

St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church

The Diocese of Saldanha Bay



Our Mission

To honour God by proclaiming His Word in a spirit filled church, nurturing leadership, holistic growth, missions and care groups in a Discipling Environment

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A PASTORAL LETTER – EASTER 2017

Dear Friends,

Greetings in our Lord's Name. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!! A wonderful cry of victory as we enter the church, in the service of Light with the Paschal Candle alone lit – representing the powerful and glorious light of the resurrection shining into the darkened tomb.

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter – may this mark a time of deepened and joyful encounter with Jesus, particularly in the 'breaking of the bread'. The account of the Emmaus road, in St Luke's Gospel, brings home the amazing and transformative experience of encountering this new and glorified presence of Jesus after His resurrection.

The Sundays of the season of Easter remind us of the resurrection appearances of our Lord, all of which were a time of both amazement, perhaps also awe and great encouragement to the disciples, helping them prepare for the promised power of the Holy Spirit of God, 'to come from on high', on the day of Pentecost.

In St Matthew's account of the Crucifixion we read of the land being in darkness, rocks being split open, and an earthquake at the moment of Jesus' death on the Cross. This leads our vision upwards to recognise that Jesus is the Cosmic Christ – the Lord of all creation which is too caught up in the drama of His death on the Cross.

Richard Rohr, who I have quoted before, says the following,

"Without the cosmic notion of Christ, Christians can't understand that God is inherent in life itself, that God is the life force of everything who grows things from the inside. The Indwelling Spirit was our way of saying that God creates things that create themselves from within! In humans and animals this is experienced as sexuality, in plants as photosynthesis. Elements participate in the creative process through electromagnetic fields, fusion, and bonding. Even celestial bodies experience death and birth. There is only and always growth. Death is simply a transformative stage."

May you and yours know the risen Christ always in your midst.

God bless,

Revd David Mills

Our Vision

To be a Multi-Generational Church creating a culture of discipleship where all people can Believe, Belong and Become

◆ Relevant ◆ Effective ◆ Dynamic

Followers of Jesus Christ.