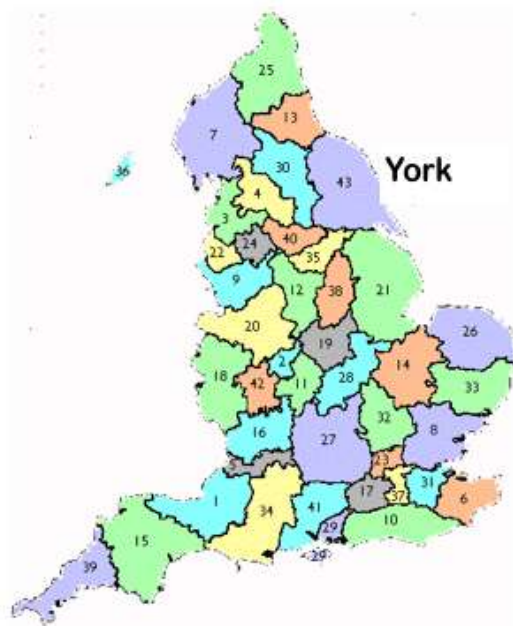




The Diocese of York is linked with three dioceses in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Cape Town, False Bay and Saldanha Bay, which grew from the diocese of Cape Town in 2005.

York Companion Link Dioceses



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The three dioceses are diverse and range from central Cape Town with its business district, through affluent suburbs and very poor informal settlements to deep rural communities. Schools vary from exclusive private fee paying schools to very poor schools operated by the state.





St Michael's School is in the heart of Khayelitsha and is typical of the schools, which were originally a Christian foundation but were taken over during Apartheid by the state, the playground is sand which is littered with stone sand glass and although there was a library (situated in a container) it contained about 100 books for the whole school.



The children who attend St Michael's school are lucky, they all had school uniforms and their parents were affluent enough to provide paper and pens and pencils. However, they still go to school surrounded by a barbed wire fence to keep out intruders.



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