



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

*Mission of the Diocese of the Highveld*

*To be a unified Diocese where the spiritual growth of an increasing number of people is fulfilled through experiencing the fullness of God*

### BISHOP'S DIARY

Day	Date	Time		Venue
Thurs	14th	11h00	CUC Central Committee	eMseni
Frid	15th	09h00	CUC Central Committee	
Sat	16th	09h00	MU Quiet Day	St Mary's Volksrust
Sun	17th	09h00	Induction of Presiding Methodist Bishop	Beula Park
Tues	19th	09h30	Clergy Day	
Thurs	21st	17h30	College Council meeting	
Sat	23rd	12h00	Link meeting	
Sun	24th	10h00	St Boniface (C)	Vosloorus
Wed	27th	09h30	Bible Society Northern Reg	Kempton Park
Thurs	28th	10h00	Pension Board meeting	BR
Sun	1st	09h00	St Barnabas (C)	Kwa Thema

#### Gazette:

- Clergy News: Fr Simon Aiken has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Boksburg from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.
- The Deacons meeting scheduled for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November has been cancelled. The date of the next meeting will be communicated in the New Year.
- Congratulations to our Bursar, Mr Peter Miller, on receiving a Long Service Award (see attached)
- **National Day of Prayer for S.A.:** This will take place at the FNB Stadium on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome. Tickets will be available from the Diocesan Office.

#### ➤ **WORD AND WORSHIP - Year A ~ 2019-2020**

Please place your order with Margaret for the 9th edition of **WORD AND WORSHIP – YEAR A – 2019-2020** so that we can take advantage of the early bird bulk order. Courier costs will have to be added to the price

Cost of individual copies – R225 (Early bird orders) OR R250 (orders after 1 Dec 2019)

Cost of Bulk orders (10 or more) – R200 (Early bird orders) OR R225 (orders after 1 Dec 2019)

**LAST REQUEST FOR ORDERS**

- **St Andrew's Day Appeal 2019. Message from Archbishop Thabo:**  
God has been using the International Anglicans Ablaze Conferences to encourage and equip our people for mission and ministry, in accordance with our Provincial Vision and Priorities. I am looking forward to Anglicans Ablaze 2020 in Johannesburg from 23rd to 26th September next year.  
**Our goal is to make it possible for 1000 young people to attend, at a subsidised cost of R495 each.** Adult costs are R725 & R775. To help with this we are reviving the *St Andrew's Day Appeal*, which was a tradition in ACSA for many years in support of the Mission of the Church.  
I am therefore asking you please to take a special collection in church on Sunday 1st December (St Andrew's Day is 30th November) and to send it to: GtC Teaching and Training, Standard Bank, Constantia, Account Number 243 374 151, Branch Code 051001. You are also welcome to encourage your people to give directly via EFT by giving them the banking details.
- **Bishop's Golf Day for his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the ordained ministry: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Reading Country Club.** Proceeds will go towards Bishop's discretionary fund. More details to follow. Please tell all the golfers in your parishes! Names can be given to Bishop's secretary.  
**SAVE THE DATE!**
- **CANON LAW COUNCIL SAVE THE DATE. See attached advert**
- **The Official Launch of Anglicans Ablaze:** Please see attached poster.
- **FELLOWSHIP OF VOCATION 2020:** Please note that all applications, duly signed by Parish Councils, must be in the Bishop's office by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- Latest Newsletter of the Green Anglican Movement can be downloaded from: <http://www.greenanglicans.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Nov-2019-1.pdf>
- **HABSR FOODBANK:** Confirmation candidates should please remember to bring non-perishable items for the HABSR foodbank on the day that they are confirmed.
- **EDEN PARK(St Matthew & St Luke) 5km Walk against Drugs and Substance Abuse** Please come and stand in solidarity for advocacy against Drugs and Substance abuse, let us protect the **“future of our communities and our country”**
- **Diocesan Counselling Board:** there are no counselling courses scheduled for 2019. However, interested persons can give their names to the Bishop's secretary and, should there be enough people to warrant a course, then such courses will be arranged and advertised accordingly. Names can be submitted with immediate effect.
- **Ministerial Practice Declaration:** all those in the parish who hold office should fill in the form to be kept on file in the parish
- **Diocesan Youth Indemnity Form:** All people in charge of young people's ministry, groups or organisations, are reminded by the PYC and the Diocese to:

- get the permission of the Rector/Priest in Charge to transport youth especially those 18 years and under
- complete the Diocesan Indemnity forms and hand over to Churchwardens; and
- send a list of those young people to the Bishop's office prior to the trip/journey. This is to protect all those in youth ministry. Failure to do so becomes your own liability.

➤ **From the Administrator's desk:**

➤ **Unidentified Items:**

The following deposits have been made with no proper reference:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
02/03/2019	R250.00	CASH – LUNGISWAMGEDLE
<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
10/10/2019	R500.00	DONATION SAMU
16/10/2019	R3000.00	CASH ZONE4 PAT FESTI
21/10/2019	R400.00	CHEQ N MOTLOUNG
21/10/2019	R1930.80	CASH N MOTLOUNG
21/10/2019	R20 000.00	MU HOLY NAME
23/10/2019	R2580.00	CASH CHURCH CHOIR
24/10/2019	R200.00	CASH CHURCH CHOIR
24/10/2019	R1200.00	CASH ZONE 2
24/10/2019	R1500.00	CASH SERVERS
24/10/2019	R4500.00	CASH ZONE 08
24/10/2019	R360.00	CASH CHURCH CHOIR
26/10/2019	R200.00	CASH CHURCH CHOIR
26/10/2019	R360.00	CASH CHURCH CHOIR

- **Bookings for Diocesan Venues:** Please note that the Diocesan Administration Offices and facilities are normally open from 08:30am until 16:00pm from Monday to Thursday and from 08:30am until 13:00pm on a Friday. **For security reasons, no access to the property or the facilities will be allowed outside of these times unless proper arrangements have been made.**

Please note that **all** after hour's use of the Diocesan facilities for meetings must be booked through the **Administrator's Office**. Please use the correct booking forms for this purpose.

- Saturday meetings must please be completed by **3pm** and any car-guard must be arranged privately at your own cost.
- Access will not be granted if proper bookings are not done.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

**N.B. – no bookings on a Sunday as the campus is closed on Sunday**

- **From the Library:** The Trinity can be difficult to have knowledge of. Gerald O'Collins has written *The Tripersonal God : Understanding and Interpreting the Trinity* to help those of us needing this help in our theology. The Trinity is central to Christian faith, but many Christians have questions about what the Trinity is and why we believe in a Trinitarian God. In this book the author examines the roots and development of Trinitarian belief, drawing on the three areas for reflection:

- Testimony to the tripersonal God in scriptures – both the Old Testament background and the teaching of Paul and the gospel writers
- The development of the Trinitarian doctrine from the second-century writers and early councils of the church through medieval theology and modern challenges
- Major Trinitarian issues today, such as naming the Trinity, the distinct personal existence of the Holy Spirit and Trinitarian imagery

This is a comprehensive, contemporary inquiry and illuminates the historical and scriptural roots of belief in the Trinity and clarifies contemporary trends in Trinitarian thought. [231 O'CO]

Our second book is one of having a single mother but no father. This is difficult with the problem of migrant labour. *To own a Dragon: Reflections on Growing Up without a Father* to us with both parents. It has been written by Donald Miller and John MacMurray. Rarely does a book come around that rips you from head to toe, exposing your deepest woundedness and forcing you to confront the inner demons you've skirted for years. But that's what happens when you read *To Own a Dragon*. This penetrating book addresses a crisis affecting millions of men – namely, the plight of guys who grow up without a dad in the home. Whether you grew up without a dad or you just want to be a better father, you'll want to own this Dragon. It's a powerful reminder about the critical role dads play and our need for the Father above".

"Don Miller is a gifted writer. In the span of two paragraphs, he can have you doubled over in laughter and then on the brink of tears. While he aims his words directly at those who have felt the pain of not having a father to guide them, he's also talking to me as a dad, giving me a not-so-subtle reminder of the awesome responsibility I have for my kids. Miller and MacMurray shoot from the hip and from the heart – and don't miss".

"This book is vintage Miller. He once again opens up his heart and lets it bleed with honesty". [248.8421 MIL]

➤ **Birthdays:** Happy birthday to:

15<sup>th</sup> Nozililo Ntshikila

18<sup>th</sup> Fr Trevor Fester

18<sup>th</sup> Deacon Barbara Morrison

19<sup>th</sup> Doreen Seya