

**Anglican Chaplain  
University of Stellenbosch**

**To all Anglican matrics who come to the University  
of Stellenbosch next year**

I am the full time Anglican chaplain here in the university. I live just a stone throw away from campus with my wife Belinda and my two daughters; Rosemary, a third year B Public Administration student and Heather who is doing grade 10. You will see me a lot in the Neelsie, the student recreation centre where I like to hang out with a cup of coffee. I am always ready for a chat any time of day or night.

I look forward to welcome and meet you here in the university. You are one of 540 Anglicans among more than six thousand students who have been accepted to start their first year in 2009.

The University of Stellenbosch is an exciting place to be. At school you are in a sheltered and supervised academic and social environment. Here you are going to enter surroundings of freedom which you have not known before. Freedom to explore and engage with new thought; freedom to meet and enjoy new friends.

You have the choice of a variety of student societies that provide for different interests and social needs. The hefty envelope you will receive from the university administration will contain brochures from each society. Almost every organized sport code is represented. Here are societies that provide for different cultural expressions. You will meet many new friends. You will have many opportunities to relax and let your hair down. You may or may not find it an attraction to attend the night clubs of which there are many. It is a good and healthy part of a student's life to make use of the social and organized events that are provided for both on and off campus.

It is good sense to remember to keep a wise balance between how you attend to your own social and

recreational needs on the one side and on the other to the primary reason why you came to this University; to study for a degree.

I am to be available to all Anglican students on campus wherever and whenever he should be needed.

Anglicans are organized into an Anglican Society(ANSOC) at both the Stellenbosch and Tygerberg campuses. The chairperson of ANSOC Stellenbosch is Nabrene Visser, a third year BSc student and ANSOC Tygerberg, Meliza Abrahams a second year medical student. We have student services at both campuses once a week; Stellenbosch in St Mary-on-the-Braak on Sundays at 19h00 and Tygerberg on Thursdays at 19h00.

*The university and some of the societies organize camps for the first years every year a few days before the start of the university academic year. We have our own camp for Anglicans at Bainskloof on the mountains outside the town of Wellington: 16-18 January 2009. I invite you to register for the camp. You will meet wonderful people. It will be an opportunity to make lifelong new friends among seniors and fellow first years. Stellenbosch like any other university has a hidden institutional and social curriculum which can only be learnt through the relationships you build.*

The camp is a good place to start making these friends. They will make this huge thrilling place smaller and more intimate for you. Register now and become part of this fantastic orientation

With best wishes for 2009

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