



FOUNDERS' DAY 2023

Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Saturday 3 June

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ST STITHIANS
COLLEGE

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



“Joy and fulfilment comes from the feeling that every day we are contributing to something bigger.”

Simon Sinek



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 08:00 Refreshments for sale
- 09:45 All students seated; staff assemble at the Boys' Sports Pavilion
- 09:55 Staff Procession and Marimbas/Djembe Drums
- 10:00 Founders' Day Service on Baytopp Field
Call to Worship: Rev Madika 'Dix' Sibeko (Superintendent Chaplain)
Welcome: Ms Emma Mashilwane (Deputy Chair of Council)
Rector's Address: Mrs Celeste Gilardi
Musical Items, Scripture Readings and Prayers
A celebration of 70 Years: Alumni Guest Speakers
Founder Students 1953: Mr Paul Nash, Prof John Napier
Dr Donald Pupuma (1982), Ms Munene Khoza (2004)
Jozi Nupen (2023), Ethan Gondo (2023)
Gratitudes: Mrs Ntombi Langa-Royds (Chair of Council)
Benediction: Rev Madika 'Dix' Sibeko (Superintendent Chaplain)
- 12:00 Refreshments Served
Parents and Staff on Andries Dlamini Oval
Students return to their schools for refreshments
Exhibitions:
Saints Supporters
(50 Years of Rowing Book/Gardener's Legacy)
- 13:00 Old Stithian Association AGM (One & All Club)

Thank you for maintaining our green campus by using the refuse bins.



Rector's Foreword



On behalf of our family of eight schools, it is an honour to welcome you to our 2023 Founders' Day Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. I am grateful to you, to our staff, students, our parents, and invited guests, for being here today with us. It is you who inspire us to dream into the future.

As we celebrate together the most significant High Day in our community, we give thanks not only to our Founding Fathers and Mothers, but, to all people – both those whose stories are well-known, and those whose stories are not often heard in our Saints' history. Here, at Founders' Day, we honour those who led and those who followed; those who were privileged, and those who were not. The vision, resources, and labour of all whose toil built our College on this ancient piece of land are acknowledged with humility and a deep and conscientised sense of appreciation.

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Treasures are such because they are rare. And so, it is fitting that a 70th anniversary is symbolised by platinum. This precious metal is a symbol of strength and enduring love. Materially, it is prized for being both resistant to corrosion, and as a catalyst. The symbolism is apt: the school our Founders began has evolved into a resilient community known for being a change agent oriented toward the common good. Such are the treasures we continue to seek and to celebrate.

I am grateful that, over the years, so many of you have shared your treasures – your love and strength – with us. Together, we have faced some daunting challenges. We know the future will bring others. Yet I believe we have stayed true to the vision of the Founders. And we shall continue to do so. Their vision was to create a school that develops its students into adults

who go out into the world as people of good character, people whose humility empowers them to serve humanity.

Perhaps as never before, our students need to be even more committed to leveraging the privilege of a St Stithians education in service of the common good on this, our beautiful God-given Earth, our only, our shared, home.

Our speakers today, Old Stithians, each of whom graduated in different years, are shining examples of people who bring about changes inspired by a deeply instilled sense of purpose. These, our alumni, are individuals who have the skills, knowledge, and strength of character to make their sense of purpose come alive, whose standards of excellence have made a world of difference. They are resilient change agents. They themselves are founders.

Our speakers' graduation days span many Saints' decades. I look forward to being inspired by their accounts. It is not often that we are able to be part of such a generational collection of wisdom. And, although we are hearing just a sample of the many Saints' stories, it would be wonderful to hear all the accounts of Stithians alumni spread across the world. There are many of you here with us today who have achieved so much, making many worlds of difference. As a community, we would wish to celebrate each and every one.

As we work to fulfill the vision of the Founders, we always come back to that which gives us our solid foundation - our Methodist beliefs. In the Old Testament, people of faith are exhorted to search and seek for wisdom 'as for hidden treasure' (Proverbs 2: 1-5). In the New Testament, we read that 'where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Matthew 6: 19-21). Jesus told his disciples to let the children come to him without hindrance. As we celebrate our 70th year, we reaffirm that our collective College heart continues to seek the wisdom and knowledge of God, and to treasure the children entrusted to us.

Our theme for 2023 is taken from the inscription on the foundation stone in the Chapel: 'A Legacy of Happy Fulfillment.' A legacy is a gift of money or property, something passed down from one's ancestors. It is also a word indicating special belonging in a school based on the bonds of family networks. All these nuances apply to how our College came into being - and



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yet, not without contestation. They continue to ignite our imagination for the legacy we shall leave.

In 2023, our theme is fitting as we celebrate the anniversary of the laying of the Chapel foundation stone. I believe that we, as did the Founders, continue to hear the call to service 'from the heights of Olivet'. And I believe there are astonishing opportunities for us to understand, in new ways, what 'A Legacy of Happy Fulfillment' could mean - for all. Today's world, including St Stithians College, looks very different from that of 70 years ago. We indeed must make a world of difference.

So, there is joyous and impactful work to be done as we build on the inspired imagination of the Founders - and all who laboured with them - to bring happy fulfillment to their vision of a Methodist school. Please keep on accompanying us as we progress to our future horizons. Along the way, we know the increasing complexity of our world will present some obstacles. But, above all, there will be, eternally, God's abiding grace and joy. Our past has equipped us for a powerful present so that we might contribute to a more just, equitable and sustainable future for One and All.

Mrs C Gilardi
Rector





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SILENCE DURING THE FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE

As this is a formal service held in the open, we request silence for the duration of the service. Please ensure that your cell phones are switched off.

INFORMATION

Public Relations students will assist our visitors.

EMERGENCIES

Security Staff and Paramedics are located next to the D&T building on the Baytopp Field.

REFRESHMENTS

Served on the Andries Dlamini Oval for Parents and Staff.
Students return to their schools for refreshments.

MAP



"Be Still and Know"

Psalm 46:10

Order of Service

BELL RINGING

(Please rise: Congregation to stand as Staff process)

Commemorating 70 years since 1953

Oratilwe Kwele, Hayley Booysen (Girls' College) and Lungelo Gumede (Boys' College)

CHAPLAIN

Superintendent Chaplain Rev Madika 'Dix' Sibeko (Boys' Prep Chaplain)

*(Congregation to join in saying all the text in **bold print**)*

Call to worship

Legacy of happy fulfilment: Make a joyful noise! (adapted from Psalm 100:1-5)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the Lord Jesus is God!

**It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Jesus; bless His name!

For the Lord is good. In Him we remain happy and fulfilled;

His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness from one generation to another.

LET IT BE SO!

(Congregation to be seated)



WELCOME

Ms Emma Mashilwane
(Deputy Chair: St Stithians
College Council)

(Congregation to rise)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

E Santonga / ML de Villiers
Arranged and Orchestrated by Yvette Schoeman
Soloists: Liyasa Masilela & Kirthana Arran

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa
heso,
Setjhaba sa, South Afrika — South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom
In South Africa our land.



"Be a mentor to others. Your most important legacy is preparing new leaders to carry on your goals."
— Ellen Sauerbrey





**Legacy is not
leaving something
for people. It's
leaving something
in people.**

– Peter Strople

RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Mrs Celeste Gilardi

CHAPLAIN

(Congregation to rise)

Let us pray:

Chaplain's Prayer for Founders' Day

All powerful, Omnipresence and our loving God, we honour and praise You for Your kindness and faithfulness. We gather today, with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings that You have bestowed upon our College for the past seven decades. As we celebrate seventy years of educational excellence founded on Methodist principles, we are mindful of the fact that we walk in the legacy of those who laid the foundations of our College by passing on the Methodist tradition

from our Founders to us. At this Founders' Day, we give thanks for those who have learned about You here, those who have grown in faith here, and those who have made St Stithians College a special place, where we can leave a legacy of happy fulfilment regardless of our background.

Lord Jesus, we ask that You bless those who have gone before us, who believed that You were their way, their truth and their life. We indeed remember them for their vision and hope, courage, faith and the rich legacy they left. We thank You for those who, after so many years, continue to invest their time, resources and for promoting social justice as a way to peace at this place of welcome and wonder.

Holy Spirit, we ask that You help us as the staff, parents and children to always value our time, and each other's efforts at this College. Help us O Lord to always look back in appreciation for what the Founders introduced and passed on unto us by drawing from the rich Wesleyan well and living out the legacy of happy fulfilment. We gather all our prayers and thanksgivings together, by singing the prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ taught His disciples:



**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

LET IT BE SO!

(Congregation to be seated)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Deuteronomy 6:5-9 NIV)

Read by Thandulwazi Student Andile Mkhabela (Gr 12, The King's School, Discovery)

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(John 3:16-21 NIV)

Read by Kwande Bam (Boys' College Deputy Head Boy)

For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD

THANKS BE TO GOD



THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

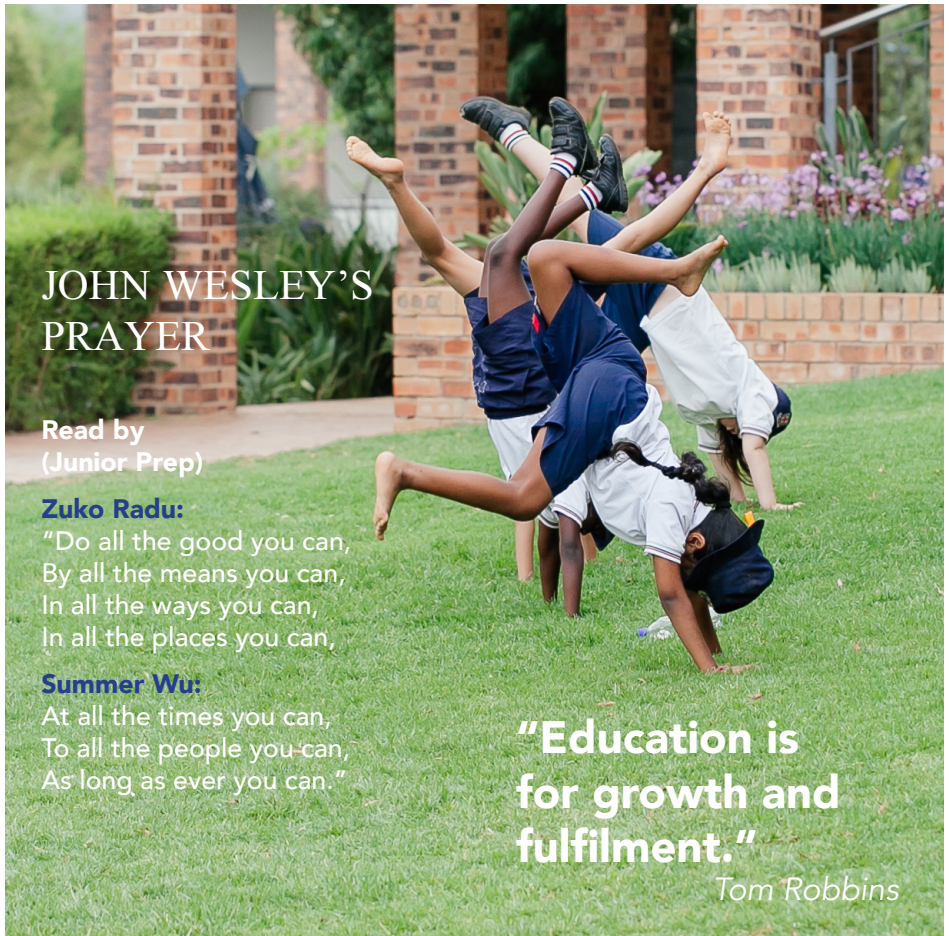
(1John 3:1, 23-24 NIV)

**Read by Rufaro Kawelenga and Liyakhanya Ndamane
(Girls' College Deputy Head Girls)**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD

THANKS BE TO GOD



JOHN WESLEY'S PRAYER

Read by
(Junior Prep)

Zuko Radu:

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,

Summer Wu:

At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

**"Education is
for growth and
fulfilment."**

Tom Robbins



JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL ITEM

Traditional African Medley

Arrangement by Taryn Clur

Shosholoza – African Traditional - isiZulu/
Ndebele mix

Mmangwane – African Traditional - SeSotho

Imphuku Nekati – African Traditional children's
song (no known composer) isiXhosa

Whakazi Mula – African Gospel (Joyous
Celebration) isiZulu

Bhombela – African Traditional - isiXhosa



*Chapel Windows:
The Eye of God & Joy
by Paul Blomkamp*

(Congregation to rise)

THE COLLEGE HYMN

Be Thou My Vision - Irish Traditional Melody
Orchestration by Christo Jankowitz and Yvette Schoeman

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true child;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower;
O Raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O Grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.



PRAYERS

Let us pray:

Read by Swazikazi Ntuli (Girls' Prep Student)

We praise God as we celebrate 70 years of educational excellence founded on Methodist principles and ethos. We glorify the Lord at this Founders' Day for the generosity and vision of our Founders, and for the inspiration of those who have lived out this vision in succeeding generations.

We give thanks this day!

Read by Emma Chater (Girls' Prep Student)

For the wisdom, discernment, leadership and service of past and present trustees, council members, sub-committees of the council, parent-teacher association members and other committees of the College.

We give thanks this day!

Read by Noah Gondo (Boys' Prep Student)

We give thanks and pray for all who have served, taught and are working in this College, for inspiration, dedication, passion, guidance, discipline and excellent education.

Read by Alexander Carle (Boys' Prep Student)

We give thanks and pray for all our parents, present and past, who contribute and create opportunity and community in this our College, sharing and shaping our life journey.

We give thanks this day!

Read by Gianna Matsose (Girls' Prep Student)

We give thanks and pray for all our students, present and past, who learn and grow as young people, giving expression to their talents and gifts. We realise that we have great opportunities and a vast potential for doing good.

We give thanks this day!

Read by Ndzalama Mkhari (Girls' Prep Student)

We give thanks and pray for all those who have gone forth from this College as Old Stithians. May the relations and bonds between our alumni and all the stakeholders remain strong at this College of Eight Schools.

We give thanks this day!

Read by Alvin Anthonyrajah (Boys' Prep Student)

We give thanks and pray for our beautiful Campus with its facilities, fields, grasslands, water and trees. Thank you to all who maintain and care for this campus of welcome and wonder. Help us to care for your creation and be responsible stewards of all you have entrusted to us.

We give thanks this day!

Read by James Van Tonder (Boys' Prep Student)

For all that we have given and gained through our involvement in our eight schools; for our diversity as One and All, for friendship and belonging; for all the precious memories; for the opportunities of each new day; for the legacy of happy fulfilment we are experiencing daily and for the hopes of the future.

We give thanks this day!

LET IT BE SO!



THE COLLEGE PRAYER

Read by Rev Thandeka Dintlhe (Junior Prep Chaplain), Rev Elroy Kekana (Boys' College Chaplain) and Rev Philippa Cole (Girls' College Chaplain)

Let us pray:

Dear God,
Let my purpose each day be to honour You,
I seek to praise You through faithful service,
I seek to honour You through dedicated worship,
I long to be filled with the fruit of Your Spirit
So that I may journey along a path of prayer
Towards knowing You as my God.

Let my purpose each day be to honour others,
Let me seek to respect and value each person that I meet,
And see You reflected in my neighbour.
Help me to journey towards finding the beauty in others.
Help me to journey towards building others
Through co-operation rather than competition,
And towards an understanding of You as my God.

Let my purpose each day be to learn to honour self,
Allow me to grow in moral courage so that I may express the truth,
Allow me to find the strength to live a disciplined life.
I ask You to walk beside me,
As I journey from loneliness to solitude,
Towards a discovery of the uniqueness of self,
And a personal knowledge of You as my God.

Amen.

Statement of Spirituality



**HONOUR GOD
HONOUR OTHERS
HONOUR SELF**

Click/scan here for the updated Statement of Spirituality



*Matric Class of
2023*



On Founders' Day each year we welcome the parents of the Matric Class to take their seats on the field in recognition of this milestone year and the important role that our parents play in the St Stithians College journey.

Thank you #OneAndAll.





MUSICAL ITEM



Hall of Fame – The Script

Arranged by Yvette Schoeman

Soloists: Khangiwe Cele (Girls' College)

Mukoni Magoro (Boys' College)

"An understanding of the natural world and what's in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfilment."

- David Attenborough



ADDRESS BY OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

A celebration of 70 Years:

Alumni Guest Speakers

Founder Students 1953:

Mr Paul Nash

Prof John Napier

Dr Donald Pupuma (1982)

Ms Munene Khoza (2004)

Jozi Nupen (2023)

Ethan Gondo (2023)



"When we help ourselves, we find moments of happiness. When we help others, we find lasting fulfilment."

– Simon Sinek



**"It is not in the pursuit
of happiness that we
find fulfilment, it is in the
happiness of pursuit."**

~ Denis Waitley

(Congregation to rise)

THE COLLEGE SONG

R Quarmby

Orchestration by Christo Jankowitz and Yvette Schoeman

In honour and in praises
To highest heaven'ly rule
In gratitude to founders
We cherish this our School
We'll "One and All" remember.
And lest we should forget
Our song fore'er reminds us
Of our eternal debt.

With hearts and minds we praise thee
Our Saviour and our King
To thee our lives we render
Our all to thee we bring
We'll "One and All" remember.
And may we ne'er forget
That thou dost call to service
From heights of Olivet.

When school's a distant memory
Of happy youthful years
We'll oft times look behind us
To all that still endears
We'll "One and All" remember.
How could we e'er forget!
That here our ship once anchor'd
And here its course was set.





GRATITUDES

Mrs Ntombi Langa-Royds
(Chair: St Stithians College
Council)

(Congregation to rise)

BENEDICTION

Superintendent Chaplain
Rev Madika 'Dix' Sibeko

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

LET IT BE SO!

"In your hands lies the future of your world and the fulfilment of the best qualities of your own spirit"



Robert F Kennedy

You are invited to join us for post-service refreshments.

Thank you for maintaining our green campus by making use of the refuse bins.

GRATITUDE

Guest Speakers

The Methodist Church of Southern Africa

St Stithians College Endowment Fund Trustees

St Stithians College Council

The Old Stithian Association and Alumni

The College Executive Committee

St Stithians College PTAs

St Stithians College Staff Members and Scholars

Invited Guests of the Chair of Council and the Rector

The many other role-players and contributors:

Musical Performers and Staff

Taryn Clur, Yvette Schoeman, Mike Sibanda

Students and Staff playing a role in the Service

Students and Staff involved and participating

Operational Team

Communications and Public Relations Teams

Events Team

Advancement Team

Empact – Catering

Sound Stylists – Technical

E-Prints – Photography

PixPlay – Videography

Junior Prep – Podium Flowers

Servest – Podium Greenery

Imagination Tree – Programme

Tyto Properties for the donation of

complimentary waters

ST STITHIANS COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST

Mr Gary Morolo (Chair)
Ms Nerine Kahn
Mr Carel Nolte

Rev Pumla Nzimande
Rev Faith Whitby

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Mr Philip Bradford (OSA Representative)
Dr Vusi Chuta (MCSA Representative)
Ms Vivien Foltran
(Council and Trust Secretary)
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Mrs Celeste Gilardi (Rector)

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(MCSA Representative)
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(MCSA Representative)
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(Diversity and Transformation Chair)

Mr Tshepiso Radebe
(Junior Prep PTA Chair)

Mr Tswelo Kodisang
(People and Talent Committee Chair)

Rev Madika Sibeko
(Superintendent Chaplain)

Mrs Nomvula Mabunda
(Girls' Prep PTA Chair)

Mr Israel Skosana (OSA Chair)
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(Governance Committee Chair)

Mr Gavin Tilo (OSA Representative)
Bishop Faith Whitby (MCSA, Trust
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Rev Dr Vusi Vilakati (MCSA Appointed Rep)

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Mr Stephen Baytopp
(Head of Kamoka Bush School)
Mr Thando Bili (Head of Operations)
Mrs Thobeka Mngambi
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Mr David du Toit (Head of Boys' College
and Deputy Rector)
Mrs Celeste Gilardi (Rector and Chair)
Mr Velaphi Gumbi (Head of Thandulwazi
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Mrs Noma Shange
(Head of Diversity and Transformation)
Rev Madika Sibeko
(Superintendent Chaplain)
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Mrs Linda Kachingwe-Sisya
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Girls' Prep

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Mrs Pam Komani
Mrs Kim Miller
Mrs Egbe Oyegun-Adeoye
Mrs Debbie Ransby
Mrs Cheryl Wegerhoff





This is a call to the courageous, the visionaries, the adventurers, who see light and hope where others see darkness. Embark on this great adventure with us.

A JOURNEY OF LIGHT AND HOPE

The 75th Anniversary Beacon of Light Endowment Fund Campaign reinforces our drive to not only remain sustainable but also to remain at the forefront of education by inspiring excellence and making a world of difference in our communities and ensuring St Stithians College's future.

Join us and help raise R150 million by 2028 for the St Stithians College and Thandulwazi Trust Maths and Science Academy's Endowment Funds.

St Stithians College owes its existence to those who fearlessly set sail before us. Our school is named after St Etaine who braved the Irish Sea in the sixth century to found the parish of Stithian. Our Methodist founders, Albert Collins and William Mountstephens, left the safety of Cornwall filled with faith to serve their Lord. They taught us that we are defined by what we dare to do. Sailing to Africa and watching the constellations turn, they could not have imagined that there would be a place of learning such as St Stithians College, with footprints across Africa and on every continent of the world. They thought differently – theirs was not the usual journey. Theirs was the light, hope and strength that Methodist faith gives and the knowledge that we are all part of a greater destiny.



Scan the QR code to make your donation to the Endowment Fund.

Anchored by our Methodist faith, we believe that hope joins faith to achieve the impossible. Hope inspires passion and purpose and we have the Saints spirit to stay the course as we plan a tomorrow for our children. We see a future where we shine the light of education more brightly than ever before.

We are determined to ensure the sustainability of St Stithians College to continue to serve with the same generosity shown by our founders. Their bequest was made with understanding that the College would educate young South Africans of substance. They could never have imagined the world of difference that their school would make to one and all at all levels of society –

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a gift of a future that our College must keep shining through the eyes of every child in our family of schools.

This is about more than raising money. This is about rethinking education and showing all who sail on our ship - students, staff, parents, alumni, friends and stakeholders – **that to dream is not to wish, but to act.**

Why the Endowment Fund?

St Stithians College is a beacon made up of a family of South African schools, driven by the strategic intent of inspiring excellence and making a world of difference. This applies to the long-term sustainability of the College as we seek to be a beacon in our country and on the continent.

The school fees fund the operating and annual capital expenses; however, to advance the College's strategic and longer-term priorities, and to continue to develop the facilities, and remain at the forefront of holistic educational advancement, it is imperative for the College to establish and grow an Endowment Fund which can generate income for future nurturing of talent and capital expenditure from the principal investment.



An endowment is a donation to a non-profit organisation, which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose.



This is a call to the courageous, the visionaries, the adventurers, who see light and hope where others see darkness. Embark on this great adventure with us.

DRIVEN BY PASSION AND PURPOSE

We look forward to celebrating our 75th Anniversary in 2028, through the 75th Anniversary Beacon of Light Endowment Fund Campaign.

Why R150 million?

We are setting out on a courageous voyage to raise R75 million for the St Stithians College Endowment Fund and R75 million for the Thandulwazi Trust Endowment Fund, by 2028.

The R75 million raised for the St Stithians College Endowment Fund will provide the foundation on which further funds are raised to grow the reach of this beacon of light past the 75th and 100th Anniversaries of St Stithians College. All funds and assets donated to the St Stithians College Endowment Fund will form part of the principal investment which will be managed to yield the best possible returns in order for a portion to be released after a period of time for scholarships and capital projects. The delayed use of investment income will provide sustainable impact over a longer period of time and also encourages the Endowment Fund to grow the income from the fund to ensure that the future needs of St Stithians College are covered.

The R75 million raised for the Thandulwazi Trust Maths and Science Academy Endowment Fund, will reinforce the foundation of



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St Stithians College's beacon of light into communities across South Africa – providing solid ground to our 7th school to continue to serve One and All in our Saints community through its nation-building educational upskilling and upliftment programmes. All funds, assets and BBBEE-partnership shares donated to the Thandulwazi Maths and Science Academy Endowment Fund will form part of the principal investment portfolio which will be managed to yield the best possible returns in order for a portion to be released after a period of time to support the four Learner- and Teacher-focused programmes serving thousands of beneficiaries from socio-economic disadvantaged communities. The delayed use of investment income will provide sustainable impact over a longer period of time and also encourages the Thandulwazi Endowment Fund to grow the income from the fund to ensure that the future needs of the Academy are covered.

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Post 2020 it has become even more evident that the establishment of a strong endowment fund for the College and for our Thandulwazi Trust Maths and Science Academy is an imperative if St Stithians College is to weather any storm and continue to provide safe guidance to all those in our community.

Many are looking to our beacon of light for support, guidance, and solace - placing an honourable burden on the College to continue providing the light of hope. It is up to us to ensure that One and All continue to be supported by our vision to inspire excellence. Our children are our priority and we know we have work to do to make a world of difference for, and through, them.

We are stewards of the founding principles and must provide continued, happy fulfilment in educational advancement, the provision of and maintenance of our facilities, and the preservation of this extraordinary campus.

As with all adversity, the COVID-19 pandemic has provided the College with an opportunity to rise to a challenge. We ask our community to rise with us in solidarity and hope, to stand as the beacon of light for future generations on this journey of generosity and stewardship.

How Can You Be Part of the Vision?

As St Stithians embraces the future, enhancing its educational programmes and facilities within all 8 schools, we invite donations of skill, contacts, expertise, and money to establish and grow our Endowment Fund for both St Stithians College and the Thandulwazi Trust Maths and Science Academy.

Make your contribution and light your candle of hope in the St Stithians College Beacon of Light.



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

St Stithians College gives life to the words
“**happy fulfilment**” inscribed on our
foundation stone.



As a College of eight schools, we strive to:

EDUCATE individuals to be **lifelong learners** who participate, **lead and serve**. Live out a Methodist **ethos**, providing diverse **opportunities** for our students and staff to **honour God**, honour others and honour self; to know oneself, to be oneself, and to **CONTRIBUTE** as African and global citizens. Combine **tradition** with **innovation**, and academic **ambition** with holistic education as distinguishing features of the St Stithians journey. Promote **personal growth** and **lives of significance** for our staff and students in a College of **WELCOME AND WONDER**. Optimise educational and institutional synergies through our schools collaborating with each other. Create a **COMMUNITY OF BELONGING** among our students, staff, parents and alumni. Provide facilities that enhance our educational mission, while developing our campus as a place of natural beauty, promoting **environmental awareness** and action. Manage our educational enterprise effectively and efficiently, according to sound and **ACCOUNTABLE** corporate governance policies. St Stithians College is committed to the **positive transformation** and development of South African society. We seek to embrace ubuntu,

to be One and All.



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