

September 2006

I write to you today – us in South Africa having celebrated Heritage Day yesterday – and we certainly have much to be thankful for, and to celebrate.

This year, 2006, we have also in a sense been celebrating our heritage as members of St Peter and St Paul, Anglican Parish in Springs! In celebrating the Centenary of the present church building – on its present site – one has been very aware of the faithfulness of all those many people, who, as clergy and laity, have diligently worked at preserving and extending buildings and plant, at the same time extending God's Kingdom in this place as they have proclaimed and lived the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ. What we have today is our heritage – and we must continue to be faithful in preserving and passing it on to those who are to come after us.

We have had a number of events this year in celebration of our Centenary – and I want to thank all who have supported, assisted and attended – our Frog Derby, Golf Day, Patronal Festival and celebration Luncheon, the Bob Crowe Concert, and, most recently - Parish Dinner on 15 September.

The following “events” are still to take place in what remains of the year – please take note of the dates and details:

21st October – Renewal of Marriage Vows – I am inviting couples to renew vows at a service at St Peter and St Paul (whether or not you were married in this church). I will be asking couples to attend one joint “session” with me where we will explore the significance of renewing vows (09h00 on Saturday 14 October). Please let me know if you and your spouse are interested.

27 October – Darts Evening – This event is being arranged by Tony Isaac, and will be held in Bakerton. Look out for more details soon.

18 November – Afternoon “tea” - we will be using Strubenvale Primary School Hall. The one held last year was lots of fun. Please let me know if you would like to be “hostess” at a table (you provide the tea and eats and make up a group of 10 at your table). There will be some light entertainment – and prizes for the best tables. Cost: R20 per ticket.

Please note – we still have a number of Centenary Pens available (R30 each), and copies of the Parish History – compiled by Audrey Henriksen (R10 per copy). Both available from the Parish office.

A reminder to the men in the parish – the newly formed **Men's Group** meets at 08h00 **every first Saturday** of each month for Bible Study, breakfast and some light work activity. Your presence will be appreciated.

On Sunday 29th October there will be a **bring-and-share breakfast**. Please remember to bring along your eggs, bacon, sausage etc. to be cooked by our superb group of “chefs”.

A reminder that **Celebration Worship** takes place at 18h00 each 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Young people especially are invited to attend.

With my love and prayers