

The **Riebeek Valley Museum** is striving to tell the story of the area, but at the same time be involved in contemporary projects, such as art workshops, school talks, as well as being a venue for weddings and small functions.



Merly-Anne and Elizabeth are at the museum to assist and guide you.



for weddings, small functions or school projects in a traditional church contact **Elizabeth** on **022 448 1584** or mail **riebeekvalleymuseum@telkomsa.net** to view or make a booking



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Originally the *hulpkerk* for the Riebeek Valley, the cornerstone for the church was laid in 1855, and the building completed the following year. It served as one of three churches in the Valley, and functioned until a new one was commissioned in Riebeek Kasteel in 1915. Sadly the mission church was demolished in the 1960s.



After being in private hands the building was restored and donated to the community in 1988. First known as *De Oude Kerk Museum* it today is the **Riebeek Valley Museum**, serving the whole community in the area.

A SIMPLIFIED TIMELINE OF THE RIEBEEK VALLEY

- 1 Stone ages (early, middle, late) - very little evidence, only tools
- 2 San - again few records, some paintings on Kasteelberg
- 3 Khoekhoen - settler documentation, paintings on Kasteelberg
- 4 Settlers, from first expedition in 1661, first farm grants 1704. Some Huguenots
- 5 Expansion of farming. Conflict between settlers and indigenous peoples. Introduction of 'foreign' illnesses - decimation of indigenes
- 6 Introduction of slaves
- 7 Establishment of villages
- 8 Missions in Riebeek Kasteel, Hermon
- 9 Villages development
- 10 Forced removals, land grabs
- 11 Modern wave of new residents
- 12 Restitution, reconciliation



De Oude Kerk located above Riebeek Kasteel in the early 1900s.



The *Sendingkerk* in Riebeek Kasteel before demolition.



The interior of the Riebeek Valley Museum.



Wedding ceremonies may be performed in the atmosphere of an old church.



Children from a local school attending a workshop at the museum.