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Induction of New Michaelhouse Rector

On Friday 26 April 2019, Antony Clark was inducted in the Michaelhouse Chapel as the 17th Rector of the school.

Clark (62) whose tenure began on 1 April, comes with years of experience in leading various schools around the UK and in South Africa.

The new Rector has settled into the Rectory on the School grounds with his wife Brigitte, and their youngest daughter will be staying with them for a number of weeks before returning to study in the UK.

Clark was born in the Eastern Cape and attended St Andrew's College in Grahamstown, where he was head boy. He went on to study at Rhodes University, where he met his wife in a Latin class. After completing his studies at Rhodes, he received a scholarship to study at Cambridge in the UK for two years.

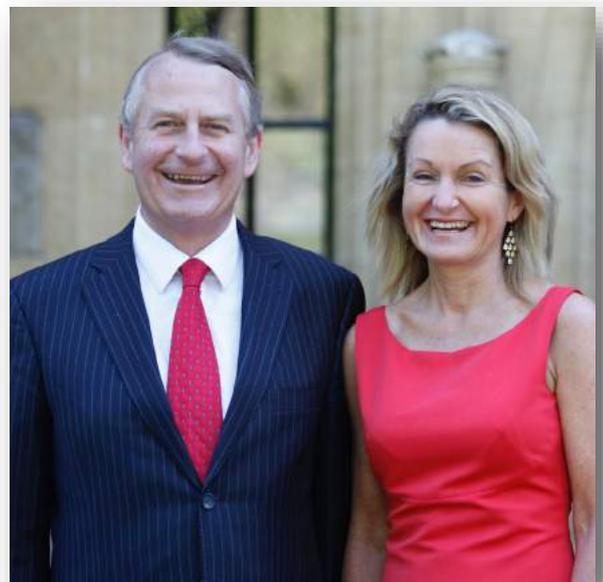
Returning to South Africa, he completed his compulsory training for the South African Army before accepting a post at Westerford High School in the Western Cape. From there, Clark was the head of several schools in South Africa and in the UK.

Clark says he has already learned a great deal about Michaelhouse and is excited at the prospect of developing the school even further, stating that any environment which is complacent will not grow.

Antony Clark and his wife Brigitte, photographed outside the Michaelhouse Chapel after his induction as the 17th Rector of Michaelhouse



Bishop Dino blesses the new Rector during the induction service



Book Launch of an Official History of St Paul's

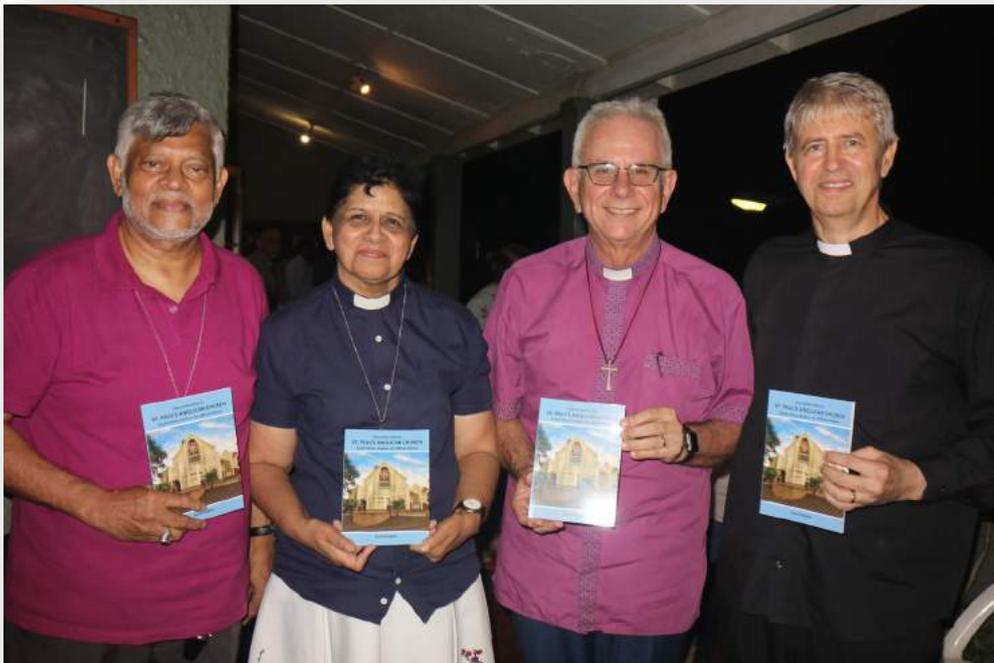
The launch of a book about the history of St Paul's Church, Durban took place at Ike's Bookshop, Florida Road, on 31 January 2019. Guest Speakers were Bishop Rubin Philip, Bishop Dino Gabriel, David Hughes (Author) and the Revd Dr Andrew Warmback of St Paul's Church. Members of the St. Paul's Church Choir put up a short Musical Tribute - directed by Musical Director, Melvin Peters. The Launch Night Programme was directed by Cedric Sissing of Adams Bookshop (with catering and venue set up by Joanne Rushby of Ike's Bookshop).

This history of St. Paul's Church draws heavily upon the previously unpublished church history of Reverend Jimmy Draper, especially the early days. Reverend Draper was Rector at St. Paul's 1975 to 1987. David Hughes has been a member of the St. Paul's congregation for around twenty four years and currently serves as a Lay Minister. He also serves on the committee of the Durban branch of the Mission to Seafarers. David is a specialist maritime and travel writer, author of a number of passenger liner publications and writes from home as a freelance travel journalist.

Anglicans have been worshipping at St. Paul's since 1854. The old church was consecrated by Bishop Gray of Cape Town in 1864. St. Paul's humble beginnings were in the shop of Mr L E Mesham in Aliwal Street where the shop also doubled-up as a classroom. In 1850 on a visit to Durban, Bishop Gray discussed the building of a church and a site on the North Eastern side of Market Square was chosen and the foundation stone was laid on the 17th of March 1853.

Some of the momentous years at St Paul's are: 1854 officially opened; 1906 completely destroyed by fire; 1909 re-opened; 1999 celebrated 150 years of existence with visit by Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh; 2002 first black rector (the Revd Ndabezinhle Sibisi) appointed; 2009 first woman rector (the Revd May Laban) appointed; 2014 celebrated 165 years of existence.

Copies of the book are available from the St Paul's Church office at R120 per copy, or from Ike's Bookshop, at R130.



Retired Bishop Rubin Philip, the Revd May Laban, Bishop Dino Gabriel and the Revd Andrew Warmback, with their copies of the history of St Paul's



New Rector for Margate

The Revd Sphamandla Nkabinde was instituted as the new Rector at St Margaret's Anglican church in Margate recently.

It was an incredible celebration of joy as local parishioners and members from other parishes, friends, Mother's Union members and family members packed the church.

St Margaret's own Revd Jenny Mitchell led the service amidst an array of visiting clergy in supportive roles. Bishop Dino Gabriel presided.

It was a wonderful expression of support for this young priest as he takes on his first parish. Friends from his home parish in Sobantu came to support one of their sons. Others travelled from Stanger, the church he attended when he was first ordained while many more came from St Paul's in Durban where Reverend Sphamandla Nkabinde was for a year.

St Margaret's is privileged to have such a humble, gentle and inspiring young man as their rector.



 **24-7 PRAYER**
24 HOURS OF NON-STOP PRAYER
SUNDAY 2ND -9TH JUNE
PRAYER ROOM

BOOK A PRAYER SLOT
ST MARGARET'S, DURBAN NORTH
(031) 563 9474

The St Mag's 24-7 Prayer Room is open 24 hours from 12pm on Sunday 2nd June to 9am on Sunday 9th June. Visitors and friends from the Diocese are welcome to participate. Please call (031) 563 9474 to book your slot. St Margaret's Anglican Church, 11 Delaware Avenue, Durban North, 4051.

St Margaret's, Northlands, are delighted to announce their participation in Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby's global prayer initiative, 'Thy Kingdom Come', which runs from Ascension Day to Pentecost. St Margaret's commitment over ten days comprises of two prayer streams. Firstly, each church member has been challenged to commit to praying daily for five people to come to faith in the Lord Jesus. In addition to this personal commitment, people from the parish are being encouraged to sign up to pray for a minimum of an hour next week in St Margaret's 24-7 prayer room. The prayer room will comprise of six main prayer stations representing the world, Africa, South Africa, the city of Durban, the local Durban North community, and the parish itself.

Rector Revd Tim McGowan says, "This is the third consecutive year that we have hosted a 24-7 Prayer Room at St Margaret's. The creativity of the concept resonates deeply with people and helps them to engage in private prayer. People are sometimes slow to sign up, believing that they will struggle to focus in prayer for an hour. Once they have given it a go, they usually find that time flies by, an hour isn't long enough and they want to sign up for more. It's a wonderful way to approach Pentecost Sunday."



*St Margaret's Prayer Room,
the venue for 24/7 Prayer
from Ascension Day to Pentecost.*

