

News of former diocesan clergy



Thanduxolo Noketshe

May 1 at 18:36

As I was seated before the introit hymn began I saw this banner and it caused me to have tears running down my face... I could not sing the introit hymn.

All I could say was, "St Mary's, Cayon and Christchurch, St Kitts you placed me in the humble mode. Thank you."

The banner reads: "The congregations of St Mary and Christchurch welcome Rev Father Thanduxolo and family to the Parish."



The Diocese of Jerusalem has been granted land to build an Anglican Church next to the baptism of Jesus site on the Jordanian side of the river, Mark Derry, in the hat, is seen with Archbishop Hosam Naoum and other clergy from his Diocese when they visited the site at the end of April.

Helped with applications



The Rector of St Matthias, Mziwoxolo Nodwele (third left), Mrs Makaleni (fifth front from left), the Grade 12 class teacher, and retired Priest Churchwarden Mgedez and his wife, Sweetness (right) with WSL students.

On Friday 13 May the Rector of St Matthias, Mziwoxolo Nodwele, retired Priest Churchwarden Mgedez and his wife, Sweetness, together with students from Walter Sisulu University (WSU) visited Cosetani Senior Secondary School, Motherwell, in order to motivate the grade 12 students and to help them fill in on-line applications for university entrance.

The WSU students are part of the Health Promoting Group through St Matthias and reached out to the Cosetani Senior Secondary School which Mziwoxolo has adopted as a parish project.

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Green Piece

Do not pollute the land where you are. Num 35:33a

With the lack of water in the Metro indaba visited the web site <https://ecopeace.org> to find out about the wonderful work being done by this Middle East NGO.

EcoPeace Middle East is a unique organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists. Their vision is, 'A sustainable and prosperous Middle East.'

They say, "Our primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect our shared environmental heritage. In so doing, we seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in our region. EcoPeace has offices in Amman, Ramallah, and Tel Aviv."

Water is at the centre of an environmental crisis in the Middle East. In the most water scarce region on the planet, climate change and conflict have made a problematic situation even more desperate. Water can be a source of either conflict or collaboration. At EcoPeace, we believe real change is possible when we all work together. So we bring together Jordanians, Palestinians, and Israelis to create shared solutions, taking a bottom-up approach to educate the local constituents, as well as a top-down approach to advance vital policies. The good news is that it's working! Students are coming together across borders, leaders are taking action and real progress is being made.

Sadly, in the last 50 years, the River Jordan's annual flow has dropped from more than 1.3 billion cubic meters per year to less than 30 million cubic meters. With Israel, Jordan and Syria, each grabbing as much clean water as they can, it is ironically the sewage that is keeping the river alive today. Since much of the River is a closed military zone and off-limits to the public, most people simply do not know that the River is dying up.

We've embarked on a broad campaign to raise awareness of the demise of the Lower Jordan River.

A Shared Vision and a Measure of Progress

Responding to years of advocacy, national governments and municipalities are taking first steps to prevent dumping or leaking of sewage into the River. New treatment plants are in development in Jordanian, Israeli and Palestinian communities, often with the financial support from the international community. 2013 saw the first release of clean water into the River in 49 years with the Israeli Water Authority allocating 9 mcm and committing to 30 mcm per annum in the near future. These steps set important precedents for future allocations, but fall far short of the 400 mcm needed to ecologically rehabilitate the River and maximize its economic benefits.

In 2015, we released the first-ever Regional NGO Master Plan for the Sustainable Development of the Jordan Valley, putting scientifically sound and economically feasible policy recommendations behind our vision for the Jordan Valley. With the support of national governments, this NGO master plan can become the blueprint for the revival of the River.

Taken from EcoPeace Middle East website. indaba asks that you visit the website and learn more about this initiative.

Blessing the children of the Haven

Mziwoxolo Nodwele



The Rector of St Matthias, Mziwoxolo Nodwele with Servers who collected clothes for the House of Resurrection Haven Children's Home and delivered them on Monday 2 May.

The House of Resurrection Haven (part of our diocesan social concern outreach) is always in need of help for the children who are placed in families with a Mother to look after them. Many months the small provincial grant is paid late and the families struggle with food, school and clothing needs.

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