



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



The Diocese of Saldanha Bay

MAITLAND ARCHDEACONRY



Parish Profile 2019

An early history and vision

Approximately five years after the creation of Edgemoed by Garden Cities in 1972, a group of people formed a small house church group, which met regularly in a home in Edgemoed Drive. At that time, an Anglican/Methodist chapel, headed by Rev. Jerry Francis, was in existence in Bothasig to serve parishioners in Bothasig and in Edgemoed, and held alternative services for Methodists and Anglicans. However, it became obvious that the small Edgemoed group desired their own Anglican identity and wanted to worship within Edgemoed. Allan Marshall and Peter James Smith organized the first services in the original sports hall, in the latter part of 1977, with approximately fifteen people initially attending. Layminister's, David Joynes and Willy Payne (later to become priests) came over from Bothasig to officiate in the services.

“Holy Eucharist is celebrated in Edgemead every Thursday at 8pm at 4 Kingsmead Way, followed by talk and discussion. Layminister Peter James Smith.” Edgemead News – September 1977.

Some early parishioners at that time besides Allan Marshall and Peter James Smith, were Ann Atkins, Gail Brinkworth, Esther Henry, Lionel and Pam Janes, John Malherbe, Hilton Marais (now priest), Lynne New, Ken and Marga Phillipson and Debbie van Dalsen. At the first Christmas service, eighty people came to celebrate the birth of Christ with Rev. Jerry Francis conducting.

Early in the New Year, the Archdeacon decided to have Bothasig with Egemead as one parish with a priest in charge. In January 1978, Rev Brian Hill and his wife Heather, arrived in Edgemead and took up residence in Wembley Way. Brian then arranged to have alternative services in the mornings and evenings between Bothasig and Edgemead.

“Holy Communion Services are held in the home of Brian and Heather Hill at following times: 9:30 am: on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month 7:30 am: on the 2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays of each month The Revd. Brian Hill The Rectory 23 Wembley Way, Edgemead.” Edgemead News – December 1978

In the early part of 1979, the services were still being carried out as in the above arrangement. The building of the new Rectory on its present site had been completed around October. From that month, services were then held at the Primary School hall in Lombard Way at 10am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month and 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month at the Rectory, De Hoop, Edgemead. The lounge was made extra big to accommodate worshippers!

On Michaelmas 1981, the newly-enthroned Archbishop of Cape Town, the most Revd Phillip Russell, performed his first official function, the laying of the foundation stone for the new Anglican Church – St. Michael and All Angels. On February 21, 1982, the ...

“ARCHBISHOP OPENS NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH BUILDING A crowd of over 300 adults from many churches and 150 children, attended the opening of the Anglican Church building on February 21, 1982. The Impressive ceremony began at 9:30 am when Phillip Russell, Archbishop of Cape Town, knocked on the doors with his pastoral staff. On behalf of the congregation, the doors were flung open by the Churchwardens, allowing the congregation to enter the building for the first service of worship. The place was dedicated to the Lord with the prayer that the stranger would find a welcome, the sick be healed, the word of God be faithfully proclaimed and the gifts of the Holy Spirit be poured out on the congregation so that they would bring the world to Christ. The Christian Church has been described as a society that exists for the benefit of non members. It is our prayer that the building now erected will be a focal point in Edgemead where young and old will find Christ and experience His love.” Edgemead News – June 1982

On 25th June 1983, the archbishop of Cape Town, the Right Revd Phillip Russell came to dedicate the new extension as well as to accept new members and Adult Confirmation Candidates into our church.

THE VISION

The vision at first by the early congregation, was to have their own Anglican church within Edgemead. The few parishioners at that time went around the small-established part of Edgemead, including the sandy “frontiers” to find out whether there were enough people to warrant a new Anglican Church. The Edgemead Union Church had already been in existence with their first service held on Sunday, 12 December 1976 at 10am at 11 Kronendal. Yes, there was enough

response for our own church which was later strongly confirmed by growing numbers when Revd. Brian Hill became Rector.

One of Brian Hill's gifts was that of a church builder and his vision was strongly evangelical with an emphasis on creating one evangelical church in the community of Edgemoor, irrespective of denomination.

OUR STATEMENTS

OUR MISSION STATEMENT (What we intend to do)

To honour God by

proclaiming His Word in a spirit filled church,

nurturing leadership, holistic growth, missions and care groups

in a discipling environment.

OUR VISION STATEMENT (Why we exist)

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

OUR FAITH STATEMENTS (What we believe) The Nicene Creed, the Apostles Creed, the Baptismal Creed.

OUR MEMBERSHIP COVENANT STATEMENT (What we value) Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and being in agreement with St. Michael and All Angels statements, strategy and structure, I will unite with the St. Michael and All Angels church family. In so doing, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1.1 I will protect the unity of my church by:

acting in love toward other members

refusing to gossip

following the leaders

Romans 14:19 – Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Peter 1:22 – Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you

have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. Ephesians 4:29 – Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Hebrews 13:17 – Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

2.1 I will share the responsibility of my church by:

praying for its growth

inviting the unchurched to attend

warmly welcoming those who visit

1 Thessalonians 1:2 – We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. Luke 14:23 – Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house may be full” Romans 15:7 – Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

3.1 I will serve the ministry of my church by:

discovering my gifts and talents

being equipped to serve my pastors

developing a servant's heart

1 Peter 4:10 – Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. Ephesians 4:11-12 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers. To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Philippians 2:3-5, – Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:7 ...made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

4.1 I will support the testimony of my church by:

by attending faithfully

by living a Godly life

by giving regularly

Hebrews 10:25 – Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, ... Philippians 1:27 – Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Malachi 3:10 – Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (ALL SCRIPTURE REFERENCE FROM THE NIV BIBLE)

Parish Core Values

1) Bible Based

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “ 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be

proficient, equipped for every good work.”

2) Prayer Centered

Philippians 4:6 “6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

3) Discipleship Focused

Ephesians 4:11-17” 11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.”

4) Spiritual Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6 “ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

5) Leadership Driven

1 Peter 5:2-3 “2 to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. 3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.”

6) Missions Orientated

Romans 10:13-15 “13 For, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Objectives with Short & Long term Goals

1) Discipleship

To research, adapt and develop materials and courses to nurture, a discipleship culture.

2) Leadership

To identify potential, and raise up Godly leaders, to grow and serve the church.

3) Family

To create an environment that encourages all families to come to church.

4) Youth & Children

To appoint a youth pastor/children's worker to provide Christian education focusing on, integration, sense of belonging and accountability within the church.

5) Finances

To steward the finances, apportioning the necessary funds for the Diocese, sustainable growth and our mission.

6) Communication

To create multi-generational communication utilizing different forms of media where a re-designed brand platforms our strategic focus.

7) Facilities

To develop a sustainable plan for the optimal use of our facilities to encompass the life of the church.

8) Mission

To instil a missions mindset aligning ourselves to God's vision, locally and abroad.

9) Monitoring & Evaluation

To Develop and effective evaluation and assessment tools resulting in efficient structures, systems and procedures across the board.

OUR LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY

PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECTOR: Teach New Member Orientation seminars; preachers, churchwardens, layministers, mentoring of youth worker, parish visitations, Stewardship teaching and training, Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage preparation. The Rector is expected to have a close working relationship with the Tygerberg Ministers Fraternal and attend their month meetings.

CHURCHWARDENS: Administration finances and counters; building maintenance; parishioners' concerns; Rector and family.

PARISH COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS:

LAYMINISTERS: Serve at Holy Communion; Pastoral ministries; Parish visitations. Assist with running the mid-week service. There are 7 active layministers.

HOME CELL LEADERS: They lead and pastor small home cell groups who gather for prayer, bible study, fellowship and encouragement. There are 10 home cells in operation at the moment.

MEN'S GROUP LEADER: This group meets bi- monthly for the purpose of empowering men to fulfil their God given roles in the home, the Church and the world.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS: The ladies meet each term normally in the form of a Saturday afternoon tea with speaker, singer, dance group etc. **CHILDREN'S/YOUTH WORKER:** Children's Church - Pebbles (Pre-school), Rocks (6 -10yrs), Boulders (11-14yrs); each have a leader who co-ordinates the various functions of these groups. The youth ministries needs re-building. We had a full time Youth Worker who trained and co-ordinates all youth ministries.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Outreach programme involvement: The Barnabas Basket – monthly feeding of needy families in the parish and community; Kensington Old Age Home – supplying groceries monthly; Roadside Independent Ministry – supplying soup, bread, fruit and clothing to the unemployed roadside bi-weekly and 'Buckets of Love' in Advent. In the 'Month of Compassion', the parish collects clothing and groceries for the Elim Night Shelter in Elsie's River. A link has also been established with the Parish of Clanwilliam, and we have supplied them with children's school shoes and old computers.

ANNUAL TRAINING COURSES

COUNSELLING TRAINING COURSE

This course is for training and equipping those called into the counselling ministry.

MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING

Guidelines to equip our ministry and mission team members.

HOME CELL LEADERS TRAINING COURSE

This course is to train potential home cell leaders.

ALPHA & PARENTING ALPHA & MARRIAGE ALPHA

We are an Alpha Church. This is a course to introduce the Gospel to any person who has questions about Christianity.

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & WEDDINGS

These are courses to prepare people for baptism, confirmation and marriage.

SERVICES

Sunday service – 7.30am and 9:00 am Holy Communion (**1st Sunday of the month on 09h00 service**)

Wednesday service – 9:00 am Holy Communion

Youth and Children's Church run concurrently with the SUNDAY 09.00 am service.

ABOUT US

WORSHIP: We have a media team and singing group who lead us in worship. We are a family orientated church where children are not just tolerated but welcomed. No Hymn books are used. All hymns and songs are displayed on the overhead screen from the Song-Pro licensed computer programme.

PRAYERS AND WORD: Every Church believes that God calls them for a reason. We believe that our calling is to minister God's love to those who need healing through the ministry of caring, counselling and through the power of prayer. The anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our preaching and teaching of the Holy Scriptures is critical to our success. Time is set aside for ministry and prayer after each service, for those who have needs.

ETHOS: Our churchmanship is 'low church' Anglican with a strong evangelical ethos. Our church believes the Bible to be the Divine authority of God's Word; in which our faith is rooted and lived out in our every day life. We are a parish church where the Holy Spirit ministers to people in extraordinary ways. Where the Spirit leads during services, folk are invited to the altar, where they receive ministry and prayer. It is often said that we are a church where the love of God is experienced in a special way through the caring of the members for each other.

The philosophy of our church is one of "every member ministry" and our members are encouraged to discover their gifts within our Church and beyond.

Therefore women are encouraged to be involved in all aspect of the church's life and women clergy are most welcome. None of our groups fall within the Diocesan structures at this stage.

OUR MEMBERS: St. Michael's consists of about 300 members (including children/teens) and average attendance is 150 per week including children. A few of those who worship in our church are not from an Anglican Church background and this contributes to the diversity of the parish ethos. 41 families travel from other suburbs of our city to worship with us.

OUR FACILITIES: Our parish boundaries are the municipal boundaries as stipulated by law. We have a large plot in the heart of the suburb of Edgemean. Some of the land lies vacant and is fenced off and used for parking and parish events, from time to time.

Our buildings consist of church, hall, minor hall, play school, and offices. The rectory is on the same plot and directly attached to the other buildings, forming one large complex.

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY: Edgemean is a vibrant community with 2 pre-schools, a primary school of 1200 learners and a high school of 1000 learners. It has large sports facilities which include bowls, soccer, cricket, running and a tennis club. The suburb also has a community hall and extensive library.

The suburb has approximately 6000 residents and 6 very active churches. Their denominations are Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Joshua Generation, Edge (AOG) and ourselves. The Edge church is the most active and largest with over 1200 active adult members. All the others have an average of over 500 active adult members except the Lutherans which has a small congregation. Tygerberg Minister's Fraternal serves Edgemean and all the surrounding suburbs, at which the majority of churches are represented.

OUR FINANCES: We emphasize tithing in our stewardship plan and run no fund raising events other than for "special projects" from time to time. The Diocese holds a small investment which is allocated for a boundary fence (to increase security) and alterations to our sanctuary. Our income over the last 5 years has stayed consistent at only R75,000 per month on average. This covers both Diocesan and Parish Assessment and after staff salaries and municipal accounts, leaves only R5,000 a month for our ministry costs and other expenses.

OUR CHURCH LOGO / THEME



This logo was created for our parish, and was accepted by our people. The red flash behind the cross symbolizes the shedding of Christ's blood and our salvation breaking through at the crucifixion. The brown cross symbolizes the darkness and ugliness of sin that Christ died for, and the dove is a symbol of peace, hope and healing. Over the last few years we have discerned that our church has become a place of healing for many people. At every service we pray for people and there is ongoing counselling. We have developed a core of counsellors who have been trained and they have done sterling work in this area. It was out of this that our logo was created to say something about our church's ministry and points to the grace and unconditional love of God for us all. Our desire is to be "An Inviting Church"

PREACHING GROUP

We have four layministers with preaching licenses.

PRAYER GROUPS

1st Sunday morning of every month – prayers for the parish – 08h00-08h40

We have a strong and well-organized prayer chain for emergency prayer needs.

WELCOMING TEAMS

We have a number of welcomers/sidesperson on duty at all services.

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

We minister to people at Cheshire Home, Sanddrift. Our Men's Ministry are involved in various projects from time to time.