



# ORDER OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

NEWSLETTER: 3 OF 2025

## A MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN YOUNG CARR

**A Message for Our Times: "Make God Great Again"**  
Written by Warden YW CARR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the world continues to tremble under the weight of war, division, and spiritual confusion—from Ukraine and Russia to Israel and Iran—we are reminded that our hope is not in governments or ideologies, but in the unchanging truth of God's Word.

We declare with boldness: "Make God Great Again!" Not because He ever ceased to be great, but because humanity has turned away.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance." – Psalm 33:12

Let us return to the altar. Let us rebuild the spiritual walls. us be the hands and feet of Christ in a broken world.

### ABOUT OCS

FOUNDED IN 1955, THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE EXISTS TO SERVE THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST BY MEANS OF SUPPLYING MANPOWER FOR ALL TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT IN GOD'S SERVICE

"FOR WE DO NOT PREACH OURSELVES, BUT JESUS CHRIST AS LORD, AND OURSELVES AS YOUR SERVANTS FOR JESUS, SAKE" 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5



### Losses and Gains: Honouring the Journey

This quarter, we mourn the passing of several beloved members. Their lives were testimonies of service, and we honour their legacy with gratitude and prayer. We also rejoice in the addition of new members—fresh hearts ready to serve. To all members: invite your family, friends, colleagues, and churches to join us. Let's grow the body of Christ through fellowship and purpose.

### Rev. Tony Honoured for Mission Work

Tony and I had the privilege of attending several impactful events, including one hosted by the Council for Certified Chaplains SA, where Rev. Tony was a guest speaker. His message on Transformation of Christians in a Changing World, sharing his experience greatly resonated with us.

We're proud to share that Rev. Tony received the Medal of Honour for Missions, awarded jointly by the Chaplaincy Council and the Lazarus Union SA—a recognition of his tireless work in the field and his heart for the hurting.

### Partnering with Gideons International SA

We've taken hands with Gideons International South Africa, attending their recent regional conference with the aim of recruiting members for OCS. Their commitment to spreading the Word of God aligns beautifully with our mission. We will be forwarding additional names and contacts from this collaboration.

Let us ask for God's blessing to guide this partnership and multiply its impact.

"And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You." – Psalm 9:10

### Youth Recruitment & Member Support

We recognize the urgent need to recruit younger members—the next generation of Christian leaders. We also remain committed to supporting our existing members through prayer, training, and fellowship.

Let's be intentional in mentoring, inviting, and empowering young believers to rise and serve.



## 🌐 Website Revamp & New Membership Categories

Thanks to Shaun's excellent work, our OCS website has been updated with:

- Corporate Memberships: Companies can now sponsor a Buddy, Field Worker, or Missionary.
- Partner Organizations: Explore our growing network of Christian allies.
- Training Providers: Access free online courses in ministry, trauma care, and leadership.
- Resources: Download reading materials and past newsletters.

## 📱 Prayer WhatsApp Group: Join the Movement

We've launched an active Prayer WhatsApp group, where teams pray daily for our members, missionaries, and global concerns. You are welcome to join—reach out via the website or your regional coordinator.

## 🙏 Gratitude to Our Leaders

A heartfelt thank you to our leadership team:

Bill, Tony, Phillip, Trevor—your support and guidance are deeply appreciated.

And to Shaun, for managing and updating the website—thank you for your dedication.

## ✝️ Our Core Mission: Living the OCS Calling

Let us never forget our main aim:

- Spread the Word
- Lead people to Christ
- Give a helping hand
- Pray for one another

And as individuals:

- Read your Bible.
- Pray & Fast.
- Be the OCS ambassadors you were called to be.
- Make a difference daily.
- Leave a legacy of faith.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5

Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful next quarter.

In His Service,

Young Carr

Warden, Order of Christian Service



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## A REPORT FROM HEATHER JOHNSTONE

Location: Ta Tanzania

What I do: Helping to empower the most disadvantaged women and children in Mara through the Rehema Project.

Dear Members

Some of you will remember that in 2019 Bishop George asked me to take over the running of the Anglican Hostel (next door to Rehema) which incorporates a restaurant, accommodation and a hall for rent. By the time I had returned to Tanzania post-covid some 18 months later, the idea had fizzled out somewhat and the Diocese decided instead to let the premises out privately. A decision I was not unhappy with as I felt Rehema was enough of a responsibility.

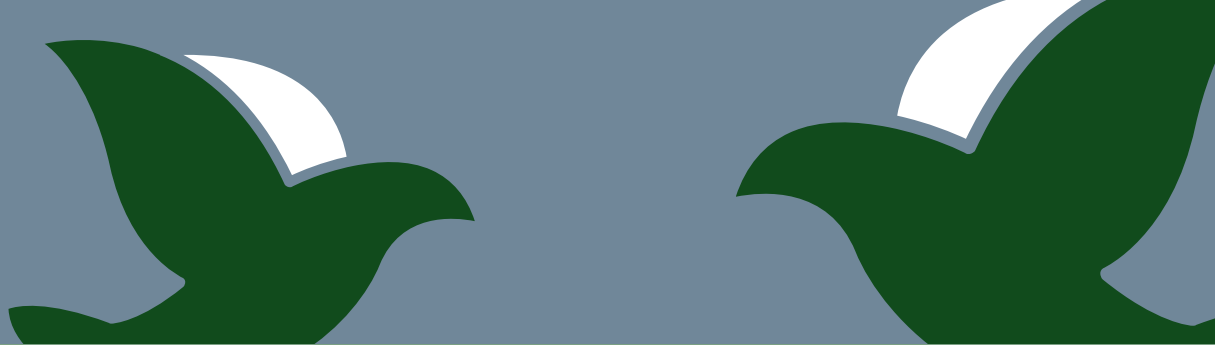
Then in March 2025, the tenants ended their lease with only a few days' notice. Without a plan or budget for this expansion, and with no clear understanding of potential income or costs, at the behest of the bishop we took on this responsibility and unexpectedly became tenants of the Anglican Hostel. Though it might seem reckless, it has created additional work and longer shifts for the Rehema women.

The primary issue with the hostel is the lack of maintenance over an extended period. We identified key areas for immediate repair, viz. 1) security in the kitchen 2) to replace broken sheet metal roofing and water damaged ceiling boards, 3) to replace all broken door locks and others for security reasons, 4) to address various plumbing issues, and 5) to identify the cause and repair damp in walls.

The hostel is also in dire need of facelift and our next project is to paint it inside and out.

Praise/Prayer Point: Give thanks for the opportunity of more work for the team. Pray for the big and expensive challenge that faces us.

I really thought that news of the hostel would have been the biggest news of this update as the venture has consumed my waking hours since we took over, but this news has been completely eclipsed by something rather more exciting and spectacular.



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The Diocese recently commissioned us to cook at a special fundraiser they were holding in Bunda (about an hour away from Musoma) to raise funds to rebuild and massively extend St Peters church. Great excitement, the official guest was to be the former President of Tanzania, Jakaya Kikwete. Our remit was specifically to cook for this extremely special guest and his entourage, and other senior government/church officials. We had to take all our cooking appliances, utensils, serving dishes, crockery and cutlery to Bunda – it was a massive undertaking.

Former presidents require as much security detail and paraphernalia as a sitting President, and consequently things became a lot more complicated and expensive. The government refused to allow the event to take place in the church as it wasn't big, or safe enough, and the plan to cook for the guests at the diocesan girls' school was quickly dismissed. The whole event had to shift to the government Teacher's Training College. We rose to the challenge and cooked a huge variety of different dishes for 130 guests under the watchful eyes of three security personnel who monitored our every move and delivered great food on time. We feel so privileged to have been given the honour and huge responsibility of cooking for the former President of Tanzania and his fellow dignitaries. Some of the team got to meet the President face to face and were delighted to hear that he thought the food was excellent and very delicious. We have the JK stamp of approval.

Praise/Prayer Point: Give thanks for the fantastic group of hard-working Rehema women and for this great opportunity to shine.

Heather



FLORA & ANA AT YOUR SERVICE



READY FOR SERVICE



REHEMA LADIES (IN PURPLE)



HEATHER PLEDGING SUPPORT



PRESIDENT KIKWETE WITH  
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## A REPORT FROM PHILIP STONEMAN

Dear Friends,

Over the past three months, our chaplains and volunteers have continued to serve with deep compassion, spiritual wisdom, and unwavering commitment. Their frontline ministry has expanded in reach, deepened in impact, and strengthened our shared foundation of faith.

### 🙌 Grateful for the Team

This report reflects the faithful work of our Trauma Support SA and Community Chaplaincy Service team. I remain behind the scenes—planning, praying, and supporting—while our chaplains and volunteers carry the heart of this mission into homes, hospitals, stations, and churches.

### 🔧 Strategic Focus

- Governance structures are being strengthened to ensure sustainability and mission alignment.
- Trauma-informed workshop materials and participant booklets are in development, integrating scripture and care principles.
- Personalized prayers have been offered to SAPS officers, private security teams, and frontline responders.
- A WhatsApp community was launched to foster collaboration, resource sharing, and mutual support.
- A mixed methods research proposal is being refined to explore vicarious trauma and secondary traumatic stress.
- Advocacy efforts included formal outreach to a local school addressing bullying and promoting restoration.

### 🧠 New Initiative: Trauma Wise Talks

We're launching our "Trauma Wise Talks" series with the first session, Trauma and Self-Care, hosted at St Andrews Presbyterian. Invitations to Benoni Baptist and Eagles Embassy Church reflect growing partnerships toward trauma-informed church communities. These engagements are made possible through the trust and relationships built by our chaplains on the ground.

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### 📞 Ministry Engagement (May–July)

Our team responded to 55 calls (excluding stats from a resigning member), including:

Counselling (excl. follow-ups) 6

Natural Death 4

Unnatural Death 1

Suicide-Related Support 4

Social Support 4

Motor Vehicle Accident 1

SAPS & Fire Station Prayer 20

Individual Crisis Support 3

Support included addiction recovery, suicide prevention, and sexual violence/trafficking intervention.

### 📅 March–April Summary

Total Calls: 28

- Counselling (excl. follow-ups): 2
- Suicide-Related Support: 2
- Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2
- SAPS & Fire Station Prayer Sessions: 17

### 🙏 Team Transition

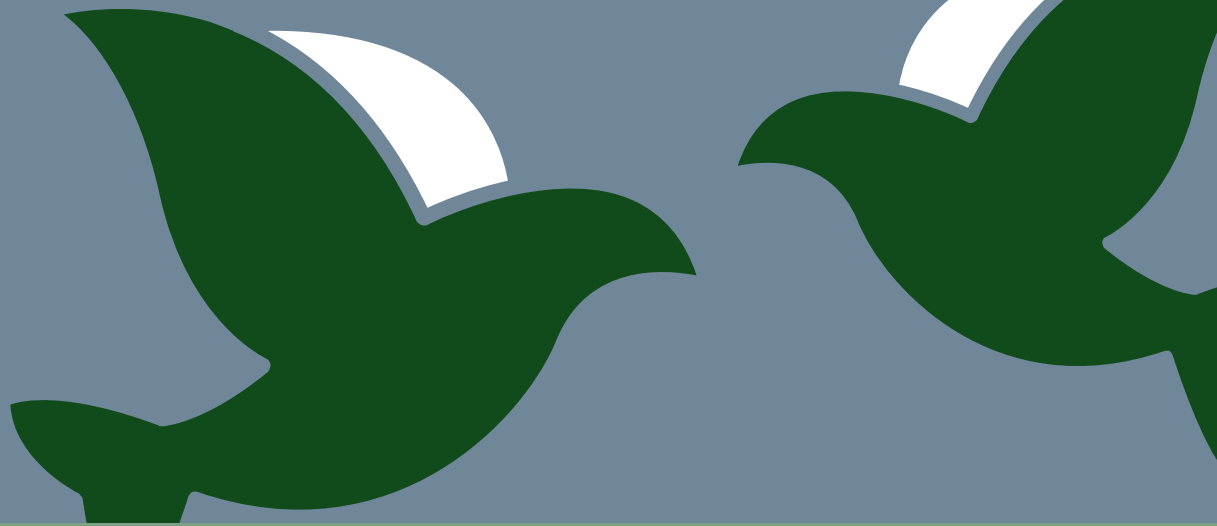
We honour the departure of a team member who has joined another organization. Their contribution has left a lasting imprint, and we pray for continued fruitfulness in their new season.

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

We remain committed to walking alongside the broken-hearted, advocating for healing, and building communities marked by love, faith, and resilience.

With deep gratitude,  
Philip Stoneman

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## A REPORT FROM TERESA STUTHRIDGE

To all at OCS greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour!

My last report was a challenge but we continue. There is a meeting happening soon that will hopefully provide a solution for the repair of our buildings etc. It has been a challenge putting it all together but hopefully we have arrived at a solution that will help everyone.

Unfortunately, the solution does not really include me and my bank account but I can work on that when the other stuff is sorted out.

We have through all of this mess got 6 new members (only by God's grace) so that is another positive to add to the list.

There is not much to add at the moment as I am waiting for information and solutions. J

But can I say thank you to all of those who keep all the field workers in prayer and encourage us... a special thank you to Bill Griffiths and Trevor Harrison who check in with me every now and then to see how I am doing you do not know what it means to me!!

God bless

Ps. Teresa Stuthridge



ROMANS 5:8:  
"BUT GOD  
DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN  
LOVE FOR US  
IN THIS:  
WHILE WE  
WERE STILL  
SINNERS,  
CHRIST DIED  
FOR US."



## A MESSAGE FROM LIZ HARRISON

Greetings all.

I trust you are well. I have some exciting news to share with you, regarding a project that OCS assisted us with.

On 18 July 2025 in remembrance of Mandela Day, my daughter and I collected baby products, clothing and toiletries to distribute to Hannah's Place of Safety in Mitchell's Plain. This home takes care of orphaned, vulnerable and abandoned babies.

Once we collected, purchased and packed the items, we had quite a substantial donation. It also encouraged others to donate, including a local educate centre.

This kind gesture was highly appreciated by the Safe home as the need there is truly great.

To each OCS prayer partner and to those who contribute financially, know that you make a difference and you are appreciated.

Let's continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we spread His love and His Word through our actions.

God Bless

Liz Harrison

For a Time Such as This.



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### WHATSAPP

If you have not joined the OCS WhatsApp group, I encourage you to do so by follow this link to join the WhatsApp group:



Click the Icon to join

### THE BANKING DETAILS OF THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Account Name: THE ORDER OF  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Bank: First National Bank; Account  
No: 51460055557; Universal Branch  
Code: 250655

Reference – You name (so that we  
can personally thank you)

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BLESSINGS,  
WARDEN YOUNG CARR  
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

# BIRTHDAYS

## SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Elize Fortuin	2 Tertius Dormehl	3 Stella Clarke Sally Yatt	4 Biance Viljoen Barbara Underhill	5 Mrs Berriman	6 EA Jacobs Marnus van der Berg
7 Trevor Geach Claudia Martin	8 Mpho Makhanya	9 <b>Birthday</b> Dumisani Madi	10 Aline Edmonds	11 <b>Birthday</b> Elizabeth Zikalala	12 <b>Birthday</b> Anita Fitchet Mandy le Bruyns	13 Rev James Adams
14 Heather Johnstone	15 Paula Steenkamp	16 Philip Fourie Sabelo Matsweli	17 Che-lee Siljeur	18 <b>Birthday</b> Rev Vernon Steynberg	19 Evelyn Charles	20 <b>Birthday</b> Helaine Deacon
21 Rev John Tooke	22 Sue Tinsley Gideon van der Berg	23 <b>Birthdays</b> Liz Harrison Janet Brodrick Linda Tomlinson	24 John Rogers Frank Thorns	25 Leigh Roberts Nico Mandy Erasmus	26 <b>Birthday</b> Xolani Mkalali	27 Malcolm Sainsbury Rev Tony Bethke
28 Rev Phillip Shongwe	29 Laura Simkins Rev Ossie Kretzmann	30 <b>Birthday</b> James Stuthridge				

## OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Tom Noot Rev Andile Mbete	2 Winnie Norman Rev Eric Dorey	3 Rev Harvey Berriman	4 Joseph Maluleke
5 <b>Birthday</b> Craig Schoombie	6 Siphiwe Madi Hilary Coventry	7 <b>Birthday</b> Rev Edwin Myers	8 <b>Birthday</b> Annamarie Alexander	9 Christopher Ramm	10 <b>Birthday</b> Soliwe Ngcongolo Anja Human-Hendricks	11 John Picton Ralph Hayton
12 Rev Sandy Dickie	13 Amanda January Matthew Mellem	14 Coral Bowler Rev Jonathan Hobson	15 Jack Wilson Rev Ike Moloabi	16 <b>Birthday</b> Joy Bennet Joann Julius	17 Rev Fikile Makananda Norman Jobson	18 Mrs Dlamini Martin Erasmus
19 Miss Dailin Hector	20 Estelle Hudson Rev Gosford Kulu	21 Mrs Eric Radebe	22 Jodie Matthys June Gray	23 Rev Johann Ebershon	24 Mrs Vumazonke and family	25 Jean Warburton Rev Lucky Mngomezulu
26 <b>Birthday</b> Connie Skews	27 <b>Birthday</b> Deirdre Kretzmann	28 Dr AE Payne Rev Norman Hudson	29 <b>Birthday</b> Donald Cloete	30 <b>Birthdays</b> Letitia Magane Shaun Botha	31 Lyn-Marie McCrystal and family	



## NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Mpumulelo Mbono						1 <b>Birthday</b> Andrea Schoombie
2 Cheryl Fulton Pat le Vatte	3 Gaynor Jantjies	4 Gerald Nienaber Melanie Gray	5 <b>Birthday</b> Hilary Evans	6 <b>Birthday</b> Christian Futshane	7 Herman Groenewald	8 James High Bryan Jacobs
9 <b>Birthday</b> Meg Scott	10 Rev John and Mrs Carmen Gertze	11 Mr and Mrs David Jacobs	12 <b>Birthday</b> Aaron Modiselle	13 Mrs Hanse Daryl Cloete	14 <b>Birthday</b> Rev Expraies Sithole	15 Trevor Harrison Tsietsi Nkondo
16 Nompikiso Hesewu	17 Ian Lamont Karin Garrett	18 <b>Birthday</b> Ivan Fitchet Barbara Steynburg	19 Rev Cloupas Molokwane Frances Miya	20 Carol Madi Tobeka Hafiyeko	21 Jacqueline Bruce Bernadine Adams	22 Rev Derrick Joliffe Archie Green
23 Jamilla Malikusi	24 Hendrick Hanse Magriet Links	25 Nosipho Cele	26 <b>Birthday</b> Debra van Wyk	27 <b>Birthday</b> Eileen Russell	28 <b>Birthday</b> Bill Griffin	29 Greg Yatt Sue Dickie

## DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Rev Martin Songelwa	2 Lesley Lagesen	3 Gershwin Maregele	4 Roger Tinsley	5 Catherina Jeftha	6 <b>Birthday</b> Jonathan Cook
7 Rev Jenny Sprong	8 Rhonwyn Lakay	9 <b>Birthday</b> Anelisa Mhatu	10 Rev Paul Palmer Thandi Xaba	11 Michael Joachims Esinam Tsormetsri	12 The Church of Christ Elliot	13 MCE Bonkambule
14 <b>Birthday</b> Eddie Francis	15 Rev Pierre Naude	16 Rev Vuyisile Ndlovu	17 Maureen Edgar	18 Mrs M Mxadana	19 John Mitchley	20 Jeffrey Mayeza
21 Rev Deon van der Merwe	22 Gail Botha Bob Watson	23 Lynese Morris	24 <b>Birthday</b> Theresa Stuthridge	25 Joy High	26 Pastor Samuel Ndlazi	27 Pastor Amos Matsweli
28 <b>Birthday</b> Andrew Pantland Rev Jacob Mokhutso Risimati Mayeza Rev Paul Palmer	29 Rev Sikhumbuzo Ngema	30 Bhekani Mthetwha	31 <b>Birthday</b> Mary Jacobs Tony James			