



# BELL

## The Voice of St John the Baptist, Pinetown

...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31



### From the Rector

#### Jazz at St John's

It was good to see how well people worked together to make the recent Jazz evening the success it was. Thank you to the many people who contributed in so many different ways and to all who attended. An amount of R13,460 has been raised so far, and a few more donations have been promised.

#### Our local church

We have choices about how to spend our money and time; and we like to give to what we support and believe in. I am a strong supporter of the local church as a community where we can be real with one another, deal with the problems that we face and reach out in love to each other

and to those who need our support. St John's is a place where, by our commitment and involvement, we can contribute to this vision.

God equips each of us with gifts and skills for building up our common life. All we have belongs to God - we are really stewards of what we have. Based on scripture, the giving of a portion of our money to God's work within the church and society is an integral part of our Christian lifestyle. Consider prayerfully what commitment you can make. Please return all stewardship forms by **30 August**, at the latest. They can be returned to church or the office before this date or brought to the **one 8.00am service** that morning.

**Revd Dr Andrew Warmback**  
Rector

### JAZZ AT ST JOHN'S

What an evening that was! Friday 7 August saw our church hall transformed into a jazz club, with a stage at one end, tables spilling outside, and a clear space in the middle for dancing. The tables were soon filled with 150 people who had all come to enjoy the music of the Bheki Khoza trio, accompanied by Christopher Cockburn on piano.



Bheki Khoza

The evening started at 7pm with a wonderful 2 course meal, and at 7:45 the lights went out!! Being a church, there was no shortage of



Christopher Cockburn

candles, and the candlelight certainly lent a certain ambiance to the proceedings. Unfortunately the guitars need electricity to perform, so the start of the music was delayed. Christopher played a couple of tunes on the piano - if he wasn't such a talented organist he could easily make a living as a jazz pianist! We found out that there was likely to be quite a delay until the electricity was restored, but one of the guests, Simon Read, came to the rescue with the offer of the loan of a friend's generator. Roy Brough was ready with his bakkie, and at 9pm the generator arrived,

followed shortly afterwards by the music. And what music! The like has never been heard at St John's before, but hopefully this is not the last of the jazz. The floor was soon filled with dancing people of all ages, shapes and sizes - who could keep still with that beat going on? The electricity was restored at around 10pm, but by then the evening was in full swing, and it was hardly noticed.

Special thanks must be made to the people who made this excellent evening possible: Makhosi Cain, who's idea it was, and who persuaded her brother Bheki Khoza to perform for us; the cooks: Doreen and Carlo Gordon, who cooked the breyani on an open fire outside the church; Eve Rayner who made the butternut soup; Boni Sibisi and her helpers who made the chicken a'la king; the organizers: Matthews Buthelezi and Alison Warmback who manned the door and collected money; Jenny Glissen, Rose Bernhard and all the others who diligently sold tickets for weeks beforehand; and all the rest, too many to name, who sold tickets, helped prepare the hall and clear up afterwards. It was hard work, but "many hands make light work", and it was all well worth the effort. We all look forward to the next similar event!



Even the bartenders enjoyed themselves!



## DATES for the DIARY

Sat. 15 August: 08:30: WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Sun. 30 August: STEWARDSHIP/DEDICATION SUNDAY - 08:00 SERVICE. Remember to bring your completed stewardship forms to this service. Contact the parish office if you have not received your forms.

Fri. 4 Sept.: ARBOUR DAY: See the invitation below.

7 - 10 Sept: Synod of Bishops

10 - 13 Sept.: Provincial Standing Committee

Thurs. 24 Sept.: HERITAGE DAY: 12:00 - 15:00 - Lunch-time braai with traditional South African dishes. People will be asked to relate stories about their families and customs. We wish to give expression to our differences in food and culture, to better appreciate each other.

9 - 11 Oct.: Diocesan Synod

23 - 25 Oct.: CELEBRATION OF HOPE. A programme of events for this weekend will soon be available. Have you put your name on the list of talents offered? If not, it's not too late!

29 November: Advent Sunday - 08:00 Service

## CALLING ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

On Tuesday 25 August at 18:00 there will be the first meeting in the main hall at the church to launch our new **Men's Group** in the parish. All men of the parish are welcome to attend as we lay the foundation for this group and plan the way ahead.

*Gordon Bell / Alfred Nala / Edward Pines*



## DONATIONS FOR BISCUITS

*Ingrid Pines*

The intention is that at the end of the year the money raised by the donations for the biscuits that we enjoy with our tea/coffee after the 09:00 service on Sundays will be given to "The Open Door Crisis Centre". The idea to raise money like this to help this worthy project here in Pinetown was a result of the talk given at an AWF meeting about the work being done in our community by "The Open Door", and remembering how its work began here at St John's where the Archdeacon now has an office.

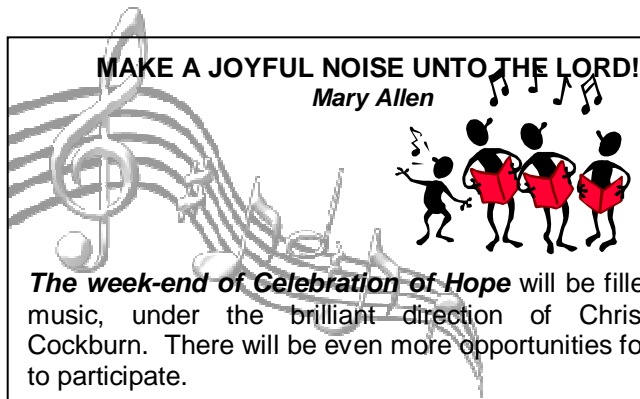
## SPIRIT OF HOPE ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

You are invited, on Arbor Day, Friday 4 September, to attend a celebration of God's creation - our rich and diverse environment. At the church, from 18.30, food and drinks will be on sale. The evening will include information on composting, a report from one of our members on the new conservancy in Clermont, a fun family quiz and the sale of indigenous plants. Your family and friends are most welcome.

If you have any indigenous plants that you would like to donate to be sold on this evening please bring them to the church by 2 September. For catering purposes we need to know how many people will attend. Please indicate your attendance on the clipboard at the back of the church or phone the parish office by 2 September.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

*Mary Allen*



*The week-end of Celebration of Hope* will be filled with music, under the brilliant direction of Christopher Cockburn. There will be even more opportunities for **YOU** to participate.

**Special music for Holy Eucharist** on the Sunday. Participation will be open to all, with a chance to play any instrument: marimbas, triangles, guitars etc and of course, voices.

**Spirituals of Hope:** on the Friday night. Negro spirituals with readings.

All during the weekend, music by the choir, singing Gregorian chant and music to fit the flower and art displays.

**Music in the Moment:** Christopher will play a variation on any hymn tune suggested by a member of the congregation.

**Sung Evensong** to close off the weekend, giving thanks to our wonderful Lord God for all he has done for us.

## USING THE COMMON CHALICE AT HOLY COMMUNION DURING THE SWINE FLU PANDEMIC?

While we need not panic, we need to discuss this and have a considered opinion when inevitably this question does arise. The subject of "sharing a common cup" does come up every now and then anyway and can generally be dealt with quite confidently. However, with the "Swine Flu Pandemic" there may be different factors to be considered. Certainly the risk of transmitting Seasonal Flu via the cup is there but generally minimized by the usual wiping and turning of the chalice together with the antiseptic properties of wine and silver. Also we share the hope that sick people are actually at home in bed.

There is probably more chance of getting the flu from a face to face chat than sharing the chalice.

Nevertheless, we should be careful. The main concern seems to be that the A(H1N1) flu isn't more deadly than seasonal flu in itself, but that the population, and particularly those at risk, are less likely to have acquired any immunity, either passively by community exposure, or actively through vaccination, as is generally the case with seasonal flu.

*(Edited from a recent debate at Diocesan Council)*

## PARISH FINANCES - JAN - JULY 2009

|                  | Received        | Budgeted        | Variance         |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Dedicated Giving | R371 526        | R408 332        | (R36 806)        |
| Loose Plate      | R24 960         | R35 000         | (R10 040)        |
| Donations        | <u>R33 002</u>  | <u>R29 167</u>  | <u>R3 885</u>    |
| Total income     | <u>R429 488</u> | <u>R472 499</u> | <u>(R43 011)</u> |
| Expenses         | R488 354        | R510 706        | R22 352          |

**Deficit for 7 months: R58 866**