

May 2023 News from St Benedict's

Br Scott led a retreat for the Postulants from the Cape Town Diocese Fellowship of Vocation. The group attended our chapel prayers, and the Brothers and Rev Wilma met with them individually for conversation about their vocational journeys.

We also interacted with a group from the York Archdiocese in the UK who were in SA to strengthen the link with the three Anglican dioceses in the Western Cape. They joined us for some chapel prayers and we shared conversation with them around a meal.

We attended a gathering of Volmoed residents over soup and bread for conversation around the experiences of life at Volmoed and concerns about the future. It was a time of strengthening the sense of being community together.

During April, several guests joined the brothers for prayer at various times. Br Roger met with several pilgrims on the Pilgrimage of Hope and blessed them on their way. It was a pleasure to have a group of residents from our neighbouring Camphill community join us for the Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday.

At the beginning of June, Brs Roger and Scott depart for the USA to attend the annual Chapter gathering of our Order at our Holy Cross Monastery in upstate New York. We appreciate this time of being together with our Brothers in the USA and Canada. There is also important work to be done towards the future of the Order, including the election of our Superior to serve for the next several years. We ask for your prayers also for Brs Edwin and Josias, who will maintain the rhythm of the life of the Priory here in the absence of the other Brothers.