

in April 1983 and took up residence in Pietersburg; in June 1983 Bishop John, assisted by Bishop Richard, dedicated the Chapel of St Paul, Settlers; this historic building had been the dining hall of the Lord Milner School and was converted into a church with funds from the Hope Woolith Trust.

At the end of 1984 Rev. Schmidt moved to Linga Longa to devote more time to the Christ Healing Fellowship (although remaining in charge of the Parish till December 1985), finally moving as Rector to the Tzaneen (Letaba) parish at the beginning of 1987. Theo had the wonderful capacity of making people feel loved, and a spirit of caring and community was built up in the Parish.

Our present incumbent, Rev John Hughes, his wife Janet and daughter Kathleen arrived in the Parish in Dec. 1984, having just completed his theological training in Grahamstown. During 1985 he was ordained in Pietersburg on 16th May, and instituted Rector in charge of the parish in January 1986. During his term of office the work by laymen has been extended greatly, and his own family has also been extended by the arrival of a son, Andrew John.

The most important event in 1987 was the Inauguration of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist on 16/5/87. From that date, the Parish of the Waterberg ceased to be part of the Diocese of Pretoria, and Bishop John was appointed Vicar-General in Pietersburg, which is now the administrative centre of the new Diocese.

The first Bishop of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist was elected at the end of August 1987, and Bishop Philip Le Feuvre will take up his appointment in Pietersburg in 1988.

A word of thanks must be expressed to:

- The Methodist Church in the Waterberg, with whose ministers there has been close co-operation through the years. In many instances Anglican services have been held in the Methodist churches until our own churches were built; and Methodist services in Nylstroom have been held in St Michael's for many years.
- Our Parish Wardens, Mr Geoff Pitout and Mr Alex Furman, whose advice and assistance has been a source of strength to Rectors of the Waterberg Parish for over 40 years.
- Mr J.W. Acres, the Parish Treasurer since 1966.
- Organists, Sacristans, Gardeners, Ladies Guilds, who have unselfishly given of their service in the Lord's work - members of Building Committees, Chapelry treasurers and Council members - indeed, all the members of the Body of Christ in the Waterberg.

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