

The Methodist Church of Southern Africa

The Induction of the Rector



ST STITHIANS
COLLEGE

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE. MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

20th November 2020

Procession

Please stand as the officiating Ministers, Chaplains, the Chair of Council and the Rector process into the sanctuary.

Hymn

*Make Me a Channel
of Your Peace*



Make me a channel of your
peace

Where there is hatred let me
bring your love

Where there is injury, your
pardon Lord

And where there's doubt, true
faith in you



² Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me
bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy



³ Oh, master grant that I may
never seek
So much to be consoled as to
console
To be understood as to
understand
To be loved as to love with all
my soul



⁴ Make me a channel of your
peace

It isn't pardoning that we are
pardoned

In giving to all men let we
receive

And in dying that we're born
to eternal peace



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The Superintendent Chaplain: Rev. Daniel Nkomo

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our
Maker; for He is our God

All:

**We are the people of His pasture,
the flock under His care.**



Welcome

Chair of Council

Carel Nolte



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Prayers of Adoration, Praise & Thanksgiving

***Rev Faith Whitby,
Bishop of the Central Synod***

Followed by
The Lord's Prayer (said)



Musical Item – The Junior Preparatory School



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Bible Readings

Deputy Chair of Council:
Megan Rogers

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7
John 15: 12-17



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The Charge

Rev N Purity Malinga
Presiding Bishop of
the Methodist Church
of Southern Africa



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Musical Item – The Boys' Preparatory School



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Prayers of Intercession

Rev Michel W Hansrod

General Secretary

of the

***Methodist Church of
Southern Africa***



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Induction of the Rector

Chair of Council:

Presiding Bishop Purity, Council members, Staff, Students and members of the St Stithians family, I commend to you Mrs Celeste Gilardi, who has been appointed to serve as Rector of St Stithians College.



The Promises of the Rector

Presiding Bishop: Celeste, through God's grace you have come to this College.

Do you promise to fulfil the role of Rector to the best of your ability?

Rector: With God's help, I will.



Presiding Bishop: Will you be faithful in prayer and devotion to God our Saviour?

Will you help the College community to persevere and grow in a life of faith and service?

Will you strive to lead as Christ led, with courage, devotion and humility?

Rector: With God's help, I will.



Presiding Bishop: Celeste, will you strive to advance what is good and right, build positive relationships, and be a custodian of the values of the College?

Rector: With God's help, I will.



All: Celeste, will you lead us in the way of a servant leader; will you guide and inspire us to be the good citizens God intends us to be?

Rector: I will do so, God being my helper.



Presiding Bishop: Being a Rector is a great responsibility. Let us pray that God will give Celeste the guidance of His Holy Spirit at all times.



Presiding Bishop: Blessed Lord, we believe
You have called Celeste to serve this College.
Fill her with the gifts and the fruit of Your Holy
Spirit.

We pray that the staff, students, Council
members and the Saints community will work
with Celeste so that this College will continue to
make a world of difference in South Africa and
beyond. Amen.



Presiding Bishop: Staff, students and the community of St Stithians, I ask you now to receive Celeste who has been appointed to serve you. Will you work with her in honouring God; honouring others & honouring yourselves?

All: Yes we will.



The Rector (with her family) shall kneel, and all the congregation shall stand.

The Presiding Bishop and those assisting shall gather around and bless the Rector saying:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, I induct you as the Rector of St Stithians College.



Bishop: Lord, bless Celeste. Pour Your Holy Spirit upon her that she may fulfil her duties with wisdom, courage and faithfulness to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ALL: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look on you with kindness and give you peace. Amen



The Presiding Bishop and those
assisting, extend the right hand of
welcome to the Rector

The Signs of Office

The Presiding Bishop hands Celeste the
Bible.

The Chaplain hands Celeste the candle.



Musical Item – The Girls' Preparatory School



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The Rector Responds



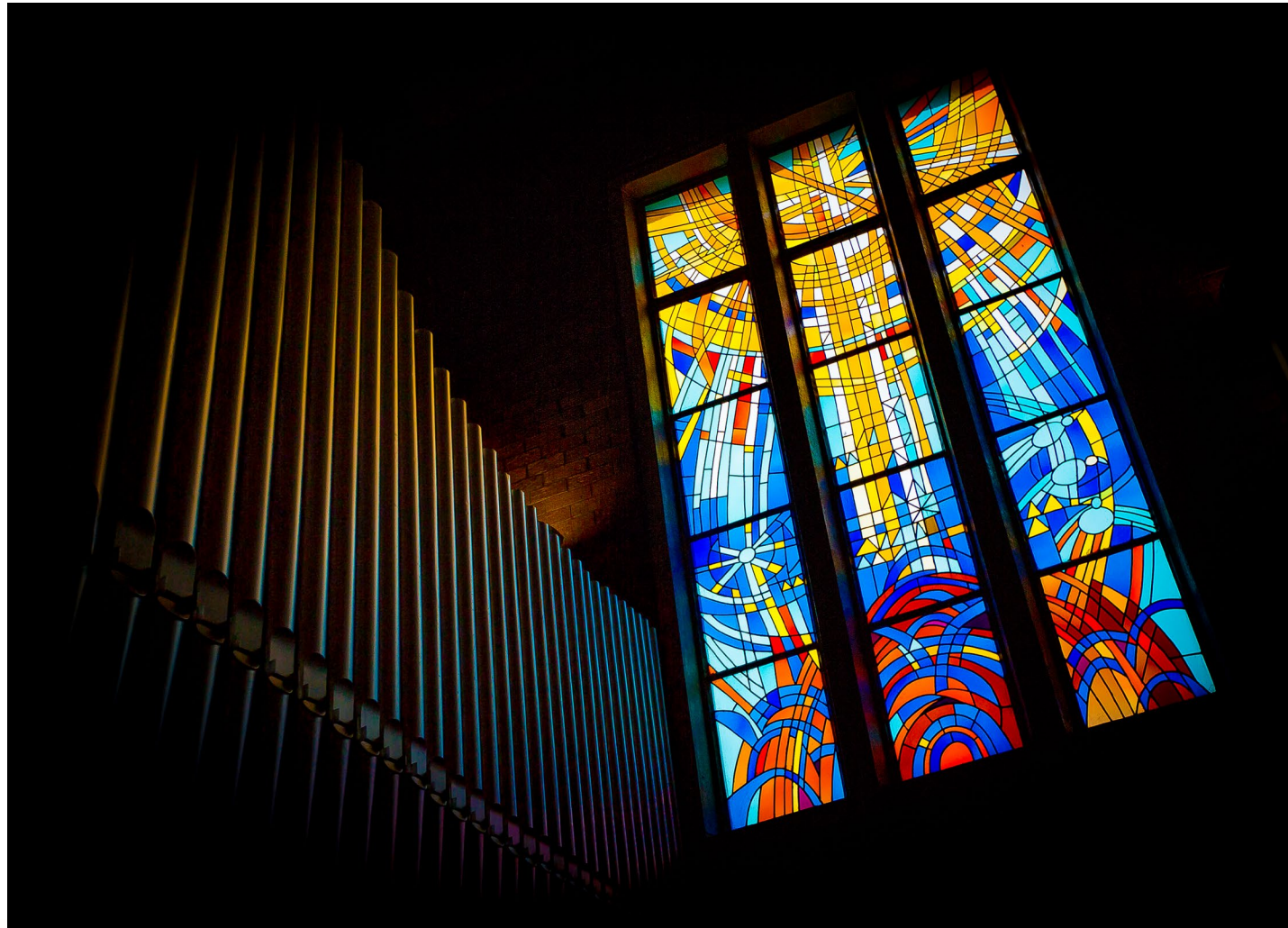
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Invitation to Refreshments



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The Benediction The Presiding Bishop



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Hymn and Procession

The College Hymn

¹ 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.



**2 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 son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I
with thee one.**



**³ 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.**



**4 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.**



**5 High King of heaven, thou
heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory
is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler
of all.**

