2024 ERS' DAY FOUND] Saturday 1 June

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Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving







INSPIRING EXCELLENCE MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



08:30 Refreshments for sale

09:45 All students seated; staff assemble at the Boys' Sports

Pavilion

MC: Alistair Stewart

10:00 Founders' Day Service on Baytopp Field

Call to Worship: Rev Elroy Kekana

(Superintendent Chaplain)

Welcome: Ms Emma Mashilwane

(Deputy Chair of Council)

Rector's Address: Mrs Celeste Gilardi

Scripture Readings, Musical Items and Prayers

Guest Speaker Address:

Ms Nompumelelo (Mpumi) Zikalala

(CEO of Kumba Iron Ore)

Gratitudes: Mrs Ntombi Langa-Royds (Chair of Council)

Benediction: Rev Elroy Kekana

12:00 Refreshments served

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

Exhibitions

Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy Interact Proudly Saints / Stithian Shop

College Playing Cards

13:00 Old Stithian Association AGM (One & All Club)





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.

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It is a privilege to welcome you to our 2024 Founders' Day Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. I extend this welcome on behalf of our family of seven schools as we share this, the most important day on our calendar. This day is an opportunity to gather as a Saints family and with our friends to give thanks to our Founders and all those who laboured alongside them to build this great College. It is a joy to be able to offer gratitude to so many who have made a significant contribution to St Stithians over its seventy-one-year history.

This Founders' Day follows closely on the heels of our National elections. Whatever the results of the election, the course of the country will change in some way. At the time of writing this, no one can predict what those changes will be. What I can know, is that as a College, we have our part to play in building a society that offers opportunity, abundance, justice and freedom for all. Education shapes the lives that go forward to shape the world. At our roots, the Founders made a considered choice to establish a Methodist school. The Methodist way is closely aligned with our philosophy of service. We have always been called to engage in active citizenship. In these times, I believe that call is more important than ever.

Active citizenship is both an individual and a combined responsibility. This is reflected in our theme for this year, "One4All All4One". The Founders were pioneers and we continue their spirit by challenging ourselves to not only remain at the forefront of education but to lead the way. Our decision to restructure the College at an organisational design level has seen the implementation of the Organisational Design Review Initiative with a matrix structure as its core change. Through this, we hope the potentialities of all our schools can be leveraged, and staff freed up to pursue their expertise and passions not only in their own schools but across the Campus.

The logo for the 2024 theme is a reflection of vision and growth. There are 15 dots in a unified, infinity symbol. Education has an impact beyond our lifetimes and holds infinite possibilities. There are 15 dots or bezants in the design. With the introduction of Grade RRR, they also represent the number of grades at the College. We are a complex school made simple by the sense of belonging to a family that binds us together.

Our quest speaker, Ms Mpumi Zikalala, is an inspirational businesswoman and the first woman to head mining giant, Kumba Iron Ore. I look forward to listening to her address and learning from her indomitable spirit.

I am mindful of the size of our community, not just here but across the world. I hope that whether you are here on our magnificent campus, or in another part of the world, that you will be reminded of your call to service. In a world facing so many leadership challenges, we have been given the privileged platform of this school from which to make a "world of difference."

I am grateful to, and for, each one of you. To our staff and students, our parents, our alumni and invited guests, enjoy the day. I hope you will leave inspired to continue to make a difference.





Mrs C Gilardi Rector



BELL RINGING

(Please rise: Congregation to stand as Staff process)

Commemorating 71 years since 1953

Reitumetse Mukwena and Rethabile Mojalefa (Girls' College) and

Mongameli Gumede (Boys' College)

CHAPLAIN

Superintendent Chaplain Rev Elroy Kekana (Boys' College Chaplain)

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

Call to Worship: His Steadfast Love Endures Forever (Psalm 136:1-5)

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ To Him who alone does great wonders,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵ To him who by understanding made the heavens,

for his steadfast love endures forever. Amen

(Congregation to be seated)





(Congregation to rise)







NATIONAL ANTHEM

E Santonga / ML de Villiers Arranged and Orchestrated by Yvette Schoeman

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,

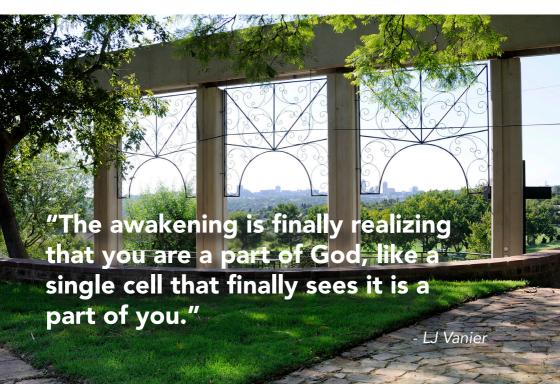
Sounds the call to come together, And united we shall stand, Let us live and strive for freedom In South Africa our land.

RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Mrs Celeste Gilardi







CHAPLAIN

(Congregation to rise)

Let us pray: Rev Thandeka Dintlhe (Junior Prep Chaplain)

Lord of All Creation,

In the midst of deadlines, meetings, and daily tasks, we pause to lift our hearts in gratitude for the blessings and opportunities found within this space. Each day presents its unique challenges, yet in each one, we see Your guiding hand, leading us toward growth and accomplishment.

We pray for all who are commemorating Founders' Day and who are celebrating and rejoicing in the true Spirit of St Stithians College. May we be messengers of hope, joy, and peace so that those seeking meaning in their lives may find answers in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, we are especially grateful for the support of our Saints community. Their presence in the school's life serves as a testament to the beauty of community and the strength of unity, because we are One and All. Each day, as we read and reflect on Your word, we are inspired to see the world through the lens of faith. Your scriptures guide us, encourage us, and constantly remind us of Your eternal love and grace.

May we always remember to cherish these everyday blessings and recognize Your hand in all things. Let our hearts be ever thankful, not just in moments of abundance, but in every single moment of our existence. May Your Holy Spirit guide us to cultivate a spirit of gratitude daily, and may our lives reflect Your love and generosity.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen









The Lord's Prayer

OVE AND PARTY

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

(Exodus 17: 8-13 NIV)

Read by Thembisile Ndlovu (Gr 11, Athlone Girls High School)

Psalms 77

¹ I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. ²When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted. ³ I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. ^[b] ⁴ You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. ⁵ I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; ⁶ I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: ⁷ "Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? ⁸ Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? ⁹ Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?" ¹⁰ Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. ¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(1 Corinthians 12:12-16 NIV)

Read by Anesu Zvinoera (Boys' College Prefect Representative)

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

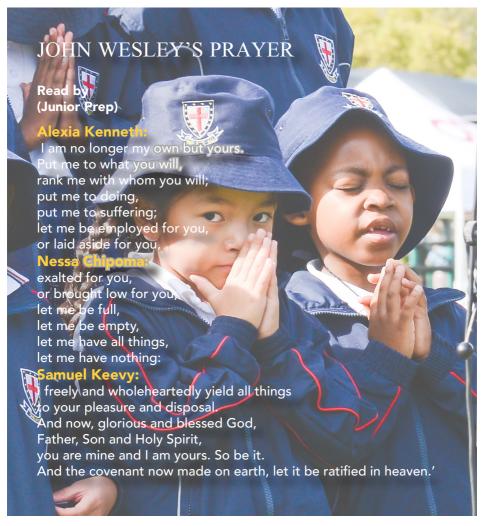
THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

(John 15: 1-4 NIV)



Read by Cayla Dhaeyere and Keinemigisha Mwebeiha (Girls' College Deputy Head Girls)

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.





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.



JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL ITEM



Together We Are Better

by Greg Gilpin

(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.

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.



Chapel Windows: Joy, The Eye of God, Self Control & Love by Paul Blomkamp



PRAYERS

Let us pray:

Read by Lumi Ngcwabe (Girls' Prep Student)

Dear Lord, thank You for 71 years of learning and growing, both in knowledge and faith. We are grateful to our Founders who generously gave to a vision, that clearly came from You. We thank You dear Lord for the many who lived out their vision for over 70 years. Bless them in Jesus' name.

Read by Blake Jacobs (Boys' Prep Student)

Dear Lord and Good Teacher, we thank You for our campus leadership for their inspiration, and guidance. Thank you for our teaching and administrative staff who help with the smooth running of our schools and teach us to be the best we can be.

Thank you to our Chaplains for providing us with spiritual support, and teaching us about our faith. And thank you dear Lord, for everyone who is part of our Saints community.

Read by Keira Forsdyke (Girls' Prep Student)

We thank you dear God for our parents who entrust us into the care of our amazing teachers.

We thank you for all benefactors whose generous support assists us in providing the very best for our young. Bless them all in Jesus' name.

Read by Deevek Govender (Boys' Prep Student)

We thank you for all the current St Stithians students, as well as for our alumni now offering outstanding services to our people and country.

We thank you for the lives of those who worked and served at the school who have now departed. May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE COLLEGE PRAYER

Read by Rev Philippa Cole (Girls' College Chaplain), Rev Gift Monnapula (Girls' Prep Chaplain), and Rev Madika Sibeko (Boys' Prep 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.





MUSICAL ITEM

Wake Me Up

by Tim Bergling, Aloe Blacc and Michael Einziger. *Arranged by Peter McLea*

ADDRESS BY OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Introduction by Tanatswa Mugadza (Girls' College Head Girl)

Ms Nompumelelo (Mpumi) Zikalala

(CEO of Kumba Iron Ore)

Thank You by Regis Dzenga (Boys' College Head Boy)











(Congregation to rise)



THE COLLEGE SONG

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.















Raising R150 million: Embark on a shared voyage

Are you a visionary? Join St Stithians College on a remarkable journey: We're raising R75 million each for the St Stithians College and Thandulwazi Trust Endowment Funds, in celebration of our 75th Birthday in 2028.

Why an endowment fund?

The school fees fund our operating and annual capital expenses; however, to advance the College's strategic longer-term priorities and ensure its sustainability, it is imperative to grow an endowment fund. An endowment fund provides the school with financial stability to plan for the future!

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

A well-invested endowment fund provides income to the school from the capital amount without the need to continually fundraise. We will pass this financial asset from one generation to the next, ensuring the school's financial security. This is a must for South Africa's academic institutions if they – and the country, in turn – are to thrive in the years to come.

How can you contribute?

We invite donations of skill, contacts, expertise and money to establish and grow our Endowment Funds for both St Stithians College and the Thandulwazi Trust Maths and Science Academy.

Our Methodist faith anchors us and our Saints spirit helps us to stay the course as we plan a tomorrow for our children.

Make your contribution to a brighter future for One and All.













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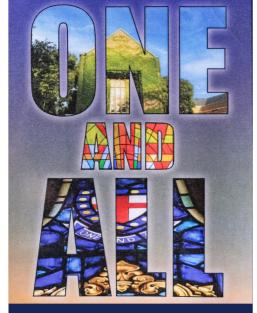


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GRATITUDE

Ms Nompumelelo Zikalala The Methodist Church of South Africa St Stithians College Endowment Fund Trustees

St Stithians College Council and sub-Committees

The Old Stithian Association and Alumni/

The College Executive Committee

The Senior Leadership Team

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, Linda Glass, Mike Sibanda

Students and staff involved and participating

Operational Team

Communications and PR 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

GRATITUDES



Mrs Ntombi Langa-Royds (Chair of Council)

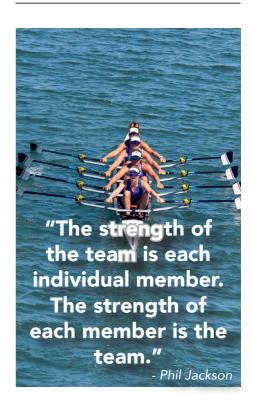
(Congregation to rise)

BENEDICTION

Superintendent Chaplain Rev Elroy Kekana

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LET IT BE SO!



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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 seven schools, we strive to:

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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