



**St John**

# THE CALL

**ST JOHN SOUTH AFRICA**

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*The official newsletter of  
the Priory for South Africa*

## A WORD FROM THE OUTGOING PRIOR

As we approach St John's Day, my heart turns to the man whose name we are honoured to carry. John the Baptist was a voice in the wilderness, one who pointed beyond himself, who prepared the way and who placed the service of others before self. That same spirit beats at the very heart of our Order. Whether we are tending the sick, lifting up our communities or standing quietly beside those in need, the work of St John is noble and tender work, given with love. To have led the Order's work in South Africa has been the deepest privilege of my life.

I joined as Prior in a difficult season – redundancies, the reordering of our finances, then the long shadow of Covid-19 and even the loss of our dear Chancellor, Kevin Williams KStJ. We as an organisation have carried much together across these three triennials, and we carried them with grace. I am so proud of all that every branch of our Priory has achieved. My fondest memories are the simplest – the investitures, where the devotion of our volunteers humbled me, and the meetings where I glimpsed the full breadth of our shared mission.

We face real global challenges in the years ahead, but I have every confidence that we will meet them with care and with the deep assurance of hope and faith that has always sustained us. I hand on the baton with a full and grateful heart. My warmest congratulations to Ms Nolitha Fakude, my successor and the first woman to hold this office, and to the Ven. Michelle Pilet CSJ as Sub-Prelate. We warmly welcome our international Prelate, Sir David Moxon KNZM GCSJ, a long-time friend and dear colleague, as he presides over our forthcoming installation and investiture.

It has been an honour. Onward, in service.

Immediate past Prior  
**Archbishop Thabo Makgoba KStJ**



*The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba KStJ,  
Archbishop of Cape Town, outgoing Prior*

# WELCOMING NOLITHA FAKUDE AS PRIOR

St John South Africa proudly welcomes Ms Nolitha Fakude as the new Prior of the Priory for South Africa, commencing her triennial term on 24 June 2026. Her appointment marks a historic milestone as she becomes the first woman to lead the Priory, reflecting both the organisation's commitment to inclusivity and her exceptional leadership credentials. Ms Fakude succeeds The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba KStJ, Archbishop of Cape Town, who has served as Prior with distinction for the past nine years.

One of South Africa's most respected business leaders, Ms Fakude currently serves as Chair of Anglo American South Africa and brings more than three decades of experience across the mining, energy, retail and financial sectors. Throughout her career, she has championed transformation, sustainability and equity. Her distinguished leadership roles have included President of the Minerals Council South Africa, President of the Black Management Forum and President of the International Women's Forum South Africa. She also held senior executive positions at Sasol Limited, where she helped shape the company's global strategy and sustainability agenda.

Ms Fakude holds a *BA Hon. in Psychology* from the University of Fort Hare and has completed executive programmes at Harvard Business School. She is also the author of *Boardroom Dancing – Transformation Stories from a Corporate Activist*, reflecting her commitment to diversity and inclusion.

As Prior, Ms Fakude will lead St John South Africa into a new chapter, strengthening its mission of first aid, community health and humanitarian service. Her appointment signals a renewed focus on innovation and inclusivity while reinforcing the organisation's longstanding commitment to serving communities with compassion and excellence.

The Priory extends its sincere gratitude to The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba for his dedicated leadership, while warmly welcoming Ms Fakude and looking forward to her inspiring leadership in the years ahead.

*Ms Nolitha Fakude, incoming Prior*



## REFLECTION ON THE CALL

When St John South Africa launched its very first newsletter, it carried a name that captured the essence of our mission: *The Call*. More than a title, it was a statement of purpose. It spoke to the summons each volunteer feels to serve and to the urgent call for help that our organisation has answered for generations.

In those early days, *The Call* was a rallying point for members of the Brigade and volunteers across the country. It reminded them that their work was not just

about first aid or community health, but about responding to humanity's deepest needs with compassion and readiness. The name resonated with the Order's motto – "*for the faith and in the service of humanity*" – and gave voice to the spirit of service that continues to define us today.

Though our publications have evolved, the legacy of *The Call* endures. It remains a symbol of our heritage and a reminder that St John South Africa exists to answer the call of those in need. As we look to the future, we carry forward that same spirit of duty, compassion, and service, ensuring that every call for help is met with care and commitment.

# SPOT OUR EYE SCREENING AIDES IN ACTION AND WIN BIG!



**Our St John Eye Screening Aides are out at traffic lights and intersections raising awareness about the importance of eye health and access to vision care.**

If you spot one of our eye screening cadets, take a photograph and email it to [paul.stander@stjohn.org.za](mailto:paul.stander@stjohn.org.za).

**Your organisation or school will stand a chance to WIN:**

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By participating, you'll be helping us spread awareness about the importance of eye care while standing a chance to make a real difference in your community.

We look forward to seeing your photos!



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# CORPORATE UPDATES

## CEO's MESSAGE

St John South Africa has undertaken a significant restructuring of its executive team, which now includes a Director of Corporate Social Investment (CSI), appointed in October 2025. This role has strengthened the strategic alignment of our social impact work. In parallel, our eye care function has been integrated under the CSI portfolio, with a dedicated Head of Eye Care reporting to the CSI Director. This structure ensures clearer governance and stronger coordination of our community health initiatives. We have also expanded our reach into underserved communities, increasing both the scale and consistency of our interventions. Notable projects during this period include work at Olifants North Game Reserve and with Bidvest Steiner, strengthening access to essential services for vulnerable and low-income groups.

In terms of training, FY26 revenue remained broadly flat compared with FY25. This is a positive outcome given the sustained decline experienced in previous years due to challenging economic conditions, business closures and liquidations. We have seen a slight decline in the last two months and are actively implementing recovery strategies. Importantly, we have deepened international collaboration through the EMEA Training Project, participating in the Master Trainer Programme alongside Kenya and the United Kingdom. The initiative develops trainers across the EMEA region, promoting best practice, consistency and improved training standards. The programme has been highly successful and demonstrates the value of meaningful collaboration across the international Order. We are also encouraged by progress toward similar EMEA collaboration in eye care outreach programmes, which would further strengthen access to care within vulnerable communities.

We achieved strong results with the Glenshiel Fair, generating over R1 million profit. This represents a significant improvement on FY25, when elevated operational costs affected results. The Fair received exceptional feedback and is regarded as one of our most successful to date. While overall revenue remains under pressure, our social impact has increased substantially, with significantly more individuals reached.

The Brigade has continued to grow, particularly in the Johannesburg region, reflecting the dedication of our teams and volunteers.

At St John's Stella Londt retirement village, we maintain a stable, well-managed operation that continues to provide high-quality aged care services while operating at break-even. Overall, despite financial pressures, we remain proud of the organisation's progress, resilience, and growing impact across South Africa.



*Mr Paul Stander* OSTJ  
CEO, St John South Africa

# DEPARTMENT REPORTS

## Training

### CSI & Client Services

*Ms Vanya Pinto-Basto  
Director of Corporate Social Investment*

The Corporate Social Investment and Client Services division of St John South Africa has had a remarkable quarter, delivering meaningful health and wellness initiatives to communities across South Africa. At the heart of our work are wellness days conducted at corporate and community sites nationwide. From Clover in KwaZulu-Natal to The Bakery in Port Elizabeth, our teams have been on the ground raising awareness around eye care and first aid, equipping people with knowledge that can make a real difference in their daily lives.

A standout partnership this quarter has been our work with Steiner, where we have been providing eye care services to patients at a significantly reduced price that combines last year's rates with an additional discount on converted sales. This represents exceptional value and reflects our commitment to making quality healthcare accessible. To date, we have seen 383 patients through this initiative, with a further 200 patients still to be reached across the remaining sites. In just three months, we have successfully activated across four provinces, with more to follow.

Beyond corporate wellness, we are proud to have partnered with the Children of Fire Foundation as part of their inspiring "No Mountain Too High" initiative. Through this collaboration, we provided free first aid training to 12 children, giving them life-saving skills and the confidence to use them.

These achievements reflect the dedication of our team and the strength of the partnerships we continue to build. As we expand into additional provinces and sites, the CSI and Client Services division remains firmly committed to its mission: bringing quality healthcare and education to those who need it most.

*Mr Craig Hartley KSIJ  
Director of Training*

While I (Craig Hartley) am familiar to many, having worked for St John from 1994 to 2018 and volunteered since childhood, I am excited to be back at St John and a member of the staff complement once again after a period in the corporate arena. For those new to St John, I previously served in several roles from Brigade Manager to Director of the Cape Town Centre.

The training landscape in occupational health and safety, as well as first aid, is very volatile with fierce competition in the industry. St John remains a respected name in the training industry, but to navigate the training landscape, we must work smarter and diversify our offerings. Through market research, we have determined that our clients require a one-stop shop for occupational health and safety. We would have to look at diversifying and expanding our product offerings.



*Public first aid class practising CPR – Highly Interactive practice sessions are the hallmark of our training. We emphasise effective and efficient CPR to create competent and confident lay rescuers.*

We have had an unscheduled inspection from the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO), and we await their findings and recommendations. We are however, fully aligned with the requirements for QCTO accreditation.

Training has been business as usual with our key clients, such as Virgin Active, SAPPI and Toyota. Apart from, Virgin Active gyms, we have now been contracted to also provide training for all the Virgin

Active Padel Clubs that have been mushrooming around the country.



First aid instructor, Gadlisa Sait, with her first aid class at Virgin Active.

In terms of new business, we are busy formulating a business pipeline that looks at acquiring new business within markets that we have not provided services in, as well as pursuing clients that have been lost in the past. Our approach is more competitive and we follow a deliberate expansion strategy to increase training volumes without increasing our prices for this financial year.

We have developed a Schools Programme that will drive first aid training into schools, from Grade R to Grade 12. The core of the programme is “First Steps” (for grades R to 3) that teaches the learners how to identify an emergency and to call for help. The next phase is “We can Help” which is geared at equipping learners in grades 4 to 7 to identify how and whom they can utilise in an emergency and how to deal with certain emergencies while waiting for help. The “Lifesaver” course is aimed at High School learners from grades 8 to 10, which teaches key concepts, including CPR, choking, bleeding, burns, etc. At grades 11 to 12, learners will do a complete St John Certified level 1 course. This programme also aligns with the Brigade Cadet Programme in that it encourages schools to formulate Cadet Divisions or First Aid Clubs, encouraging service to the school and society at large. We are confident that the programme will take off and we are ready for the pilot phase to start in July 2026 in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban. Our community outreach programme has already laid out the basis for this by providing training at Christal House South Africa, a non-fee-paying school on the

Cape Flats in the Western Cape.

Here, we have thus far trained 10 learners in the Lifesaver course and 18 parents and staff in the First-aid Level 1 course. The idea here is to start with a First Aid club that will serve the needs of the school and could possibly become a Brigade schools' division. We are working on several initiatives with the school and will report more on this in the next Call.



Learners at Christel House South Africa completing the 'Lifesaver' course.

## Stella Londt

Ronwynne Fourie CSTJ  
Managing Director, Stella Londt

Stella Londt continues to be home to a vibrant and caring community of residents who actively contribute to making our village a welcoming and supportive place to live.

Throughout the year, residents participated in a variety of group activities. One of our most meaningful initiatives is the knitting of beanies and blankets for children's homes and baby homes in support of Mandela Day. This project reflects our commitment to giving back and making a difference in the lives of others. Our calendar to date has also included a much-anticipated fundraising event, the Family Food Market Day, and we are looking forward to our Book Sale & Market which will be hosted towards the end of the year.



Residents enjoying tea and cake at Stella Londt Retirement Village.

I value every resident and am grateful to all of them, including our staff and support workers who contribute positively to building a strong sense of community, both within our village and in the wider community we serve.



Family Food Market Day at Stella Londt was a great success. With live music, numerous food stalls and clear blue skies, residents, family and friends enjoyed a fun day while raising funds for Stella Londt projects.

Funds raised through these events are invested in projects that benefit the village and its residents. In 2025, a Transport Vehicle Fund was established to support the purchase of a dedicated village vehicle. We are pleased to report that nearly R100 000 has already been raised towards this important goal.

At Stella Londt, we embrace every opportunity to celebrate special occasions and create memorable experiences together. From Valentine's Day to St Patrick's Day, these celebrations strengthen the bonds within our community and bring joy to village life. Residents are looking forward to celebrating Heritage Day, Women's Day and Mandela Day in the coming months.

## Financials

Kimberley Gouden CA(SA) MSTJ  
Chief Financial Officer

We are pleased to report that the organisation has maintained its strong audit track record, receiving a clean (unqualified) audit opinion for three consecutive years. This achievement demonstrates the Finance team's commitment to sound financial management, regulatory compliance, and robust governance practices. The FY2026 audit is presently in progress, with an anticipated sign-off date of September 2026.



Glenshiel, Priory headquarters of St John South Africa.

# KNITTING WITH PURPOSE

## Stella Londt Retirees Make A Difference

*Ms Marlene Reid CSIJ  
Convenor of Stella's Crafters*

Members of our knitting and crochet group are hard at work on three community projects that support vulnerable people and wildlife during 2026.

Our first initiative involves making beanies and blankets for underprivileged children, which will be distributed on Mandela Day (18th July). The late Nelson Mandela, a Bailiff Grand Cross of our Order, encouraged a culture of volunteerism and supporting those less fortunate, a prerogative our residents fully empathise with. While Mandela Day only encourages 67 min of service, our crafters have gone way beyond that in supporting this noble cause.



*Dozens of beanies knitted by Stella Londt crafters over many hours for underprivileged children. Contents form part of a larger consignment of knitted wear that will be distributed on Mandela Day (18 July 2026), to those in need.*

The second project focuses on creating Knitted Knockers, soft prostheses, for women who have undergone breast cancer surgery. Sadly breast cancer remains a prominent threat globally. In South Africa it affects as many as 1 in 13 caucasians and 1 in 81 African ladies according to a recent study. While reconstructive surgery following mastectomies can be unaffordable to many, prostheses offer a form of dignity in an otherwise judgmental world. These prostheses are going to be presented at a Cancer Tea hosted by the group in October, and we are really looking forward to handing them over.

The third and most ambitious project is "Blankets for Baby Rhinos." Because baby rhinos and their carers are considerably larger than children, the blankets take much longer to complete. As such, this project, initiated last year, continues into 2026.

This project holds special significance, highlighting the ongoing impact of rhino poaching across Africa. The blankets are destined for orphaned rhino calves rescued after losing their mothers to poachers. Often found alone in the veld, these vulnerable animals are taken to sanctuaries where dedicated handlers provide round-the-clock care and become their surrogate mothers.



*Little orphaned rhino wrapped up in its blanket.*

*Rhino poaching continues to be a serious threat to their conservation, with 352 killed in South Africa alone last year.*

The handmade blankets help keep both the young rhinos and their handlers warm during the critical early stages of rehabilitation. Through the support of the UK-based non-profit organisation **Blankets for Baby Rhinos**, which has collection agents across South Africa, the blankets will be distributed to sanctuaries where they are needed most.



*Rhino 'parents' with their blankets. Rangers often have to spend cold nights in the bush watching over their precious adoptees.*

The group hopes to hand over its completed rhino blankets in October or November. Until then, members continue knitting, crocheting and sewing squares together with plenty of dedication, care and cups of tea along the way.



*Stella Londt retirees showing off their blankets for the 'Blankets for Baby Rhinos' project. These blankets take enormous time as they need to be larger than normal.*



*A little White Rhino proudly showcases a knitted blanket.*

## DONATION APPEAL

Donations of wool, yarn and knitted or crocheted squares are warmly welcomed to help us continue making a difference in the lives of those who need it most. For more information or to contribute, please contact:



**Ms Marlene Reid CSTJ**  
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Stella Londt, Gqeberha

# Stella Londt Retirement Village



## DISCOVER COMFORTABLE RETIREMENT LIVING

Looking for a retirement community that offers comfort, security and peace of mind? The St John – Stella Londt Retirement Village – in Gqeberha provides a range of accommodation and care options designed to support independent living while ensuring access to assistance when needed.

Set in a welcoming environment, residents enjoy a caring community, quality facilities and the reassurance of St John's longstanding commitment to service and care.

Whether you are planning for yourself or a loved one, we invite you to explore the lifestyle and support available at Stella Londt.

**Micayla Ferreira**  
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# BRIGADE UPDATES

## FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Our Brigade continues to grow, with overall membership increasing by 11% over the past three months. Growth has been particularly strong in Gauteng, which accounts for 20% of this increase, while auxiliary membership has risen by 16%.

The first quarter of 2026 has been another busy period, with members supporting duties in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg. Our events ranged from those requiring ambulances and medics to those needing medic-only support. We are pleased to be receiving repeat bookings from clients and to have renewed our relationship with the PSL. Between January and March 2026, Brigade members covered 114 events, contributing 3,438 volunteer hours in service to St John.

We look forward to the next quarter, with a focus on strengthening our three main Centres – Cape Town, Durban, and Johannesburg – to support continued growth. Activity levels have increased significantly, with April and May alone accounting for 106 event days. Several of these involved multiple venues or playing fields, placing considerable demands on our teams.

My sincere thanks go to all our medics for their dedication and hard work during this exceptionally busy period. Special thanks are also due to Mxolisi and Aidan, whose planning and coordination ensured that personnel and equipment were deployed effectively across all events.

I would also like to thank Dr James Moodie CStJ, our previous Chief Commissioner, for his support in ensuring a smooth leadership transition and for his continued assistance with operations and reporting.

As we conclude the current triennial, I extend my sincere thanks to all Priory Staff Officers for their dedication and service. Finally, thank you to all officers and members for their support and guidance during my past six months as acting Chief Commissioner.



## BRIGADE NOTICES

### UPCOMING HEALTH AWARENESS DAYS

- 17 Sep. World Patient Safety Day
- 8 Oct. World Sight Day
- 16 Oct. World Restart A Heart Day
- 29 Oct. World Stroke Day
- 6 Nov. SADC Malaria Day
- 14 Nov. World Diabetes Day
- 1 Dec. World AIDS Day
- 3 Dec. Intern. Per. Disabilities Day
- 5 Dec. International Volunteer Day

### HONOURS & AWARDS

Brigade volunteers and officers are reminded to apply for service awards or nominate fellow volunteers for Order honours. They are continuously being accepted through the online Brigade Honours & Awards Application Portal! The Portal can be accessed through the QR code with your tablet / smartphone or by following this web address through

your computer or laptop:

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# BRIGADE REPORTS

## Cadets & Youth

*Mr Thozamile Kula OSTJ  
Outgoing Chief Youth Officer*

The Cadet and Youth movements within the Brigade continue to evolve, marked by significant growth, innovation and impact.

Across the country, our focus on Proficiency Badge work has strengthened the skills and confidence of young members, ensuring they are equipped to serve effectively within their schools and communities. This year has seen dozens of Proficiency Badges issued from Johannesburg to Kimberley and KuGompo City.



*Cadets partake in fun activities at the Johannesburg Centre in Braamfontein. This year, over 50 proficiency badges have been awarded to cadets nationwide, showing growing interest in the Cadet Badgework Programme.*

A personal highlight has been the continuation of District First Aid competitions in the Northern Cape, which have become an important platform for developing practical skills, teamwork and leadership. These experiences are helping to prepare a new generation of confident First Responders who are making a tangible difference in their local communities. I hope that in the coming triennial, more districts will be encouraged to host cadet competitions and we will return to annual national camps and competitions as I so fondly remember them.

The Youth Advisory Network remains central to this success, supporting communication, resource sharing and collaboration between districts and divisions. Through this network, youth leaders are able to exchange ideas, maintain consistent standards, and ensure that support reaches members across the country.



*Cadets have regularly been allowed to network directly with the Chief Staff Officer for Youth online and through the South African Youth Advisory Network, which helps to convey the voices of cadets right to the top.*

Over the past period, we have continued to embed the E2I framework (Equip, Enable, Inspire) into our programmes. This approach has provided greater structure to youth activities, strengthened leadership development and created a clear roadmap for divisions to follow.

As leadership responsibilities transition to a new cohort of officers and division leaders, we do so with confidence. Strong foundations are in place, the networks are active, and our youth remain enthusiastic and committed to service. We look forward to seeing the next generation build on this momentum and continue strengthening the impact of St John Youth across South Africa.

## Medical Matters

*Maj. Ashley Alcock MSTJ  
Outgoing Chief Medical Officer*

As I conclude my triennial term as Chief Medical Officer of St John Brigade South Africa, I do so with deep gratitude to every volunteer, leader, partner and supporter who has contributed to our shared success. Over the past three years, Brigade members across all provinces where we operate have

demonstrated exceptional dedication, compassion and professionalism in serving their communities.

Together, we have strengthened the Brigade through enhanced training programmes, expanded recruitment of healthcare professionals and home-based carers and improved operational readiness. We have also invested in mentorship, leadership development and succession planning to ensure a sustainable future for our Brigade.



*Kitted and ready to go! Our volunteers have contributed over 3,438 volunteer hours, many of which have taken place at sporting events, alongside fields, as shown.*

These achievements have only been possible because of the commitment of our volunteers, who continue to embody the values of St John through their service to others.

As we look ahead, preparedness will remain essential for my successor. Emerging public health threats remind us of the importance of maintaining high standards of infection prevention, promoting credible health information and remaining ready to respond when our communities need us most.

I extend my sincere thanks to our Brigade officers at both the National and District levels for their guidance and leadership throughout my term, and to every volunteer who has supported our mission.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Chief Medical Officer. I leave this role proud of what we have achieved together and confident in the Brigade's future.

I will be moving into a different portfolio, where I look forward to working closely with my successor and continuing to build on the successes of the current triennial.



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## CONQUERING COMRADES

The Comrades Marathon is the longest and oldest timed ultramarathon in the world, first run in 1921



*Runners on their 86 km journey from Durban to Pietermaritzburg.*

to honour fallen soldiers of World War I. The June 2026 edition marked the 99th running of the race in its 105 year history due to cancellations brought on from World War II and COVID-19. While research is needed to establish when the Brigade first started to cover the event, it is likely from very very early on.



*St John Brigade volunteer assists a runner at the 1980 marathon.*

The incoming Chief Commissioner, Cathy Dedman DSTJ, recounted that this year marked her 48th year volunteering at Comrades for St John. The Brigade team was hard at work, particularly at the finishing tent –

Which Cathy remarked, has "evolved from a small changeroom first aid post at Harry Gwala Stadium in 1977 to a world class medical facility that now has 190 beds and even an ICU unit."



*St John Brigade volunteers from Durban at the finishing medical tent for this year's Comrades Marathon.*

The Brigade volunteers from Durban reported it was a quiet year with ONLY 125 runners coming through their post – still a busy day by comparison to most duties. This year's event was made more memorable by the interaction between first aiders, medics and final year Diploma students all eager to learn from each other and making a well-oiled medical machine.



The Brigade extends its thanks to all Durban volunteers for their service.

*Div. Off. Mxolisi Mpungose MSTJ looks on as fellow first aiders treat a runner's blisters.*

# JOIN OUR BRIGADE

MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE, BECOME A BRIGADE VOLUNTEER

## OPERATIONAL MEMBER

### REQUIREMENTS

- Hold a valid first aid certificate / medical qualification
- Live in or in proximity to Cape Town, Durban or Johannesburg

### EXPECTATIONS

- Regularly assist with first aid at large and small events, as well as large national/provincial emergencies
- Attend monthly divisional meetings
- Meet volunteer efficiency requirements

### REWARDS

- Subsidised first aid training
- Regular opportunities to practice first aid
- Access to service awards and leadership opportunities
- Invitations to most St John events
- Opportunity to be a part of our ranked, uniformed family

## AUXILIARY MEMBER

### REQUIREMENTS

- Hold a valid first aid certificate / medical qualification
- Reside in any province

### EXPECTATIONS

- Be on standby to assist in major national/provincial disasters or larger St John operations where our operational capabilities are limited

### REWARDS

- 5% discount on subsequent first aid certification with St John South Africa
- Invitations to select St John events
- Be a part of a global movement of volunteers helping those in need



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# ORDER AFFAIRS

## CEREMONIAL UPDATES

A particular highlight of a new triennial with a new Prior is that we get to see the great ceremony of the investiture and installation of the new Prior. Planning is in full swing for this service later this year. This year, the service will have three key stages: (1) The investiture and installation of the Prior, (2) the same for the Sub-Prelate and (3) the investiture of Officers and Members. As per the Order Ceremonial Regulations (2020), the installation of a Prior is usually conducted by a Great Officer. We are delighted that the Prelate of the Order will be officiating this year's service. An investiture and installation provides an opportunity for all members of St John to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the start of the new Prior's time in office. On behalf of the ceremonial team, I look forward to ceremonially welcoming the Prior to the Order.

Another important ceremonial matter to announce is the appointment of four Priory Esquires for the next year. The main role of a Priory Esquire is to assist in ceremonial matters within the Priory while learning about the Order, ensuring that our traditions are carried forward. A restriction to Priory Esquires is that they may not yet be Order members at the time of their appointment.

Three esquires have been appointed in Johannesburg (Prosper Mhodi, Janessa Lawrence and James Pyott) and one in Gqeberha (Carly van As), as these are the areas with upcoming investiture services within the next year. The esquires will undergo virtual training and will play an active role in the planning and delivery of ceremonial events during their tenure.

Keep an eye out for ceremonial St John events in your area.

*Dr James Moodie CSTJ*  
*Incoming Director of Ceremonies*

## RECENTLY GAZETTED

### COMMANDER (CSTJ)

Ven. Michelle PILET (06/05/2026)

Marlene REID (24/02/2026)

Dr Arthur Francis SANDS (24/02/2026)

### OFFICER (OSTJ)

Dr Elton Paul DORKIN (06/05/2026)

Jennifer Catherina KIMBLE (24/02/2026)

Rene Glynis POOVAN (24/02/2026)

Revd Canon Dr Douglas John TORR (06/05/2026)

### SERVING MEMBER (MSTJ)

Warren Howard ANDERSON (24/02/2026)

Mark Anthony DYTOR (06/05/2026)

Senele Present MBATHA (06/05/2026)

Ven. Andrea Dee-Anne POTGIETER (24/02/2026)

Mandé José TOUBKIN (06/05/2026)

Awethu TSHENGU (24/02/2026)

Lara Jane WALLETT (06/05/2026)

## OTHER ORDER AWARDS

### PRIORY VOTES OF THANKS

Maj. Mark Christian GOODMAN CSTJ

Stephen Clifford KIESER CSTJ

### IN MEMORIAM:

**1 JAN TO 23 JUN 2026**

Maj. Ian CROWTHER GCSTJ

Helene Madge LOUW DSTJ

Pieter Hendrik LOUW KSTJ

Jennifer Anne POTTER MSTJ

Brig. Gen. Sheila Yoliswa SENOKWANYANE MSTJ

Carl WHEELER OSTJ



*Mr Cedric Meiring KStJ, incoming National Fellowship Coordinator*

## ST JOHN FELLOWSHIP IS WAITING FOR YOU!

Nationally, Fellowship is being brought back to life.

Get-togethers are being planned under the guidance of our Newly appointed National Fellowship Coordinator, **Cedric Meiring** KStJ.

If at any stage St John, the Brigade and/or the Order, has been a part of your life, then this is your opportunity to once more be a part of St John. For more information, please contact your Regional Fellowship coordinator as below:

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We are looking forward to welcoming you to the St John Fellowship and seeing you at our gatherings in your region.

# PRIORY OPERATIONS

## CHANCELLOR'S UPDATES

Triennial years, such as the current one that began on 24 June 2026, bring periods of change across our volunteer and governance structures. For many of our board and committee members, Brigade officers and Priory office holders, this marks the end of one term and the beginning of another. Most roles are held for a maximum of two three-year terms. Triennial years do not normally affect employed staff as their terms are affected by their employment contracts.

To those who have completed their terms, thank you for your dedicated service over the past three or six years. Your contribution to the Priory is sincerely appreciated. To those continuing (either in the same or a new role), thank you for your ongoing commitment, and I wish you every success in the new triennium. And to those joining us for the first time, welcome – I look forward to working with you.

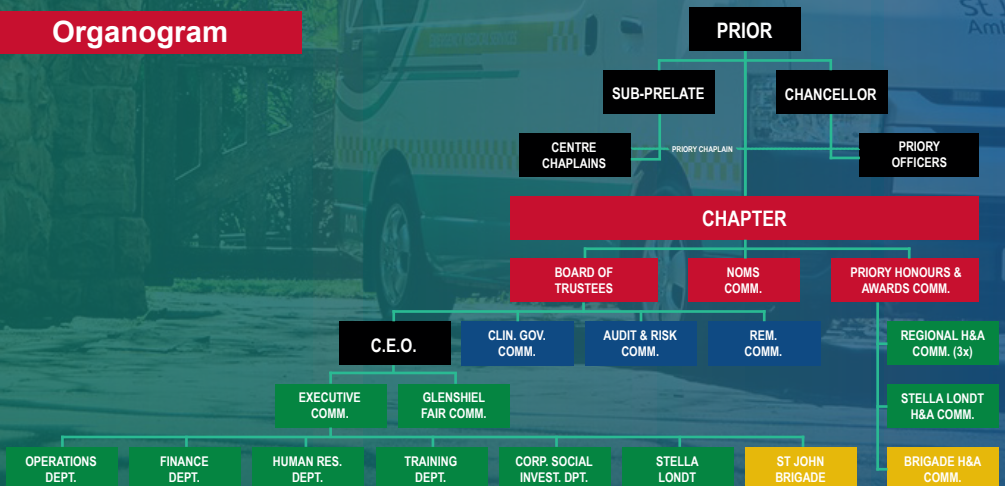
As always, we remain guided by our motto: *Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum*.

In this section, I outline our refined Priory structure, key terms of reference and the appointees for the next three-year term.

Mr Stuart Waetzel GCStJ  
Chancellor

## PRIORY STRUCTURE

### Organogram



# TERMS OF REFERENCE

## Senior Priory Office Bearers

### Prior

The Prior is the Chief Officer of the Priory and is appointed by the Grand Prior. The Prior is vested with the powers and duties set out in the Order's Statutes and the Priory Constitution and is supported by the Chancellor, who serves as deputy.

### Chancellor

The Chancellor is the Deputy Chief Officer of the Priory and acts on behalf of the Prior when required or in matters delegated by the Prior. The Chancellor is an ex officio member of all standing committees and advises the Prior on matters relating to the activities and membership of the Order, grades and precedence, complements and quotas and the maintenance of associated records.

### Sub-Prelate

The Sub-Prelate advises the Prior on ecclesiastical matters and determines forms of religious service and prayers not otherwise prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations of the Order.

## Other Priory Office Bearers

### Vice Chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellor

These officers assist the Chancellor in the discharge of their duties. The Vice Chancellor acts on behalf of the Chancellor when required or in matters delegated by the Chancellor.

### Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive is responsible for the leadership and management of the organisation, supported by the Executive Leadership Team. The role includes maintaining relationships with key funders, government agencies and stakeholders, and reporting to the Priory Trust Board.

### Chief Commissioner

The Chief Commissioner is the principal superior officer of the Brigade and is responsible for its overall direction, leadership and supervision.

### Director of Ceremonies

The Director of Ceremonies is responsible for planning and coordinating all Priory ceremonies in accordance with the wishes of the Prior and Chancellor.

### Hospitaller

The Hospitaller serves as the chief medical adviser to the Prior and Chancellor.

### National Fellowship Coordinator

The Fellowship Coordinator is the principal officer of the Fellowship and is responsible for its overall direction and supervision.

### Historian

The Historian is responsible for preserving and supervising objects of historical significance to the Priory and provides advice on matters relating to the history and traditions of the Order.

### Librarian

The Librarian is responsible for the Priory library and the collection, preservation, and supervision of books, papers, and other materials of interest to the Priory. The Librarian also undertakes research as requested by the Prior or Chancellor.

### Centre Chaplains

These officers assist the Sub-Prelate in the discharge of their duties in specific geographic areas. They may act on behalf of the Sub-Prelate when required or in matters delegated by the Sub-Prelate.

## Priory Chapter & Sub-bodies

### CHAPTER

Priory Chapter oversees the ethos of the organisation and approves its strategic and financial direction. It recommends policy changes and oversees the conferral of honours and awards. The Chapter is chaired by the Prior or, in their absence, the Chancellor. Voting members are members of the Order in Grades I, II, and III who are in good standing.

### Priory Honours & Awards Committee

The Priory Honours & Awards Committee supports Priory Chapter by administering the

honours and awards system. This includes approving Service Awards and Brigade Awards recommended by the Brigade Honours and Awards Committee.

### **Nominations Committee**

The Nominations Committee supports effective governance by overseeing Board composition, succession planning, re-election criteria, and nomination and appointment processes. It also promotes the induction and ongoing development of Board members and oversees the nomination, election, and appointment of Priory Officers in accordance with the Constitution.

### **Board of Trustees**

The Priory Board of Trustees is delegated authority by Priory Chapter to oversee the day-to-day activities of the organisation, including its operational entities and services. The Board is supported by committees responsible for remuneration, audit and risk, and clinical governance, and appoints the Chief Executive Officer.

## **Board of Trustees' Committees**

### **Audit & Risk Committee**

The Audit & Risk Committee ensures the integrity and transparency of the organisation's financial and governance processes. It reviews financial reporting, oversees relationships with external auditors, evaluates internal controls, monitors risk management processes, and oversees information, technology, cybersecurity, and data governance. The Committee also ensures compliance with applicable governance reporting frameworks.

### **Clinical Governance Committee**

The Clinical Governance Committee provides oversight and strategic direction for clinical governance activities, ensuring the delivery of safe, effective, and high-quality clinical services while promoting continuous improvement and accountability.

### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee oversees remuneration policy and practice across the organisation, providing direction on remuneration matters and

reporting to the Board.

### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee assists the Chief Executive Officer in developing, implementing, and monitoring organisational strategy. It serves as the central coordination and decision-making forum between business units, corporate functions, and volunteer structures, supporting effective service delivery, organisational accountability, governance, and stakeholder engagement.

### **Glenshiel Fair Committee**

The Glenshiel Fair Committee reports directly to the CEO, and its function is to assist the CEO with the planning and execution of the annual Glenshiel Fair.



*Mr. Stuart Waetzel GCStJ, Chancellor*

# PRIORY APPOINTMENTS

## TRIENNIAL: 24 JUNE 2026 TO 23 JUNE 2029

The following persons have been appointed to the portfolios and/or committees in the Priory for South Africa of the Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St John of Jerusalem noted below for the triennial of 24 June 2026 to 23 June 2029, with the exception of the St John South Africa Executive Committee (which members are exempt of triennial terms of office) and the Chancellor who's triennial is desynchronised from that of the Prior.

### Priory Office Bearers

PORTFOLIO	NAME & SURNAME
Prior	Nolitha Fakude
Chancellor & Head of Chancery	Stuart Waetzel GCStJ
Sub-Prelate (Priory Dean)	Ven. Michelle Pilet CStJ
Vice Chancellor	Rt. Revd Dr Edward Daniels CStJ
Deputy Vice Chancellor	<i>Vacant</i>
Chief Executive Officer & Priory Secretary	Paul Stander OSTJ
Brigade Chief Commissioner	Cathy Dedman DStJ
National Fellowship Coordinator	Cedric Meiring KStJ
Director of Ceremonies	Dr James Moodie CStJ
Hospitaller	Prof. Jannie Hugo OSTJ
Historian	Dr Arthur 'Francis' Sands CStJ
Librarian	Jennifer Kimble OSTJ
Heraldic Advisor	<i>Vacant</i>
Priory Chaplain	Revd Canon Dr Douglas Torr OSTJ
<b>CEREMONIAL OFFICERS</b>	
Priory Cross Bearer	Kimberley Gouden MStJ
Priory Sword Bearer	Louise Pretorius CStJ
Priory Banner Bearer	Aidan Gainsford MStJ
Priory Esquire (24/06/2026–23/06/2027)	Jannessa Lawrence
Priory Esquire (24/06/2026–23/06/2027)	Prosper Mhodi
Priory Esquire (24/06/2026–23/06/2027)	James Pyott
Priory Esquire (24/06/2026–23/06/2027)	Carly van As

## Nominations (Selection) Committee

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY
Chair	Rt Revd Dr Edward Daniels CStJ	Vice Chancellor
Member	Stuart Waetzel GCStJ	Chancellor
Member	Dr Elton Dorkin OSTJ	Priory Board Trustee

## Priory Honours & Awards Committee

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY
Chair	Stuart Waetzel GCStJ	Chancellor
Deputy Chair	Rt Revd Dr Edward Daniels CStJ	Vice Chancellor
Member	Paul Stander OSTJ	Employer Rep.
Member	Cathy Dedman DStJ	Brigade Rep.
Member	Hazel 'Jenny' Watson DStJ	East Coast Region Rep.
Member	Dr James Moodie CStJ	Inland Region Rep.
Member	Darren Bond OSTJ	Western Cape Region Rep.
Independent Member	Gen. Leslie Rudman	Independent Member



*Outgoing Prior seated alongside the Chancellor (R) and incoming Vice Chancellor (L)*

## Board of Trustees

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY
Independ. chair	Stuart Waetzel GCStJ	Chancellor
Independ. deputy chair	Rt Revd Dr Edward Daniels CSTJ	Vice Chancellor
Exec. member	Paul Stander OSTJ	Chief Executive Officer
Exec. member	Kimberley Gounden MSTJ	Chief Financial Officer
Independ. non-exec. member	Dr Elton Dorkin OSTJ	Independent Member
Independ. non-exec. member	Mark Dytor MSTJ	Independent Member
Independ. non-exec. member	Marna Roets	Chair: Audit & Risk Comm.
Independ. non-exec. member	Mandè Toubkin MSTJ	Chair: Clin. Gov. Comm.
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / OBSERVERS		
Standing invitee	Cathy Dedman DSTJ	Brigade Chief Commissioner
Standing invitee	Jordan Smith	Legal Advisor

## Audit & Risk Committee

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY
Chair	Marna Roets	CA(SA) & Risk: Independ. Non-exec. Director - several listed companies
Member	Sanele Mabatho MSTJ	CA(SA) & Risk: Discovery Ltd
Member	Eric Wolhuter CSTJ	Acct. & Tax Consultant: Private / Self-employed

## Clinical Governance Committee

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY
Chair	Mandè Toubkin MSTJ	Nurse, Trauma. Sstr, Transplants & CSI (general manager): Netcare Group Ltd
Member	Dr Kerry Fuller	Ophthalmologist & Eye Care Specialist (retired): University of Johannesburg
Member	Prof. Jannie Hugo OSTJ	Prof. in Community Health Care: University of Pretoria
Member	Lara Wallet MSTJ	Pharmacist & Home Care Specialist: Discovery Ltd

## St John South Africa Executive Committee

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY / PORTFOLIO
Chief Executive Officer	Paul Stander OSTJ	Chief Executive Officer
Chief Operating Officer	Brig. Gen. (R) Alan Luck SM, MMM, OSTJ	Chief Operating Officer (volunteer)
Chief Financial Officer	Kimberley Gounden MSTJ	Chief Financial Officer
Director	Yolandè Oosthuizen MSTJ	Human Resources
Director	Craig Hartley KStJ	Training
Director	Vanya Pinto-Basto	Corporate Social Investment
Director	Ronwynne Fourie CStJ	Stella Londt
Brigade Chief Commissioner	Cathy Dedman DStJ	Chief Comm. (volunteer)


## Independent Non-executive Members of The Glenshiel Fair Committee

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY
Independ. non-exec. member	Leanne Emery-Hunter	Tshikululu Social Investments
Independ. non-exec. member	Gina Schoeman	Citibank South Africa
Independ. non-exec. member	Lara Nathan	Pam Golding Properties
Independ. non-exec. member	Lara Wallett MSTJ	Discovey Health Ltd
Independ. non-exec. member	Jade du Toit	Prostaff Holdings (Pty) Ltd

## St John Brigade Executive Committee

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NAME & SURNAME	CAPACITY / PORTFOLIO
Chief Commissioner	Cathy Dedman DStJ	Chief Commissioner
Deputy Chief Commissioner	Dale Lottriet MSTJ	Deputy Chief Commissioner
Chief Staff Officer	Dr James Moodie CStJ	Administration
Chief Staff Officer	<i>To be announced</i>	Cadets
Chief Staff Officer	Awethu Tshengu MSTJ	Communications
Chief Staff Officer	Maj. Ashley Alcock MSTJ	Healthcare Compliance
Chief Staff Officer	Dr James Pape	Medical
Chief Staff Officer	Dr Arthur 'Francis' Sands CStJ	Strategic Development
Commissioner	<i>To be announced</i>	Cape Town
Commissioner	<i>To be announced</i>	Durban
Commissioner	<i>To be announced</i>	Johannesburg

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