Revd Cathy Mark is a curate at All Saints Streetly and she has just been priested. Just before this she went with the West Midlands Leaders’ LinkforLife trip to South Africa http://link4lifeproject.blogspot.co.uk/ and included a week in out Link Diocese of Matlosane. The following are taken from her blog:  http://matlosanematters.blogspot.co.uk/

I had my first experience of my sermon being translated from English to Setswana. Kgowe did brilliantly in translating (his first gig too, Lol!). God truly carried us, and the sermon was well received by the congregation gathered at St Andrews. What a new experience to be preaching in the African context. And, thankfully, my nerves held and God took over. It was such a joyful and Christ-filled occasion… at times the singing seemed to reverberate to heaven and back again. What a blessing!

Today I had the opportunity to visit the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg….. As a black African, it felt important to acknowledge all that happened during the apartheid era to fellow black Africans who were subjected to much human indignity and humiliation (and, sadly, this is not just a South African problem, but very much a human problem, where we fail to see the ‘other’ in ourselves).