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“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” — Psalm 107:1

As we approach the end of the year, we thank God for His faithfulness and for how He has guided us through this journey. It has now been ten months since we adapted to life and ministry at Christ Church Strand, and we are grateful for God’s grace and provision throughout this time. We are grateful to every member, ministry leader, volunteer, and supporter who has contributed to the life and work of Christ Church Strand. Your prayers, commitment, generosity, and willingness to serve have helped us continue the work God has entrusted to us.

Our Life Together as a Church

Our Sunday services continue to be an important part of the life of Christ Church Strand. We hold two services each Sunday: The English service at 08:30 and the Xhosa service at 10:30. Both services provide opportunities for members to gather in worship, hear God’s Word, and grow in their faith as one church family. Attendance at the services continues to reflect the congregation’s commitment to worship and fellowship. Our Wednesday Bible study has continued to grow, providing members with an opportunity to study Scripture in greater depth, ask questions, and strengthen their understanding of God’s Word. Attendance has been encouraging, with 38 people attending one of our recent sessions, the highest attendance recorded this year. During our studies in the Gospel of John, we have explored the significance of Jesus’ signs and His “I Am” statements, which reveal His identity and point us to Him as the Son of God. We are currently studying chapter 13, continuing to learn from Jesus’ teaching and example. We thank God for this growth and pray that these gatherings will continue to strengthen our church family in faith and Christian living.





Women’s conference

On 8 August, Christ Church Strand hosted a Women’s Conference attended by women from Christ Church Khayelitsha, Ubabalo Nethemba, Christ Church Khayamandi, and Christ Church Strand. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, and learning together under the theme “The Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in God’s Character,” based on Galatians 5:22–23. The conference encouraged the women to grow in Christlike character, allowing the Holy Spirit to produce in their lives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We thank God for this opportunity to strengthen relationships between the churches, encourage one another in faith, and grow together in our commitment to Christ.







Different Cultures, One in Christ

On 28 September 2026, Christ Church Strand had the privilege of celebrating the diversity of cultures within our church community through a combined service with Christ Church Khayamandi.



Our congregation is made up of people from different cultural backgrounds, including Zimbabweans, Coloureds, Tsongas, Xhosas and Zulus. The gathering was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our diversity while recognising that, in Christ, we are one family united in faith and love. The event also provided an opportunity to raise funds for Christ Church Strand, as the church continues to face financial challenges.

Members prepared and sold a variety of traditional dishes representing different cultures, allowing everyone to experience and appreciate the richness of our cultural diversity. We thank God that, through the generosity and participation of our members and visitors, we were able to raise more than R5,000 on the day.





We are grateful to God for the unity, fellowship and support shared between the two churches. This event reminded us that, although we come from different cultural backgrounds, we are one in Christ and can work together for the growth and ministry of His church.

Young Adults

We thank God for His work among our young adults and young people at Christ Church Strand. Through Bible teaching, fellowship, and discipleship, we seek to equip them to grow in their faith, serve the church, develop their leadership abilities, and participate in God's mission.



This year, our young adults have been studying *God's Design for the Church* by Conrad Mbewe. This book has also been used in membership classes for new believers, most of whom are young adults. Through this study, we have been learning about the importance of the local church, the responsibilities of church members, Christian leadership, and the role of the church in fulfilling God's mission. We are now working through the final chapter of the book. We have also been studying *One Heartbeat Away* by Mark Cahill, which reminds us that life is short and challenges us to think about eternity.

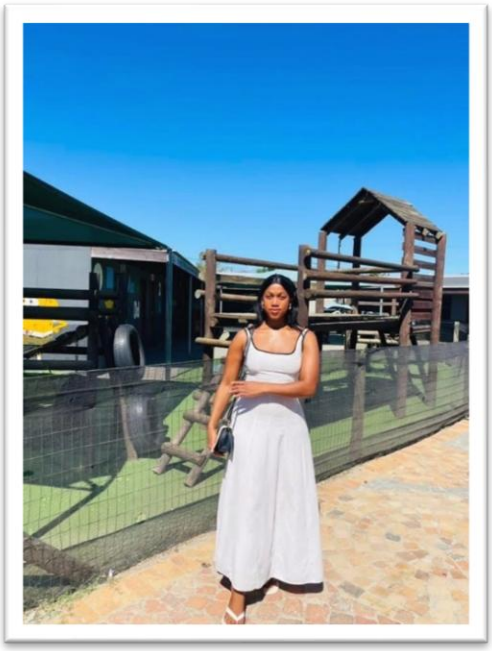
It encourages us to share the gospel with others and help them understand the importance of knowing Jesus Christ and receiving His gift of salvation. We have two chapters remaining and look forward to completing the study. We are grateful for the progress made through these studies and for the opportunities our young adults must take responsibility and lead in the life of the church. We pray that God will continue to equip them to become mature believers, confident leaders, faithful servants, and passionate witnesses for Christ. Our desire is to see them use their gifts to serve the church, reach others with the gospel, and participate actively in God's mission in our community and beyond.





Sewing Project: Putting Faith into Action

We thank God for His continued provision for our sewing project at Christ Church Strand. Following the departure of Mrs Kanyenda, who faithfully taught sewing skills, God has provided Okuhle to take over and continue this important ministry. Okuhle grew up in Christ Church Strand, came to faith at a young age, and was nurtured through our Sunday school and teenagers' ministry before becoming a Sunday school teacher. We are grateful that she continues to serve the Lord by using her gifts to equip others through this project.

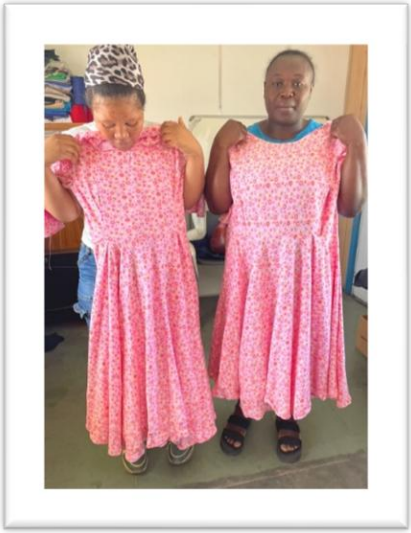




As we continue preaching through the book of James, we have been reminded that genuine faith must be demonstrated through our actions. James teaches us that faith is not merely something we profess with our words, but something we put into practice.



Our sewing project is one of the ways we seek to live out this teaching by demonstrating the love of Christ through practical service. We recognise that many people face economic challenges, and through this initiative, we aim to equip them with useful skills that may help them generate an income, support their families, and put food on the table. In this way, we seek to make the gospel visible through practical acts of love and service.



At present, eight participants are learning to sew. The project is offered free of charge, with participants only needed to provide their own fabric for practice. However, the number of sewing machines available limits our ability to accommodate more learners. Our hope is to expand the project to reach more than ten participants as additional resources become available. We therefore appeal to individuals, churches and partners who may have sewing machines or fabric scraps they no longer use to consider donating them to this ministry.





Such contributions would enable us to reach more people and provide them with valuable practical skills. We thank God for Okuhle's willingness to serve, for the participants who continue to learn, and for the opportunity to serve our community in this way. We pray that God will continue to provide the resources needed for this project to grow, enabling us to equip more people and demonstrate that genuine faith is seen through action.

Outreach and Mission

We continue to support outreach beyond our Sunday gatherings, including our ministry in Klapmuts and other community activities. We desire to see the gospel shared, people discipled, and lives transformed through the work of Christ.



Our soup kitchen remains an important part of our outreach ministry at Christ Church Strand. Every Thursday, we provide meals to members of our community, particularly those who are unemployed and struggling to meet their basic needs. Through this ministry, we seek to demonstrate Christ's love in practical ways by providing food, sharing God's Word, and praying with those who attend.

We sincerely appreciate everyone who contributes towards the soup kitchen project. Your generosity, support, and prayers enable us to continue providing meals and reaching people in our community. We thank God for your partnership in this ministry and for helping us put Christ's love into action. May God bless you for your continued support.

As we continue this work, we pray that God will use our outreach ministries to bring hope to those facing difficult circumstances, build relationships within the community, and open doors for people to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.



Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

As we come towards the end of the year, we thank God for His faithfulness, provision, and sustaining grace towards Christ Church Strand. Although we have faced financial difficulties and had to manage our resources carefully, God has enabled us to continue the work of the gospel. We are grateful to everyone who has supported the church through prayer, financial contributions, and faithful service. Your generosity has helped us continue our ministries and serve our community.

We thank God for the growth in our church family, our Sunday services, Wednesday Bible studies, young adults, teenagers, sewing project, Klapmuts outreach, and soup kitchen. We are especially grateful to everyone who contributes towards the soup kitchen, helping us provide meals for those facing difficult circumstances.

As we look ahead, please join us in prayer for:

- **Financial provision**: That God will provide the resources needed to meet the church's commitments and sustain our ministries.
- **The continuation of the gospel**: That, despite financial challenges, the gospel will continue to be preached, people will come to know Christ, and believers will grow in faith.
- **Our ministries and outreach**: That God will strengthen those who serve and enable us to continue sharing the gospel and helping our community.
- **The year ahead**: That God will continue to guide and provide for Christ Church Strand as we seek to Reach, Teach, and Send.

We remain thankful for God's faithfulness and confident that He will continue His work among us, even when resources are limited.

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6