



**Carlisle Diocese
visit to
Zululand Diocese
in South Africa
May 10th-25th 2017**

April news update

As you know as part of the Diocese visit to Zululand in May 2017 Michael Mill and Bernadette Calvey will be representing the Board of Education and its schools. The purpose of our work there will be not only to strengthen links between the Carlisle and Zululand's Dioceses but also to help Church schools in Cumbria build and sustain links with schools in Zululand.

There has never been a more important time to recognise the similarities between two very different places, to make that connection and to develop a relationship that helps our children understand and respect differences and diversity in a multi-cultural and global Christian world.

With thanks to those schools who stated an interest in helping to create links between schools in Zululand and those here in Cumbria, and also to Lazonby CE Primary, All Saints CE Primary and Cartmel CE Primary who are among the schools who have so far provided us with really interesting and relevant materials to share with children and schools in Zululand.

In preparation for and during the visit

We will be using social media frequently so that you can follow us on our journey and throughout the visit. We have created a blog at <https://carlislezululand.wordpress.com/> which will be tweeted from the Diocese twitter feed [@CarlisleDiocese](#) please follow our story, if you have questions we can answer leave a comment. Please take the opportunity to show the children in your school the blog during our time in Zululand.

We will visit two high schools and two primary schools as well as churches while we are there. We will be taking photographs and videos of schools, church services, children and everyday life to communicate life in South Africa for children in a way that children in Cumbria can understand and appreciate. We will bring their stories back.

After the visit We will be producing materials and resources that will help you to teach your children not only about life in Zululand for children but also about Christian faith in a multi-cultural community at an international level. We will work to develop links with people in Zululand that will help you to begin and sustain links with the schools we have visited. We will provide guidelines to safeguard you in doing this.

