

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATIONS:

11 September Summer Du Preez, Chiara Ilett & Rory Mackenzie
09 September at Michaelhouse School:
Murray McDonald & Hayden Weaver

DEATHS:

Richard Langebrink
Ann Judge

FUNERALS OF PARISHIONERS' RELATIONS

27 September Inga Swart, mother of Coenraad Vermaak
05 October Humphrey Moreland, brother of Vicky Vermaak

GRANDCHILDREN:

Jason Richard Ing, grandson for Nicky Ing

MARRIAGES:

24 September Brett Young & Beatrice Mastross

FAREWELL

Judy Loveday (moved to Pietermaritzburg)
Lesley & Sandy Melvill (moving near to Stellenbosch)

WELCOME TO RECENT NEWCOMERS:

Annalize & Andrew Gilfillan
Vicky, Caitlin, Joshua & Matthew Grobler
Duncan, Owen & Wendy Guy
Molly Lowe
Rupert & Des Rencken
Di Veness

YEARS MIND

2 October Sybil Duncan
11 October George Stokes ⁴

Ascension News

**Church of the Ascension – Hilton
Anglican Diocese of Natal**

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Additional information and forms posted with this magazine:

Pledges 2012 – Letter from your Church Wardens
(Response form and envelope included)
Time and Talents Response form
Shoebox Project (October & November 2011)

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – 30 OCTOBER We Respond as Stewards of God's Gifts

Concluding our Sermon Series as highlighted in your September magazine, our Annual Stewardship Sunday services will be held on 30 October. This year instead of an 8am Combined Service as in previous years, services will be at the regular times of 7.00am and 9.00am.

After the early service, Gary & Sian McDowell will once again provide us with a Fellowship Tea, Coffee and Breakfast Snacks, and after the later service, Roma Pridmore will once again provide us with a light Tea. We are grateful for their generosity!

Please bring your Pledge Form 2012 with you, if that is your chosen method of giving, in the confidential envelope provided, to hand in, as well as the Stewardship Response Form. Thank you.

QUIZ EVENING: REPORT BACK

Following the recent Quiz Evening and Supper organised by Bronwyn Mackenzie and Julia Denny-Dimitriou, we plan to hold similar events again. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and we thank our Quiz Master Mark Hohls, Supper Co-Ordinator Isabel Johnston & her great team, Cellar Masters Graeme Mackenzie & Charles Rilett, and Fines Master Bill McQuade for their wonderful assistance, and the contributions of 70+ people to this fun event. In addition, over R2,600 was raised.

Many people requested further similar evenings, and some different ways of conducting them in future have also been noted.

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## JUNGLE GYM WELL USED ON ITS FIRST SUNDAY

Just a short while ago – after the September Art Auction – a portion of the funds raised at that event were set aside as planned by Julia DD for the supply and erection of a Jungle Gym for children to play on. It was installed recently, apart from the slide, which is being generously made-to-order by Rob & Jackie Ender who have a fibreglass factory in town, and will soon be added to the impressive gym.

Carefully situated – for morning shade but not directly under dripping tree-leaves which could make it slimy and render it unsafe or un-usable, AND within sight of watching parents, AND not in the immediate line of parking area traffic – it was used on its first Sunday by 16 children under Julia DD's watchful eye. And there wasn't even Sunday School on that day!

Parents of younger children need to supervise its use. And it may be used at any time including weekdays, and not only when services are happening.

### Blessing the Play of Children

It is more than a simple play-thing, even in a community where many children have an excess of toys and possibly even more complex jungle gyms at their schools. It symbolises our inclusiveness of the children of our parish and our wider community and thus is a way of saying we are intentionally "child friendly"; it also is a welcoming sign to families with young children. So on an appropriate Sunday soon, Julia will lead the children present that day in prayers of blessing – blessing the play of children, whom Jesus welcomed and still welcomes, and inviting them to participate in God's plan of abundant life in Jesus Christ in all the creative ways that God enables!

## BISHOP TSIETSI SELEOANE

We gave brief information in the last magazine and in Sunday leaflets about our newly-elected Bishop Suffragan for the North Western Episcopal area of the Anglican Diocese of Natal, led by Bishop Rubin Phillip. Tsietsi takes up ministry responsibility previously held by Funginkosi Mbhele, who retired in March after ten years as Bishop. His area includes Hilton Parish in Umgeni Region, another region in the northern Berg area, and one in northern KZN centred on Newcastle.

### How do you say his name?

With ease: *Tsi – etsi Sele – wah – neh*

Tsietsi (53) is married to Rachel. He was ordained priest in 1997. He has a Diploma in Missiology, studied at the Evangelical Bible Seminary of South Africa in PMB, and obtained a B.Th. (Hons) (University of Natal).

### Michaelhouse inspirational to his ministry

Seleoane has experience in both rural and urban ministry, beginning at Michaelhouse & Zenzane Village, which led to his continuing theological studies and subsequent ordination as a Priest, and he has served the parishes of Drakensberg (Himeville / Underberg), Dundee and one in Newcastle.

He will be consecrated Bishop in our Cathedral, in a service to be led by the Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, on Saturday 12 November.

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Prayer used at 7.00am service, 9 Oct. 2011, supplied by Jane Miller

I don't want to grow old, God. I don't want any part of it. But since I have no power to stop the clock, my prayer is this: let me age with grace. Show me the way, God. Be with me. Grant health to my body and clarity to my mind. Give me strength. Help me to overcome my vanity. Teach me to combat self-pity. Don't allow me to become set in my ways. Shield me from isolation and loneliness.

May the love of my family and friends be my reward for all the struggles of my youth. Let all the blessings of age emanate from me.

Let wisdom flow from my mouth.

Let compassion flow from my heart.

Let acts of kindness flow from my arms.

Let faith flow from my soul.

Let joy shine forth from my eyes.

Amen