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## New Parish Council for 2017

The new Parish Council was formally admitted by the Archdeacon and Rector of the Parish Fr. Meshack-Mariri (pictured) on 25 June 2017. This followed the election of the new Councillors at the Parish Vestry Meeting of 24 April 2017. The new Council consists of three Churchwardens (who together with the Clergy, and Treasurer form the Executive Committee of the Parish) and twelve Councillors. The admission of the Parish Council was preceded by a twenty-one day period of public scrutiny of the elected council members in terms of their fitness to hold office. During this period, parishioners had the chance to raise objections with the Archdeacon and Rector against the election of any one member. The twenty-one day period was also used to wind-down the work of the previous Council so as to allow for a smooth hand-over to the incoming Council. This process culminated in the first Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2017 which was attended by members of the



outgoing Council and the incoming Council.

The new leadership of the Parish is made up of the following:

### Executive

Priest-in-charge– Fr Danny Adonis  
Assistant Priest– Fr. Julian Kok  
Deacon– Joan Jones  
Churchwarden– Bruce McPhail  
Churchwarden– Rudi von Staden  
Alternate Churchwarden– Shepherd Musanhu  
Treasurer– Brian Smith

### Councillors

Rob Lewis  
Ralph Sarjoo  
Gareth Evans  
Antony Jongwe  
Rusty Higgs  
James Aiello  
Harry Savage  
Carol Evans  
Andre Mare  
Vincent Taylor  
Jon-Reece Evans (Youth Ministry)  
Diana Higgs (Tumelong Representative)

### Ex-Officio Members of Council

Jane Hazel  
Zenobia Francis

This Council has a very short tenure in office having been elected almost five months into the year. The composition of the Council reflects that some members of the previous Council were retained while new members were brought in to ensure continuity in Council operations. Council also elected a new Treasurer, Brian Smith who took over from Gareth Evans. Ex-officio members do not have voting powers in Council meetings but are there to service these meetings to ensure that they are run smoothly and efficiently.

## Parish bids farewell to Fr. Tim Lowes

Long-serving Rector of the Parish Father Timothy Lowes (fondly called "Father Tim") left the Parish at the end of 2016. To thank him for his dedicated service to the community of Waterkloof for nearly two decades, Parish Council organized a farewell party on 21st July at the Waterkloof House Preparatory School which was attended by over 100 Parishioners. The event

was also in honour of Fr Andrew Nel who was working with Fr Tim at the time of their respective reassignments. Father Tim is now with St Mary's DSG while Father Andrew Nel is now the Priest at St Anne's in Equestria. It was an evening of socializing characterized by great food and tributes in honour of the outgoing clergy. Both priests received special gifts from Council.



Father Timothy Lowes

# Parish news round-up



**July 19:** There was an inter-denominational multi-lingual Taizé-style meeting of prayer and song with the brothers at the Dutch Reformed Church Universiteitsoord at 19:00 hrs. The event was preceded by two rehearsals which were held on 16 and 17 July respectively. The songs were from the Taizé community and consisted of short melodies often repeated, with simple, four-part harmonies. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, France.

**28 -30 July:** A silent retreat took place at the Padre Pio Retreat Centre in Rietvalleirand. It consisted of

two options: a full weekend which ran from 6pm on Friday 28 July to 11am on Sunday 30 July or Day Retreat which took place on 29 July from 7am -5pm. Just like Christ, the Silent Retreat affords participants a chance to draw aside to be with God, to hear afresh from Him, and to make Him their priority. To learn more of upcoming events, please contact Wendy Maree via email: [wndmaree@gmail.com](mailto:wndmaree@gmail.com) / 082 339 9969 or Rudi von Staden on 082 783 3478

## Opportunity

*We're looking for more people to help operate the sound system for the 9.30am service (and people for the 7.30am service too). We will provide training.*

*If we have enough people to help, it would mean each person only doing one service a month.*

*If you are interested, or want to know more, please contact Mark Napier at 0824589330 or drop him an e-mail at: [napier.mark@gmail.com](mailto:napier.mark@gmail.com)*

*"Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well"-  
Philippians 2:4*

## Fill-a-bag seeks to partner with you

St Francis of Assisi Waterkloof runs an important social responsibility outreach project called "Fill-a-bag" (FAB). This important project is headed by Diana Higgs (pictured right with her husband Councillor Dusty Higgs) who is ably supported by a team of dedicated parishioners including the Churchwarden Rudi von Staden. The ministry falls under the Tumelong Mission of the Diocese. Diana and her team have been partnering with various parishioners to deliver filled bags

of food rations to needy families in the Diocese. It costs roughly R250.00 to fill each bag of basic foodstuffs which includes dry beans, samp, soya relish among others. These bags feed anything from one adult and one child to 2 adults and 9 children!. Get involved in three ways: take a bag and fill it up yourself, or put R250 or whatever you can afford in an envelope marked FAB which you will find at the beginning of each pew, or pay by EFT using the Parish banking details.



Diana and Rusty Higgs

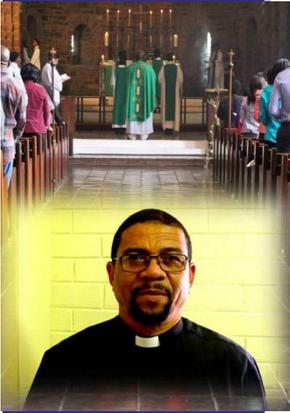
## Deacon Joan Jones in the news



Deacon Joan Jones (pictured far left) has been honoured to be the second Permanent Diaconate Representative to attend Provincial Standing Committee (PSC) of Deacons of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA). This feather in the cap of Deacon Jones follows a decision by Deacon Gwynn Lawlor to step back from this position

owing to other work commitments. In her letter to the Chaplain of the PSC Venerable Horace Arenz, Deacon Lawlor writes: "Deacon Joan Jones does have the support of her Bishop and has expressed her willingness to represent the deacons of ACSA, together with the Grahamstown deacon". She is also the representative of deacons in the Pretoria Area on the Provincial Steering Committee of Deacons of ACSA. The PSC Meeting will be held from 27 to 29 September at the Kopanong Conference Centre in Benoni. Deacon Jones will have voting rights at the meeting. She was ordained Deacon in 2008.

## Bishop Allan launches Stewardship Campaign



Below is a foreword from the Diocesan Bishop Allan Kanne-meyer on the launch of the Diocesan Stewardship campaign resource material. The annual campaign kicks off on 28 August 2017.

"We are deeply indebted to the Diocesan Stewardship Committee, and especially to Garfield Jacobs, Raynard Schovell and Hendrik Matseke, for the work that they have put into preparing this resource. The annual Stewardship Campaign has always been an attempt to squeeze a few more Rands from the pockets of our members. This may be a very crude way to refer to an important focus in our ministry, but that is what it

has become. It has become a means to an end, a way of helping us reach a financial target. And in the process, we have compromised the fundamental principle that Christian giving is a response to the fact that we have received. Earlier in the year, I asked Fr Jacobs and Mr. Matseke to use the Stewardship campaign as an opportunity for discipleship that would lead to a deeper spirituality. They have brought Fr Schovell on board, and between them, developed this remarkable resource. I particularly like the way in which three sets of reflections moves from the personal to the group to the community. On Sundays, when the community assembles for the weekly Eucharist, participating members would have

been part of a focused study of Scripture and personal reflections on the same theme. The Sunday Eucharist has the potential to become a celebration of the theme, because its participants will have reflected on the theme for the past week. The Sunday material carries the bare minimum. This allows clergy with the freedom to be creative in their choice of Collects, music, Eucharistic prayers, etc. I commend the use of this material for use in our Diocese in the hope that it will help us to grow into a space where we would freely dedicate ourselves anew to the God who has called us into being.

"Bring all the tithes into  
the storehouse,  
That there may be food  
in My house,  
And try Me now in this,  
Says the Lord of hosts,  
If I will not open for you  
the windows of heaven  
And pour out for  
you such blessing  
That there will not be  
room enough to receive  
it."- Malachi 3:10 New  
King James Version

## Parishioners urged to give

Council noted a decline in dedicated giving at St Francis of Assisi Waterkloof and attributed this to the events of 2016 as well as the current difficult economic climate. Currently, only 12 Parishioners provided 50% of the Parish's income albeit there is a slight improvement. Council recommended that the Treasurer would report back to the Parish on the financial position of the Parish once the June accounts had been prepared. In his sermon on the 6th of August, the

Priest-in-Charge Fr Danny Adonis remind parishioners that the month of September was regarded as stewardship month in which Anglicans are reminded of the Catechism teaching on Christian stewardship. According to the Anglican Prayer Book (paragraphs 85 and 86 on page 435), Christian stewardship is "the way in which Christians exercise their duty to administer what God has entrusted to them and to serve him gladly in his Church". The same source re-

minds us of what God has entrusted us to administer: "God has entrusted to human beings material possessions, time and talents and made us stewards of his creation".

This message resonates with the Declaration made at the Anglicans Ablaze Conference held at Bishops College, Cape Town in early October 2016 where delegates were urged, *inter alia*, to "give money for God's work and consider claims of tithing".

## Useful book on stewardship

Stewardship is a touchy subject and is often limited to management of money. In order to unravel this important topic from a Christian perspective, Garfield Jacobs, a priest in the Anglican Church wrote a book entitled "Thoughts on Stewardship" (2015) which is published by Kwarts Publishers and builds on the theme of the 64th Diocesan Synod: *Encounter and conver-*

*sation with Jesus Christ: Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch (Luke 5:4).*

In this book, Garfield challenges us to consider all we have and ask ourselves whether or not we are good stewards of that which God has entrusted to us be it money, our families, talents, skills, time and even the planet earth. Garfield's style of writing is engaging and accessible and makes

reference to relevant scripture to reinforce this important concept.

A few copies of his book are on sale throughout the Annual Stewardship Campaign. Each book is going for R50 and a tenth of the proceeds from the Parish sales will be donated to the Fill-a-Bag project. To place your order, please contact **Antony Jongwe** on cell: 082 408 3661



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**“Oremus pro invincem”. Let us pray for each other!**

### St Francis of Assisi Mission

*“To be role models of Kingdom values, immersed in Mission, Ministry and Social Justice”*

### St Francis of Assisi Vision

*“We are a transformed and culturally diverse community of faith, bound together through caring, fellowship and worship, reaching out to influence our environment for Christ”*

### Diocese of Pretoria Theme for 84th Synod

*“Encounter and conversation with Jesus Christ: Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch”- Luke 5:4*

### Parish Directory

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Deacon:	Joan Jones	0834559489
Parish Administrator	Jane Hazel	0123461106
Parish Secretary	Zenobia Francis	07129418173
Youth Chaplain	Jon-Reece Evans	0768519875
Parish Caretakers	David Ntswane	0799560709
	Janet Phahlamohlaka	0722183374

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# Jongwe elected into SAFREA leadership

St Francis of Assisi Parish Council Member, Lay Minister, Parish Communications Committee Member and inaugural editor of the *Franciscan Monthly*, **Antony Jongwe** (see picture far right), has been elected into the Gauteng North (covering Pretoria and its environs) Regional Executive Committee (RegCo) of the Southern African Freelancers Association (SAFREA) with effect from 19 August 2017.

This places him in line for a seat on the SAFREA National Executive Committee. This development follows a direct nomination of Antony Jongwe to this position which was subject to review and scrutiny by all full members of SAFREA. There was no objection to his nomination at the end of the one week review and scrutiny process.

SAFREA is a professional network which includes hundreds of talented writers, editors, proof-readers, graphic designers, illustrators, researchers, translators, and other experts in media

and communications.

SAFREA advocates for and supports freelance workers in the communications fields and provides resources, tools, training and networking to strengthen freelance careers.

Jongwe is a veteran communications freelancer who began his media career in 2003 as a business columnist for a leading SADC region business weekly, the *Financial Gazette*. Over the years, he has done several media assignments for clients spanning various sectors. One of his op-ed articles “*Business Implications of Domestic Violence*” was nominated for the prestigious Lorenzo Natalie Prize of the European Union.

Jongwe works with a number of high profile advertising agencies where he specializes in generating business copy. His op-ed articles have been published in top business papers locally and internationally.

Jongwe holds an MBA degree, BSc

(Honours) degree in Political Science, Diploma in Training, Certificate in High Impact Business Writing and is a Full Member of SAFREA. He is in the final stages of his PhD.



Antony Jongwe