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Foreword

This Trinity issue is later than usual, but in July several events took place and I had to wait for reports on them to come in. Some reports are still awaited, but they will be printed in the new issue. I'm still waiting for those who attended the Anglicans Ablaze conference in Johannesburg to send me their impressions. And out of 17 hostesses asked to supply a paragraph or two about their tables and starters, only 4 responded. It would be nice to print a few more in the next issue. Come on, get writing and submit your articles! There should also be follow-ups in the next issue – on Tateni and on Katie – and articles on new topics as well, but they have to be written, hopefully not by the editor, who should just edit!

Jill Daugherty

From the Rector's Desk

My dear Parishioners,



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Hospitality is never simple!

You've settle down to an afternoon or evening of private pleasure – and then there's that knock on the door or buzz at the gate. You respond as graciously as your mood allows, though all the while we would rather not have been disturbed.

Yet, again and again, Holy Scripture exhorts us to show hospitality. Truth is we "have no choice" – it's not an "optional extra" we can choose to exercise at whim or only on Mondays.

I'd like to offer a few suggestions about this biblical exhortation, which may help us deal with it with "fresh eyes" – both as individuals and as a corporate body of faith.

Firstly, true biblical hospitality is a challenge precisely because it goes beyond simply handing out! Its intrusiveness lies not in its call to "give something" – rather, it's to be found in the fact that it is a fundamental calling to enter into RELATIONSHIP. Biblical hospitality is a call to enter into a form of intimacy with STRANGERS and the unknown.

It has precious little to do with the entertainment of like-minded or "comfortable" individuals. Rather, its lack of simplicity centres around the fact that it has to do with the kindness shown to strangers. And therein lies its secret!

Which leads to the second point. Biblical hospitality affords us the OPPORTUNITY to act as Christ would – i.e. it is not simply kindness, it is kindness in the face of the opportunity to do the opposite if we so choose; or to do so in spite of this "option".

Thirdly, if we realize that biblical hospitality is not about the victim being in the hand of the rescuer – this too is hugely motivating. In fact, if we can grasp that in these acts the social rules are reversed, i.e. remembering that Jesus said that when we show kindness to the wretched of the earth against whom injustices accumulate every day – those who have God's righteous justice on their side – we are in fact feeding /helping /clothing Him. Well then it does put a different spin on things. For then what happens is we begin to realize that WE in fact are the recipients of the mercy of God. The "weak" recipient of our hospitality powerfully bestows upon US the mercy, grace and presence of God. The "weak" become the means of a revelation of the new kingdom, i.e. to enter into Jesus Christ.

In the exchange, we are united with the neighbour in this Lord Jesus Christ who is the source of every good and perfect gift.

So, the neighbour moves way beyond the "grateful" recipient of our "gracious" hospitality – but becomes the person given to us by God so that we may live to God's glory.

And in the process, we discover not only who our neighbour is, but who and whose WE are.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr Timothy

From the Parish Registers

Faithful departed

Date of Death	Name
19 June 2014	Libby Biccard
10 July 2914	Lynne Ritchie

Faith has Power to Open our Eyes

In the *Pretoria News* of July 10 2014, Filile-Ntsikelel Moya wrote an article with the following headline:

Religion must be introduced to school curricula to help our children understand those of other faiths better and strengthen national cohesion.

He opens with a story of a stranger landing up in a Northern Irish pub who was met with suspicious eyes. When a patron, let's call him Paddy, finally struck up a conversation with him, it was to ask whether he was a Catholic or a Protestant. Not knowing which would be an acceptable answer in that neighbourhood, he replied that he was an atheist. But Paddy insisted: Whose God don't you believe in – the Catholic or the Protestant one?

Do we all have different Gods or do we focus on different ways of worship? The writer goes on to comment:

This is the nature of religion. It is a subject that excites passions sometimes to ridiculous ends. That is why I believe it is important that religion be taught in public schools. If for nothing else, to remove the mystery and prejudice that comes from ignorance of others' belief systems.

There is a difference between teaching people what religion to follow and teaching about the basic tenets of that faith. If, based upon what they learn, they choose to follow a particular faith, then let it be for the individual or their families to deal with.

We, in our Anglican service, regularly assert:

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen.

Moving on, we emphasise that Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments as follows:

You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

If we stopped there, we would probably share basic tenets with of a significant portion of the world's practising religions, from the point of view of primary emphasis. At least all those who practise the monotheistic religions evolving from the Middle East, and a portion of those from the countries further east.

If we challenged the same group to explain to us where the world came from, and whence the energy to cause it to be formed, and what power had created it, we are likely not to receive a clear answer, but after deeper consideration the only conclusion they may reach is likely to ultimately point to a Supreme Power.

As astute a person as the Astronomer Royal, on relating his personal experience, had to say: *When I looked at the universe around me and from my position of being an atheist, I formed only one conclusion – this can only have been created by a Supreme Being. It changed my attitude.*

Reverting to our Creed quoted above, in the second paragraph we define the unique nature of our practice of the faith in a God – which separates us as Anglicans even further from the others – as we emphasise the birth process of Jesus and His resurrection as our Saviour.

Jesus, however, focused on loving God, restoring justice and caring for the needy: loving our neighbour, not the form of worshipping. These are noble principles for application in the country we live in today.

Another writer, Justice Malala, this time in *The Times* of July 28 says: *We have become a people who have been made to accept that violence is O.K., corruption is the norm in business, that crime is normal.*

Do we succumb to this, or do we need to do something about it?

If faith in God as the universal creator can be a uniting force because it creates so much more common ground, can we (as an extremely diverse nation) broaden our common ground and unite in the sharing of love and concern for our fellow man and lower the barriers to cooperation?

We can, without being inhibited by religious rituals, join forces in addressing the problems of cooperation towards a better world (loving our neighbours), either in our own families, or in the world at large, between those who are faithful to God, and those who have not yet formed the conclusion from the creation examination. Our sharing of our experience of love may well cause others to develop a deep and lasting faith in God.

The earlier in life we do this, the better; and doing it in a community of mixed background will promote the formation of a cohesive group who will have faith in a universal support, and hopefully understand that there are different ways of solving the extreme injustices in the world around us, through our application of the love we receive from our God.

Why not, in faith, open our eyes and root out the causes, in our daily lives and influence circles? Why not start this in the schools?

To quote Moya again:

Teaching religion, including atheism, is therefore about opening the eyes and ears of students to a reality that exists around them, hopefully so that they can tell early on if someone seeks to use it for partisan, divisive or selfish outcomes. One of the reasons that atheism should be taught, is that secularists often assume the same self-righteousness as those of faith in a god. It is also common ignorance among atheists to conclude that reason and faith are incompatible. Ultimately, understanding what makes our religious neighbours tick can only increase the much vaunted social cohesion.

Our example is Jesus who was deep in His love for His God, and who worked among the people who needed both physical and moral support, teaching them and challenging them to rise to the occasion. With Him as a role model, what contribution do you believe you, and your religion, can make in righting the wrongs? What influence can you bring to bear to enable the young minds to understand the differences in cultural values, and help formulate a broader mutual understanding?

The title of this article is **Faith has power to open our eyes** but, once Faith has opened our eyes, what do we see?

We need to equip our total population to make their own informed choice as to what form their faith will take and to help them focus on the purpose of mutual cohabitation – this can help the faithful and those of no faith realize that they have more that ties them together than what divides them.

Hank Doeg

Quiet Morning with the Bishop

On Saturday 31 May, the lay ministers of the Diocese of Pretoria were invited to spend a Quiet Morning with Bishop Jo in the chapel at Irene Homes. The chapel was soon full and more and more chairs had to be brought in. We started with a Communion Service and then filed out to have a cup of tea in the garden. The Bishop asked us to be quiet, and by this he meant that not one word should be spoken. However, many of us thought he meant we could talk to fellow lay ministers, whom we only see once a year at the day with the Bishop, but that we should not be rowdy and disturb those who had stayed in the chapel to meditate and pray.

When we returned, the Bishop told us we had spoilt the whole morning by our chatter and that he was no longer willing to continue with the quiet morning. He then invited our comments and many apologised for not understanding. We then prayed about it and several people prayed out aloud asking for forgiveness. So the quiet morning ended up by being a noisy morning with a lot of praying and singing. The Bishop promised to meet with the lay ministers on a more regular basis and to call an overnight prayer meeting in due course.

I have learned the following from this experience:

- Sometimes things don't turn out as planned.
- A "quiet morning" entails a lot of meditation and stillness.

Keneilwe Mmusinyane

Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen has been wonderfully supported by around 16 faithful ladies who arrive on their designated Tuesday morning armed with sharp knives, aprons and wooden boards, ready to go to battle with the veggies!

On a weekly basis, Menlo Park Market Gardens generously supply us with boxes laden with veggies which are miraculously transformed into three or more delicious pots of soup. One of the larger pots caused mayhem earlier this year when the hob collapsed under its weight! Thanks to Jon-Reece, it was replaced forthwith and repaired in time for the following week.

Five loaves of bread, smeared with a mixture of margarine, peanut butter and apricot jam, accompany the soup which is collected in large containers by the Tshwane Leadership Foundation situated near Burger's Park in central Pretoria. It is here where the soup is distributed to around 200 people. Those who benefit from it are children in two crèches, a hospice, an old age home, the Potter's house (a place of safety for abused women and children) and of course the street folk.

The organisation does an amazing job of caring for all these people and we feel privileged to be part of their ministry, providing them with a meal once a week – particularly during the cold weather when the need for a warm cup of soup becomes essential. We are immensely grateful to the ladies who assist and we appreciate their faithful support weekly. We've been blessed by the assistance of a young fellow who has joined us these past weeks, so men are also welcome to join us!

Our commission is to take the love of Jesus into our community, caring for the poor and those in need. The soup kitchen is a practical way in which we can demonstrate our love for Him, by loving and serving those around us. If you'd like to assist in anyway, please feel free to inform Shirley at the Office or just arrive at 8:00 am on a Tuesday morning. We are usually finished by 9:30 and have a cup of coffee and fellowship together.

Jeannie Rodger and Veronica Oliver

QUILT CONNECTION - A Love Story

The mustard seed for this project was sown in the winter of 2011, when a group of missionaries from St Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington, Virginia in the USA arrived in the Southern Cape Peninsula, bearing six quilts as gifts for children in the first Homes to Grow Foster home in Masiphumelele, a sprawling township on the Kommetjie Road. Our American partners had assisted in funding the building of this foster home.

The mustard seed started to sprout and grow branches and on their return to the USA the "Love Quilt Project" (LQP) gained momentum, with children around the USA learning about SA and depicting what love meant to them on a fabric art square. These squares were then sewn into quilts by women around the USA. The idea was to bring these quilts back to SA to give to orphaned and vulnerable children.

In Jan 2013, 37 quilts were exhibited at two quilt expos, one in our own parish centre and one in the Fish Hoek Minor Hall. These quilts were then distributed to foster homes in the greater Cape Town precinct. However, the quilters who had displayed their quilts at St Francis in Waterkloof had decided to spread the love further than Cape Town, to make love quilts for children in the Diocese of Pretoria.

On Saturday 26 July 2014, the parish centre of St Francis Anglican Church Waterkloof was transformed by a glorious array of 65 colourful, vibrant love quilts. We had decided to make this exhibition all about the children. With much assistance from Paulina Tlaka, Director of Tumelong and her staff, our children, representing all archdioceses in the Diocese of Pretoria, arrived to be a part of this celebration of love between the USA and SA.

Fifty-three children enjoyed a boerewors braai with the youth of St Francis, played table tennis and volleyball and jumped in the

jumping castle. Gretchen Ginnerty, the architect of the LQP, spoke to all the children about the project and then asked them to find their names on a quilt.

After addresses by Littleton Tazewell, representing the US government (through USAID), Gretchen Ginnerty, Fr Craig Philips (rector of St Peters) and Fr Tim, who blessed the quilts and the children, adults at the expo were asked to wrap each of the children in their quilts. I believe this was the most touching moment for many who attended the event.

This Quilt Expo was a manifestation of the love of God for His people around the world. It was a privilege for us at St Francis to host our American friends and to coordinate the exhibition. Many people put in much work to see this event come to fruition, for which I must give grateful thanks.



Tiny Rakatane receiving her quilt and a copy of the book about the quilts from quilters Lori and Meta.



Mary Carol Tazewell and the quilt from Grace Episcopal church in Alexandria, Mary Carol's church in the USA.

Yorke Rudda took 60 photos of the Quilt Expo and you can view them all at the following Internet address:

<https://plus.google.com/u/1/photos/115363011618735891495/albums/6040421536853774913/6040421542187878818?pid=6040421542187878818&oid=115363011618735891495>

Here is one of his photos, showing Gretchen Ginnerty with some of the children wrapped in their love quilts:



The reign of God is where we are right now. This mustard seed continues to bear much fruit and it is enormously exciting to see where God is going to take us next. Bless you all.

Diana Higgs

A news reporter and a photographer from *The Pretoria News* were at the Quilt Expo and a report of the event with two photos was in the Tuesday July 29 2014 edition of the newspaper.

Christmas in July in Our World

After an all day workshop for parish council members led by Dean Allan Kannemeyer, it was decided that the Christmas in July party should have a multicultural/international theme to cover our diverse community.

The committee decided a good idea would be to have a host/hostess per table, whose duties would be to decorate their table to represent their country and to make a starter which was unique to their country. For this they received a complimentary ticket. We had overwhelming support for this function and in the end we managed to accommodate 17 tables with 10/11 people at each table. The tables were the following:

- East Africa (Uganda/Kenya) hosted by Gloria and Aggrey Maina
- West Africa (Ghana/Nigeria) hosted by Carol Nuga and Barbara Dotse
- Australia hosted by Edward and Sarah Jackson
- USA hosted by Littleton and Mary Carol Tazewell
- USA/Italy hosted by James and Helene Aiello
- Russia/India hosted by Albert and Meena Lysko
- France hosted by Ursula Carte/Judy Parsons
- Japan hosted by Jon-Reece and Janine Evans
- Scotland hosted by Robin and Jean Buckley
- South Africa (Mzansi) hosted by Vezi and Lorna Nxumalo
- South Africa (Bushveld) hosted by Bev Hutchings and Veronica Oliver
- South Africa hosted by Rusty and Diana Higgs
- South Africa (Zulu/Swazi) hosted by Pheli and Happy Kgobe
- South Africa hosted by Dave and Carol Evans
- South Africa hosted by Eric and Gesine Buiten
- South Africa (Sotho/Pedi) hosted by Keneilwe Mmusinyane
- South Africa (Tswana/Sotho) hosted by Melita Tsuene

The catering committee, spearheaded by Jeannie Rodger, did a sterling job in feeding the almost 200 people with roast lamb, gammon, chicken curry, rice, baby potatoes with butter and parsley, and mixed veggies. For the vegetarians, Terry Brauer provided a broccoli and cauliflower *au gratin* and Meena Lysko made a vegetable breyani. On the side, we could choose sambals, mint sauce, apple sauce and gravy.

Dessert included ice cream and hot chocolate sauce and individual Christmas puds (Jeannie's contribution with assistance from Ursula Carte and Judy Parsons). Jeannie also made short bread to go with coffee/tea.

Our waiters on the night were our very own Youth members. They all did a sterling job and were well remunerated for their efforts.

We were entertained by Riaan Eloff on keyboard, Samantha Ferreira (violin & vocals) and Lizel Taljaard (cello) of the group Chromatique. Splendid background music with excellent singing by Samantha Ferreira.

A big thank you must go to Owen and Jane Hazell who donated perfumes for all the guests including junior perfumes for our under 12 guests. In return, Jane asked the guests to contribute towards Tateni Home Based Care - our chosen Madiba Day project. A good amount of money was presented to Regina Mokgokong, Director of Tateni, who addressed those present on what service Tateni provides to the community of Mamelodi. We await a report from Regina on how this money was spent.

Regina had already highlighted the need for toiletries and jerseys for 113 young orphaned and vulnerable young people in Mamelodi. This became our fund raising project for Mandela Day, linked to the Christmas in July celebration. Parishioners were extremely generous with their support and, with the assistance of Jane Shee (a Waterkloof Primary School teacher who coordinated a fundraising drive at the school), an amount in excess of R11 000 was made available to purchase the requested items. A write-up about this project and handover of parcels will appear in the next edition of the *Franciscan*.

The function was greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended. Some of our hostesses were quite terrified at the thought of hosting a table, but soon got into the swing of things. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making this Christmas in our World party such a huge success. It looks as though this has become a permanent fixture in the annual life of our parish.

Diana Higgs

Christmas in July in Our World – Four Tables

The ambience at the Christmas in July celebration was electrifying and I wouldn't mind being electrified more often! When preparations started, I was a bit scared, but because of Diana's energy I found myself agreeing to host a table. Whenever I was doubtful, she was readily available to uplift my spirit. I must confess there were times when I wanted to quit, but it was like she was waiting for me! She walked with me throughout until the last day. From the bottom of my heart, I thank Diana, also Dudu, Ouma, Dorah and of course my family – not forgetting Fr Tim for believing in me.

Our table was a mixture of **Sesotho and Sepedi**. We used different sizes of three legged pots and a big round pot in the middle made from a certain type of clay (normally used to cool beverages). The centre piece was the *phate* (khaki cloth) that in the past was also used as cold storage/a fridge (wrapped around food while still wet). Our starter was chicken gizzards on skewers, avocados from Polokwane, and chicken liver with vetkoek.

We wore *Modianyewe* (traditional conical Basotho hats woven from grass) and *Seshweshwe* (our traditional dress) and of course blankets (*seanamarena* – blue with corn pictures and *letlama* – brownish).

Keneilwe Mmusinyane



At the **American table**, we enjoyed our evening thoroughly. We used decorations that were a combination of our time in Guatemala and our many Christmases spent in the States. We used floating candles in bell jars with red food coloring and fresh cut poinsettias from our garden. We served a shrimp artichoke dip with cornbread as our starter made from a recipe that has been in our family for a while.

Mary Carol Tazewell



Graced by a proper folded American Flag from World War 2 – a souvenir from Helene's father who served overseas, another **American table** was created with a centerpiece consisting of two large glass vases filled with homemade American Xmas decorations in fabric of various shapes and sizes (generally used for the Xmas tree), a large handmade Santa Claus and three double candelabras containing six tall candle. Eleven personal name tags that included the American Flag were cut out and placed strategically at place settings by Ken Finlayson. Framing the white starter plates were small black chargers and black stemmed wine/water glasses set off with Rosalie Finlayson's holly and greens and diagonally placed table runner on a black tablecloth.

Because James and Helene are of primarily Italian and mixed European heritage, they opted for the California family tradition of three Italian antipasto platters to include melon and prosciutto, artichokes, tomato, feta and anchovies, with loaves of freshly made Italian bread from Ritrovo restaurant. Wine donated by table members complemented the starter which was enjoyed by all.

Helene Aiello



The **French table** and was decorated very patriotically in the colours of the Tricolore: broad bands of *bleu, blanc, rouge* covered the table and a smaller version of the flag, topped with matching candles, formed the centrepiece. Small Christmas decorations, lanterns and paper napkins to match the colour scheme completed the table.

Our first course consisted of duck liver paté, layered with chopped lettuce, tomatoes, avocados and red peppers, served in glasses (*verrines*) to display the different coloured layers. The paté was made from duck liver, finely chopped onion and parsley, blended with cream cheese, butter and a *souppçon* of curry (a recipe from Suzanne, a French Canadian friend). This was eaten with *baguette* and accompanied by genuine French champagne, provided by Ponty Thuynsma, who did not want to be outdone by the ladies of our New Creation House Group.

Ursula Carte & Judy Parson



MANDELA DAY VISIT TO TSHWARAGANANG ORPHANAGE

Several Franciscans made the trip to Temba in three vehicles. We took with us food (fresh and tinned), clothes, toys, books etc., donated by parishioners and the St Francis Special fund. We met up with cars from other parishes and the Tumelong kombi at the Jubilee Mall and then drove in convoy to Unit 7 where the orphanage is located. It is not a Tumelong project, being funded mainly by locals and the Moretele Municipality (part of Tshwane Metro). Catherine Sepato, who is in charge, started it 10 years ago. It gets ad hoc support from various businesses, churches and charities. At present 64 children are being cared for, their ages ranging from 2 months to 21 years. Many have been abused and/or abandoned. Several have no IDs and Tumelong is arranging for Home Affairs to remedy this and has requested help from Social Development.

The Tumelong group were not the only visitors – other religious groups were there and members of government departments: Communications, Auditor General's Office, Air Force Head Office and Waterkloof Air Base, Tshwane Metro Police... People were installing new doors, cleaning floors and windows, washing clothes and blankets, planting and watering the big vegetable garden.



We were supposed to interact with the children, but found this difficult amid all the activity that was taking place. Fr Timothy and two other priests said prayers and the children sang for Madiba and enjoyed slices of birthday cake in his honour.



The orphanage has a library, with shelves quite well filled with books, as well as tables and chairs for reading or doing homework. However, Elizabeth Bojé examined some of the books and found that several were out of date or unsuitable for children (for instance a volume on flimsy paper of Shakespeare's later plays). Moreover, she is of the opinion that, confronted with so many books, children do not know what to choose. It is better to offer every age group a selection of about 20 appropriate books at a time.

Katie's story

One little girl rescued by Mama Catherine could not walk when she arrived because her left leg was shorter than the right due to a congenital defect. She had no name, so Catherine named her after herself, calling her Katie for short. In 2011, Katie's leg was amputated below the knee and a prosthetic leg fitted. Katie is growing and outgrowing her prosthesis. Catherine appealed to us for help, saying the most urgent need was the sock (or rather socket liner) which was torn. Brian Tomlin responded by making an appointment for Katie and Tumelong director Paulina Tlaka to see a technician at Innovation Hub (CSIR).



Mama Catherine

Katie

The technician, Johan Snyders, who is a Clinical Prosthetist Orthotist, recognised Katie because he had made her first prosthesis. He decided that a new prosthesis was essential and, taking a leap of faith, trusting in Tumelong and Friends of Tumelong to help fund it, he has made and fitted the new leg. Tumelong is appealing to all Friends to come to their aid.

To assist disadvantaged children living with amputations, Johan started the Jumping Kids Fund in 2009, a non-profit organisation, which means that he charges the minimum. However, a prosthetic limb is costly and the cost will be ongoing, because ideally Katie needs a new leg every year while she is growing, and she will continue to need a new one periodically even when fully grown. Here is a breakdown of the present cost of Katie's new leg:

Description of Parts	Net Price
Prosthesis Transtibial endoskeletal	18 240.00
Icelock Expulsion Valve TT	1 110.57
4-Hole Male Pyramid, aluminium	634.01
Female Pylon Kit-Shorl	1 526.71
Iceross Dermo Junior locking wave	6 394.47
Dynamic Sach Foot	1 669.26
Socket liner of prosthesis replaced	500.00
Total	R 30 075.02

Visit the website www.jumpingkids.org.za/ to find out more about Johan, about Katie and other children helped by Jumping Kids.

We are hoping that the people of St Francis Waterkloof will open their hearts and their purses to help Katie and assist Tumelong in reimbursing the Jumping Kids Fund for the new leg that has been made and fitted on Katie.

Jill Daugherty

Phumlani Mtshweni

Phumlani Junior Mtshweni is in Form III (Grade 10) at Pretoria Boys High. His fees are paid by St Francis of Assisi Waterkloof, thanks to the Stewart Hendry Estate. Mr Hendry was himself educated at Boys High and was also a long serving History teacher at the school. The Stewart Henry Quad at the school was named in his honour. Fr Timothy was taught by him – perhaps that is why he is so interested in history, particularly the two World Wars. Stewart Hendry lived in our parish, in a house in Menlo Park, where Fr Timothy used to visit him during the last years of his life. He bequeathed his estate to the church, but made a request that the church sponsor a boy who would otherwise not have had the opportunity of attending this famous school.

In an interview in 2004 with Leon Kok (also an ex Boys High boy), Mr Hendry had this to say about the school in reply to a question by Mr Kok:

There are millions of good schools around the world, and yet we always refer to Boys High as being so 'special'. Why is it 'special', and why would it be better than any other school?

It's inexplicable. It something that happens, an enriching experience in life. It sparks off a transition in the boys that stays with them for the rest of their lives. [...] I still distinctly remember my first day at the School in January 1936.

Phumlani Mtshweni is now experiencing this 'enriching experience' and seems to be making the most of his opportunity. He recently completed his second term in Form III and received the following comment from his Tutor on his report:

Phumlani is a polite and friendly young man who always seems to try his best at anything he does. This is a very pleasing set of results and Phumlani should be commended for his efforts this term. Afrikaans and Advanced Programme Mathematics are a cause for concern though, but I believe with a bit of practice and hard work he will achieve the results of which he is capable.

He is taking 8 subjects and received more than the class average in most of them, the exceptions being Afrikaans and Advanced Programme Mathematics, which explains the one criticism in the above comment. His best marks were 83% for Accounting and 80% for Geography. His Accounting teacher's remark is rather laconic:

Phumlani is working to potential.

but his Geography teacher had this to say:

Phumlani has very good time management and organisational skills to cope with the Geography workload.

Outside the classroom, Phumlani played under 16 hockey this winter and also participated in Fantasy Wargames. Before you imagine him and his friends running around the grounds of Boys High shooting at one another, let me reassure you that Fantasy Wargames are played on the computer. Here is a short description that I found via Google:

Fantasy Wars is a turn-based strategy game set in a fantasy world. Combining both classic strategy gameplay and sophisticated 3D graphics players can experience epic battles like never before. Taking place in a fantasy world of Human kingdoms, Orc clans, Dwarfs' citadels and Elven forests [...]

A far cry from history and the real world of World Wars, but it seems both the late Stewart Hendry and St Francis parishioners can be proud of Phumlani.

Jill Daugherty

The photos of Christmas in July on the next page were taken by Yorke Rodda. See all Yorke's photos of the evening at:

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/115363011618735891495/posts/f46ZNZmMcv4?pid=6038223898830472354&oid=115363011618735891495>

Christmas in July



Jeannie Rodger in charge of the Kitchen



Organiser Diana Higgs with Church Warden Rusty and their Table