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Dear Friends

RECTOR'S LETTER

St Cyprian's calendar to the end of the year is once again filled with events and special services. We are certainly a very vibrant and supportive Parish, which is something we should value being part of. This longer than usual Rector's Letter is full of news, special events and services which I hope you will not only enjoy reading, but also involve yourself in as much as possible.

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF COMPASSION

St Cyprian's is responsible for the running of Kerr House, a shelter for "Women in Crises" established in 1951 which accommodates up to 15 women and children. Some years ago I started a fundraising project called "One in a Thousand" to find 1000 people to contribute R100 a year which would provide R100 000 towards the annual running costs.

In the last financial year April 2016 - March 2017 this project raised R33 600. I am grateful to parishioners who remember to make an annual contribution. I enclose a flyer about Kerr House and the "One in a Thousand" project. Please do not deposit cash into the bank account but rather hand in at the office or place in an envelope marked "Kerr House" as the bank charges are outrageous. Cash received is accounted through Petty Cash. If anyone is able to make a donation of over R500 we can issue a Section 18A certificate which is tax deductible.

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM

I recently returned from a trip to the UK with Bishop Dino and his wife Elizabeth to visit our link Diocese. We were very well received with generous hospitality and kindness and a fresh enthusiasm to build on the partnership between the two Dioceses.

Fortunately it was not all work and I had an enjoyable five days in London which included a day at Lords on Sunday 09 July where 19 wickets fell and the Proteas were horribly beaten!

I also managed a retreat at the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham and ended the time with a visit to Fr Sean Semple and his family at his vicarage in Weobley. Fr Sean who assisted at St Cyprian's some years back sends his love and greetings to the Parish.

SUPPER CLUB EVENINGS

The next one is on Tuesday 22 August at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The speaker is Fr Andrew Warmback, Rector - elect of St Paul's Durban. Fr Andrew will be speaking about his book, "The Church and Ecological Justice" published earlier this month. Fr Andrew heads the Diocesan Environment Committee and is deeply concerned about the way in which humanity is abusing our fragile environment.

The cost is R50 which includes Fish and Chips, ice cream and chocolate sauce. There is a cash bar. Should you wish to attend please write your name on the list at the entrance to the Church or phone the Parish Office 031 2053710.

The last Supper Club evening for 2017 will be on Tuesday 31 October when I will be speaking on my visit to the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, the purpose of the link and about the Anglican Shrine to Our Lady at Walsingham. Book early to avoid disappointment!!

LONG OVERDUE!

The sound system probably dated back to the early 1970's and needed replacement. After receiving a number of quotes we have installed a new system at a cost of R62 806. This is definitely a huge improvement with an additional two speakers in the chancel and the clip-on microphones makes it a lot more functional for myself and Fr James.

IT'S GOT TO BE DONE!!

Maintenance!! The Church, which is a magnificent building, has over 500 metres of flat roofs and parapets. The whole area is in desperate need of removing the old and perished sealing materials and all cracks to be filled and resealed. The cost is in the region of R200 000. This will be done in three phases over two years, the first phase having been started at the end of July.

DISCIPLINE, DISCIPLINE AND MORE DISCIPLINE!!

The financial management of Parish funds over the past 25 years has been one of sound financial discipline that is now paying dividends so that monies invested from years of fundraising and rentals are able to cover the costs for example of a new sound system and the sealing of the flat roofs of the Church. A new front cover was made for the organ console at a cost of R6 900, a cupboard for the sound system at R7 350 and tree maintenance R6 400.

I am grateful for the assistance of our Finance Committee that has quite amazingly been the same since 1993, of Dave Dorrofield, Shirley Balladon and Graham Muller. We continue to apply good financial discipline to the investments and expenditure of Parish funds. The Parish has an unrealised profit of over R800 000 in its share portfolio investment.

THE BEST EVER!

Again!! The most perfect day, lots of people, wonderful community support, happy faces and happy children, fun, enjoyable and, oh yes, a record income! That was the Parish Fete. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, hard work, generosity and love to make the Fete the incredible success that it is. Herewith the income less the expenditure, a total of R90 621.

FETE	2017	
INCOME (After Expenses)		
BACON ROLLS	R	3 910.00
BEER GARDEN	R	7 094.00
BOOKS	R	5 017.00
CAKES	R	5 757.00
COLD DRINKS	R	1 660.00
CURRY DEN	R	2 310.00
DONATIONS	R	1 500.00
HAMBURGERS	R	7 665.00
HANDCRAFT	R	3 718.00
JEWELLERY/CARDS	R	1 212.00
KERR HOUSE	R	6 216.00
LIQUOR HAMPER	R	2 956.00
OUTSIDE TEAS	R	3 380.00
PANCAKES	R	2 000.00
PLANTS	R	2 565.00
POPCORN/CANDY FLOSS	R	925.00
PRE FETE SUPPER	R	1 675.00
PRESERVES	R	6 985.00
RAFFLE	R	15 822.00
SWEETS	R	398.00
TOMBOLA	R	2 631.00
WHITE ELEPHANT	R	14 416.00
TOTAL	R	99 812.00
EXPENDITURE		
ADVERTISING	R	1 300.00
POSTER DATE STICKERS	R	890.00
WAGES	R	3 800.00
PUPPET SHOW	R	950.00
DJ DAVE	R	1 200.00
SUNDRY	R	1 051.00
	R	9 191.00
Nett Income	R	90 621.00

This income is allocated together with other fundraising income to the Parish Specific Funds, (Organ, Maintenance, Mission and Ministry, Car Replacement etc.) at financial year end.

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

1. Stay at Otters Den	Andre Crerar
2. Microwave Oven	S. Sirpath
3. Food Processor	Miller Family
4. Food Hamper	Ros Grandin
5. Glenfiddich Whisky	Joy Pettengell
6. Kettle & Toaster	Bryn Stevens
7. Cadac Gas Cylinder	Allen Brink
8. Electric Frying Pan	Snowy Doig
9. Condiment Set	Khosi
10. Tickets to Wine Week	Shakila Govender

LIQUOR RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Trevor Gandy
2. M. Moll
3. Robert Elsworth
4. R. Naylor

BRING OUT YOUR BEST!

It's that time of year again!! Spring is in the air and the annual Spring High Tea is on Saturday 02 September. Ladies (or Gentlemen) are asked to host a table of 8 people and to bring out their best china, decorate the table, provide tea/eats and invite their guests. The morning lasts from 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and guests are asked to make a donation which will go to cover the costs of the replacement table cloths and tables (R11 486) this is a fun morning with entertainment and can be made easier by sharing the table or asking guests to help with the eats. If you are able to host a table please contact the office or put your name on the list in Church.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Fr Alan Miller is the preacher and concelebrant together with myself and Fr James on Sunday 10 September for the High Mass in honour of our patron Blessed Cyprian. There is one service at 8.30 a.m. which will be followed with snacks and refreshments in the Hall after the Mass. It would be good if we could have an augmented choir. If you can assist please speak to the Organist, Errol Bristow, or myself.

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE

There is a youth camp for our young people from Grade 8 upwards on the weekend 13-15 October. The youth will be holding a few fundraisers to help cover costs and would value our support. Full details will be available by the end of August.

HIC!!!

Yes the annual Wine Tasting Evening is on Friday 20 October at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are R100 which includes the tastings plus extras and cocktail snacks. Vrede en Lust will be presenting some of the old favourites as well as a selection we have not tried before. Please do invite friends.

STAYING IN TOUCH

St Cyprian's as far back as the early 1900's was responsible for the establishment of St Monica's Children's Home, which is now located on the Bluff. We hold an annual Harvest Festival this year on Sunday 22 October. The gifts of fruit and vegetables go to the home which is always greatly appreciated.

OVER THE YEARS

I have been drawn more and more into Celtic spirituality and liturgies in its absolute beauty and simplicity in love for God and joy in following Jesus with a profound appreciation of the Presence in creation and all living creatures.

The monthly Mass and Meditations, weekly in Lent, help us to learn stillness and awareness of God present to us. Faith and knowing is not complicated if we allow God to love us and show us. Whenever possible I include Celtic prayers in the pewslip when space permits. I recently conducted a wedding weaving together liturgies from the New Zealand, Canadian, Australian, South African and Celtic prayer books. We Anglicans have an amazing depth of spirituality, beauty and wisdom stretching back to Old Testament liturgies.

The practice of the presence of God is beautifully summed up in the words of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, American author and aviator.

*It is a difficult
Lesson to learn today
To leave one's friends
And family and deliberately
Practice the art of solitude
For an hour or a day
Or a week
For me, the break
Is most difficult.....*

*And yet, once it is done
I find there is a quality
To being alone that is
Incredibly precious*

*Life rushes back into the void,
Richer,
More vivid
Fuller than before!*

With every blessing

FR DANE