ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Diocese of Saldanha Bay

TABLEVIEW ARCHDEACONRY

St. Michael and All Angels Edgmead
Parish Profile 2023

An early history and vision

Approximately five years after the creation of Edgemead by Garden Cities in 1972, a group of people formed a small house church group, which met regularly in a home in Edgemead 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 Edgemead, and held alternative services for Methodists and Anglicans. However, it became obvious that the small Edgemead group desired their own Anglican identity and wanted to worship within Edgemead. 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 Edgemead 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 Michaelmass 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 gifs 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 Edgemead, 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 and 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 Centred

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 (now under revision)

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 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.

7) Facilities

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

8) Mission

To instil a missions mind set aligning ourselves to God's vision.

OUR LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY

PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECTOR:
Teach New Member Orientation seminars; preachers, Exco-churchwardens, layministers, parish visitations, Stewardship teaching and training, Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage preparation, running of any relevant discipleship courses like Alpha and the conducting of all worship services. 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: There are 7 active layministers. They serve at Holy Communion; Pastoral ministries; Parish visitations of the Elderly. Assist with running of all services. Some also assist with Baptism and Confirmation Classes.

HOME CELL LEADERS: They lead and pastor small home cell groups who gather for prayer, bible study, fellowship and encouragement. There are 4 home cells in operation at the moment.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS: The ladies meet once a year on Woman's Day in the form of a tea with speaker, singer, dance group etc.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Sunday School/Children's Church; have 3 assistants who co-ordinates the various functions for children up to the age of 12 years during the Sunday Eucharist. However needs to be rebuilt as only approximately 10 children attend erratically.

YOUTH: The Youth ministry also needs re-building as it is currently not operating.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Outreach programme involvement: The Barnabas Basket – monthly feeding of 6 needy families in the parish and community; Roadside Independent Ministry – supplying soup, bread, fruit and clothing to the unemployed roadside monthly. In Advent 'Buckets of Love' are collected for distribution to the poor and needy. During the winter months various drives are co-ordinated for blankets or jerseys for wherever we find a need.

TRAINING COURSES:
The Aloe Listening Course.

COUNSELLING TRAINING COURSE:
This course is for training and equipping those called into the counselling ministry.

LAYMINISTRY TRAINING:
Guidelines to equip our layministers are run when needed.

HOME CELL LEADERS TRAINING COURSE:
This course is to train potential home cell leaders when needed.

ALPHA COURSE:
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 – 9:00 am Holy Communion (7.30 am Service discontinued since the Covid-19 Pandemic)

Wednesday service – 9:00 am Holy Communion (Senior Citizens/Retirees - mainly)

Sunday School runs concurrently with the Sunday 09.00 am service.

ABOUT US

WORSHIP: We have a media team on the Media system and a Song/Worship planning group who choose and lead the music for Sunday services. We are a family orientated church where children are not just tolerated but welcomed. No Hymn books are used. All 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 everyday 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.

OUR MEMBERS:

St. Michael's consists of about 200 members (including children/teens) and average attendance is 100 at the Sunday Eucharist including children and 20 to the mid-week Eucharist. We draw worshipers from not only Edgemead, but all the surrounding suburbs including Bothasig, Monte Vista, Panorama and Goodwood.

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 Edgemead. 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:
Edgemead 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. Many years ago, we were the largest congregation in the area. Tygerberg Minister's Fraternal serves Edgemead and all the surrounding suburbs, at which the majority of churches are represented.

PREACHING GROUP:
We have two layministers with preaching licenses.

PRAYER GROUP:
We have a well-organized prayer chain for emergency prayer needs.

WELCOMING TEAMS
We have a number of welcomers/sidesperson on duty at all services. A number of our young people assist this team after confirmation.

CATERING TEAM:
We have a well-run and organised team of caterers. They assist at funerals, church lunches & functions, Alpha Course and many special occasions.

READERS GUILD:
We have a fairly large team of readers who are available to read the lessons at the Wednesday and Sunday Eucharist services.

GARDEN TEAM:
We have a strong and dedicated "Garden Team" who actively and diligently look after our very large garden and surrounding verges. This includes the beautiful "Garden of Remembrance."

SACRISTANS
A small team of dedicated Sacristan's launder and prepare all the linens for use in the celebration of the Sacraments and set up the altar for all services.

COMMUNICATIONS:
We have an active parish WhatsApp group, through which all parish information is communicated weekly to as many members as possible. This is administered by the Rector and a Warden. Also, a Pew Leaflet is printed and available weekly. Most of the various ministries have their own WA groups for separate communication purposes.

CLERGY:
We have 1 x Non Stipendiary/Self- Supporting assistant priest attached to this parish, who lives outside the parish boundary.

STAFF:
Taynà Pearson – Secretary
Andrew Benito – Gardener
Lucia Unathi Mngcwengi - Cleaner



OUR CHURCH LOGO
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. As lead at Sunday services, we pray for people and there is ongoing counselling. We have developed a few counsellors who have been trained and they do 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."

Prepared by the Wardens of the Parish of St Michael & All Angles Church, Edgemead.