



Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Diocese of Grahamstown

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Bishopsbourne family

We, the family of Bishopsbourne are well and wishing all the Diocesan family good health. Masandi celebrated her 40th birthday on the 30th of November 2013. Our sincere gratitude to all God's people for the kindness they have shown and for being there to celebrate this precious day with Masandi and our family. At Mqanduli we unveiled a tombstone of my brother, Mr Sibongile Ntlali on the 17th of December at St Mary's Church. We give thanks to God for the life we shared with Sibongile. We express our sincere appreciation for the prayers and support of the Diocesan Family.

The Registrar of the Diocese

Be informed that Mrs Brenda Amsterdam has resigned as the Diocesan Registrar. We express our sincere gratitude to Brenda for the outstanding ministry she performed and the time she invested to the life of the Diocese. We pray that Mrs Amsterdam's life may be filled with good health and know the presence of God in her and her family's life.

We, the Cathedral Chapter and the Diocesan Council have unanimously appointed:

- Mrs Shirley Thembele Tilana-Mabece as the Grahamstown Diocesan Registrar. Shirley is a qualified Attorney and admitted to the High Court. She studied B. Juris, LLB and holds a Certificate in Advanced Income Tax Law; and is the co-founder of Maseko-Tilana Incorporated.
- Mrs Bongiwe Phillipa Nkohla, as the Grahamstown Diocesan Deputy Registrar. She studied B. Juris and LLB, and is a qualified Attorney and admitted to the High Court. Bongiwe is currently employed by the Law Society of South Africa as a School Director and has experience in CCMA matters.

Shirley and Bongiwe were licensed at the ordination service held on the 14th December 2013. We give thanks to God for giving us Shirley and Bongiwe who will use their talents and wisdom for the betterment of the Diocese. We wish them God's blessing as they assume their offices in the Diocese.

+ Bishop Grahamstown

*Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are eyes through which we look out Christ Compassion on the world.*

Ours are the feet with which we are to go about doing good,

Ours are the hands with which God blesses now. (St Teresa de Avila)

Archdeacon to the Ordinary

We, the Cathedral Chapter appointed Revd Canon BTM Mfenyana to be the Archdeacon to the Ordinary. He will no longer be called Canon Administrator. Archdeacon BTM Mfenyana was licensed at the ordination service held on 14th December 2013.

Ordination

An ordination service was held on the 14th of December 2013 at the Cathedral of St Michael & St George. We congratulate our new priests, namely:

1. Revd Sinje Dlokweni, Assistant Priest in Training to serve at St Paul's, Port Alfred;
2. Revd Vuyiswa Jela, Assistant Priest in Training and will serve at St Francis, Mdantsane;
3. Revd Brian Mona, Assistant Priest in Training placed at St Phillip's Gompo;
4. Revd Milton Quntu, Assistant Priest in Training to serve at St Augustine, Grahamstown;
5. Revd Penelope Schultz, Assistant Priest in Training to serve at St Paul, Port Alfred, and
6. Revd Daniel Ludik OHC, Priest at the Order of the Holy Cross

Kindly uphold the newly ordained priests and their families in your prayers.

Highlights on the Diocesan Council Meeting

1. Arrears on Assessment, Insurance and Medical Aid Contributions

Diocesan Council noted that there are outstanding amounts owed by parishes. All parishes that are in arrears are encouraged to settle their debts by the end of February 2014. The Diocesan Council resolved to enforce Chapter V, section 10 (a-c) of the Acts of the Diocese which reads as follows:

- (a) Every pastoral charge shall pay an annual sum to the Diocese, to be determined by the Diocesan Council after consultation with the Pastoral Charge concerned.
- (b) Payment of the annual sum shall be made to the Diocesan Treasurer in monthly instalments by the 25th of each month, and shall be first charge on all parochial finance, excluding rent received in accordance with Chapter VI, paragraph 3.
- (c) In the event of the failure of a Pastoral Charge to pay the monthly instalments for a period of three months or longer, the Diocesan Council shall have the authority to appoint in consultation with the Parish Council two persons who, together with the Archdeacon, shall examine the finances of the Pastoral Charge and other related matters and make recommendations to the Council.

These recommendations may include:

- i. Remission of the current obligation in part or in whole;
- ii. Reduction of the amount of the annual sum;
- iii. The loss by the Pastoral Charge of its status as a Pastoral Charge, in which case the Diocesan Council shall request the Bishop to appoint a commission in terms of Chapter IX, section 4. After receiving the report of such a commission, it shall be competent for the Bishop, with the agreement of the Diocesan Council, and after consultation with the Cathedral Chapter, to declare that the Pastoral Charge should cease to exist as such, provided that Synod at its session shall have the power to confirm or annul the action taken.

We congratulate all parishes that are up to date with their payments.

2. Increase on Assessment

The Diocesan Council resolved that parish assessment is increased by a flat rate of 7% with effect January 2014.

Grahamstown Diocesan Foundation Trust

We give thanks to God for the formation of the Diocesan Foundation Trust. This Foundation Trust will be launched on the 22nd of February 2014 at Greenfields Methodist Church in East London. Any form of donation towards the preparation of the launch will be much appreciated. Donations may be deposited into the Diocesan Revenue, FNB, Account No. 5232 1144 702, branch code 210717. For any enquiries in this regard please contact Mrs L. Ndema at 071 389 3623 or Archdeacon BTM Mfenyana at 072 036 3232.

Office closure

The office will close on the 20th of December and re-opens on the 7th of January 2014.

Media officer

Mrs Maggy Clarke continues to be our media officer in 2014. We thank God for her sacrificial and humble ministry.

Receiver of Revenue - Tax

All Clergy (stipendiary and non-stipendiary) are encouraged to have tax numbers. It is important for clergy to keep their log books up to date and submit them with their IRP5 when submitting their tax returns to the South African Receiver of Revenue.

Bereavements

- The Revd Vuyisile Bonani, a Deacon from St James' church Mooiplaas passed away on 4 December 2013. Kindly uphold his family to your prayers. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

New emails addresses for the Diocese of Grahamstown

Kindly note that all emails addresses of the Diocese of Grahamstown have changed. Here are new email addressed:

	Old address	New Address
Bishop's office	bpgtn@intekom.co.za	bishop@grahamstowndioocese.org.za
Bishop's personal Assistant	diotraining@intekom.co.za	training@grahamstowndioocese.org.za
Diocesan Administrator	dioc@intekom.co.za	diocese@grahamstowndioocese.org.za
Financial Manager	financial@diocesegrahamstown.co.za	financial@grahamstowndioocese.org.za

Old address

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Administrative

Bookkeeper admin@diocesegrahamstown.co.za admin@grahamstowndiocese.org.za

Reception reception@diocesegrahamstown.co.za reception@grahamstowndiocese.org.za

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May you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and prosperous New Year filled with Christ's love.