

Visit to the Kimberley and Kuruman with Oxford Link Summit 2025



Arrival in Kimberley at sunset

Church visit to St James' Galeshewe, Father Tefo (incumbent) with Bishop Mary





St James' Galeshewe new vegetable garden (netted from birds)
and plastic bottle collection for recycling as not provided centrally.



Church visit St Alban's, De Beers and its garden of remembrance Archdeacon Tshenolo (Environmental Coordinator for the Diocese and incumbent) with Bishop Mary



Archdeacon Tshenolo's vegetable garden at St Alban's church, De Beers



Ven. Tshenolo's second church is in the Greenpoint area, with these as a common housing type



Church visit St Peter's, Greenpoint



Soil too contaminated for vegetables so flowers grown



The first church burnt down and was rebuilt



Ven. Tshenolo & Bishop Mary in St Peter's, Greenpoint

St Cyprian's Cathedral, Kimberley, main Summit venue





Link Summit Kimberley venue group photo outside the cathedral

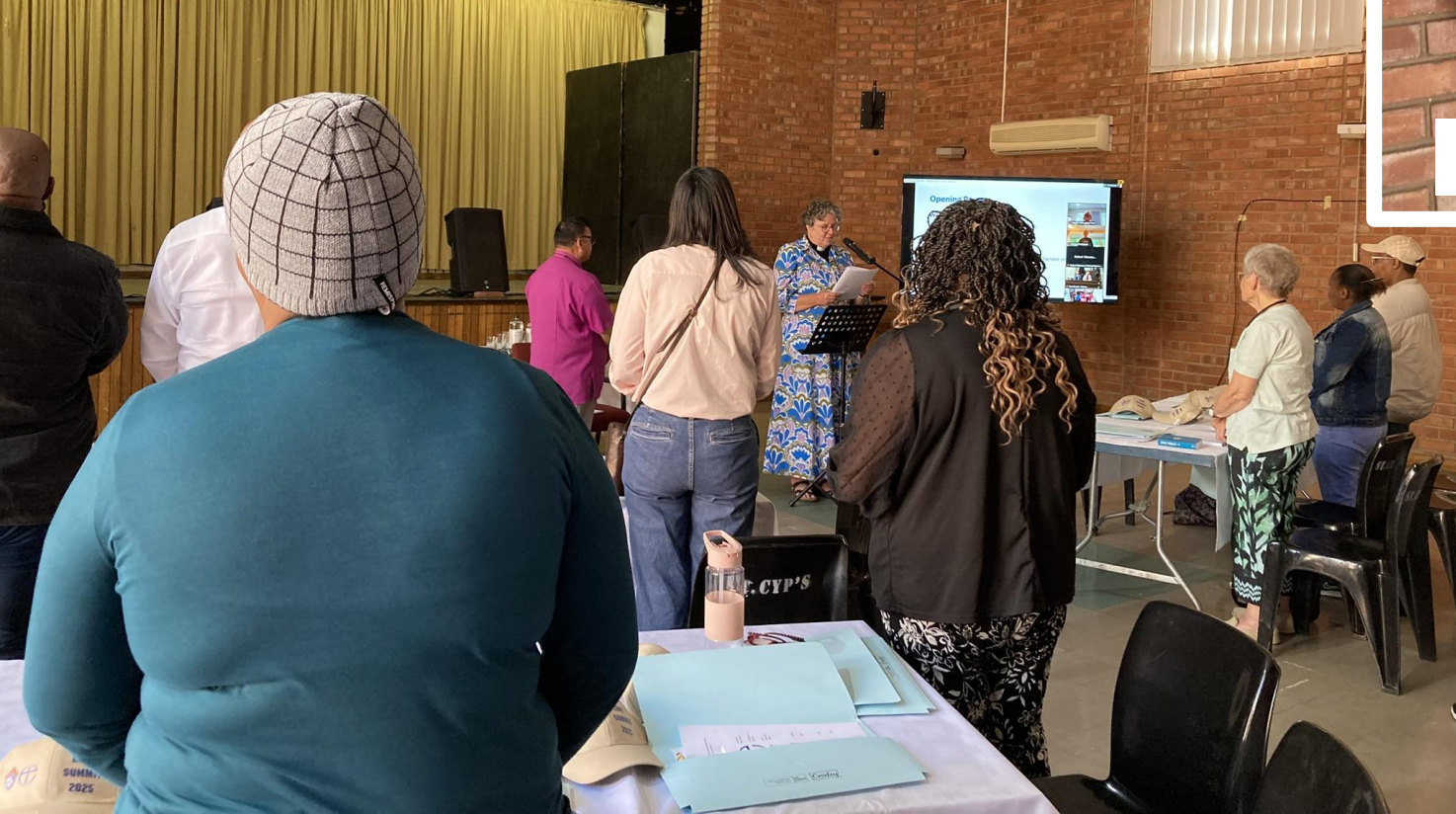
Photos from the Summit



Bishop Brian of K&K



Bishop Brian & the K&K Diocesan staff with +Mary



Sue Booy, Link Chair, speaking at the summit

Photos from the Summit upcycling session



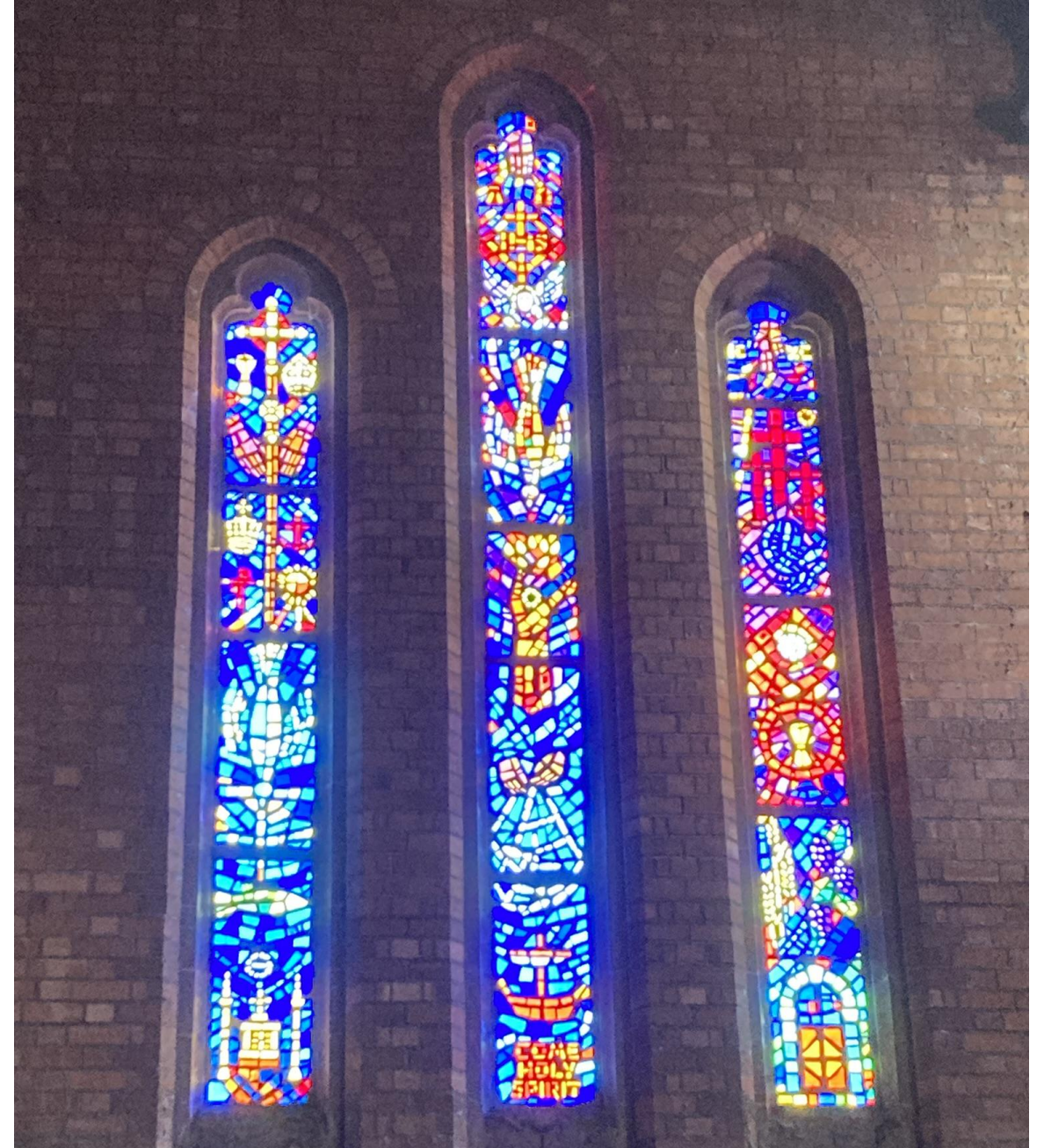
Baskets from plastic bottles



End of Summit service in St Cyprian's Cathedral, Kimberley



St Cyprian's Cathedral, Kimberley



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLQ0SrTBFDU&list=PLCZA51diSEsXxfqlmDMLiltJI8NLHd0Px&index=3>



Church visit St Paul's, Kimberley, Sunday service



Lively singing, clapping & dancing, with clouds of incense

Views driving around Kimberley



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Views driving from Kimberley to Johannesburg



A dry lake



K&K environmental challenges

- Littering
- Raw sewage & drinking water pollution
- Use and mis-use of polystyrene
- Limited recycling centres
- Shortage of water and lack of rain-water harvesting
- Many power cuts of several hours at a time (“load shedding”)
- Lack of volunteer Eco Champions

Environmental actions of K&K

- Church recycling projects
- Church vegetable gardens
- Season of Creation 2025 made a calendar of eco activities for churches to join in with through the year
- Planted trees in Season of Creation 2024
- Lots of organisations acting –
 - Mothers Union tree planting
 - Anglican Men's Fellowship gardening and recycling
 - several young people are Eco Champions



Environmental actions of K&K

- Workshops making items from waste materials e.g.
 - baskets from bottles, bracelets from straws,
 - door fly screens from sweet wrappers,
 - fuel cells from waste-paper pulp in toilet rolls,
 - vases from old beer bottles,
 - candles from candle stubs.
- Leading by example e.g.
 - litter picking,
 - indigenous garden plants around church/church school so need little water,
 - using grey water when they do water.
- Teaching, such as
 - If we've given thanks to God for a meal and asked God's blessing on it, if we then throw out leftovers that could be used, we're throwing away some of God's blessing.
 - That we are part of the earth not superior and that nature has rights too, e.g. SAFCEI asking "What if Table Mountain had a voice, what would she say about all the activity on her?"





Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman

Green Anglicans Movement

Green Thumbs



The earth is the Lord's, and those who dwell in it.
For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
Psalms 24:1-2

Diocese of K&K on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/181783228674450>



Anglican Communion

6 September · 🌐

🙏🌍 Join with other Christians at the ecumenical morning prayer during the Season of Creation.

Every morning at 8:30 am (CET) between the 8th and 12th of September, online Prayer sessions will be held in collaboration with the Season of Creation and the World Council of Churches.

📅 Programme:

- 🌿 8 Sept – ACEN Steering Committee
- 🌿 9 Sept – Green Anglicans
- 🌿 10 Sept – Church of South India (United)
- 🌿 11 Sept – Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- 🌿 22 Sept – Diocese in Europe

Each service offers a chance to unite in prayer with the global Christian family and hear perspectives from around the world on climate justice.

👉 Join the livestream here: <https://bit.ly/45Tplyd>

🕒 Check time zones here: <https://bit.ly/482WkXU>

#SeasonOfCreation #Anglicans #ClimateJustice
Season of Creation GREEN Anglicans



National Recycling Day

Recycling and upcycling are essential practices that help protect our environment and promote sustainable living. Recycling involves converting waste materials like plastic, glass and metal into new products, reducing the need to extract resources and decreasing pollution. Upcycling takes this step further by creatively transforming old or discarded items into new, often more valuable, products without sending them down completely. For example, turning an old ladder into a bookshelf or repurposing glass jars as plant holders demonstrates how waste can be turned into something beautiful and useful.

The importance of these practices cannot be overstated. Recycling helps conserve natural resources, reduces the volume of waste in landfills, and lowers greenhouse gas emissions, which are major contributors to climate change. Upcycling encourages creativity and innovation, inspiring individuals to see potential in everyday objects rather than discarding them. Both practices also support economic growth by creating jobs in recycling industries and small businesses that produce recycled goods.

Establishing a national day dedicated to recycling, such as National Recycle Day, emphasizes the importance of these actions. It raises awareness about environmental issues, encourages communities to participate in sustainable habits, and motivates individuals to make eco-friendly choices daily. Recognizing this as a collective responsibility to protect our planet, ensuring a healthier environment for current and future generations. Ultimately recycling and upcycling are powerful tools in our effort to build a more sustainable and resilient world.

Remember the verse from Psalm 51:10-11 that reads as "Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right and loyal spirit within me".



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Recordings of Link Summit sessions & links

- Bishop Mary's Summit bible study on creation care on [You Tube](#)
- Summit environment session on parish action on [Vimeo](#)
- [Partners in World Mission](#)
- [About the Link Summit Being Human](#)

Archdeacon Tshenolo said “This work is possible, it is beautiful, and it can be done in all parts of our Diocese”

Please pray for our friends in Kimberley & Kuruman

