

Bishop Allan Scarfe on 2014 Annual Youth Conference

from page 6....as part of our time there, as well as participate in the Youth Conference. We are grateful too for the care of the people at Thokoza and for the friendships we have made, especially with our translators and drivers.

We bring home a new song in our hearts quite literally, as a Seswati song you taught us has been turned into an English song of praise by our talented musician. Some of us are pondering potential vocations which we heard from God as we were with you. The Dioceses are working on

Youth from Iowa and Brechin rendering a song during the 2014 annual youth conference at St Michaels Chapel.



new projects and plans to deepen our work together and we are entrusting the future to God and to your hands and hearts together now that the introductions have been made. Thank you, dear people of Swaziland. You are God's instruments of encouragement and spiritual renewal for us all.

Bishop Alan Scarfe



Rev. Mthetheleli Simelane with Bishop Ellinah during preparation for Ordination.

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"We aspire to be a caring church that empowers people for ABUNDANT LIFE"

Reflection from The Dean



I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I write to you just before we begin Lent and in one of the past important days we remembered a host of important Saints. A fortnight ago we were celebrating the life of Anskar Bishop and Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 864. In the lives of these many faithful servants we learn that there was one thing in common which distinguished them from the rest, their complete dedication of lives to God, which

resulted even to some losing their lives for Jesus Christ.

I would like to take this opportunity to challenge all of us in the Diocese to rise up to the many challenges that are facing us, beginning with the cash flow in our Office. I am asking that, to ease this problem, let us pay our assessment and fundraising funds faithfully on or before the 25th of each month and in this way ministry will be affordable for all.

Remember all those who labour among you that need to survive. This will be our GOOD Lenten discipline.

In the words of the prophet Isaiah 52:1-3 "Awake, awake, put on your strength O Zion!

Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for the uncircumcised and the unclean shall enter you no more. Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem, loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter Zion! For thus says the Lord: You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." Sisters and Brothers let us shame the devil through participation that cannot be matched and God will bless us all. Dean

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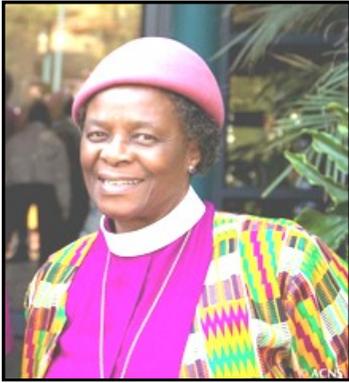
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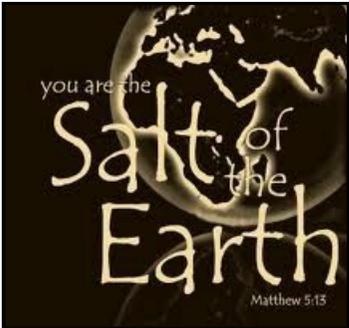
You are the Salt of the Earth.

Bishop's Corner

Matth 5:13-14... cont from last issue

Like salt used to thaw ice on the roads, like in very cold countries, as a Christian you can have the effect of thawing hearts that have hardened against the gospel and bring them to know the Lord.

Salt is used for purification - The same way salt has healing properties, as a Christian you are expected to counteract moral decay. Elisha used it in the healing of the waters. The meaning of Jesus words then likening the life of a Christian to salt is that it has a healing, purifying influence, tending always to the preservation of that which is good from the adverse elements of putrefaction and decay.



Though we are in the world as Christ was not of the world (Jn 17:16) – separated as we are, this is not supposed to lead to pride but chosen as co-heirs with Christ to bless the world.

Jesus said “Salt is good” referring to its symbolism of purity, righteousness, cleansing, healing and preserving influence.” Have you salt in you.” (Mark 9:50). If you have no salt in you, how can you be salt of the earth?

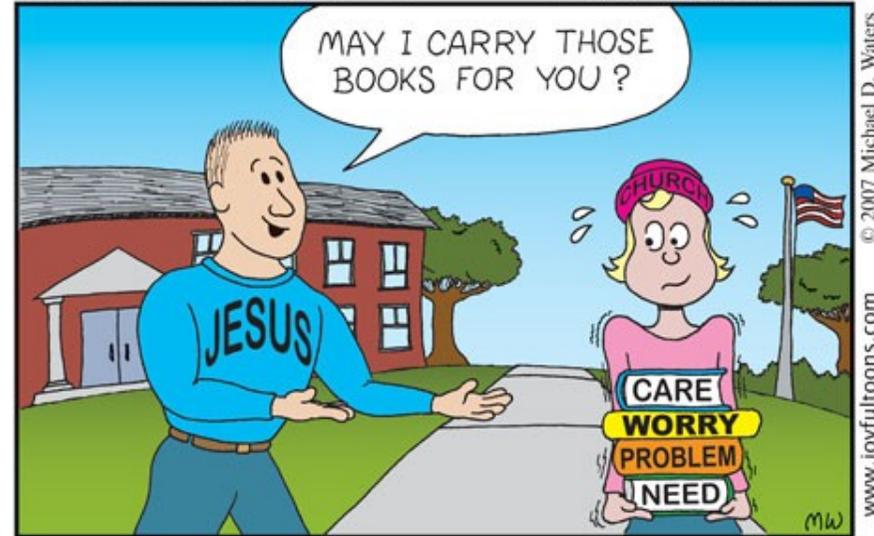
Salt as fertilizer, makes it easier for all good things to grow - As a Christian carry with you the quality of heaven and no evil to thrive around you. There is a difference between crops and vegetables grown in fertile soil against those grown in infertile soil. So always around you let there be good crops giving yields by the thousands. Amen!!!!

Attention Rectors and Church Wardens.

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CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

-1 PETER 5:7 KJV

Selflessness Labour-From page 10....

He became a murderer for the sake of a brother. He spent his infancy in Egypt not for himself and a refugee in Median learning leadership life skills from his father in law to become a saviour of the nation of Israel. He eventually died before landing on the future land of his labour. It becomes clear for me that the prospects of his labour is that others may have gain. (Matt 22:39) brings in a value about the Kingdom of God which is demonstrated in what Moses had done, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”. Moses had worked so hard as if he were to inherit the promised land Himself. He was so selflessness that he even died and the brother/neighbour inherits the Kingdom scotch-free. Like one who serveth (Matt 20:26) Moses laboured to death for Israel to attain the promised future inheritance. Friends I hear God to be saying “The value of preeminence/greatness is accomplished through servitude that many may find fulfillment and abundant life through our commitment to selfless labour even to death. Amen.



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SELFLESSNESS LABOUR...By Rev. Joel Dlamini. Proclaiming the Gospel in Shiselweni

Readers of Dionet, allow me to share with you my pleasant drive-way divine visitation from Mashobeni to Mtsambama/Ka-Mfishane (St Augustine Anglican Church) for a 10:00 am service. I was pre-occupied with the Gospel message of the day (Matt 22: 34-46), focusing my attention on the level of faithlessness of the Pharisees and the scribes reflected in their trap-questions of tribute (Matt 22:17) and that of the greatest commandment. While driving, I kept meditating on the notes i had prepared the previous night for the sermon. As I drove I had a constant disturbance from a voice reading (Duet 34:1-12) such that I took a brief stop from the driveway to literally read the OT reading from my Bible because the voice I heard overshadowed my meditation.

I hope members of the chapter and entire church will close its ears as I make this confession, I was Actually late for the service and had requested that Mr. Khumalo continued with the service. I want to assume that by the time I was disturbed in my meditation by a voice reading it was the same time the same text was being read for the first reading at Mtsambamba. I personally believe God connected me with the church I had run late to serve.

When reading the old testament text (Deut 34:1-12) I experienced a connection between the General theme of Mathew-of-The Kingdom of God-with that of Moses-of the promised land. **Cont next page. Page 11**

Confirmation at Mankayane Parish



Bishop Ellinah doing confirmation at Mankayane Parish.



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Ordination

Saints crammed the Cathedral of All Saints in Mbabane on the 29th of November 2014 to witness the Ordination of three Deacons and five Priests in our Diocese by The Rt. Rev Ellinah Wamukoya, Bishop of Swaziland.



Right Pic. Bishop Ellinah posing with the Clergy after their Ordination



Into Deaconate- From left is Rev. Mthetheleli Simelane, Rev. Alban Hlophe and Rev. Zama Sgudla



Joyful mood. The Dean, Bishop Ellinah, Rev. Wandile Dlamini, Canon Charles and Ven. B. Magongo.



Into Priesthood..From left is Rev. Sibongile Dlamini, Rev. Thandekile Zulu, Rev. Jabulani Maseko, Rev. Petros Dlamini and Rev. Thulani Makhubu.

Bottom Left corner Pic. Some of the Anglican Family who came to be part of the service.
Below Pic.. Bishop Ellinah Celebrating the Eucharist with the new Priests.



DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY IN PICTURES

Chapter members in procession at the start of the service.



The Diocesan Choir leading in song during procession.



The Rt. Rev. Ellinah Wamukoya Bishop of Swaziland preaching during the family day service at St Michaels High School.



Bishop Ellinah Celebrating the Eucharist with visiting Bishop. Bishop Mnisi of the Lutheran Church.

Bottom Left corner. Part of the Anglican Family.. **Below..** Servers—Fundisile Ndlela and Nozipho Hlophe.



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NOTICES

15 Feb Bishop in Manzini Parish

22 Feb Bishop in Cape Town– Provincial Duties

March– Bishop on leave

Dionet Color Print– A Color Printer is Needed

Many love to read the Dionet in full color. Yes I agree with them it looks more professional in color. The dionet is currently printed in black and white and only those with emails receive it in color. We are planning to get the dionet printed in color and to do this we need to buy a laser color printer. One that we have quoted cost E7000.00. If you would like to make a donation towards buying the printer you can make a donation through the Diocesan office, call Mandla at 2404 3624 or Email. mandla@swazilanddiocese.org.sz.

Blessed is the hand that giveth (Acts 20:35)



Bishop Ellinah in Ireland... On her way to Canterbury to attend the

baby Bishop's Conference Bishop Ellinah went via Ireland to attend the Consecration and Enthronement of the new Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe. The diocese of Limerick and Killaloe has a very good relationship with the Diocese of Swaziland. They have been instrumental in the resurrection of the Luyengo farm working with US Ireland. The Bishop is expected to be in Canterbury (London) on January 30th and She is expected back home on February 9th.



Bishop Ellinah with talking to the new Bishop of the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe.

Bishop Allan Scarfe on 2014 Annual Youth Conference.

In October 2013, the three bishops of Brechin, Swaziland and Iowa sat down together in Dundee Scotland and wondered how we could strengthen the future of our companion relationship. One idea was to introduce our youth to one another. It so happened that the Diocese of Swaziland held an annual Youth Conference in December and so we said that perhaps we could send a delegation from Brechin and Iowa to the Conference.

And so a blessing of God was put into motion! And it was a great blessing. Ten young people from Iowa and one each from Illinois, USA and Brechin, Scotland discovered for themselves what many of us have known for many years - that God rejoices when His people come together in love and harmony. We were so grateful for the rich hospitality which was shown on our visit. The Youth Council was attentive to our needs at every turn, and we shared in the joy and exuberance of the Holy Spirit who comes among you so powerfully when you gather in praise and worship in Swazi-



The Rt. Rev. Bishop Allan Scarfe. Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa.

land.

We have come home with memories that are so profound that they are taking months to be able to express adequately. This is a season on which we are reporting back to the Church at home what we saw and experienced of God's work among you, as you serve under the direction of your wonderful Bishop. We have brought home our own zeal to work as a Green Church, to take note of the needs that God may be calling us to in our own places just as you care for orphans and those affected by HIV/AIDS, and struggle against gender violence, and continue to share the Gospel. It was a privilege to work alongside you at the Care Points, and to worship with you at St George's in Manzini.....**Cont Page 12**

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CONSECRATES FIRST WOMEN BISHOP..

LONDON: The Church of England consecrated its first woman bishop on Monday, more than two decades after the Church allowed women to become priests.



The Reverend Libby Lane, 48 and a mother-of-two was consecrated as Bishop of Stockport in a ceremony at York Minster, a Gothic cathedral in northern England. The new Bishop called it a "profound and remarkable moment".

The Church formally adopted legislation last November to allow women bishops. The move ended a centuries-old tradition of exclusively male bishops.

Mrs Lane said "It is a remarkable thing that this happens to me, and people have been very supportive of me personally, but actually this is about a moment in the Church's history." It would be "a very profound, remarkable moment for me then and for my future ministry", she said. After the change was approved, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said that the Church was entering "a completely new phase of our existence". Mrs Lane's appointment brought to an end 22 years of resistance to the promotion of female priests. The general synod of the Church voted to back plans for female bishops in July and formally adopted legislation on November 17.

Prime Minister David Cameron tweeted "Congratulations to Revd Libby Lane on becoming the first woman bishop in the Church. A historic appointment and an important day for equality". As Bishop of Stockport, Mrs Lane will serve as a suffragan (assistant) bishop in the Diocese of Chester. Libby Lane was ordained as a priest in 1994 and has served a number of parish and chaplaincy roles in the North of England. She is one of eight clergy women from the Church of England elected as participant observers in the House of Bishops. After school in Manchester and University at Oxford, Lane trained for ministry at Cranmer Hall in Durham. She was ordained a deacon in 1993 and a priest in 1994, serving her curacy in Blackburn, Lancashire. Her husband, George, is also a priest; they were one of the first married couples in the Church of England to be ordained together. Lane added "I am grateful for, though somewhat daunted by, the confidence placed in me by the Diocese of Chester. On this historic day as the Church of England announces the first woman nominated to be Bishop, I am very conscious of all those who have gone before me, women and men, who for decades have looked forward to this moment". Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu said "Libby brings a wealth of experience in parish ministry, in hospital and chaplaincy, in vocations work and the nurture of ordinands".

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said "I am absolutely delighted that Libby has been appointed to succeed Bishop Robert Atwell as Bishop of Stockport. Her Christ-centred life, calmness and clear determination to serve the church and the community make her a wonderful choice. She will be bishop in a diocese that has been outstanding in its development of people".