



Diocese of Johannesburg

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ANGLICAN BISHOP DIOCESE OF JOHANNESBURG



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Dear friends in Christ

I would like to thank you for the prayers you have offered up for Liziwe and myself during our Covid isolation. We are on the mend!

I hope the young people of our Diocese enjoyed time together as they celebrated Youth Day yesterday and I am pleased to hear numerous reports that many of our Youth Groups and Young People's Church groups are becoming operational again. We truly do need to reach out intentionally to them with the love of Jesus. They too have had a difficult couple of years.

At the other end of the spectrum, I would like to pay tribute to Revd Ian Macintosh who earlier this month celebrated his 93rd birthday and sixty fruitful years in the ordained ministry. Ian has served the diocese well with an incredible faithfulness and with great integrity. His heart for pastoral ministry at the Old Johannesburg Hospital and in the parishes in which he has ministered has touched so many lives. Thank you, Ian and may the years God still sees fit to give you be blessed and grace-filled.

On a sadder note, we send our condolences to Revd KG Mphetolang, who is on sabbatical leave in Botswana, and to his family on the passing of his father yesterday.

I have also received news that Theo Coggin, who has been a great support to me, with his vast experience in the Media Communications field has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Institute of Race Relations. His long, loyal association with the Institute in several distinct roles over the past forty plus years is commendable and we rejoice with you and Ruth in this tremendous honour and achievement. Congratulations Theo!

Many of you who visit the Diocesan Office will be aware of the problems experienced with our erratic water supply. I want to thank the JAEI Team (Johannesburg Anglican Eco-Spiritual Initiative) under the leadership of Revd Martha Gordon and Revd Judy Bassingthwaight, both of whom are also on sabbatical, for the gift and installation of a large JoJo tank.

This is currently filled with municipal water, but we hope to harvest rainwater soon. It is a significant help to the staff on site who would otherwise battle to have access to water for washing and cooking. On the return of Revds Martha and Judy we will have a little ceremony.

Finally, for now, I'm sure most of you have heard that this year the Diocese celebrates its centenary. I hope shortly to be able to share with you some details of how this will be marked in the Diocese.

In this season of Pentecost, may the enabling of the Holy Spirit rest upon you all.

Yours by God's grace

+Steve

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