



ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Letter from Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

Dear friends

If one were on the outside looking in (some say and do that all the time) it seems a strange coincidence that two of the largest Church Denominations, the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church in England had their respective leaders resign in a short space of time. Of course this doesn't render each church "leaderless" as we all believe that the Christ is the head of the Church and we know that each respective Communion has its own plans in place to deal with resignations of this nature. But, it does leave one feeling rather "vulnerable." If you are or were an Anglican or a Roman Catholic (until last night) you may wonder as to why this sudden vacuum within these two giants of the Christian faith. I am sure just

about every individual will have her or his own theory as to what brought these resignations/retirements about and the conspiracy theorists are also hard at work weaving some sort of story with near magic qualities. No matter the reason, it seems however, that there have been one or two, intended and/or unintended consequences to the resignations, which, in my opinion, have been very positive.

For the first time ever the Roman Catholic Church seems to be taking some of the issues that have not only caused great scandal, but have really broken people's hearts, "the child abuse issue" seriously. I think for the first time ever the Conclave was very conscious of some of the serious issues confronting the church when electing the new Pope.

With regard to the Anglican Communion, I was delighted to see that the Archbishop elect Dr John Welby, has already written to the British government warning against proposed welfare spending cuts that will adversely affect women and children.



The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has warned changes to the benefit system could drive children and families into poverty. He said society had a duty to support the "vulnerable and in need"... (BBC.)

For the full text you can follow the discussion on BBC. Whether you agree with the Archbishop's sentiment is not what is at stake here, what is important is that for the first time in a long while, the church is raising it's voice with regard to social needs.

Not to be outdone I was very proud to see our denomination (UPCSA) putting out its own statement on the issue of violence against women and children.

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Statement on the abuse and violence against children and women in South Africa.

The Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa is deeply alarmed and shocked by the violence and abuse against children and women in South Africa. Daily we are confronted with the horrifying stories which describe how children and women are abused, violated, injured and even killed.

(I have asked Pauline to attach the entire statement to this weekly message.)

In times of uncertainty the church needs to take a role and be the voice of the poor, the marginalised, and the outcast. It is pleasing to see the church all over the world expressing concern on issues of social justice.

Your friend and minister
Chunky

P.S. if you have not yet collected your stewardship material it will be available in the hall after all three services. Please make every attempt to attend church, all three services are services of Holy Communion.



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Uniting Presbyterian Church

in Southern Africa:

7 March 2013

[Click here](#) to download the Statement on the abuse and violence against children and women in South Africa.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the Connock family on the death of Joan and to the Claassen family on the death of Neels.

HOLY WEEK AT ST COLUMBA'S

Sunday 24 March 2013 at 7:00pm

Palm Sunday Evening Service

*Music: Voice and Organ - Gregor Heidemann and
Kevin Kraak

Preacher: Rev. Stephen van Schalkwyk

Monday 25 March 2013 at 7:00pm

Evening Reflection for Passiontide

Music: Organ works before and after the service by
Bach, Brahms and Buxtehude - Kevin Kraak

Preacher: Rev. Stephen van Schalkwyk

Tuesday 26 March 2013 at 7:00pm

Evening Reflection for Passiontide

Music: Oboe and Organ - Tim Roberts and Kevin Kraak

Preacher: Rev. Stephen van Schalkwyk

Wednesday 27 March 2013 at 7:00pm

Choral Evensong for Passiontide

Music: The service is sung by womens' voices

Short Reflection: Rev. Stephen van Schalkwyk

Thursday 28 March 2013 at 7:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion and Tenebrae

Music: Vaughan Williams, Whitlock

Friday 29 March 2013 at 9:00am

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Service of Good Friday

Music: Wesley, Murray, Bach, Langlais

Preacher: The Moderator of the Church of Scotland

**Sunday 31 March 2013 at 8:00am, 9:30am and
7:00pm**

EASTER DAY

Festive Holy Communion for Easter Day

Music: Bach, Stanford, Wilson, Howells

Preacher: Rev. Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

*subject to confirmation



Stewardship 2013

Dear St Columba's member

Due to the postal situation, we have not posted the Stewardship Appeal material.

Could we please ask that members who have not yet collected their Stewardship Appeal material should do so from the Founders Hall on Sunday or from the Church Office during the week.

Members should not return their pledge cards by post for the time being as no postal deliveries are being received by St Columba's either through the P. O. Box at Parkview or to our Street address of 45 Lurgan Road. Instead members should either deliver the pledge cards by hand to the Church Office or scan them and email them to Andy at admin@stcolumbas.org.za or fax them to Andy at 011 646 0253.

A very personal appeal

Stewardship 2013



St Columba's Presbyterian Church

St Columba's is a community where the best of Presbyterian tradition courageously embraces inclusivity, innovation and open-minded conversation in Christian service.

We have
different
gifts,
according
to the grace
given us

Romans 12:6a

From everyone
who has been
given much,
much will be
demanded;
and from the
one who has
been entrusted
with much,
much more
will be asked.

Luke 12:48b

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday: 1 Cor. 7:25-31

Tuesday: 1 Cor. 7:32-40

Wednesday: 1 Cor. 8:1-13

Thursday: 1 Cor. 9:1-15

Friday: 1 Cor. 9:16-27

Saturday: 1 Cor. 10:1-13

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Many families have had funeral or memorial services at St Columba's for loved ones and friends. After cremation the ashes are sent to the church by the undertaker and stored here anticipating interment or collection.

Due to the constraints on available storage, it has become necessary to inter all ashes which have been stored here for more than five years. Knowing that this is a very sensitive matter, and not wishing to add to the pain being experienced by the families and friends, we are extending an invitation to anyone who knows of their loved one's ashes being stored, to arrange a private interment through Elvina in the church office before Sunday 24 March. The service for the interment of the other ashes will take place in the Garden of Remembrance on Maundy Thursday, 28 March 2013. This is to be an annual event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY



*Because today's so special
it really wouldn't do,
to send one simple birthday
wish*

*to last the whole year
through...*

*So this wishes happy moments,
a day when dreams come true,
and a year that's filled with all
the things
that mean the most to you*



17th March

Wesley Gasser
Richard Grundy
Ruth De Jong

18th March

Gillian Hardingham
Phyllis Mathews
Lee Ball-Guymer
Peter Mackeown
Sean Schlebusch
Antoinette Pestana
Merle Finch

19th March

Heidi Rolfe
Peter Stuart-Thompson

20th March

Ernest Steele
Debra Sharp

21th March

Norman Brown

22nd March

Frances Schild
Christine Denk
Terence Squires
Ann Walters

23rd March

Peter Harrison
Sean Smorenburg
Barry Messenger
Eyren Wolfe-Coote
Gary Hayter
Rudd Van Deventer

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Don't miss the **Wednesday Night Live** panel discussion and closing function on 20th March at 18h30.

The Pantry

Please remember the pantry when you are grocery shopping:

Tin large and small pilchards, tuna, sweetcorn, peas & small tomato sauce.



Thusano

Due to the holidays, there will be no Thusano classes on 21 and 28 March.

EASTER EGGS

As Easter is around the corner, please may we ask you for a donation of Easter Eggs to bring a smile to those less fortunate.



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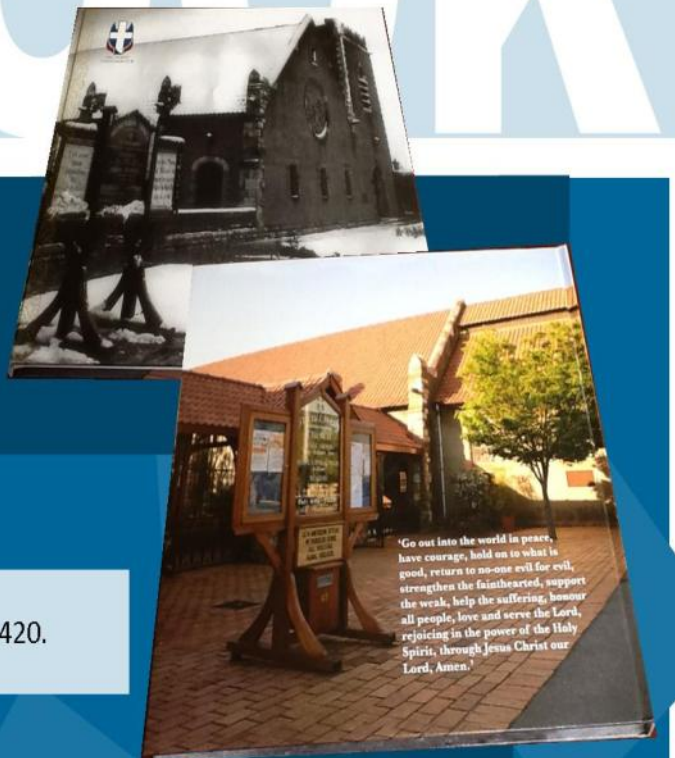
The Dorcas Society are short of wool. If you are able to contribute either: 3 ply, 4 ply and/or double knit wool please drop it off at the church office.

The Dorcas Society

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE TABLE BOOK

BOOK

This is a truly beautiful book, detailing the history of St Columba's Church, its role in Parkview and the wider community. Its Outreach and Pastoral work, its feeding and clothing schemes, its music and worship and above all the people that have made St Columba's what it is – a hub of compassion and caring in a struggling South Africa. And, at only R300, it can make a lovely gift to friends and family.



Please order your copy through the Church Office on 011 646 5420.

For EFT payments please use your surname/CTB as a reference.

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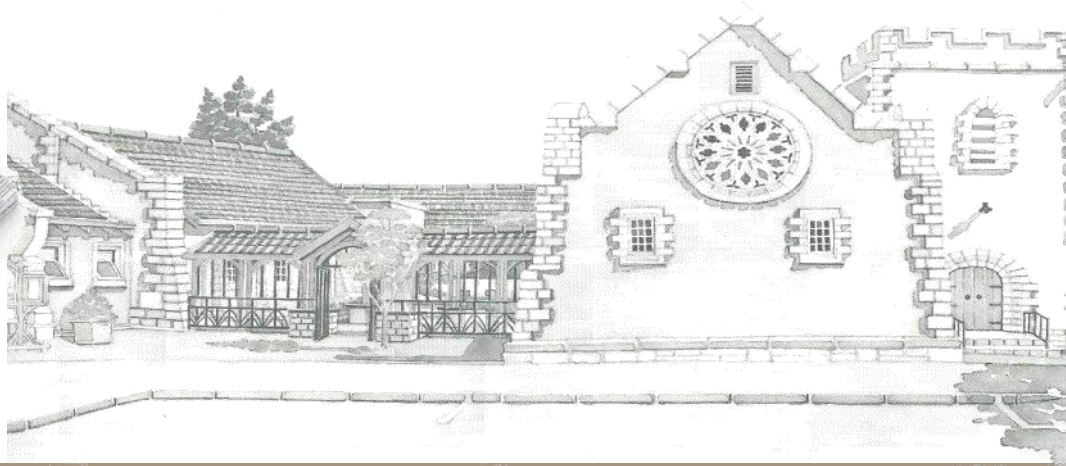
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www.stcolumbaschurch.co.za

THE WEEK AT ST COLUMBA'S

18th to 24th March 2013

Monday 18th	13h00	Bridge
Tuesday 19th	07h00	Board of Management Meeting
	10h00	Dorcas
Wednesday 20th	18h30	Wednesday Night Live
Thursday 21st	19h30	Choir Practice
Friday 22nd	09h00	Staff Meeting
Sunday 24th		PALM SUNDAY
	08h00	Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young
	09h30	Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young
		Sunday School
	17h00	Confirmation Class
	18h45	AA meeting in Jones Hall
	19h00	Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk



ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—17TH MARCH 2013

SMALLS

Posts available

Two posts available for:

School Bursar

School Receptionist

Northern Suburbs

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or

084 609 0999

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Joss Lunga who has for many years removed our garden refuse has had his vehicle stolen in Westdene.

Garden refuse removal was his source of income. He is looking for any work in the line of gardening, or as a driver: valid licence and can reverse a trailer. His mobile number is: 078 187 4233.

Referred by
David Kinghorn.

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twice a week for
Grade 8 pupil studying
English and Maths,
in the Morningside area.

Contact:
Avril 082 9001 9569

Collectible and Model Toys wanted for Toy Auction at Dunnes Auctioneers, Northcliff Corner on 13 April 2013: Hornby, Lima, Dinky Toys, Corgi, Matchbox, Lead figures, Tinsplate, Lego, Scalectrics, collectable Bears and other. To put on auction or cash paid. Please call Miranda 0828244583 or 0117821896-mornings

Seeking Employment

Maria Radebe, who attends St Columba's, is looking for full-time domestic work. Her previous employer's reference states that she is a conscientious worker, very good with children, cooks very well and is trustworthy. She can speak Sotho, Zulu and Afrikaans fluently, and understands some English. She says Maria will be an asset to any employer.

Please contact Maria on 0728574009, or Marina (previous employer) 0826510007

Accommodation Required

in Parkview and neighbouring suburbs for honest gardener who is, at present, commuting daily from Florida.

Please contact:
Lyn 083 308 5175

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Contact Carole McCabe
011 678 3046 or
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Accommodation Required

"Hi, my name is Gertrude Nyangu, aged 35 Zambian, and I am looking for a room to stay on weekends and public holidays when I am not working. I am currently working as a nanny, but on weekends I don't have a place to stay. Please help me find a room. You can contact me on 078 4732801. I look forward to hearing from you. Please help. Thank you."

**We are looking for a small fridge
(possibly a bar fridge).**

Please contact Penny 073 157 8206

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Please contact Penny 073 157 8206

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Contact Carl

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Email: carlsmth79@gmail.com

Our domestic worker, Maria is looking for 3 days work per week.

Eric, a strongly recommended Gardener is short of work one day per week.

Please contact Cedric or Gill Mc Farlane on 0825512893