

TWO KEARSNEY BOYS IN ENGLAND TEAM FOR SIX NATIONS CLASH

History was made on Saturday 4 February, with two Kearsney College Old Boys being selected for the England squad to play in the Six Nations clash against Scotland, writes Sue Miles, Publicist

Centre Brad Barritt (25) and prop Matt Stevens (29), both now playing for Saracens in the UK, were selected for the English squad for the six-Nations match against Scotland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

A tight head prop, Matt Stevens remains the most capped Kearsney player in the history of the school, and played in the 1st XV for four seasons, captaining in 2000 and 2001. At school he was selected for KZN Craven week, SA Academy U18 (captain) and SA U19, and was Head of Sheffield as well as Head of Choir. Coaching staff remember him as a very committed and strong scrummager, with extraordinary ball and running skills for a forward.

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Matt joined Bath in 2002 after representing the Junior Springboks. He now plays for Saracens, and can play on either side of the scrum. Matt made his debut against New Zealand eight years ago and played in seven RWC matches in 2007, including the final against South Africa when he came on as a replacement for his captain Phil Vickery.

Matt has a BSc in Politics and Economics from Bath University and reached the final of ITV's Celebrity X-Factor, raising £125,000 (R1.5 million) for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

Brad Barritt played 1st team rugby at Kearsney for two years, captaining the team in his Grade 12 year. A hooker until U15 level, he was selected for KZN Craven week, SA Schools and Sharks U19.

Kearsney coaches describe him as “a most intelligent rugby player. His commitment and discipline were exemplary and he always put in extra time and effort”. A playmaker and vice-captain of the Sharks, Barritt made a vivid impression at the age of 21 before joining Saracens. He had been a regular in the Sharks' Super 14 and Currie Cup squads after his debut in 2006 with his direct running, physical edge, distribution skills and ability to control games.

The Sharks released him from his contract that still had a year to run, in the interests of his own development as a player.

Brad Barritt was a true all-rounder at Kearsney, playing 1st team cricket, being Head of Pembroke and receiving five distinctions in Matric.



New Beginnings



Our Grade 8s were welcomed as Kearsney boys for the first time in November 2011 at our "Bright Future" weekend. Haley Housemaster, Mr Bruce Thompson writes.

The *Bright Future* weekend proved to be a great success, with the boys returning in January ready for the challenges of Grade 8 and eager to join their new friends, having already familiarised themselves with the school and their new home.

Our new families started the year on a muggy January day, with the boys sweating in their new blazers and ties. Very few tears were shed as the boys proudly waved goodbye to their families and ventured into their new dorms.

After changing into their blues, the boarders were introduced to the House rules and the prefects. They soon learned that Kearsney was about raising gentlemen, confident to take on anything in their path (although some were not looking too confident at this stage). The boys had the campus to themselves with staff and prefect supervision on the Monday. After a quick school tour the boys were all involved in summer sports trials. This sporty afternoon was our first look at the talent and enthusiasm we will work with in the coming five years.

Following a few days of lessons, Mr. Zungu's Orientation Day began. This programme provides a platform for the boys to bond and settle into the Kearsney environment. After a fun-filled, busy day all were tired and somewhat bewildered by how much they had learnt in their first week.



On the first weekend the boys finally got to see their parents and represent Kearsney on the sports field. A very successful day was had on all fronts, with some promising sportsmen showing their ability at the different levels.

With a bit of rain to cool us down, the Alverstone hike was undertaken in high spirits on Sunday morning. An afternoon of inter-dorm touch rugby and basketball left the boys exhausted, yet ready to tackle a full academic week.

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With bed-making skills improving and war cries being the latest challenge, the class of 2016 is quickly making its mark. This group of boys possesses strong character and the ability to make the year one for the history books. All that remains to do is “*Carpe Diem!*”



Haley Prefects above: Jono Deighton; Craig Kirsten; Ntobeko Ngcobo; Jarryd Chapman; Sean Kelly; Ryan Holtes; Simon Hudson

TOP OF THE CLASS

Our Class of 2011 achieved phenomenal results in the IEB examinations. This news has received wide publicity and we have communicated directly with parents but we would like to record some of the highlights and updates here.

The 116 boys in the Class of 2011 achieved a staggering 250 distinctions between them and Kearsney had four boys in the country's top 120 IEB candidates - Nicol Pirow, Dominic Koenig, Murray Polkinghorne and Thomas Rich.

Half of the boys who wrote Mathematics achieved distinctions and 71% of Kearsney's Maths candidates achieved an A, B or C symbol. This is a significant achievement in the context of the country's poor performance in the subject, as expressed last month by Umalusi chairman Sizwe Mabizela. In Physical Science, a third of boys who wrote the subject received distinctions, while 80% received an A, B or C symbol.

The results in other subjects were also impressive. In Accounting 41% of candidates received distinctions; 38% in Life Sciences and 63% in EGD, while in English 19% received subject distinctions.

Kearsney College had a 100% pass rate, with 93% achieving a bachelor's degree (university exemption) pass.

ACADEMIC AWARDS Based on final marks in 2011

HONOURS CUM LAUDE	COLOURS	
1. Lutchman, Mandhir	1. Piggott, Joshua (re award)	12. Hirshovitz, Jayson
2. Holtes, Ryan	2. Whitelaw, Matthew (re award)	13. Wareham, Tanner
3. Pears, Travis	3. Bignaut, Daniel	14. Bunge, Edwin
4. Sparks, Nathan	4. Pons, Timothy	15. Clarke, David
	5. Bates, Nicholas	16. Royston, Gregory
	6. Sobey, Richard	17. Mabaso, Wakithi
	7. Southey, Richard	18. Kolev, Daniel
	8. Ries, Matthew	19. Hansen, Samuel
	9. Human, Brandt	20. Hudson, Thomas
	10. Woodgate, Sean	21. van Zyl, Brits
	11. Valenti, Jason	22. Wevell, Michael
		23. Attenborough, Joshua

LEADERSHIP TEAM: 2012



Finningley



Gillingham

Finningley Prefects (above): Simon Hudson; Brandt Human; James Lambert; Craig Kirsten; Bongsi Mthembu; Tyron Swanepoel; Sean Kelly; Mpumelelo Mhlongo
Gillingham Prefects: (left) Ryan Hawke; Jono Deighton; Nicholas Bates; Ruan Booyens; Daniel Bignaut



Sheffield

Sheffield Prefects (right): Julian Bowman; Greig Lockhart-Ross; Jacques de Villiers; Jason Valenti; Travis Pears



Pembroke

Grade 11 Top 5

1. Lutchman, Mandhir
2. Holtes, Ryan
3. Pears, Travis
4. Sparks, Nathan
5. Kirsten, Craig

PROGRESS AWARDS

1. Knight, Bradley
2. Lazenby, Wesley
3. Farrant, Nicholas
4. Chapman, Jarryd

Grade 10 Top 5

1. Bunge, Edwin
2. Clarke, David
3. Royston, Gregory
4. Mabaso, Wakithi
5. Kolev, Daniel

PROGRESS AWARDS

1. Gray, James
2. Storm, Matthew
3. Brown, Joshua
4. Muecke, Maximilian
5. Mardon, Jarrod
6. Wilkinson, Matthew
7. Berrange, James

Grade 9 Top 5

1. Lillelund, Neil
2. Loader, Keagan
3. Crockart, Ivan
4. Sandy, Dale
5. Lundall, Myles

PROGRESS AWARDS

1. Broughton, David
2. Cole, Haydn
3. Pillay, Neolan
4. Kennedy, James
5. Fyvie, Matthew

Grade 8 Top 5

1. Hughes, Brandon
2. Hansen, James
3. Hewitson, Lyle
4. Lee, Cameron
5. Lutchman, Dhanvir

PROGRESS AWARDS

1. Johansen, Jonathan
2. Msubo, Sana
3. Bentley, Matthew
4. Hlongwane, Bheki

Pembroke Prefects (right):

Ryan Holtes; Ntobeko Ngcobo; Ben Karnezos; Dean Seals; Bryce Harding; Cameron Parsons; Isolethu Ngidi

Kearsney Chaplain Inducted

The Induction Service for new Kearsney Chaplain, Rev Sifiso Khuzwayo took place on Tuesday 24 January, writes Headmaster Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg.

Bishop Mike Vorster, who is also a Kearsney Board member, led the service and encouraged the congregation to remain excited about life and excited about the things we do. Also attending the service with the Kearsney boys and staff were Rev Khuzwayo's wife Samke, members of the Methodist Connexional Office, fellow ministers, Kearsney Board and Trustee representatives and other dignitaries. Rev Khuzwayo who is no stranger to boys' schools, having matriculated from Glenwood Boys High School, identified the building of a community as a priority. Rev Peter Crundwell, a well-loved past Kearsney Chaplain also attended the ceremony.



Bishop Mike Vorster and Rev Sifiso Khuzwayo

'Having tea with the Giant'

The Giant's Cup Trail in the southern Drakensburg must rate as one of the finest hikes of the Little Berg. Mr Rod de Villiers Head of Middle School.

It starts near the Sani Pass border and heads southwards for 60km to end at Bushman's Neck, with 4 overnight stops along the way. The route offers everything, from endless up-hills to magnificent swims in crystal clear streams.

The group consisted of Messrs Amos, Robinson, OConnor and myself, and school boys Sean Woodgate, Johan Smit, Thomas Pearse, Simon Hudson, Stuart Patterson, Shaun Keeley, Ashley Smith, Darrien Morrow, Dylan Scott and Peter Hudson.

We set off from Kearsney on a rainy Thursday morning, 8 December, and headed straight for Pholela Hut in the Cobham Valley.

We woke the next morning to another gloomy day, but were in high spirits as we drove to the start of the trail. Our first stop was the Ngenwa Pool, where we had lunch and a swim. The rain, arriving mid-afternoon, resulted in a rushed and

waterlogged hike to Pholela. The warmth of the farmhouse, with hot showers and firewood, was most welcome that evening.

Due to the relentless rain during the night, and more predicted, we decided to change our plans and hike to Mzimkhulwana Hut along the Giant's Cup Trail instead of to the Gxalingenwa Cave. The rain did not fully materialise and the sun was warm and comforting, with magnificent views in every direction.. We hiked past the Tortoise

Rocks, Bathplug Cave and down into the Shongweni Valley and the Hut. We passed huge sandstone boulders— always aware of 'The Giant' peering down at us from between Hodgkinson's Peaks. At the quaint hut the boys swam in the pools and relaxed. The holiday feeling was upon us! On the final day, we hiked back in glorious weather, with the Berg at its best – green and fresh! Streams flowed sweetly and baboons barked constantly. We ended with a swim in the Pholela river, before

Welcome!
Newly appointed
HoD: Biology

Mr Dougan Macdonald joined the College at the beginning of the year, having taught in the UK for the past nine years. He has an Honours degree in Zoology and is a keen biologist. Outside the classroom Dougan enjoys hockey, rugby, hiking, running, mountain biking and climbing. Dougan is married to Paula. We are delighted to welcome Dougan to the College and know that he will be a great asset to the school. We wish Dougan and his family a happy and successful stay at Kearsney.



returning to Kearsney that afternoon. The boys walked exceptionally well and were a pleasure to have along on the trip.



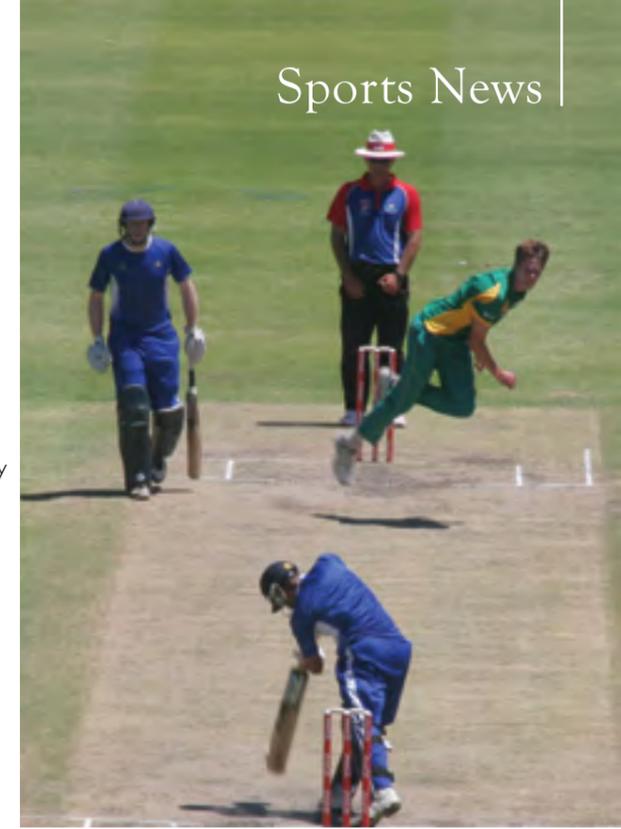
SA Schools Cricket Representation

Following a successful week at the Coca-Cola Khaya Majola under-19 Cricket Week in December, Craig Kirsten was selected for the SA Schools team for the match against the Nashua Mobile Cape Cobras which took place on Wednesday 21 December.

Craig helped KZN Coastals to a remarkable five wins out of six at the tournament and was selected as the Bowler of the Week for his superb display of controlled fast bowling.

Craig was subsequently selected for the SA U19 30-man squad for the triangular at the national academy in preparation for the 2012 ICC Under-19 World Cup in Australia. He will join Kearsney Old Boy (2010) Chad Bowes who had his SA U19 debut in the triangular series with Zimbabwe and Pakistan in January 2012.

Craig Kirsten bowls for SA Schools vs Western Province – Dec 2011



Snow's King Luke



Luke was named the youngest ever South African junior men's snowboarding champion in 2011. He was beaten only by the invitational pro rider from Slovenia.

Luke Dutton (Grade 10) lives in sunny, humid KZN, but it hasn't stopped the 15-year-old from beating those from icy climes at snowboarding.

Luke has been selected to compete at the Junior World Championships in Spain during April, where he will represent South Africa, together with a rider from Johannesburg. He will take part in contests in Bosnia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Spain this year.

Luke learned to snowboard when his family lived in Dubai for three years. For the past two years Luke has spent over 100 days on snow, in South Africa and overseas. This is principally his training. Apart from trampoline training and general physical conditioning there is not much else he can do when he is off snow, putting him at a disadvantage in this regard.

Alan Burt Gala 2012

The Kearsney A Swimming Team left for Johannesburg, the morning of Friday 26 January to attend the annual Alan Burt 2012 Schools Gala, hosted by Parktown Boys High School, at the Ellis Park Complex.

This is one of the most keenly contested of the year and a good measure of our team's swimming strengths, as it is one of the few occasions that we swim against schools from outside of KZN.

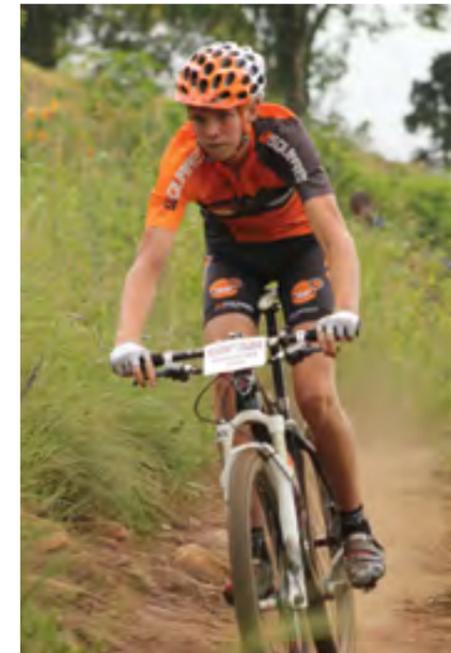
Kearsney traditionally does very well in this gala, achieving 2nd place in the years 2007 – 2010 and a 3rd place in 2011. With national swimmers Murray McDougall, Brett Walsh, Daniel Marsden and Tom Rich finishing Grade 12 in 2011, the Kearsney team would find it difficult to repeat these successes. The boys gave of their best and can be very proud of their performance in coming 4th overall behind Westville Boys High, Pretoria Boys High and St David's Inanda.

Special mention must be made of the U17 and Open age groups which did exceptionally well, winning one event (U17 Medley Relay) and coming 2nd or 3rd in most of the other events. The other age groups had good results and showed passion and potential that bodes well for the future.

Kearsney will host the event next year at the Kings Park Swimming Complex.

Carlo Marzoppi Top Class Mountain Biker

Carlo had an excellent start to his year by winning the Nissan National Marathon Race held in Barberton. Carlo, a Grade 9 pupil, is quickly establishing himself as the top South African Junior MTB Rider. He has secured a sponsor with BMC South Africa who will now provide him with bikes, equipment and clothing. BMC sponsors the team that won the Tour de France with Cadel Evans last year.



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE 2012



After a very successful international exchange programme last year we welcomed 2012's first incoming exchange students from two schools with which we have had longstanding relationships spanning well over a decade, writes Mr Dave Goldhawk, MiC: International Exchange

Alastair Greenwood and Adam Moriarty jetted in from England where they are Year 9 pupils at Box Hill School in the picturesque village of Mickleham near Dorking. In addition to pupils from the surrounding Surrey Downs, their school attracts many international boarders, especially at sixth form level. Matthew Butler, Tom Newman and Gary Power flew in from Ireland, where they are in Year 10 at the Catholic University School, a stone's throw from St Stephen's Green and Dublin's fashionable shopping district. All five boys are experiencing boarding school life for the first time – the Irish boys in Pembroke House and the English boys in Sheffield House. We wish them a very happy stay.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS' CRICKET FESTIVAL

Kearsney hosted the annual Independent Schools Cricket Festival for 1st teams from 11 January to 13 January. Mr Neil Peacock, MIC: Cricket has it covered.

This festival serves as an important pre-season trial for coaches to sort out their teams before the start of the very busy summer sports season. This year the festival had a truly international flavour with teams from Zimbabwe (St Johns & Peterhouse) and the Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) of Brisbane (Australia) joining teams from Hilton, Michaelhouse, St David's (Gauteng) and Bishops (Cape Town).



The teams of Kearsney and Churchie – Anglican Church Grammar School (Brisbane)



James Lambert in action



Ryan Hawke had a good start to the season

The festival was blessed with excellent weather for the duration of the three days. Ryan Wallace from Kearsney scored two successive centuries on the Thursday and Friday as the wickets became flatter and temperatures soared. All the matches were played in a tremendous spirit and credit must be given to the coaches and managers for making the festival such a success. The grounds were in tip-top shape and we at Kearsney can be very proud of the care and effort that Mr Andrew Bretherton (Estates Manager) and Mr Ayanda Peter (Head Groundsman) put into our fields and pitches. They are truly world class!

By the end of the three days, old friendships were renewed and new ones forged. A great way to start the cricket season!

Taking it in their stride

The Kearsney Striders running club hosted their 11th annual Dunlop half marathon on Sunday 22 January.

The event included 21- and 10km runs and a 16km walk. The route starts and ends on the Kearsney campus and covers a scenic route around the area.

The well organised event was very well supported, with over 1,200 athletes taking part. Competitors said that although the long hills are a challenge, the beautiful scenery and cooling rain helped to keep them going.

The Kearsney Striders Club thanks Kearsney and the Kearsney boys who helped for their part in making this event the success that it was.



Left: Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg congratulates Johan Smit, who was the first Kearsney runner in the 10km event, finishing 11th overall.

Below: Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg and his daughter Nicky enjoyed the event.



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Ethelbert Children's Home

Thanks to our boys, parents and staff for their generosity in responding to the appeal for the Ethelbert Children's Home.

An amazing R22 500 was raised for the home in 2011 – R9 500 more than we managed to raise in 2010. Almost R2 700 of this amount was offered by our boys themselves – a wonderful contribution. In addition to the funds raised, the Kearsney community once again did us proud in donating vast quantities of the various toiletries that were requested by the Home.

Sean Kelly and Mr Manzini Zungu with Mrs Sharon Smorenburg PR/Fundraiser from Ethelbert



FOUNDATION

An invitation to make a difference

Would you consider giving R100 or more per month to enable Kearsney to achieve its long-term development goals? Is your business seeking a worthy and winning cause for your B-BBEE contribution or CSI budget? Kearsney has a variety of empowerment projects and can offer you the opportunity to acquire points towards your B-BBEE scorecard. Support, no matter whether small or large, contributes to Kearsney's sustainability and ability to provide world class opportunities for our Kearsney boys. These opportunities contribute to their journey to becoming leaders in the future.

The Kearsney Foundation can guarantee individual, corporate and trust supporter's full tax benefits and full accountability. We seek to understand and serve our partner requirements:

- If requested, your anonymity will be respected;
- You will receive frequent communication of how funds are being deployed;
- You will be kept informed about the school through publications and the website;
- Appropriate recognition and appreciation will be extended to you;
- Naming opportunities are available subject to conditions and the nature of the donation, sponsorship or legacy;
- Major donors will, if desired, have their names listed on a Benefactors Board at Kearsney,
- You will be invited from time to time to special events and are welcome to visit Kearsney.

Did you know Kearsney offers Tax Efficient Giving? Kearsney is a registered Public Benefit Organisation and Non-Profit Organisation. You may deduct donations to Kearsney College from your taxable income in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act. The current South African tax guidelines entitle individuals and corporates to annually deduct up to 10% of taxable income. This gives you the opportunity of personally channelling an amount you would have paid in tax to a cause of your choice.

Perhaps you could assist us by opening the door to others wishing to invest in education excellence. For more information contact Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director joy@kearsney.com. Options range from Bursaries, Capital projects, Festivals and more.



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Special Events

KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL

It's that time of year again. We are gearing up for the 5th annual Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival.

A rich line-up of teams has been secured. Participating schools are: Affies, Hoerskool Dr EG Jansen, Hoerskool Monument (Gauteng), Queens College, Dale College, Selborne College (Eastern Cape), Paarl Gymnasium, Paul Roos Gymnasium (Western Cape), Glenwood High School, Kearsney College, Westville (KwaZulu-Natal), and Grey College (Free State).

We thank our sponsors who make the festival possible.

Kearsney is delighted to announce our new Festival co-sponsors are **Illovo Sugar** and **Mr Price**.

Nashua has also come on board as a second tier sponsor. This will add a flavour and energy to the event as we strive to keep this as the top Easter Rugby Festival in the country.

It is an enormous endorsement and very encouraging to have continued support from the following sponsors:

- Rugby partners: Sharks, Sharks Academy and KZN RU
- Education partner: Varsity College
- Medical partners: Sharks Medical, ER24, Life Healthcare Group
- Refreshment Marquee: SAB

Exciting sponsorship opportunities for 2012 are open and we are already talking to interested parties for 2013. Contact Joy Mills-Hackmann on joy@kearsney.com if you are interested. For further information about the Festival please visit our website www.kearsney.com and follow the News menu.

Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival Play Days

Day 1: Thursday 5 April 2012

Day 2: Saturday 7 April 2012

Day 3: Monday 9 April 2012



Left: Class of 2007

OLD BOYS

We welcome the Class of 2011: our newest Old Boys:

KCOB President, Nick Keary (1998) welcomed new Old Boys on 12 January at a Cocktail Party in the Greyhound. In between holidays and preparing for the adventure of university and the workplace a record 44 from the Class of 2011 attended the cocktail along with many other Old Boys and staff.

Class of 2011



Founder's Weekend 8-9 June 2012

The 2012 Founder's Weekend booking form is available on the web.

Please spread the word.

Visit www.kearsney.com | Old Boys | Founder's Weekend for an online booking form.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

"Is it well with thee?" 2 Kings 4:26

When Zulu people greet each other, they say *'Sanibonani'* meaning 'we see you'. This is based on the belief that each person is a representation of the place and people they come from. In Methodism one of the critical questions asked in Mr Wesley's small groups (called Classes) was 'How is it with your soul?' So to the Kearsney community allow me to stand before you as both a modern-day Zulu man and your Methodist spiritual leader and ask: 'Howzit with you soul?' Let us take this moment to recognize each other's presence as we build and strengthen this community.

Rev Sifiso Khuzwayo

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