



# Unveilings

A celebration of  
St Stithians College landmarks

## THE BISHOP MALINGA GATE



Bishop Purity Malinga

The Bishop Malinga Gate (formerly the Peter Place gate) was built in 1995. At that time, the increase in traffic heading towards Sandton meant that a second entrance into the school was needed to afford parents easy access to Peter Place and on to William Nicol Drive. An access road and gate house was built on Erf 33.

Nomthandazo Nobuhle Purity Malinga was born and raised in the small rural town of Cabazi in Ixopo, KwaZulu-Natal and is a qualified teacher. She worked as a teacher for five years before entering the ministry in 1981. Bishop Malinga was the fourth woman to be ordained by the Southern African Methodist Church in its history. She would later become the first woman Bishop and Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Southern Africa in 2019.

Bishop Malinga holds a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University. She previously served as the Deputy President of the South African Council of Churches, the Chairperson of the KZN Council of Churches, a member of the Diakonia Council of Churches and also as a lecturer at the Federal Theological Seminary and John Wesley College.

In Bishop Malinga, the Methodist church has a preacher, an educator, a theologian and a chief pastor. This is significant because the role of a Presiding Bishop is to provide pastoral oversight to the ministers, especially the bishops and the broader Methodist community.

**St Stithians College is proud to rename this gate in honour of Bishop Purity Malinga's outstanding achievements.**



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