



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

NEWSLETTER: 3 OF 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN YOUNG CARR

Young Carr – Warden, Order of Christian Service A Call for South Africa to Turn Back to God

As we enter the third quarter of 2026, I believe the greatest need in our nation is not simply another programme, policy or political argument. South Africa needs to turn again to God.

As Christians, we must be people of prayer, repentance, integrity, compassion and practical service. The Word of God gives us a clear call: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and

I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." – 2 Chronicles 7:14 Let us therefore pray for our President, government, political leaders, community leaders and every person involved in decision-making.

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



We ask the Lord to give them wisdom, discernment, courage and a desire to choose what is right, just and beneficial for South Africa. We do not pray for political parties; we pray for people, for wisdom, and for the good of our nation.

The OCS call remains simple: serve Christ, serve people, and point others to Jesus. Our website is becoming an important tool for this calling, with training, free resources, ministry opportunities, field-worker support, evangelism, missions and ways to connect with OCS. I encourage every member: do not merely read about the work – be part of the work. Pray. Fast. Contact someone who needs encouragement.

Share the Gospel. Use the training resources. Support a field worker. Look for a need in your community and ask, “Lord, how can I serve?” Finally, we give thanks to God for protecting Trevor during the recent robbery ordeal.

We are deeply grateful that he is safe. We continue to pray for Trevor, his family and the OCS leadership, trusting the Lord to bring peace, strength and complete restoration.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.” – Psalm 28:7 May

Quarter 3 be a season of deeper prayer, stronger service and greater opportunities to proclaim Christ.

Young Carr
Warden, Order of Christian Service



WHAT OCS IS FOCUSING ON IN QUARTER 3

The OCS website now brings together a growing range of tools and ministry pathways. Members are encouraged to visit the website regularly and make practical use of what is available.

The Order was founded in 1955 to serve the Church of Jesus Christ by supplying manpower for God's service. That calling remains at the centre of our work.

1. PRAYER, DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

- Build a daily life of prayer, Bible study and Christian fellowship.
- Use the OCS prayer network to share needs and pray for one another.
- Pray for South Africa, its leaders, churches, communities, missionaries and field workers.

2. FIELD WORKERS & PRACTICAL SERVICE

- Encourage Christians who sense a call to practical Christian service.
- Use the website's field-worker information and contact pathways.
- Identify community needs and respond with compassion, prayer and practical help

3. EVANGELISM & MISSION

- Keep the Great Commission central to every area of service.
- Support the developing OCS Department of Evangelism.
- Follow and support missionaries and mission projects as the OCS missions section develops.

4. TRAINING & EQUIPPING MEMBERS

- Use the OCS training and training-partner opportunities to grow in Christian ministry skills.
- Make use of the free resources, Bible tools, e-books and ministry-worker resources on the website.
- Encourage members to become better equipped to serve churches, schools, NPOs and communities.

5. ONLINE MINISTRY & ACCESS

- Use online appointments and digital resources to extend ministry beyond geographical boundaries.
- Share the OCS website with Christian leaders, churches and potential members.

6. PARTNERSHIPS & CORPORATE SUPPORT

- Build relationships with churches, Christian organisations, training providers and businesses.
- Invite corporate partners to help OCS deliver practical assistance and sustainable Christian programmes.



VISIT THE OCS WEBSITE – EQUIP YOURSELF

The website is becoming a practical ministry library. Members should not miss the opportunity to read, watch, learn and share.

Among the current sections are About OCS, Statement of Faith, Ministries, Induction Service, Get an OCS Field Worker,

Online Appointments, Department of Evangelism, Training, Free Resources, OCS Newsletter,

Contact and Our Missions.

FREE RESOURCES TO EXPLORE

- Free Bible access and online Bible reading tools.
- The e-book *Serve and Grow Rich* by YW Carr.
- The e-book *How to Become a Servant Leader* by YW Carr.
- BibleProject resources and Bible study tools.
- Ministry Workers Training resources.
- Additional resources for chaplains and Christian ministry workers.

MINISTRY PATHWAYS

- Home Members – fellowship, discipleship, prayer, training and support for the wider OCS ministry.
- Associate Members – for those who support the ideals of OCS and wish to participate before full membership.
- Field Workers – Christians called to disciplined service and prepared to serve where the Lord opens the way.
- Corporate Partners – businesses and organisations that want to help OCS bring hope and practical assistance to communities.

TRAINING PARTNERS

The OCS website also highlights a growing network of Christian training and ministry partners.

Members should review the Training section and choose programmes that are appropriate to their calling, ministry responsibilities and development needs.

IMPORTANT: Please check the OCS website for the latest information, links and programme availability, as online content is being developed and expanded.



MAKE THE WEBSITE PART OF YOUR WEEKLY ROUTINE

Visit the OCS website, read at least one resource, pray for the work, and share one useful resource with another Christian worker.

Website: orderofchristianservice.co.za



HELP US CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK

We are asking our members, friends, churches and partners to help us build the resources needed to support Christian service.

Our teams and field workers are serving in different places and in different ways. We want to strengthen this work so that members can do more, reach more people and respond to genuine needs.

THE OCS FUNDING DRIVE

- Visit the OCS website and follow the GoGetFunding link.
- Register an OCS project and help us raise support for Christian service projects.
- If you need help setting up the project, please contact Trevor for assistance.
- Share the fundraising project with churches, friends, businesses and Christian supporters.

We are not asking people simply to give money; we are asking people to partner with the mission. Every contribution can help create opportunities for prayer, training, outreach, practical assistance and support for those serving Christ.

NEW MEMBER INCOME STREAM – PROMOTING CHRISTIAN TRAINING

OCS has also launched an opportunity for members to develop an income stream by promoting suitable Christian training programmes to schools, churches, NPOs and other organisations. This initiative is intended to connect Christian training needs with appropriate programmes while creating an opportunity for participating OCS members to earn.

Members interested in this opportunity should review the details on the OCS website and follow the instructions provided there. Please approach this as a ministry opportunity: be honest, professional, service-minded and careful to recommend programmes that genuinely benefit the organisation or person being served.



GOGETFUNDING

Use the GoGetFunding option on the OCS website to start or support an OCS project.

Need help? Contact Trevor.



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CONTINUING THE GOOD WORK – FIELD REPORTS

The work of OCS is not only what appears on a website. It is the people who pray, serve, encourage, visit, teach, evangelise, support families and stand alongside others when life is difficult.

In the previous newsletter, field reports highlighted ministry in Tanzania, chaplaincy and trauma support, Brakpan ministry, prayer fellowship and the daily work of field workers. We thank God for every person who continues faithfully.

QUARTER 3 – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THE TEAMS

- Teams in their respective areas are encouraged to send feedback on what God is doing.
- Please share testimonies, ministry activities, prayer needs and photographs where appropriate.
- Reports should highlight both challenges and answered prayer.
- Use the reports to encourage the wider OCS family to pray and participate.

OUR PRAYER FOCUS

- For South Africa to turn to God and for revival in the Church.
- For wisdom, discernment and integrity among national, provincial and local leaders.
- For protection and strength for OCS members, chaplains, missionaries and field workers.
- For Trevor and his family, thanking God for his protection and safety.
- For provision so that OCS can support members and projects effectively.
- For new members, new partners and open doors for evangelism.
- For wisdom as OCS develops its training, evangelism, missions and digital resources.

A WEEKLY OCS CHALLENGE

Choose one person each week to encourage in the name of Jesus. Pray for them, contact them, listen to them, and if the opportunity comes, tell them what Christ has done in your life.

Let us be known not only for what we believe, but for how faithfully we serve.



CHRISTIAN READING & WATCH LIST

TWO BOOKS TO READ DURING QUARTER 3

1. **The Purpose Driven Life** – Rick Warren A practical book for reflecting on purpose, worship, service, fellowship and discipleship. It fits well with the OCS emphasis on discovering how our lives can be used in God's service.
2. **Knowing God** – J. I. Packer A classic Christian work encouraging believers to move beyond merely knowing about God toward a deeper knowledge of God and His character. It is especially useful for strengthening the spiritual foundation behind Christian service.

FOUR CHRISTIAN VIDEOS WORTH WATCHING

- **BibleProject** – “How to Read the Bible Overview” – a helpful introduction to the Bible's literary styles and how to read Scripture well.
- **Desiring God / John Piper** – “Desiring God Through Fasting and Prayer, Session 1” – a strong reminder of the spiritual value of seeking God through prayer and fasting.
- **The Chosen** – Official Trailer – an engaging visual introduction to the series portraying the life and ministry of Jesus and His followers.
- **John Piper** – “How to Pray Like Jesus” – a focused teaching on the Lord's Prayer and making God's glory central to our prayers.

Watch with discernment: Compare everything you hear with Scripture, and use Christian media as a doorway into Bible reading, prayer and discussion rather than as a substitute for the Word of God. Recommended online resources and the BibleProject are also highlighted in the OCS Free Resources section.

1 BibleProject How to Read the Bible Overview	2 Desiring God Fasting & Prayer – Session 1
3 The Chosen Official Trailer	4 John Piper How to Pray Like Jesus



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A FINAL WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Dear OCS members, friends and partners,

There are times when the work feels slow, resources seem limited and the needs around us appear greater than our ability to respond. But the Lord has never asked us to do His work in our own strength. He calls us to be faithful.

Keep praying. Keep fasting. Keep serving. Keep encouraging one another. Keep opening doors for the Gospel. Keep believing that God can use ordinary people who are willing to say, “Here I am, Lord. Send me.”

Let us remember that the work belongs to Christ. We are His servants. Our responsibility is faithfulness; the results are in His hands

“BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.” – ISAIAH 40:31

OUR PRAYER FOR QUARTER 3

Father God, we pray for South Africa. Turn our hearts back to You. Give our leaders wisdom and discernment. Protect our communities. Strengthen Your Church. Give OCS members courage to serve, compassion to care, and boldness to share the Gospel. Provide the resources we need to support the work. Protect our field workers and missionaries, and use every OCS member for Your glory.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THANK YOU TO THE OCS TEAM

My sincere thanks to Tony, Bill, Donald, Philip, Shaun, Trevor and every member and supporter of OCS for your dedication, prayer, encouragement and practical input. Thank you for continuing to build the work of the Order.

Now let us go and do the good work God has placed before us.

Young Carr (YW Carr) Warden – Order of Christian Service

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STAY CONNECTED WITH OCS

Use the website regularly for the latest OCS information,
resources and opportunities to serve.

OCS WEBSITE	https://orderofchristianservice.co.za/
GOGETFUNDING	https://gogetfunding.com/
OCS FREE RESOURCES	Bible tools • e-books • BibleProject • Ministry Workers Training
MINISTRY	Home Members • Associate Members • Field Workers • Corporate Partners
FOCUS	Prayer • Evangelism • Training • Missions • Community Service • Partnerships

OCS MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1955, the Order of Christian Service exists to serve the Church of Jesus Christ by supplying manpower for all types of employment in God's service.

QUARTER 3 REMINDER

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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.

Tumshukuru Mungu, Praise the Lord, my Work and Residence Permits have been approved for a further 2-year period. After many, many months of being in limbo, they have been approved and are valid until July 2028. The whole process has been rather long and protracted, but I believe God led me to Festo (a complete stranger, whose name was given to me as someone who may be able to help me). He has been ultra helpful, going out of his way to help me, despite it not being his job, and expecting nothing in return. The last person who offered to help me wanted \$1000 (on top of the government fees), so Festo truly is a Godsend.

I was reflecting on some of my much-loved moments over the last year in Tanzania, when ‘My Favourite Things’ from the Sound of Music popped into my head, and like all good earworms, the song dug right in and played on repeat in my head for days. “Raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens, bright copper kettles and warm woollen mittens” might be right up there for Maria, but they are not my favourite things, especially not in my current context.

Like Maria, I want to share with you the things that have warmed my heart over the years in Tanzania.

Mama Rehema

I am commonly known as Mama Rehema, and in my role as ‘mother of the Rehema employees’, not only do I get to work and worship with this diverse group of beautiful, God-fearing women, but I get to share life’s ups and downs with them, go to weddings with them, rejoice the birth of a new baby with them, go to funerals with them - I get to celebrate with them, I get to mourn with them, I get to live life with them – they are my family and I love them.

Honoured and Humbled

Usually, when a baby is born, it is given the name of one of its grandparents or parents, so it was both a great surprise as well as a huge honour when Anna named her baby ‘Kenneth’ after my father who had passed away in 2016. Similar honour was bestowed on me when a young girl named her baby after my late mother, Xandra, and our gardener named his daughter ‘Heather’. She is the sweetest little ray of sunshine and will melt your heart. I am humbled by their generosity.

Celebrations

The Tanzanian culture is a very respectful one and the ladies who work in the café have taken that concept, expanded on it and have started something of a beautiful tradition. They spent the last 8 months celebrating the lives of their colleague’s parents. Each month they travel to the home of the parents of one of their colleagues for the weekend, and they spoil them and honour them. A huge ‘sherehe’ (party) is planned, the extended family, friends and neighbours are all invited. I am fortunate and privileged enough to have attended the last 3 celebrations. They treat the parents as if they are royalty for the day, they pray for them, they shower them with gifts, they cook them a meal, they sing, they dance, there is a bit of pantomime, a bit of banter, and a lot of fun, love and respect.

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Servant Hearts

My friend Zachariah is a pastor with the Anglican Church and his wife, Esther, works for Rehema. Zachariah's mum sadly passed away recently. Funerals and grieving are a very important part of Tanzanian life and culture, and if someone close to you passes away, family and friends will arrive 'en-masse' at your home to pay their respects to the deceased and to grieve. It is expected that you will provide chai and food, somewhere to sleep, somewhere to sit, etc for all the visitors for as long as they are in your home (which could be days). This responsibility fell to 7 month pregnant Esther! We were supposed to be starting literacy lessons at Rehema on the day of the funeral so we rang around everyone to tell them to go to Zachariah and Esther's home in Songambebe to commiserate with them instead. When we arrived, Esther was slaving away over hot fires, cooking rice and beans for hundreds of people, fetching water. She had next to no help and the Rehema ladies without question simply rolled up their sleeves and helped Esther with the huge amount of work that needed to be done. Once all the food prep was complete and buckets, and buckets of water had been collected, they all sat outside and sang hymns and worship songs for at least 2 hours in the blazing sun whilst everyone ate their food and waited for the service to start. I hope this doesn't sound patronising (although as their 'mama' I think I'm allowed to say it) - I felt so proud to be associated with this servant-hearted and loving group of Rehema employees who didn't ask any questions, but just got stuck in with the hard work and then kept everyone entertained. They are a shining example of everything the Rehema Project stands for.

Assistance

Rehema Assistance is our 'raison d'être' and aims to benefit women and children whose basic needs aren't met. Just last week a woman was referred to us. Her husband died recently and she is struggling to look after their four children. We gave her money for food as they hadn't eaten in days, and are currently discussing the possibility of giving her a micro loan together with some business skills training so that she can start a small business, thus enabling her to become self-sufficient. Her situation is distressing, but I thank God that the Assistance programme exists and we are able, through God's grace, to help her and people like her.

Of course, there are no guarantees in life and there were many heart-breaking moments to counter happy times. The good news is, however, that when times are bad, we know that there is a much better alternative than focussing on 'things' - instead we can turn our eyes from our problems to our Saviour Jesus Christ, and know He will help us carry the load.

Heather Johnstone



Greetings in the name of our Last Lord Jesus Christ.

Ministry or mission work may not always look the same but the one constant need will remain and that is sharing the love of Jesus in a tangible way even if it looks different.

Kind regards
Liz Harrison
"For A Time Such as This"



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A REPORT FROM PHILIP STONEMAN

Dear Friends

Reporting Period: 8 May - 30 July

This period was marked by meaningful ministry opportunities across community, workplace, and emergency service environments. Through more than 70 counselling, trauma support, outreach, and pastoral care engagements, we were privileged to walk alongside individuals and families facing crisis, loss, and life's challenges. Our team includes both Chaplains and secular Trauma Support Volunteers. We continue to provide trauma support awareness and training to a growing network of online members.

Alongside these ministry activities, this period has also been one of personal reflection. Following a recent visit with a victim of a home invasion, I left feeling that all I could do was listen. Although listening is often important, I questioned whether I had truly made a difference. At times, this feeling extends into other areas of ministry. One difficult call I attended was the suicide of someone whose family I had known for many years. This was not easy, and officiating the funeral was both challenging but meaningful.

One personal challenge has been my leadership. While I remain committed to serving others, I have found myself wrestling with self-doubt more than in previous years. Leading fellow chaplains and helping guide ministry direction has felt increasingly difficult, often leaving me questioning whether I am leading effectively.

These challenges have driven me to seek God's wisdom, guidance, confidence, and courage more intentionally. Leadership is never easy, and ministry was never meant to be carried in our own strength alone.

I have also reflected on the transition from trauma support to counselling and spiritual guidance. While responding to immediate crises comes naturally, helping people move toward deeper healing and spiritual restoration can be more challenging. At times, I sense that some of the passion and energy that once came so easily is not burning quite as brightly.

Perhaps this is related to age, life stage, or simply a season of growth. Increasingly, I find myself asking, "Where to from here?" and "What now?"

Yet these questions continue to draw me into deeper dependence on God. Importantly, I am not in a place of crisis. Rather, I believe I'm in a reasonably healthy place spiritually and continue to experience God's faithfulness and sustaining grace.

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Personal and Family Update

One ongoing challenge has been our vehicle situation. After three years of recurring mechanical issues and repair expenses, the vehicle is now no longer operational. We have decided to sell it, knowing we are unlikely to recover much of its value. While disappointing, we are grateful that the ongoing cycle of repairs will finally come to an end. We trust God for His provision and would appreciate prayer that the right buyer will come along at the right price. On another personal level, I started playing drums again (every couple week at our church we attend) and the spark of drumming has ignited the same passion in my youngest. We practise our rudiments testing each other. This has been a great change from other work and ministry work!!!

Closing Thoughts

I remain grateful for every opportunity to serve, encourage, and support people during some of life's most difficult moments. This season has highlighted both the needs of others and the importance of tending to one's own spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Despite moments of uncertainty and reflection, I remain encouraged by God's presence and by the privilege of serving in this calling.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership. Your support enables us to continue bringing compassionate care, practical assistance, emotional support, and the hope of Christ into places of crisis, grief, and uncertainty.

Blessings,

Philip Stoneman

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A REPORT FROM TERESA STUTHRIDGE

Hi All

Hi all, Trevor has asked me to do this report but I am currently really struggling with the idea of everything that is going on. So, I am writing under duress. As you will know from previous reports, I have been doing my very best to keep things going at Brakpan without much assistance from the Presbytery etc. It has been an incredible challenge and unfortunately, I am not winning this round. We still have our congregation although it is not large there are still people attending each and every week.

So, I was given a report prepared by one of the assessors who has decided that our “congregation is not in good health and as such it is intended to disband the church/congregation and auction/sell the property forthwith”. Following that shock I received a phone call on Saturday informing me that they do not intend to disband the congregation but are planning to dispose of our buildings. What this means for me in real terms is not yet apparent but I will be meeting with them soon and will know more. My current understanding is that we will move the congregation to another place and rent a space somewhere but that is still to be confirmed.

I will be honest I have been preparing for the possibility of having to find extra work so that I would not need to stop serving at Brakpan but this came as quite a shock to my senses today ... our church has been serving the Brakpan community for over 110 years and the whole thing is just thrown aside as if it doesn't matter.

The congregation has not yet been informed and I feel that that is not my responsibility so I will wait for the “big wigs” to come and have that pleasure.

For myself this means that I will need to consider what to do next but in the interim I have reached out to a few people. If any of the OCS members have any contacts etc please let me know so that I can hopefully find something soon. Things haven't been going very well this side. We have been living off the very little that I earn as my husband is also struggling to get work in and the jobs that they do manage to get seem to be for free as people in the business world are under the impression that a small business doesn't need to be paid.

I would ask that you pray for our circumstances that my husband (James) and his partner (Brent) can finally have some financial relief. Obviously if you could pray for me going forward that would be very much appreciated.

Blessings to all

Pst. Teresa Stuthridge

Psalm 46:10

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A REPORT FROM STEVE HOLGATE

Dear fellow OCS members,

2026 has been a year of significant change - some of it costly, and some of it deeply encouraging - as I continue to feel my way into full-time ministry and Christian counselling.

I continue to lead two services a month at St. Michael's Presbyterian in Springs, as I have done for the last two to three years, and it remains one of the great privileges of my ministry to be woven so closely into that small congregation's life. Sadly, the congregation has dwindled to the point where it can no longer sustain the cost of running and maintaining the building. While we continue to meet for now, negotiations are underway to sell the building to another church community. Once that is finalised, St. Michael's will in all likelihood wind down as a congregation within the UPCSA, with members either joining the new community or dispersing to others. I would value your prayers for the congregation, and for me, through this closing chapter.

I continue to serve regularly at Edenhaven, Thornhill Manor and Edenvillage retirement villages, which remains a steady and life-giving part of my preaching ministry.

I also continue to be part of the men's fellowship with Brothers in Christ, Edenvale, meeting every Friday morning, where I bring the message once a month. This continues to be a significant source of renewal for me, and much of what sustains me for the other ministries I am involved in.

Renewed Living, my counselling and mediation practice, continues to grow steadily within the Gauteng community. Alongside the individual, couples, and family counselling work, my mediation and parenting coordination practice continues to develop, and I have been building out a full suite of professional documentation and client resources to support that growth. In April, I completed training in Restorative Justice, which is already feeding into my approach to mediation and pre-mediation work.

This year I also began exploring a second location for Renewed Living in Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, where some of my family live - including my grandchildren! A strong connection has developed with the parish secretary of the Catholic church there, who has offered me space to work from, which I will begin using this coming week (21 August). I would appreciate your prayers as I discern whether, and how, to build a lasting presence in Howick.

This growth has coincided with a significant change: after many years, my IT contract with ABSA came to an end in July and was not renewed. While it closes a chapter that has long funded much of my ministry and study, it has also sharpened

my sense that the time has come to commit fully to counselling, mediation, and pastoral ministry as my vocation, rather than balancing it around a corporate career.

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In August, I began my Master’s degree in Christian Counselling (MTh) at the South African Theological Seminary, building on the BTh(Hons), which I completed cum laude last year.

I am also developing a six-week marriage course, and beginning to plan a couples’ retreat weekend - both still in early stages, but I wanted to let you know they are underway, as my focus for now is on other pressing matters.

On the home front, our next trip to Howick will be an especially joyful one: our grandson turns three on 23 August, and on that same day I will have the privilege of leading his sister’s dedication.

Please pray with me for the continued growth of Renewed Living, particularly now that it must fully sustain me and my family, and for further opportunities to serve in a pastoral capacity within local churches, both here in Edenvale and further afield.

Blessings to all

Steve Holgate



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A NOTE FROM BRENT EUSTICE

To talk about my ministry, I have to talk about a large part of my life as I was privileged to have been brought up in a home that was a believing home and every Sunday morning was filled with time at Sunday School from as far back as I can remember.

At a young age I started to teach in a Sunday School class, this developed until eventually landed up spending all my Sunday Mornings sharing with the Young Adults Church, which was a blessing in itself.

I did attend a Catholic school, namely Christian Brothers College which too played an important part in my life as religious instruction was not even a choice but rather a very real way of life.

So unlike so many I can't define a moment of great emotional experience when my life turned direction as I responded to a call from God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Don't misunderstand me I did receive a call during our confirmation camp which was a deep and emotional experience, but instead of being life changing my relationship with God changed immensely. realizing the chasm that was between me and God and the very act of Jesus my Christ that transcended that gap to bridge my relationship with God. So, it became very real to me that through no act of my own I could enter into the presence of God by His Grace and B by His Grace alone.

I must add that I have an immense passion for Jesus my Christ, His Love, His Compassion, His wisdom, His ministry, His ability to draw alongside someone no matter who, and have a profound influence in their experience of Life.

So, at the age of 20 in 1976 I approached our local minister and requested that I receive note to preach, which was the beginning of a long journey which I am still travelling. As you all know it is a road that never ends and is never exhausted, it is often a journey of self-sacrifice with untold Blessings as we are coastally filled by the Holy Spirit. I still hear myself telling God how unworthy and unprepared I am to minister on His behalf; however, I make myself available for Him to use me as He need to.

So, over the majority of my life, I have fulfilled preaching appointments not only in the Methodist church but in any place that He sends me to. I have filled pulpits in the Presbyterian Church The Methodist church, Norman House, a church for the Deaf, Retirement Villages, schools, camping sites, Emmaus Walks.

I too am a member of our Praise and Worship team, so no weekends off. I started at Sunday School leading with my guitar, this never ended but now find myself playing a trumpet in our worship team, which brings some dynamics to our singing especially when a sudden change of key is introduced to make the vocals easy to attain, leaving me bewildered and playing catchup.

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NS 4:5

My understanding of the personality of Jesus is that He was able to draw people into Himself where they found sincerity and total compassion and rest unto their very souls, my prayer is that through my limited ability to represent Him, people could feel lead to experience Him still today.

Blessings to you all
Brent Eustice



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A NOTE FROM ARNO DOLZ

Hi All

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. My name is Arno Dölz, born 21 October 1959 married to Shirley since 1982. We are blessed with three children and six grandchildren. Ordained 14th June 2020.

I have been involved in Wilderness at Wilderness Christian Fellowship (WCF) since 2022 having moved to Sedgefield from Gauteng. WCF is a non-denominational church.

I have been serving on the eldership team together with our Pastor and four other elders. We all have different ministry gifts. Occasionally I am called on to minister on certain Sundays, we do communion three Sundays a month and I regularly do short teachings focusing on different aspects of communion. I write a monthly inspirational article for our congregational newsletter.

My calling is discipleship through teaching and preaching the truth of the Word. Equipping believers to share their faith, or meet tangible needs. Weekly bible school, discipling the next generation, serving families in our local and surrounding communities, setting up small groups and providing biblical counselling and support when called upon. We have a strong outreach evangelism team active in many local and surrounding communities.

Prayer is the engine of everything we do, and we deeply value your partnership in intercession. Please join us in praying that God would grant us wisdom, creativity, and steadfast courage as we seek to reach and serve others. For divine opportunities to connect with individuals who are searching for hope, community, and a deeper relationship with Jesus. That our team, volunteers, and the broader church body would remain united in love, anchored in faith, and spiritually refreshed.

Your servant in Christ

Arno.

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A NOTE FROM DENIS MC DONALD

R & R Ministries Boksburg

Our logo says, “Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God”, which is a simple truth we live by.

Our meetings are held in the Girl Guide hall in Boksburg, a venue that we are very grateful for. It has been amazing to be on the receiving end of God’s goodness and to witness His provision.

R & R started as a ministry out of the difficult circumstances left by the end of another ministry. One thing we are certain of is that no-one is beyond God’s reach or rescue, even the people that no-one seems to notice.

When we consider the variety of backgrounds and customs of the people that attend services, we realize that only God can bring such diverse people together, keep them together and have such unity amongst them.

It is great to serve God in a family of believers who care, who encourage one another. Our striving to be real and relevant comes from Paul’s words in his letter to the Romans where he encourages them not to be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people and not to think that they know it all (Rom 12:16 NLT)



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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Members

I greet you all in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who have contributed towards the Order over the years, financially and through prayer as well as sharing God's love towards others.

You all can vouch, that God has used The Order in many ways, through your own testimonies.

As you know the Order supports its Field Workers financially each month by means of a small stipend. We unfortunately find ourselves in a very difficult situation. At this stage there is enough monies to support our Field Workers for another 4 months. Thereafter our funds would be depleted.

We are also wanting to do more practical outreach and appoint additional Field Workers to spread the Gospel. To do this we need finance to do so.

I am hereby making a request, if you are in the position to do so, to support the Order financially, on a once off or monthly basis, so that we can continue supporting our Field Workers and do the outreach we intend to do. Please be assured that all donations made goes directly to the Field Workers. No monies are used for administration purposes.

The banking details are as follows:

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Yours in Service

Trevor Harrison

Treasurer

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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

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BLESSINGS,
WARDEN YOUNG CARR
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OCS PRAYER WHATSAPP GROUP

Greetings to all of our OCS friends

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all for allowing me to be God's servant as I serve Him as Secretary and Treasurer for the Order.

Since May 2025, a WhatsApp Prayer Group has been created. The purpose of this group is, as it is called, to pray. I have been encouraged and blessed to be able to pray for each person daily. Those who are linked to the group, sends requests for us to pray, for themselves and those whom they know and love.

As we know the importance prayer is in a Christian's life, I would like to invite you to join the group and let us pray together.

The link to join the OCS Prayer Group is:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GRoI7IZOFy193IqnE9isSR?mode=gi_t

If there is anyone you would like us to include in our monthly/yearly prayer calendar, please send me a message via WhatsApp or email

Blessings

Trevor Harrison

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Elize Fortuin	2 Birthday Selby Mtshali	3 Stella Clarke Sally Yatt	4 Biance Viljoen Barbara Underhill	5 Rev Tony Bethke
6 EA Jacobs Marnus van der Berg	7 Claudia Martin	8 Birthday Rev Johann Ebershon	9 Birthday Dumisani Madi	10 Tertius Dormehl Aline Edmonds	11 Birthday Elizabeth Zikalala	12 Birthday Anita Fichet Mandy le Bruyns
13 Rev James Adams Mpho Makhanya	14 Heather Johnstone (Tanzania)	15 Paula Steenkamp Rev Phillip S hongwe	16 Sabelo Matsweli	17 Che-lee Siljeur	18 Birthday Rev Vernon Steynberg	19 Evelyn Charles Mrs Berriman
20 Birthday Helaine Deacon	21 Philip Fourie	22 Sue Tinsley Gideon van der Berg	23 Birthday Liz Harrison Janet Brodrick Linda Tomlinson	24 John Rogers	25 Leigh Roberts Nico/Mandy Erasmus	26 Birthday Xolani Mkalali
27 Malcolm Sainsbury	28 Brent Eucisw	29 Laura Simkins	30 Birthday James Stuthridge			

OCTOBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Birthday Hugh Till	2 Winnie Norman Rev Eric Dorey	3 Jack Wilson Rev Harvey Berriman
4 Birthday Tertius Dormehl	5 Birthday Craig Schoombie	6 Siphiwe Madi Hilary Coventry	7 Birthday Rev Edwin Myers (England)	8 Birthday Annamarie Alexander	9 Tom Noot Christopher Ramm	10 Birthday Soliwe Ngeongolo Anja-Human Hendricks
11 Joseph Maluleke Ralph Hayton	12 Norman Jobson Rev Andile Mbete	13 Amanda January Matthew Mellem	14 Coral Bowler Rev Jonathan Hobson	15 Louise Carr Rev Ike Moloabi	16 Birthday Joy Bennet Joann Julius	17 Mandy Le Bruyns Maxine Cloete
18 Mrs Dlamini Martin Erasmus	19 Miss Dailin Hector Jack Wilson	20 Estelle Hudson Rev Gosford Kulu	21 Birthday Arno Dolz	22 Jodie Matthys Mrs Radebe	23 Rev Johann Ebershon June Gray	24 Rev Fikile Makananda Malcolm Sainsbury
25 Cheryl Fulton Jean Warburton	26 Birthday Connie Skews	27 Mrs Vumazonke and family	28 Rev Lucky Mngomezulu	29 Birthday Donald Cloete	30 Birthday Letitia Magane	31 Lyn-Marie McCrystal and family

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NOVEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Birthday Andrea Schoombie	2 Cheryl Fulton Pat le Vatte	3 Gaynor Jantjies	4 Gerald Nienaber Melanie Gray	5 Birthday Hilary Evans	6 Birthday Christian Futshane	7 Herman Groenewald
8 James High Bryan Jacobs	9 Jamilla Malikusi	10 Birthday Rodney Baumeister	11 Mr and Mrs David Jacobs	12 Birthday Aaron Modiselle	13 Daryl Cloete Mrs Hanse	14 Carmen Gertze
15 Trevor Harrison Tsietso Nkondo	16 Rev John Gertze Nompikiso Hesewu	17 Ian Lamont Karin Garrett	18 Birthday Ivan Fitchet Barbara Steynburg	19 Frances Miya Bernadine Adams	20 Carol Madi Tobeka Hafiyeke	21 Jacqueline Bruce
22 Rev Derrick Joliffe Archie Green	23 Christa Holgate	24 Hendrick Hanse	25 Nosipho Cele	26 Birthday Debra van Wyk	27 Birthday Eileen Russell	28 Birthday Bill Griffin Pastor Ivan Fitchet
29 Greg Yatt Sue Dickie	30 Mpumelelo Mbono					

DECEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rev Martin Songelwa	2 Lesley Lagesen Trevor Hingle	3 Gershwin Maregele	4 Roger Tinsley Jenny Ingpen	5 Birthday Rev Sandy Dickie
6 Birthday Jonathan Cook	7 Rev Jenny Sprong	8 MCE Bonkambule	9 Birthday Anelisa Mhata	10 Rev Paul Palmer Thandi Xaba	11 Michael Joachims Esinam Tsormetsri	12 The Church of Christ Elliot
13 Jarod Wood Rhonwyn Lakay	14 Birthday Eddie Francis	15 Rev Vuyisile Ndlovu	16 Birthday Catherina Jeftha	17 Maureen Edgar	18 Mrs M Mxadana	19 John Mitchley
20 Jeffrey Mayeza	21 Deon van der Merwe	22 Gail Botha Brent Eucsicw	23 Lynese Morris	24 Birthday Teresa Stuthridge	25 Joy High Amos Matsweli	26 Pastor Samuel Ndlazi
27 Birthday Willie Ingpen	28 Birthday Andrew Pantland Rev Jacob Mokhutso Risimati Mayeza Rev Paul Palmer	29 Rev Sikhumbuzo Ngema	30 Bhekani Mthetwha Raye Cullingworth	31 Birthday Tony James		