



The Voice of St John the Baptist, Pinetown

*The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer.
He enables me to go on the heights.*

Habakkuk 3:19

From the Rector:

Thank you to all who have returned their stewardship forms. It is great to see the level of commitment that parishioners have. If you have not yet returned your time and talents and dedicated giving forms please do so as soon as possible.

UKUKHUTHAZA are planning a Jumble / bric-a-brac sale to raise much needed funds. So clear out all your clutter – those clothes you don't wear anymore, the tea-set you haven't used for years, the ornaments that are just gathering dust – and bring them along to the church office before 28 November.

The sale will take place on **Saturday 4 December** in the church grounds, starting at 08:00 sharp – please tell all your friends and anyone who might be interested, to get there early!!

We will also need people to help on the day, so anyone who is up for an exhausting morning of fun and fellowship, please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

RED LETTER DAY OF THANKSGIVING -

- 28 NOVEMBER



For the past few weeks, red envelopes have been handed out at our services, containing a letter and a business card. The letter explains the need for extra income to clear the church of debt, and the business card is a quick reference

for contact and banking details. We all have a great deal to be thankful for, our families, our homes, and our church and the spiritual comfort and fellowship we find there. This is our chance to express our gratitude in a tangible way, by sacrificial giving of our own income to enable our church to further the outreach to the community. We can make our gift at any time, on or before the 28 November – the letter tells how. Let us all do our part, and express our love and gratitude in this way.

ORDINATION OF ALFRED NALA AS DEACON:

Alfred Nala of this parish is to be ordained as a Deacon by Bishop Ruben Phillip on **Saturday 27th November 2010 at 9.30 am in the Cathedral of the Holy Nativity, Pietermaritzburg.** Please pray for Alfred and his wife Nonhlanhla and children Thamsanqa and Thembelihle as he prepares for this important event in his life. People from the parish will attend the Ordination, leaving from the church at 8.00 am on Saturday 27th November. We are invited to his home at Molweni after the ordination. RSVP to 076 6222828. The names of others to be ordained at the Cathedral are at the back of the church.

We would like to present Alfred with a gift from the parish to mark this very special day in his life of ministry among us. If you wish to make a contribution towards this gift please place it in an envelope marked "Alfred Gift" and either hand in at the office or place it in the offertory bowl during a service.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

- **Budget:** Parish council is busy formulating a budget for the parish for 2011. We need to know what expenses (and perhaps income) groups within the parish anticipate incurring next year. We would appreciate if you could give this information in to the parish secretary by Wednesday 10 November. Thank you.
- **Diary:** The parish office is compiling a list of meetings and events that groups intend planning for next year. Group leaders are asked to hand them to the parish secretary these details to give us a clear picture of what is planned for next year as well as to avoid disappointment in the event of venues being unavailable.
- **Vestry:** The vestry meeting will take place on Sunday 27 February beginning at 9.00. Instead of starting with a eucharist, we will end the meeting with the eucharist. Nominations forms will go up in December, giving sufficient time for parishioners to consider nominating those who they would like to serve on parish council and represent the parish at diocesan events.


Parish Councillors: Please send your reports into the parish office by 20 December 2010.

MU PRAYER FOR CLERGY AND THEIR FAMILIES

The clergy are most grateful to the Mothers' Union for their prayer for clergy and their families on Sunday 17 October and for the gifts given to them.

HELP WANTED

Mimi Roach wonders if there is someone in the parish with time on their hands, compassion in their hearts and an ability to help her write a letter asking for help from various people or organizations on behalf of an indigent Coloured family.

 **REVD ELIZA GETMAN**, and her husband, Jonathan, are expecting their fourth son at the end of this year. We pray for his safe arrival.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Fri. 5 Nov.:** **SECOND RUBIN PHILLIP PEACE LECTURE** with guest speaker *Ela Gandhi*, in the church hall at 18:30 for 19:00. Tickets R100, includes meal. Ticket sales close on 1 November.
- Sat. 27 Nov.:** **Ordination of Alfred Nala** at 09:30 in the Cathedral in Pietermaritzburg (see notice on pg.1)
- Sun. 28 Nov.:** **Advent Sunday**
Red Letter Thanksgiving Day at 07:00 and 09:00
Advent Meditation at 17:00
- Sat. 4 Dec.:** **Jumble/Bric-a-brac Sale** to raise funds for Ukukhuthaza food parcels.

KIDZOWN DATES:

Parents/Guardians of children who attend KIDZOWN please take note:

We will be holding our **Attendance Mini-Market** on a surprise date so please bring your children regularly to KIDZOWN!

7 and 14 Nov: Preparation for our Year-End All Age Worship Service -
All children who attend KIDZOWN will be participating. Please ensure that your children attend KIDZOWN on **both** these Sundays so that we can work with them to prepare them for their involvement in the service on the 21st.

21 Nov: ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE - Please arrive at church by **8h45**.

5 Dec.: PARTY - To celebrate the end of the 2010 KIDZOWN year, we will be having a party and playing games on the 5th. Please send something (**chips/sweets/biscuits/cake and cooldrinks**) to add to the party table for everyone to share.

PENNIES TO HEAVEN

Eddi Wolff

Just a short note to let you know what happened to the 1895 Kruger ½ Pond coin that we found among the Pennies two months ago.

We did a bit of research on the Internet and found that the Catalogue value of the coin was listed between R 700 and R 900. This was confirmed by dealers whom we phoned and who were recommended to us by June Prentiss and Ingrid Pines. Ingrid's dealer in Kloof was persuaded by her that it was worth a bit more than R 900 and she was finally offered R 1,000 which we gratefully accepted.

This R 1,000 was split in half and 2 cheques to the value of R 500 each were handed to our Ukukhuthaza Ministry and to Steve's Kitchen respectively.

Are there perhaps a few more Kruger coins lying around somewhere?? Drop them in the bucket – we can use them.

YOUTH ON FRIDAYS : 4TH term 2010

We have planned our programme for this term taking into account that everyone will be writing exams during late October and until early December. This will be a time of supporting each other and relaxing together. Our programme includes making and signing cards with appropriate "good luck" messages for those youth members writing their matric finals (Carmen and Paige Fitchat, Nigel Zungu and Paballo Matlala); watching a couple of movies including *The River Within* and *The Blind Side*, followed by discussions on how they relate to our faith; a guest speaker, Dr Mimi Roach; helping as waitrons at the Rubin Phillip Peace Lecture; a braai; playing games and a sleepover at the Rectory. We are inviting everyone in grades 8-12 as well as the grade 7s to join us on Friday evenings this term.

THE LATE REVD PETER MKHIZE

On Sunday 17 October we remembered the first anniversary of the death of Revd Peter Mkhize. We thank his family for the offering they made and the beautiful of flowers on that day. Peter was born on 6 September 1936. After working for a number of years, including as a personnel officer, he was sent to St Bede's, where he was an outstanding student, scoring the highest marks ever recorded in the in history of the college. He was ordained in October 1966. After serving in a number of parishes he became rector of St Andrew's, Clermont in January 1977 where he served for 18 years. In January 1996 he became archdeacon of Durban South while rector of St Philips, Enwabi. He retired there in December 2002. We were privileged to receive Peter into St John's for the last months of his life. We welcome members of his family who have become members of the parish.

CONFIRMATION 2011

We are beginning preparation classes for confirmation next year. If you wish to be part of them, please give your names to one of the clergy or the parish office by Wednesday 10 November.

FROM THE REGISTER:

BAPTISMS

- Olwethu Luyanda Dlamini on 05 September 2010
- Nathan Connor Romeril & Joselyn Faith Romeril on 03 October 2010 (Grandchildren of Donald and Brenda Hain)

DEATHS

- June Evelyn Cecile Goodhew on 01 September 2010 (sister of Wendy Baumann)
- Gerardus Josephus Rooyakkers on 19 September 2010 (father of Eugene Rooyakkers)
- Catherine Madela on 20 September 2010
- Myrtle Ellen Broughton on 25 September 2010
- Francis Louisa Rich Kenny on 09 October 2010
- Krupanandham Benjamin (Kay) Ramiah on 16 October 2010

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Next year St John's will be offering the Marriage Course, which was designed by the same team that gave the world *ALPHA*. It will take place on Monday evenings over seven weeks from 17 January to 28 February. Participating couples will be served a candlelit meal while watching the DVD programme of informative and practical talks and working through the manual together. Discussions will take place between each couple in privacy – there is no group discussion or need to disclose anything about your relationship to anyone else.

The cost of the course is R700 per couple, which includes meals, drinks and course material. For further information and to book a place please contact Richard and Liz Clüver on 031 7646265 or 083 2849492, or e-mail lizathome@absamail.co.za.