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Kearsney's 100th birthday

On 04 August 2021 Kearsney College officially reached its centenary, marking 100 years since the College first opened its doors to thirteen scholars, five of whom were grandsons of Sir Liege Hulett. Kearsney College was then located on Sir Liege Hulett's estate on the North Coast, near present day KwaDukuza (Stanger). The College moved to Botha's Hill in 1939.

The fascinating history of Kearsney College is told in the beautiful Centenary coffee table publication, *"Kearsney Chronicled"*. This special publication is full of fascinating facts and colourful anecdotes that are sure to keep the reader enthralled. The book is available to purchase at the Kit & Clothing store on campus.

Numerous events that were planned to mark the Centenary have unfortunately been cancelled due to COVID, but the College has adapted and made the most of the situation in true Kearsney style, carrying on with adjusted events wherever possible. One of the events on the Centenary events calendar was the official opening of the Centenary Centre. (Read more details on page/s 2 and 10).

Mpumi Mlongo setting Olympic Standards

Congratulations to Mpumelelo "Mpumi" Mhlongo (Class of 2012) for his outstanding achievements at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. The world champion and UCT athlete finished in 11:03 seconds in the men's 100m combined T44 and T64 class final to break the Paralympic Games T44 record. Mpumi currently holds the world record for the event with 11 seconds. In the men's long jump T44 final in Tokyo he recorded 6:80m, breaking the world record.

Mpumi also set a new T44 world record in the men's 200m (T64) heats when he finished 2nd in 22.81 seconds. He achieved 5th place in the T64 final as a T44.

A true Kearsney all-rounder, Mpumi matriculated with 7 distinctions, was Head of Finningley House, Head of Choir which won gold at 2012 World Choir Games, and captain of 2nd XI soccer team.

Mpumi is currently completing his PhD in Chemical Engineering where his research project concerns converting plastic waste to diesel.



Provincial Rugby Reps

Congratulations to the following boys for their selection to KZN Rugby teams:

UI8 Craven Week: Singele Mkhize

UI8 Academy Week: Cameron de Beer and Mhleli Khuzwayo

UI8 Non-travelling reserve: Jason Brien

UI6 Grant Khomo Week: Devahn van der Walt

UI6B team: Siso France; Ben Livesey; Salusiwe Mqobono and Likhona Numwana

Below: UI8 KZN reps: Jason Brien, Cameron de Beer, Singele Mkhize and Mhleli Khuzwayo



Guy Morgan to captain at Hockey Junior World Cup

The South African Hockey U21 Men's side has been named for the Senior IPT in Western Cape in October. This tournament will be a wonderful opportunity for the side to test themselves ahead of the Junior World Cup to be held in India from 24 November to 05 December 2021. Guy Morgan (Class of 2018) will continue to lead the team at the World Cup where 16 teams will compete.





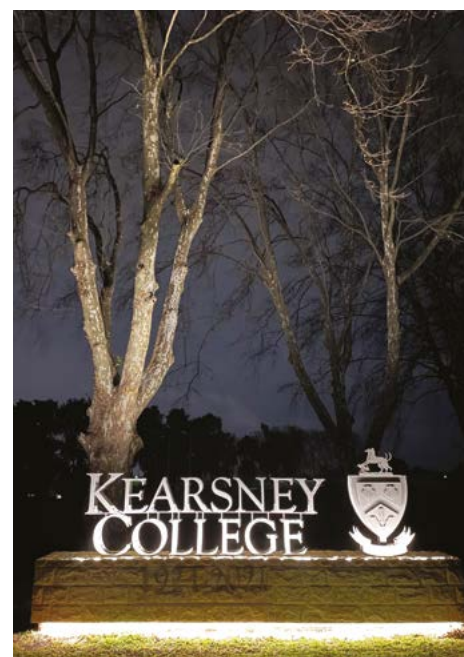
Official opening of the Centenary Centre South Wing

Exactly 100 years and one day after Kearsney College was founded, we unveiled the foundation stone, to officially open the South Wing of the Centenary Centre. This special ceremony went ahead, with all necessary Covid-related adjustments to the programme, on 05 August, with special guests and dignitaries in attendance. The benefactors who generously sponsored classrooms in the Centenary Centre were on campus and were honoured in the ceremony.

The guests were treated to the beautiful sounds of the choir and orchestra, a rare occurrence in these COVID times. In a first for the College, the unveiling of the foundation stone and the address by guest of honour Dr Rev. Purity Malinga, the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church, was done virtually. She delivered a moving dedication and she gave a brief history of the century-long link between the Methodist Church and Kearsney and the Methodist ethos which is a cornerstone of the College. The Presiding Bishop encouraged the boys to become the transformative men the world needs as Kearsney

moves into its second century, and to seize the moment and the resources God has blessed them with at the College.

In her absence, the foundation stone was unveiled by our chaplain, Rev. Kym Bishop, in the presence of Mr David Polkinghorne (Chairman of Trustees), Mr Andrew Parsons (Board Chair) and Headmaster Elwyn van den Aardweg.



Centenary Plinth

Construction of the Centenary Plinth has been completed. The idea for the plinth came from an Old Boy, who, when visiting the College, could not settle on an iconic location to take photos with the Kearsney name visible. Hopefully, in years to come, as you look back on your time as a parent or pupil, images taken with your Kearsney family at the plinth will evoke some happy memories.

Superb Mathematics Olympiad Results

Report by Mr Marc Ancillotti, HOD Mathematics.

The official results for Round 2 of the South African Mathematics Olympiad were superb. Kearsney is extremely proud of the boys' achievements and congratulates the staff for their training and all the boys for their participation and wonderful results.

18 boys gained representation on the Provincial Honours list (top 100 students in KZN):

Junior (Grades 8 and 9) Provincial List:
Daniel Bothma, Hayden Dunsdon, Rehan Khan, Woojae Lee and Jack White.

Senior (Grades 10, 11 and 12) Provincial List:
Ethan Barrett, Gabe Delport, Marnus du Toit, James Engelbrecht, Ben Field, Ethan Groom, Matthew Jacobs, Dylan Jewitt, Kavi Jogi, Jack Murray, Javashkaar Naidoo, Kieran Pearton and Michael Smith.

Jack White (Grade 9) is further congratulated for placing in the top 100 students nationally. He wrote the Round 3 (special invitation) paper on 28 July and we eagerly await his results.



Top results for Geography Olympiad

Report by Mr Matt Savage, HOD Geography.

Seventy-six Kearsney Grade 12 and 11 Geography candidates participated in the annual Geography Olympiad, which attracted over 2,500 boys and girls from 149 schools from around the country. The Kearsney boys did extremely well, with five achieving Gold status (top 5% in SA), 7 achieving Silver status (top 10%) and 3 achieving Bronze status (Top 15%).

Congratulations to the award winners:

Gold (Top 5%): (pictured L-R)
Adam Gibson (Gr 12), Joshua van der Merwe (Gr 12), Ethan Sumner (Gr 11), Garrick Steele (Gr 12) and Tillman Kurze (Gr 11) (not in picture).

Silver (Top 10%):
Matthew Bergset (Gr 11), Matthew Crookes (Gr 11), Matthew Foord (Gr 12), Thomas Gourley (Gr 12), Matthew Gray (Gr 11), Chris Thompson (Gr 11) and Josh Woolven (Gr 11)

Bronze (Top 15%):
Oscar Burgess Barker (Gr 12) Lance de Kock (Gr 11) and Robbie Jorgensen (Gr 11)



Inter-house Public Speaking

Report by *Ms Natalie Arndt*,
Teacher in Charge.

It was most exciting to be able to host the Inter-house Public Speaking competition this year and, despite our limited capacity for supporters per House, the event was a huge success.

Terry Johnson's question *'Have you ever noticed how "What the hell" is always the right decision to make?'* was this year's theme, and it revealed some interesting commentary on the interesting times we face. It was both astounding and encouraging to listen to the speakers reflect and speak so honestly about taking risks and facing challenges head-on.

Culture@Kearsney Art Exhibition

Report by *Ms Joanne Hicks*, HOD Visual Art; organiser.

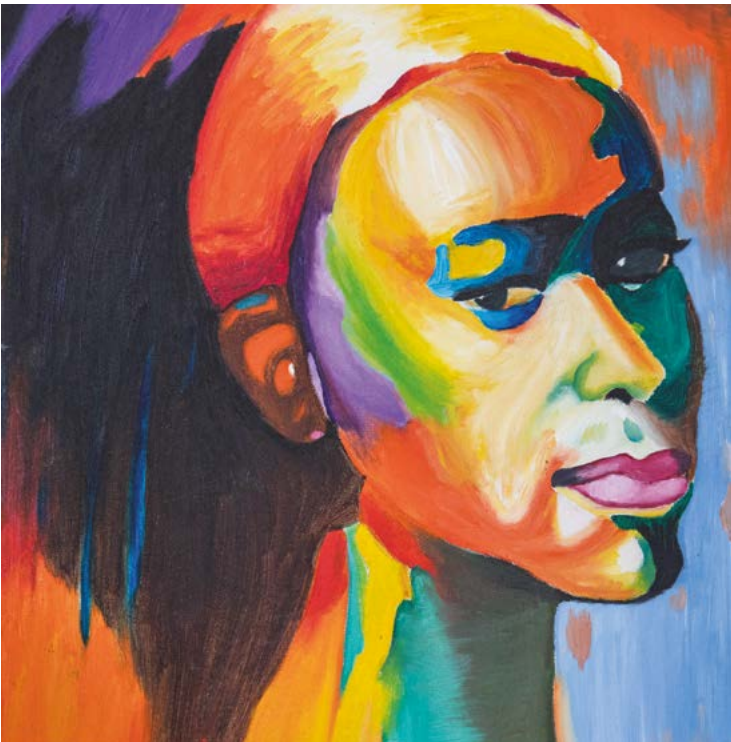
A quiet space set the tone for this year's Culture@ Kearsney Art exhibition. A more intimate venue was selected to showcase the exhibition and boasted an impressive number of artworks from local KZN schools, all the way from Mooi River, down to the coast.

Due to Covid restrictions the exhibition was opened without the joyful festivities of the opening night, but the exhibition stood as a proud reminder of the talent and skill possessed by the young artists from our province. This exhibition allowed learners the opportunity to see their work installed amongst that of their peers and was a chance for exposure to a wider audience. As you perused the gallery there were an exceptional number of impressive works.

On a technical and conceptual level, it was clear that these young art students have a passion for creativity and a strong artist's voice. It is always admirable to see young citizens engaging with themes and ideas that are relevant to them, exploring their opinions and provoking a response in the viewer. Artists can't function separate from their environment and these learners have found new and exciting ways to make their art meaningful through mature thought and relevant ideas.



Dean Gibbs (Grade 12, Kearsney).



Work by Nicole Phillips Grade 11, Danville Park Girls

The following best speakers were awarded in each category:

- Best Toast:** Kai Hielckert (Gillingham)
- Best "My Fake Holiday" speech pair:** Bongumenzi Zungu and Oliver Tubb (Pembroke)
- Best Ice Breaker:** Javhar Naidoo (Sheffield)
- Best Impromptu Speech:** Ben Burton (Gillingham)
- Best Prepared Speech:** Matthew Jacobs (Pembroke)
- Best Introduction of a Speaker:** Liam Theunissen (Pembroke)
- Best Vote of Thanks:** Darren Holing (Sheffield)
- Best Official:** Ethan Barrett, as sgt-at-arms (Gillingham)



Matthew Jacobs,
Best Prepared Speech
(Pembroke).

There was a maturity in the content this year, which is reflective of the life we have been forced to adopt due to our "new normal".

Congratulations to Pembroke, the overall winners of the evening, followed by Gillingham, Sheffield and Finningley respectively.

Khaya Zondo adds great value to cricket at Kearsney

Report by *Mr Waylon Murray*, Director of Sport.



It is with great pleasure we announce the services of cricketer pro Khaya Zondo. Khaya is a professional cricketer of the highest pedigree and has amassed over 300 first class caps in his long career. He has represented the Proteas (South Africa) and captained the Hollywood bets Dolphins team.

Khaya will be closely involved with all our high-performance cricketers at the College. His areas of influence are focused on leadership, strategic planning, batting technique, professionalism and in assisting us to develop a highly competitive cricket programme. Khaya's wealth of knowledge and energy will be a great asset and we know his coaching will contribute to an environment of continued sporting excellence as we begin our Term 4 cricket season.

L-R: Director of Sport, Mr Waylon Murray, Mr Jordan Gregory, coach and Mr Khaya Zondo.



Inter-house Athletics

Mr Gareth Moerdyk, MIC Athletics, reports.

Due to the cancellation of contact sport during the second term, it was decided to have the Inter-house Athletics meet earlier in the year. The 2021 Inter-house Athletics was held over nine days, starting on Monday 07 June and finishing the following Wednesday, 16 June. To encourage wide participation athletes could earn points for their Houses by finishing in the top 8 (as has traditionally been the case) or by meeting a minimum standard per event. This meant that more than the traditional two athletes per event could earn points for their respective Houses. Each afternoon from 07 June to 11 June saw athletes running

heats or involved in field events and "Finals" for the shorter distance track events on Saturday 12 June. The following week, Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 June, saw the running of the longer distance events.

Also breaking from tradition, the Inter-house tug-of-war was contested by all five age groups in teams of 4 rather than 8 (to comply with social distancing practices). All results contributed to competition for the Hall Trophy.

Semi-finals for the 5 age groups were held on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 June with the finals taking place on Saturday 12 June after the finals of the track events. Once all placings were taken in for each age group, Pembroke ran out as winners of the Inter-

house tug-of-war competition, extending their winning streak by another year.

Gillingham, with a greater number of top-end athletes (as evidenced by the number of age group winners from that House) and more depth, were the eventual winners of the Inter-house Athletics competition.

AWARD WINNERS

- Best athlete (Opens) and Trehwella Trophy for 400m:** Tyler Gray (Gillingham)
- Best athlete runner-up (Opens) and TW Beckett Trophy for 800m:** Tristan Sebire (Pembroke)
- Best athlete (U17):** Tom Carmody (Gillingham)
- Best athlete runner-up (U17):** Luc Painting (Gillingham)
- Best athlete (U16):** Dylan Wiggett (Gillingham)
- Best athlete runner-up (U16):** Asande Nyawose (Sheffield)
- Best athlete (U15):** Cameron Veenstra (Gillingham)
- Best athlete runner-up (U15):** Luca Borrageiro (Gillingham)
- Best athlete (U14):** Jamie van Wyk (Gillingham)
- Best athlete runner-up (U14):** Sipho Majiza (Sheffield)
- Rolland Trophy for 100m (Opens):** Daniel de Kock (Gillingham)
- John Robbins Trophy for high jump:** Tiaan Steyn (Pembroke)
- Joliffe Trophy for field events:** Luca Sandri (Sheffield)
- JCB Woodburn Trophy for javelin:** Seth Scorer (Sheffield)

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Cross Country

The inter-house Cross Country took place on a hot afternoon this term. There was a high level of participation and the boys can be commended for their efforts. All runners scored points for their Houses.

In the Senior competition (6km), Tristan Sebire (Pembroke), pictured below, won in a time of 25:17, Ryan Denekamp (Finningley) finished second in 28 minutes and Kai Hielckert (Gillingham) came third, a minute behind Ryan.

Cameron Veenstra (Gillingham) finished first in the Junior race (4km), with a time of 17:36 and was followed by Matthew de Oliveira and Nathan Foster (Finningley) in second and third places respectively.

OVERALL RESULTS

- 1st Finningley
- 2nd Gillingham
- 3rd Pembroke and
- 4th Sheffield



Tristan Sebire



Jamie van Wyk - Junior Cross Country

Tennis

Congratulations to the following boys for their selections to KZN tennis teams.

- KZN U19A: Caleb Fyvie
- KZN U15A: Finn Coningham



Caleb Fyvie



Finn Coningham



Tedder signed with Perpignan

Tristan Tedder (Class of 2014), has signed with Perpignan in the French Top 14 for the 2021 - 2023 seasons. Tristan began his French career with Toulouse before moving to Bayonne. Tristan must have been delighted with the start of his Perpignan career as he earned Man of the Match with his performance against Montpellier. (Pictured right).

An Explosive Career

Andrew Bath (Finningley, 1978) is employed by a British-managed company which clears minefields and disposes of un-exploded ordinances in war-torn countries. Andrew recently shared his post-Kearsney journey with the KCOB. Read the full article by scanning the QR code right.



SA Champion Jockey

Lyle Hewitson (Class of 2015) was crowned SA Champion jockey for the third time at the end of July. He won his first SA National Championship title, as an apprentice in 2017/18. At the beginning of August Lyle left for his second spell in the Japanese racing set-up.

Congratulations to Lyle Hewitson on this incredible achievement. A true gentleman and fantastic all-rounder, Lyle played 1st team hockey and cricket at Kearsney and matriculated with five distinctions. We wish Lyle all the best for his three-month stint in Japan. (Pictured right).

Centenary Golf Day Defying Mother Nature

The Kearsney College Old Boys hosted their Centenary Golf Day at Cotswold Downs on 12 August - a "second attempt" as the initial date over Founder's Week was rained out after torrential downpours meant that the fairways were closed.

This time the golfers were blessed by a glorious rain-free winter's day. With a field of over 110 players and the generosity of local businesses, owned by both Old Boys and other members of the Kearsney community, the day was a resounding success. The KCOB extends their gratitude to those who contributed to the event.





Unveiling the South Wing of the Centenary Centre

On Thursday, 05 August the South Wing of the Centenary Centre was unveiled; another momentous occasion in celebrating 100 years of Kearsney College.

Amongst the invited guests were several donors who were recognised by the unveiling of their plaques next to their classrooms. Each was engraved with an inspirational quote of their choice. This ceremony was to recognise their generosity and for leaving a legacy for future generations to enjoy.



Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg with David Polkinghorne (Trustee to Kearsney College Trust) and Andrew Parsons (Chairman of the Board of Governors) unveiling the Founders Room

Richard and Doreen Tolken Centenary Classroom

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

- Abraham Lincoln

Dedicated with thanks to Kearsney College, which was my home and family for five important years of my life.

Carmody Centenary Classroom

"The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do."

- Steve Jobs

Dedicated to the passionate teachers of our great school.

Kearsney College Old Boys Centenary Classroom

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future."

- Plato

Dedicated with thanks to the college and our many teachers and staff who impacted our lives so positively.

Kearsney Striders Athletic Club Centenary Classroom

"Every stride, as long as it's forward, is worth the walk. Pursue it."

- Joseph Jacson Katongole

Dedicated to the founding members of Kearsney Striders, 1999.

The last room to be unveiled was the Founders Room (aptly nicknamed the "Long Room"), which is in appreciation of the bequest from founding pupil William Hulett, grandson of Sir Liege Hulett and who attended Kearsney College from 1921 - 1925.



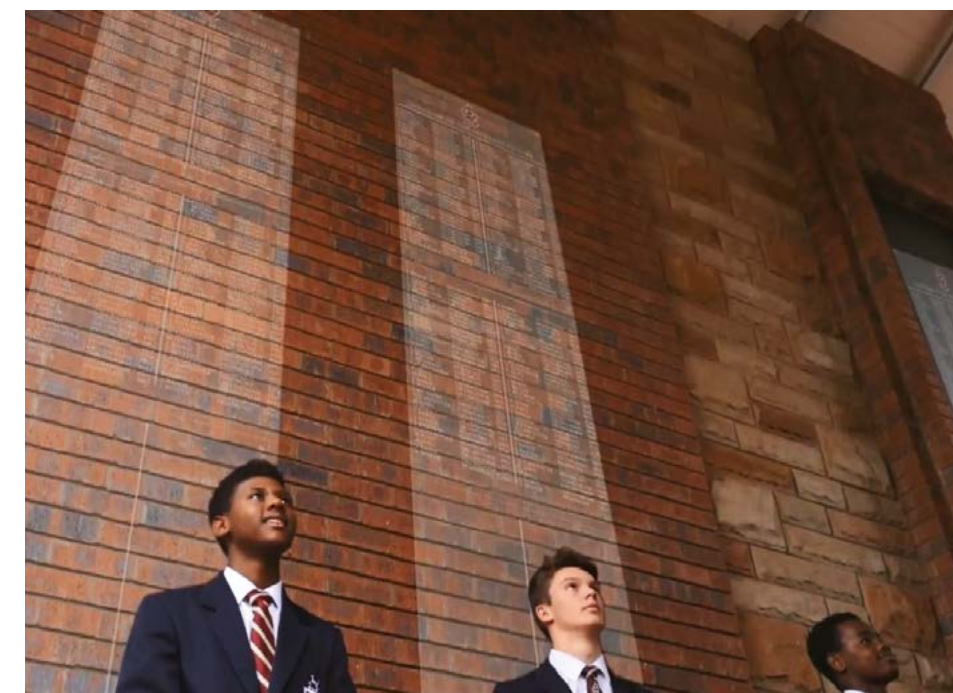
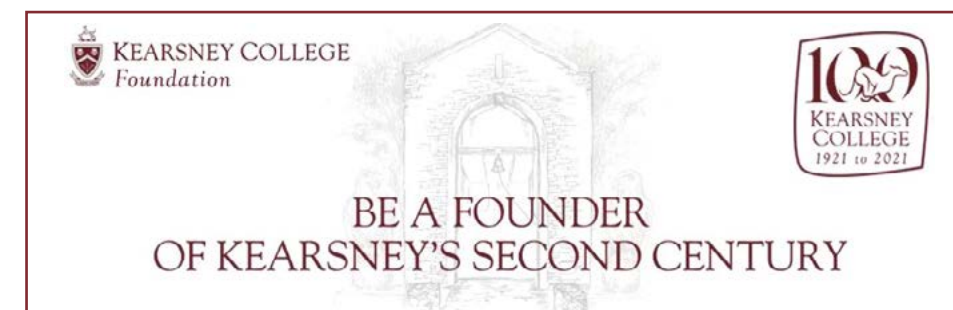
David Polkinghorne (Gillingham, 1981) with KCOB President, Wray Radford (Finningley, 1989), Gavin Bester (Pembroke, 1967) and Richard Tolken (Gillingham, 1954) in front of the Kearsney College Old Boys Centenary Classroom

Kearsney College Foundation's Centenary Arch Appeal reaches an incredible milestone of R1,50 million

The Kearsney College Foundation formally launched the Centenary Arch Appeal in March 2021 and we have been overwhelmed by the success of the campaign in just six months due to the parents and Old Boys who have generously supported this drive. Funds raised through this initiative strengthen Kearsney's endowment fund thereby enabling the school to confidently plan strategic developments, capital projects, bursaries and scholarships.

We encourage parents of current Kearsney boys to pledge support to this appeal on behalf of their sons. A contribution of R2,500 will allow them to be formally recognised as Founders of Kearsney's Second Century and have their name etched into the glass boards which will soon to be erected in the Centenary Arch. To date 265 current boys and Old boys from around the world have embraced this opportunity.

Please contact our Foundation Office on foundation@kearsney.com should you have any queries or require any assistance with making your commitment.



Alpine Hillcrest sponsors a new vehicle



Mr Tyrone Tait from Alpine Motors handing the keys for the new sponsored vehicle to Mr Wiseman Ngwane, Kearsney's long-serving driver.

Kearsney College is very grateful to Alpine Motors for sponsoring a new vehicle for the College. This vehicle, and the previous vehicle sponsored by Alpine Motors, is ideal for transporting small groups of boys to and from outside activities. Mr Wiseman Ngwane, who has been driving Kearsney boys safely for over 16 years, says this new VW Transporter 6 is beautiful and he is excited about the new addition to the Kearsney fleet.

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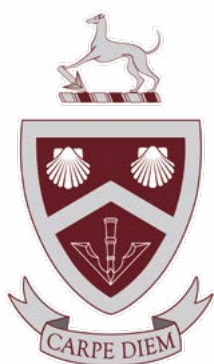
Thought for the Moment

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

One of the joys of living on campus is that I get to ride my bicycle to school each morning. However, riding a bike in the chilly, dark winter mornings is not, I've discovered, always a particularly joyful experience. What it does make possible though, is greater awareness of the changing of the seasons. Recently, the sky has been lighter earlier and the sun a little warmer. I also get to notice the green leaves appearing and the buds as they start to open. And I am reminded each morning of the glory of God, revealed in creation. We can see the footprints and fingerprints of eternal God in the world around us – glory and grace new to us each day even in the midst of all our current chaos.

The great writer JRR Tolkien has said part of the purpose of our lives is to get to know God more and so be moved to praise and thanksgiving. Tolkien also said that within people, and the created world are the fingerprints of God, waiting to be revealed. Where might God be beginning a new work in your life? In what ways might God be revealing Godself to you through creation? As you notice God through the beauty of creation, may you know also the hope of God at work in your life, in this time and place.

Rev. Kym Bishop
Chaplain



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