

FOUNDERS' DAY

4 June 2022

Inspired with Purpose



Driven by Passion



**ST STITHIANS
COLLEGE**

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



**"Purpose is the
reason that you
journey. Passion is
the fire that lights
the way"**

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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 Djembe Drums
- 10:00 Founders' Day Service on Baytopp Field
Call to Worship: Rev Madika 'Dix' Sibeko (Superintendent Chaplain)
Welcome: Mrs Emma Mashilwane (Deputy Chair of Council)
Rector's Address: Mrs Celeste Gilardi
Musical Items, Scripture Readings and Prayers
Introduction of Guest Speaker:
Ms Sidney Benard (Girls' College Deputy Head Girl)
Guest Speaker's Address:
Dr Imtiaz Sooliman (Founder of Gift of the Givers)
Vote of Thanks: Mr James Lowman (Boys' College Head Boy)
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:
Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy
(School Days and MySchool)
Saints Supporters
Pauline Dickson's 'A Gardener's Legacy'
- 13:00 Old Stithian Association AGM (One & All Club)

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



Rector's Foreword

It is a privilege to welcome you to our 2022 Founders' Day Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. I extend this welcome on behalf of our family of schools as we share this most important day on our calendar. It is a time to give thanks not only to our Founders, but to so One and All who have made a significant contribution to the College.

I am grateful for the continuity of this event, which we held even when Covid-19 pushed us into finding a different way to make the service possible. We will always be faced with uncertainty and change and although the worst of the pandemic seems to be behind us, we are in a different space. I am keenly aware of the need for stability in that changed space.

Our theme for 2022 is Inspired with Purpose. Driven by Passion. This theme is not only for 2022; it expresses the essence of our Founders, and who we always have been and still strive to be. As things change, we hold fast to the vision of the Founders, whose purpose was to establish a school based on Methodist principles that would develop young adults alive to the social needs of their world, ready to serve. It is the deep roots of our faith, passion and purpose that give us stability and allow us to fulfil our Founders' vision.

Our guest speaker today is also a man of vision. Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, founder of the Gift of the Givers, has dedicated his life, Inspired with Purpose and Driven by Passion, to bring hope and dignity to those in need. Part of his vision is one that we share – to empower leaders of tomorrow. We can aspire, like Dr Sooliman, to use our College to 'make a real and telling difference by serving humanity for the Greater Good.'

Gift of the Givers exists to meet the uncertainty brought by disaster. Their work is based on a recognition of our common humanity and diversity with a focus on giving individuals dignity, regardless of politics, race, religion or gender. We share these values and look forward to learning from Dr Sooliman.

I am inspired by you, our staff and students, our alumni, parents and invited guests. I believe that we will continue to serve the vision of



our Founders and that together, our Saints community will serve the 'Greater Good'.

Psychologist, Erich Fromm maintains that the quest for certainty blocks the search for meaning. Uncertainty is the very condition impelling us to unfold our powers.

As we continue our quest for educational meaning in a changing world, we are ready to unfold our powers, Inspired with Purpose. Driven by Passion.

Mrs C Gilardi
Rector

Inspired with Purpose



Driven by Passion

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SILENCE DURING THE FOUNDER'S 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.

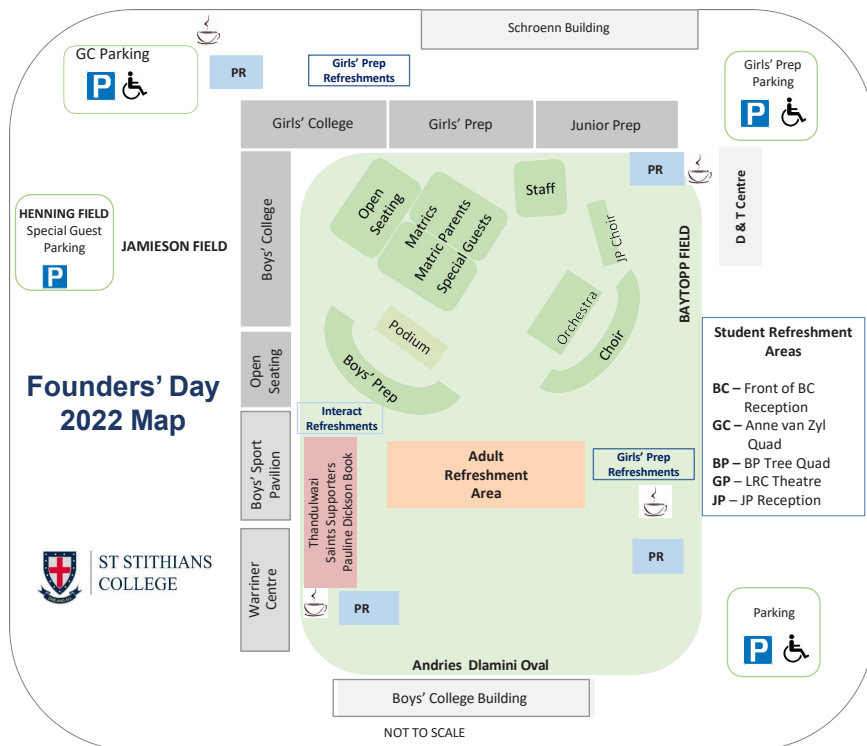
EMERGENCIES

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





**"The purpose
of life is a life of
purpose"**

Robert Byrne

Order of Service

BELL RINGING

(Please rise: Congregation to stand as Staff process)

Commemorating 69 years since 1953

Simba Manikai (Boys' College) and Amahle Mkhize (Girls' College)

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

CHAPLAIN

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

Call to worship

Psalm 150:1-6 NIV

O Praise God in His holiness:
praise Him in the firmament of His power.

**Praise Him in His noble acts:
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.**

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet:
Praise Him upon the lute and harp.

**Praise Him in the cymbals and dances:
Praise Him upon the strings and pipe.**

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end.**

LET IT BE SO!

(Congregation to be seated)

WELCOME

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



**"The secret of
passion
is purpose"**

Robin Sharma

(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:

All-Knowing and Omni-Present God, we have known your faithfulness and grace these past years. We give you thanks and praise for our origins, the roots of our life and mission together.


On this Founders' Day, we come together to offer our thanks to You Lord Jesus for the work done and for the vision in founding this College: for its continuance, for the service of its staff, past and present. As well as our students and for all those who have passed through these doors to serve the wider community.

Holy Spirit, as we prepare to join in these acts of worship and praise, we remember the many blessings bestowed by You upon this College even through COVID-19. As we offer our thanks for all God's goodness to us and to our predecessors. The Three in One, we ask You to lead and guide us the years to come. We pray that Your guidance will help us to realise Your presence, respond to Your love and live our lives in You Oh Lord. We gather all our prayers and thanksgivings together, singing the prayer that You taught Your 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)



**"Passion is born when your
heart gets carried away
with a purpose greater than
yourself"**

Roy Spence



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Isaiah 61:1-4) NIV

Read by Zaid Motala (Boys' College Deputy Head Boy)

THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour.

They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(John 14:9-14)

Read by Zoë Mpofu (Girls' College Deputy Head Girl)

JESUS THE WAY TO THE FATHER

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing His work.



Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD

THANKS BE TO GOD

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

(Philippians 3:10-15) NIV

Read by Thandulwazi student Babazinkosi Ndlovu from Supero Combined School

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently that too God will make clear to you.

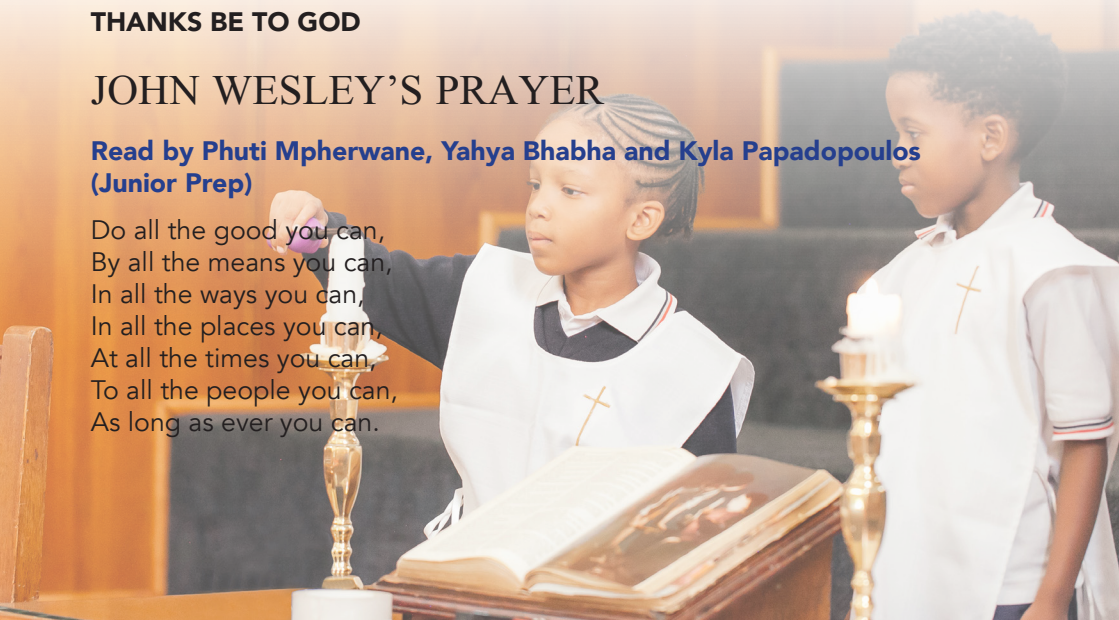
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THANKS BE TO GOD

JOHN WESLEY'S PRAYER

Read by Phuti Mpherwane, Yahya Bhabha and Kyla Papadopoulos (Junior Prep)

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.



JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL ITEM

Unstoppable

by Sia Furler and Christopher Braide



(Congregation to rise)



**"Develop a passion
for learning. If you do,
you will never cease
to grow"**

Anthony J. D'Angelo

THE COLLEGE HYMN

Arranged by Christo Jankowitz

Orchestration by Yvette Schoeman

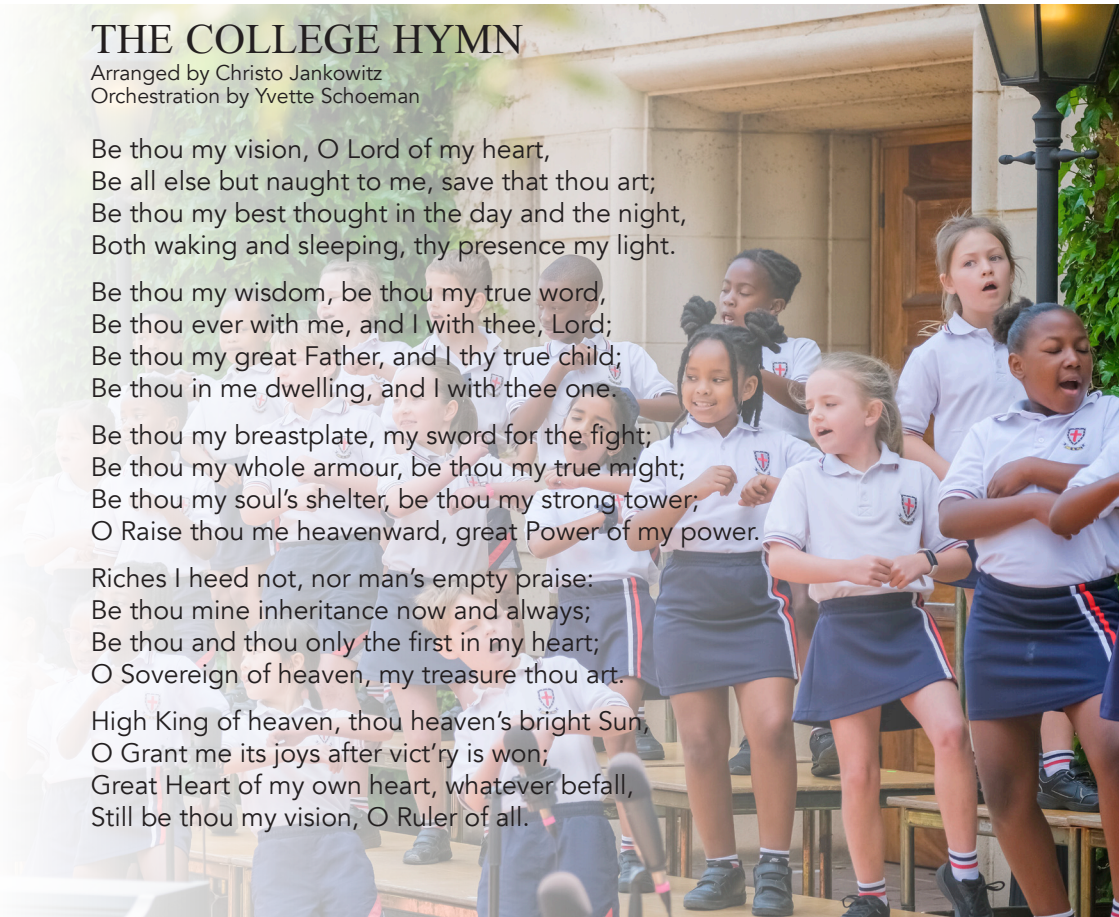
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

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 Kian Stevens (Boys' Prep Student)

We praise God for the spiritual foundation of this College as a Methodist Church School, 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 Andrew Ochse (Boys' Prep Student)

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

We give thanks this day!

Read by Ava Bezuidenhout (Girls' Prep Student)

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

We give thanks this day!

Read by Raechel Sauls (Girls' 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 their child's life journey.

We give thanks this day!

Read by Connor Zhu (Boys' 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 Mahlatse Kekana (Boys' 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 the College remain strong.

We give thanks this day!

Read by Kesar Bhala (Girls' 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. 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 Nhlanhlayandile Yakaza (Girls' Prep Student)

For all that we have given and gained through our involvement in this school; for friendship and belonging; for all the precious memories; for the opportunities of each new day; 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 Lea Marumo (Girls' Prep Chaplain)

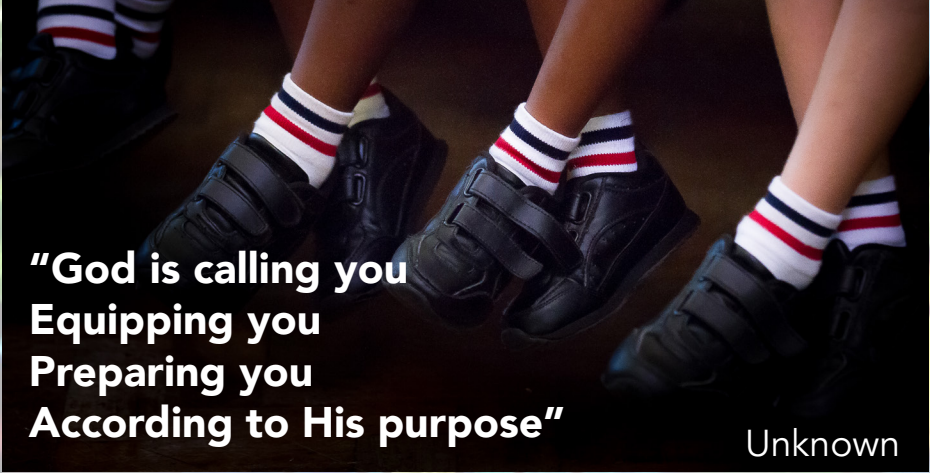
Let us pray:

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.



**"God is calling you
Equipping you
Preparing you
According to His purpose"**

Unknown



MUSICAL ITEM

Iza Ngomso by Christopher Tin
Orchestral Arrangement by Jovan Heynsen



**"The most powerful
music is music with
purpose"**

Tom Morello

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

Sidney Benard (Deputy Head Girl, St Stithians Girls' College)



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**"Remember
that whatever you do
is done through you
and not by you"**

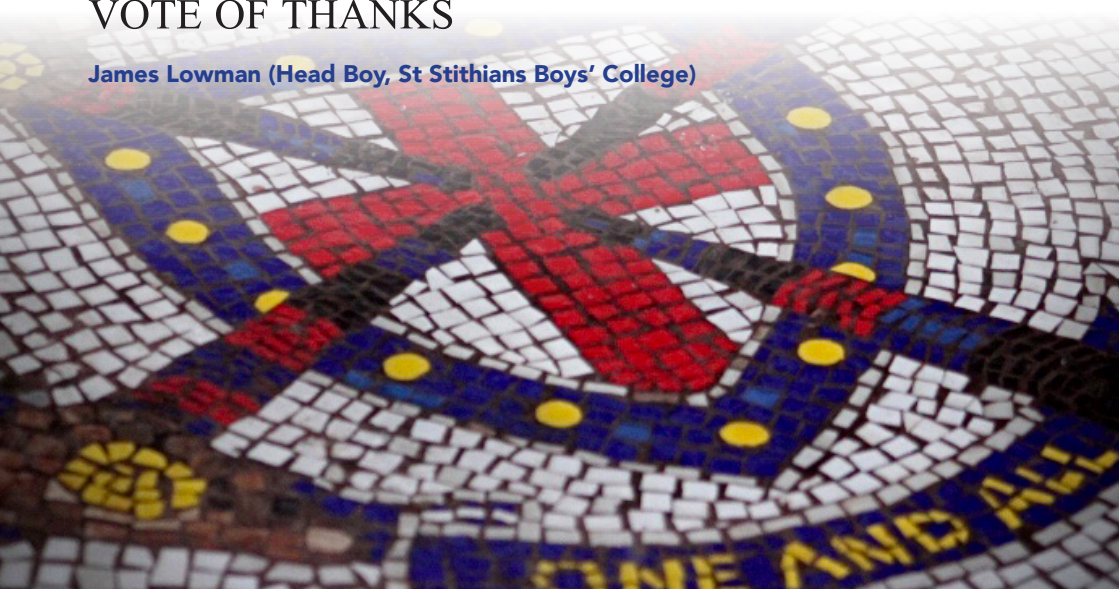
Dr Imtiaz Sooliman quoting a Sufi Teacher

ADDRESS BY OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Imtiaz Sooliman (Gift of the Givers Founder)

VOTE OF THANKS

James Lowman (Head Boy, St Stithians Boys' College)





"Purpose fuels Passion"

Unknown

(Congregation to rise)

THE COLLEGE SONG

R Quarmby

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 anchored
And here its course was set.





GRATITUDES

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

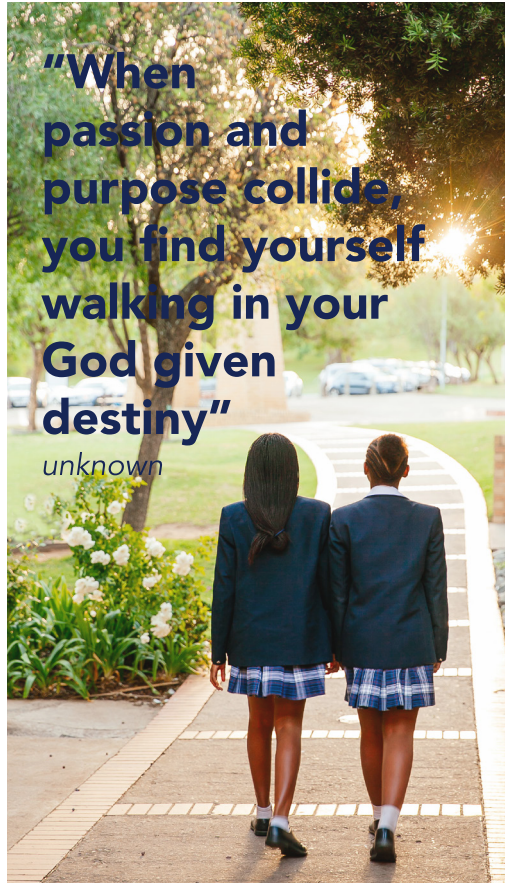
(Congregation to rise)

BENEDICTION

Superintendent Chaplain
Rev Madika 'Dix' Sibeko

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

LET IT BE SO!



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

Dr Imtiaz Sooliman – Guest Speaker
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 PTA's
St Stithians College Staff Members and Scholars
Parents
Invited Guests of the Chair of Council and the Rector
The many other role-players and contributors:
Musical Performers and Staff.
Taryn Clur, Jovan Heynsen, Sian May, 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
Photography – ePrints
Videography – PixPlay
Junior Prep - Podium Flowers
Serves – Podium Greenery
Programme - Imagination Tree

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Mrs Denga Ramuedzisi





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 –

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE. MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



ST STITHIANS
COLLEGE

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.



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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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Endowment Fund.

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.

Inspired with Purpose



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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