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One of the gifts of being in a small university city such as Grahamstown is the network of schools, the university, and the wider community. We are wonderfully enriched by the emphasis on art and music that is such a central feature of our life here.

Grahamstown is situated in the Eastern Cape and borders onto the Karoo, an apparently dry and in places arid and even barren part of our country. But closer examination of the Karoo reveals riches and treasures, Karoo beetles, "gold nuggets" of talent and ability. We grow our own timber here, and I am frequently delighted by the unexpected discoveries of skill, potential, energy, and talent in our midst.

One such discovery in the last year or so, is Bayanda Mthetho, a young schoolboy at one of our local schools, who is himself discovering the world of music. He is emerging as one of our most promising young musicians in Grahamstown at his local school, and as part of the Cathedral Choir. And he is showing immense talent in piano and organ playing. He was our organist for the annual Cathedral service of Nine Lessons and Carols, a week ago. And he is to be our organist for the Christmas Midnight Mass, and our Christmas Day service, this year.

He is eager to learn and to be trained and taught. To this end, we hope to be able to provide him with private organ playing lessons in 2018, with a local organist.

We would be grateful for your financial help and support to make this possible.

Kind regards

Dean of Grahamstown