for our place of worship.
- We would also like to create a sense of inspiration and excitement as we continue to expand and grow our community of believers.

Our Theme & Logo

- You will already be familiar with our theme and logo – *Celebrating 70 years of faithfulness and gratitude*, which was launched in October last year. The aim is to incorporate this logo in all our material and events this year.

The Sermon Series

- Our ministry team will be aligning scriptures and hymns to the objectives and theme, more so in the weeks leading to the 1st of October.

Celebrating various facets of the Parish

We have and are continuing to produce short videos of our parishioners highlighting their experiences of St Michael's, including why they joined and continue to worship here. We will share the first instalment of these at the end of this talk.

Celebrating the Choirs

- Our church choir/s have been asked to think about the various items they will render as part of the celebrations. We will also be holding special moments to remember our past choir members, bless the memorial plaques and celebrate our existing members.

Celebrating Children and Youth Ministry

- On Sunday 11 June 2023 we will be celebrating our children and youth. Akanani, our parish councillor responsible for Youth will be coordinating this and presenting a proposal soon.

Celebrating Women's Fellowship

- We are planning to celebrate this around 9 August 2023 and we are requesting the Mother's Union, Sisters of Dorcas, and any other parishioner who feels passionate about this to present a proposal for this event.

Culmination of the Event on 1 October 2023

- Our hospitality and events team is meticulously planning for the day, including food and drinks. We will accept all offers of assistance - financial and otherwise, to help make this a success.
- The actual celebratory event will take place after the 10h00 service, and Bishop Steve has already confirmed his attendance. We will also be extending invitations to other representatives from the Diocese and Anglican parishes, including our past clergy.
- We are hoping to produce a limited number of commemorative coffee table books and make them available for sale. We are still at an exploratory stage regarding the commemorative books, and hope that the financials and logistics will be viable.

We trust that this provides a good overview of what is planned for our 70th celebration and that it has triggered your thoughts on where you can assist with your skills and contributions. Our parish does not have a specific budget allocated to this event and we will therefore rely heavily on your contributions and generosity to make this a success.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Parish Administrator (Darryl Prangley) if you wish to make any contributions towards this.

Before we conclude, and on a separate matter, the Parish Council has over a period of time been receiving a number of requests and indications of displeasure from the ministry team and fellow parishioners about our punctuality at the various services. Unfortunately, this is not something we necessarily want to discuss at length, but we have noted that more and more people are arriving late at our services. We are all aware of how disruptive this can be, and we therefore urge everyone to arrive on time for all our services - 07h00, 08h15 and 10h00.

[Please enjoy the 1st instalment of our video series that will be shared throughout the year.](#)

Yours in Christ,

St Michael's Church Wardens.

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

St Michael's Banking Details: (for Stop Orders or EFT's)

Standard Bank

Account Number: **000 176 397**

Branch Code: **051 001**

Account Name: **Bryanston St Michael**

Reference: *Please use your surname* and 70th Celebration and narration.

Envelopes will be supplied on request and can be collected from the office.