



Christ Church Chronicle

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The rector's reflections ... Keep to the speed limit

Now that we are on the bus we are to keep the momentum going at a steady speed limit. We are all glad that we have achieved being a growing family of God!. We have come together and implemented all that we planned to do, except the Mission week before Pentecost. Congratulations and well done to all. May God's peace be with you.

Let us now keep the momentum and take one step at a time. On this journey let us allow the Spirit of the Lord to guide and protect us:

It is God our Father who has a plan for us.

Jeremiah 29:11.

It is for this reason that you should not be anxious about tomorrow.

Matthew 6:25-34.

Therefore Keep in mind the comforting words of our Lord Jesus Christ “

I will be with you always to the very end of time.”

Matthew 28:20b.

Let us have FUN!

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MORNING MARKET

27 AUGUST 2011

This year's morning market will take place earlier than usual: please diarise Saturday 27 August!

As always, we are looking for donations, which can be delivered to the Parish Office.

Volunteers are also needed to organise and staff stalls.

If you can help in any way or need more information, please contact the convenor, Nico Oberholzer on 083 292 0483 or nicholas.oberholzer@gmail.com.

Website Launched

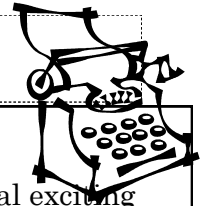
Christ Church Arcadia has really entered twenty-first century with the launch of its brand-new website, www.christchurcharcadia.co.za.

Webmaster Will Viljoen has done a fantastic job in designing the website and getting it up and running.

Visit the website to find out about the latest events and news, look for contact numbers and even download Father Duncan's inspiring sermons.

Contact the Parish Office if you have information you'd like to share on the website.

News from the Parish Council



PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care at Christ Church is receiving priority on the Parish Council, with several exciting initiatives in the offing,

We need your prayers!

The first initiative is the development of a Prayer Circle. A new Prayer Requests box is at the back of the church, and prayers will be focussed around these requests, as well as on the pew leaflet prayer requests.

The final format of the Prayer Circle is still under discussion, but if you feel called to the ministry of prayer, whether as part of a regularly meeting group or as a virtual group, please contact the Parish Office.

Join us at the Tea Garden

A second initiative is a Tea Garden, to be opened to parishioners and visitors every Thursday as of 14 July in the courtyard outside the hall. The Tea Garden will be open after the 9.00 Mass for a couple of hours. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cup of tea, a snack and some fellowship—all free of charge. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the Parish Office or Margaret Labuschagne on 083 226 7555.

RESOURCE CENTRE

Christ Church Arcadia is in the process of establishing a Resource Centre, including a theological library.

Rachel Gregory has been appointed as coordinator of the Research Centre and is currently busy cataloguing the wonderful collection of books the church is privileged to have.

The Resource Centre will also host training sessions, as well as offer information on counselling and life skills.

For information, contact the Parish Office or email resources@christchurcharcadia.co.za.



Saturday Circle Women Walk for Warmth!



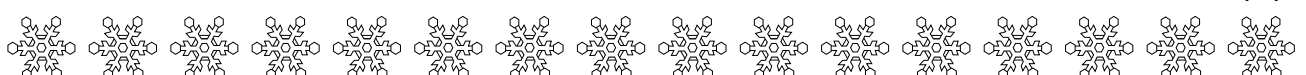
An intrepid group of Christ Church women braved the cold on 28 May, and undertook the Walk for Warmth 5 km walk for charity through the lovely grounds of LC de Villiers.



Organised by the Golden Key International Honour Society, Walk for Warmth 2011 raised funds and collected clothes and blankets for the children of Danville Rooms Place of Safety. Thousands of rand and hundreds of items meant that the day was a great success. The Saturday Circle ladies had a fantastic morning of exercise and fellowship - and discovered the joys of walking prayer.



The Saturday Circle Women's Group meets every second Saturday in the Resource Centre. All ladies, young and old, are welcome.



REVITALISATION OF CHRIST CHURCH ARCADIA YOUTH

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2011 is proving to be a blessed year for Christ Church Arcadia. With the appointment of Father Duncan Mbonyana, the church has been steadily welcoming new members through its doors and this includes a young contingent. So excitement was sparked when talks of a dedicated youth guild began and one eventually came to fruition: the Christ Church Arcadia Youth (CCAY) was officially launched on the 26 March 2011 and formed part of the Tshwane Bokone Archdeaconry's youth. Lindani Dube and Lesego Khoza were elected as the CCAY Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively. Saturdays were selected for the youth's meetings during which their schedule was discussed and filled with fund raisers, Bible studies and events with other parishes.

The first such event was a youth conference hosted by the CCAY on 21 May 2011. Activities, debates and interactive talks took place covering matters that ranged from Satanism in schools, to the model family and Religion vs. Culture, all topics relevant to the youth of today. The conference was a smashing success as it was well attended by all the archdeaconry's parishes and also served to place the newly formed guild on the map. The CCAY also attended a choir competition held at the St Albans Cathedral, which it could not participate in, but was present to cheer Tshwane Bokone's youth choir to victory.

After these events the youth guild was eager to be in the presence of like-minded people and was more than happy to attend the Youth Day sports event on 16 June 2011 at the Pretoria Rugby Club for the archdeaconry youth. It was a day of fun in the sun where alliances between parishes were made and young people proved that youth is in fact not wasted on the young on the sports fields. At the close of the day scores were tallied and the team Christ Church Arcadia had formed with St Timothy came in second place for soccer and first place for netball, not shabby for a three-month-old group!

With this new-found confidence the CCAY guild is looking to make a difference in Arcadia by getting involved in community projects and charity work and if their young spirits are not enough, they are sure the friends they have made across Tshwane North will be available. This youth is looking forward to a long future, bejewelled by the growth of young people in Jesus Christ.





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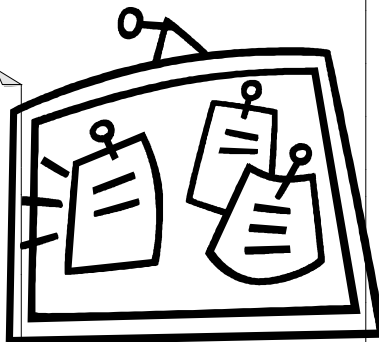
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Regular services at Christ Church

Thursdays

9:00 Said Mass

Sundays

7:30: Said Mass

9:15: Choral Mass, Junior
Church and Crèche

**Be loud and proud for
Christ Church!**

**Fantastic keyrings are
available at the Parish
Office for only R10.**

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Dates for your diary

JULY

7 July: 9.00 Said Mass; 9.45
Women's Guild meeting

16 July: 9.00 Saturday Circle
Women's Group

30 July: 9.00 Saturday Circle
Women's Group

AUGUST

7 August: 11.00 Parish Council
meeting

13 August: Saturday Circle
Women's Group Quiet Morning

27 August: Morning Market

Did you know that ...

When you carry the Bible,
Satan has a headache,
When you open it, he collapses,
When he sees you reading it,
he loses his strength,
And when you stand on the Word of
God,
Satan can't hurt you!

