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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Pentecost greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Bishopsbourne

Thank you for your unceasing prayers for us and our family. I and Mama Noncedo feel your warmth, your love and your generosity as we go around the diocese ministering to you and the various guilds and other formations within the diocese. The children and grandchildren are doing well in their various schools. Your prayers for us cannot be underestimated and it is a great support in keeping us going. Thank you to Dr Geoff Howes who introduced me to his son Prof Dale Howes, the prothodontist who has assisted me with implants and other dental treatment during a four hour operation in the Morningside Hospital in Johannesburg. We thank Dr Gregory Boyes-Varley, the surgeon who did the operation. Bishop Steve Moreo of Johannesburg instructed his Dean Xolani Dlwati to minister to us with Noncedo and we enjoyed his service. We also thank the St Nicolas parish of the Diocese of Christ the King who visited us at the Rapiya home and ministered to us as well. I am in a comfortable position. I will be on soft food for three months and thereafter I will be given what is called the chewing teeth. At the moment I am not allowed to chew anything.

Let us continue to uphold one another in our spiritual journeys and our life in the diocese.

Vacant Parishes

St Martin-by-the-Sea, Christ Church and St Nicolas: It was good to meet the respective Archdeacons with the parish wardens and to look at the CVs of those who have applied. The process now is for them to short-list the candidates, to interview them and to forward to us two names out of which Bishop in Chapter will appoint a Rector. It was good to do the two Sunday services at St Martin, Gonubie. We were humbled by the love, generosity and the hospitality of the leadership and parishioners of the parish. We give thanks to the ministry of the Venerable Chuma Mduzana and the Venerable Thami Mhlana for the great, warm welcome and assistance to take the process of finding Rectors forward. We call upon the diocese to pray for these parishes that the Lord may give us

shepherds to continue God's mission after the able leadership of those who have retired and left.

We met the search committee of St Paul, Port Alfred which is comprised of the Archdeacon and parish wardens and looked at the applicants. Archdeacon Cynthia is taking that process forward. Later interviews will be done and two names forwarded to us and Bishop in Chapter will appoint a new Rector.

Diocesan Synod

- It is good to hear the feed-back from those who attended our 2016 Diocesan Synod. All of them were impressed by the Bishop's charge which reminded them that as a diocese, lay and ordained, we need to re-discover the missionary model and focus on the good things that the missionaries did - for example theological, general and civic education, agriculture for food security, skills development such as carpentry, weaving, translations, animal management, building schools, churches, centres of life etc. The Synod also focussed on encouraging that we participate in partnership with government, companies such as Old Mutual and others to improve the quality of life of our parishioners and beyond. Our mission will focus on all God's people irrespective of denomination in advancing spiritual and physical growth.
- Land desk
Synod has resolved that we create a land desk that would do sustainable projects with the parishes and the diocese in consultation with the Diocesan Trust Board and ACSA. This will enable the diocese to use its land creatively and bring sustainability to the whole life of the diocese and its people. We do have legal instruments such as Diocesan Development Trust and our Section 21 Development Agency (Capraway).
- Iviyo Lofakazo
The Synod has resolved that we create a vehicle that will take forward mission and evangelism through the Canon Missioner.
- Annual vestry
The date of annual vestry in the diocese has traditionally been not later than the second Sunday after Easter. Synod has resolved that each pastoral charge must hold its Vestry not later than the 15th of March each year. Diocesan Rules may not be in contradiction with Provincial Canons (Article IX of the ACSA Constitution). The earlier date of Vestry is a requirement of SARS, relating to our ACSA status as Public Benefit Organisation (PBO). Later than that date the Diocesan Bishop must be consulted.
- Diocesan Guilds
St Agnes Guild has received a new status of being an independent guild that would have a Memorandum of Understanding which will interpret their future relationship with the Mother's Union. We give thanks to God for the MU which has nurtured St Agnes Guild for 65 years and contributed to its independence.

A new guild called Mary Magdalene has also been established and we wish them well in their ministry in the diocese.

- Housing allowance
Noting that there is now an encouragement that clergy should buy their own houses whilst doing ministry in the diocese, Synod requests the Diocesan Council to create a vehicle to investigate how fulltime clergy can be assisted since they are living in their houses in line with what is happening in other dioceses.
- Inclusivity
The Anglican Church throughout its history has been a multi-racial church encouraging inclusivity. Synod is calling upon all Rectors, Priests-in-Charge and Archdeacons to encourage inclusivity in hymns, liturgy, parish councils and other structures in the parish. This will also be done by the Dean of the diocese at a diocesan level under the leadership of the diocesan Bishop.

Theological Education

Each parish is requested to observe Theological Education Sunday and to participate in the Great Collection on 21st August 2016. We encourage every parishioner in every parish of our diocese to put a minimum of R10.00 in the collection plate – a minimum of R500.00 per parish. The collection must be forwarded to the diocese not later than the 5th of September 2016.

Lent

It is a tradition in our diocese that we earmark a project for Lent. We have earmarked 2016 as a theological education project as we are taking education and training very seriously in our diocese. We call upon all parishes of the diocese to contribute not less than R1000.00 for Lent. See APB page 438; the Anglicans are called to observe one or more of these ways:

- By giving more time to prayer, Bible study or spiritual reading;
- By eating less or simpler food during Lent and fasting;
- By giving up some pleasure or luxury and using the money saved to help other people.

We therefore call upon all clergy of the diocese to take the teachings of fasting very seriously and assist the parishioners to contribute what they have fasted for voluntarily and responsibly towards the diocesan project. It may be education or any other need that Bishop in Chapter would identify each year. We also ask the Rectors to use envelopes and mark them Lent in that particular year and give it to parishioners which will be returned, the latest, by Easter and forwarded to the diocesan project.

Thank you for all the parishes that have already contributed and we call upon all those who have not yet contributed, to do so not later than the 15th of August 2016. You might have forgotten to forward the giving to the diocese.

Ordinations

There will be an ordination service at 10h00 on Saturday, 16th July 2016 at St Saviour's parish, East London. Please pray for those who will be ordained to the priesthood: Alice Barlow-Zambodla from All Saints, East London, Etienne Maree from St Michael, Nahoon, Gwen Mvula and Mxoli Sizani both from St Augustine, Grahamstown.

Clergy Moves

The Sandy Nyakatya will be licenced as Archdeacon of the newly established Archdeaconry of Winterberg at the ordination service this coming Saturday.

Anglicans Ablaze Conference

This will take place at Bishops Diocesan College, Rondebosch, Cape Town from 5-8 October 2016. This year's theme is Vulindlela "Open the Way" and speakers include Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Advocate Thuli Madonsela, Mr JP Duminy and Revd Dr Vicentia Kgabe. Some of the topics/tracks – Faith under Fire, Healing of Addictions, Unstoppable Church, Discipleship, Missional Church, Youth, Teens and Sex, Parenting Skills. Full registration is R850.00; financially assisted registration R650.00; youth/student registration R495.00. For more information visit the following website www.anglicansablaze.org or contact our office for the registration and hotel booking form.

Family Weekend

Thank you for your unceasing support which you have shown as parishes and the diocesan family to keep on fundraising for education and training since 2006. Education and training is continuous – it never stops. Therefore, the contribution of the family weekend will continue as it is a budgetary item in our diocese to educate and train our clergy. This year our budget for education and training and its needs is R750 000.00 which goes towards five stipendiary curates. It was the same amount also in 2015. We fundraised R300 000.00 in 2015 and the diocese had to find money somewhere else to pay the rest. We encourage all of you to take your targets as minimum and to be generous in your giving in order that we can achieve the full target of R750 000.00. We attach annexure "A" for the targets and annexure "B" and "C" for the procedure that needs to be followed.

The Diocesan Family Weekend will be held at the indoor sport centre in Joza Township, Grahamstown and will start on 26th of August to 28 August 2016. The programme will be forwarded to you not later than the 19th of July 2016.

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We give thanks to God for the ministry of Bishops Jo Seoka, Dino Gabriel and Nathaniel Nakwatumbah the outgoing Bishops of Pretoria, Zululand and Namibia respectively and we welcome and pray for the new Bishops Allan Kannemeyer, Monument Makanya and Luke Pato of these dioceses.

We pray for the Synod of Bishops which will be electing the Bishops for Christ the King and Niassa dioceses.

We give thanks to God for the ministry of our Archbishop and metropolitan Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba and his family. We uphold all the vacant Sees in prayer.

Intercessions

Continue to pray for the bereaved families of Revd Mteteli Mhlauli and Pauline Dike (widow of Revd Dike) who died recently. Also pray for Archdeacon William Fobosi and his family on the death of his son who will be buried this Friday the 15th of July 2016 at Maclear.

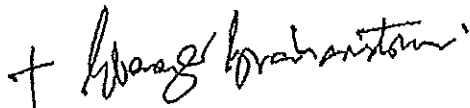
Pray for the upcoming Provincial Synod (27 – 30 September 2016).

Prayer For Local Elections 2016

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
you led your chosen people through the wilderness
into the promised land, and made from their diversity one nation:
mercifully lead your South African people through this year's elections
so that, with no violence and no devious dealings,
we may choose local leaders who have integrity,
and finally grow together into one penitent and peaceful people;
through Jesus Christ, before whom every knee in heaven and on earth will bow.
Amen.

Grace and peace

Yours in the service of the Shepherd of shepherds



BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out;
ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and ours are the hands with
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TO : THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL, DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN
FROM : DIRECTOR OF THE STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING PROGRAMME
SUBJECT : TARGETS FOR THE DIOCESAN FAMILY WEEKEND

The figures for the Family Weekend were set in 2006, revised in 2008 and 2010 and then retained for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Due to the escalating costs in education and training for ministry, which is the core business of the church, it has become necessary that we raise the targets for 2016. The Diocese finds it difficult to maintain the costs of training for ministry which has had a negative impact on the running of the business of the church.

TARGETS: DIOCESAN FAMILY WEEKEND 2016

<u>CATEGORY A- R100 000 and above</u>	
St Paul – Port Alfred: Albany	9 000
St Matthew – Keiskammahoek: Alice	
St Martin – Gonubie: East London East	
St Michael- Nahoon: East London East	
St Alban- Vincent: East London East	
Holy Cross – Mdantsane: East London West	
St Mark – Cambridge: East London West	
St Andrew – Mdantsane: East London South	
The Cathedral- Grahamstown: Grahamstown	
Holy Trinity – Dimbaza: King Ws Town	
Holy Trinity- King Ws Town: King Ws Town	
St John & St Chad- Zwelitsha: King Ws Town	
St Andrew – Ginsberg: King Ws Town	
St John- East London: East London Central	
Good Shepherd – East London Central	
St Phillip – Gompo: East London Central	
St Saviour- East London: East London Central	
St Francis – Mdantsane: East London Central	162 000
<u>CATEGORY B- R80 000 TO R99 999</u>	
All Saints – Orange Groove: East London South	8 000
St Augustine – Grahamstown	
St Clement – Grahamstown	
St Paul Zeleni – King Williams Town	32 000
<u>CATEGORY C – R60 000 to R79 999</u>	
St Barnabas – Port Alfred: Albany	7 000
St Bartholomew – Alice	
St Gregory – Mdantsane: East London West	
St Peter – Peddie: King Ws Town	
Holy Name – Stutterheim: King Ws Town	
St Peter – West Bank: East London South	
St Bernard Mizeki – Scenery Park EL	49 000
<u>CATEGORY D -- R40 000 to R59 999</u>	
Christ Church – Amalinda: East London West	6 000
St Patrick – Hogsback: Alice	
St Nicholas – Beacon Bay: East London East	
St Luke – Newlands: East London West	
St Mary & St Andrews- Kidds Beach: East London South	
St Phillip – Grahamstown: Grahamstown	

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St Barnabas – Stutterheim: King Williams Town St Luke – Mdolomba: King Williams Town	48 000
<u>CATEGORY E- R20 000 to R39 999</u> St Michael – Adelaide: Alice St John – Fort Beaufort: Alice St Paul – Komga: East London East St Bartholomew – Grahamstown: Grahamstown	5 000 20 000
<u>CATEGORY G- R9 000 to R19 999</u> St John – Bathurst: Albany St Peter – Sidbury: Albany St Andrew – Bedford: Alice Holy Trinity – Fort Beaufort: Alice Church of the Resurrection-Fort Beaufort: Alice St Katherine – Berlin: King Ws Town East Christ Church – Grahamstown: Grahamstown St James – Peddie St Barnabas – Tsholomnqa St Mary – Phumlani St David – Ncera St James – Mooiplaas St John – Gwaba St Peter – Zozo St Cyprian’s	3 000 45 000
GRAND TOTAL FOR PARISHES	356 000

TARGETS FOR GUILDS 2016

- 1. Mother’s Union : 30 000
- 2. St Bernard Mizeki : 20 000
- 3. AWF : 20 000
- 4. Youth : 5 000
- 5. St Agnes : 4 000
- 6. Junior Church : 2 000
- 7. St Mary Magdalene : 10 000
- 8. St Vincent : 10 000

TARGETS FOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

- 1. Clergy : 15 000
- 2. Churchwardens : 22 000
- 3. Lay Ministers : 30 000
- 4. Deacons (St Stephen) : 6 200
- 5. Clergy Spouses : 12 000
- 6. Ordinands : 4 200

SUMMARY TOTAL:	PARISHES	- 356 000
	GUILDS	- 101 000
	OFFICE PERSONNEL	- 89 400
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The purpose of the Diocesan Family Weekend (DFW) is to galvanise congregations to celebrate their life together as a Diocesan Family, to thank God for the gift of life and to motivate one another towards generous giving.

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GRAHAMSTOWN DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING PROGRAMME

FAMILY WEEKEND: AUGUST 2016

GUIDELINES FOR THE FAMILY WEEKEND: 19 – 21 AUGUST 2016

1. The Eucharist Service is conducted by the Diocesan Bishop in a parish or decided venue in a particular Archdeaconry.
2. The purpose of the Family Weekend is to contribute financially to the **Ministry Endowment Fund** which finances the costs of education and training for ministry, and forms part of the Diocesan Budget.
3. Each parish in the entire Diocese has its own minimum target that it is expected to contribute. Incumbent Archdeacons are earnestly requested to communicate these figures to their respective parishes in good time.
4. Each Archdeaconry will collect love gifts in the form of cash or cheques from each parish, payable to the Diocese of Grahamstown before the set date. Deposits may be made direct to: **Diocese of Grahamstown, FNB Cheque Account No. 52321144702, Branch 210717, Grahamstown. Ref. Family Weekend.** Archdeacons must take note that each contribution from a particular parish must be traceable and identifiable.
5. On the set day and during service there will be personnel, from the Diocesan Office, assigned to receive love gifts from Archdeaconries and guilds. Receipts will be issued.
6. At offertory each Archdeaconry or Guild is expected to bring its own offering (and umkhumezelo) to the altar for blessings.
7. Before the blessings and dismissal the Diocesan Financial Manager will announce the total amount collected from all Archdeaconries, Guilds and other formations.
8. The Incumbent Archdeacon is responsible for collecting love gifts from other formations such as Lay Ministers, Clergy, Servers, Clergy Spouses, Ordinands, etc. in his/her Archdeaconry.
9. The Bishop or the Dean or the Director of Stewardship and Giving Programme will do the Vote of Thanks.

Yours faithfully

DIRECTOR: STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING PROGRAMME

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The Rector and Churchwardens

INVITATION TO DIOCESAN FAMILY WEEKEND: 19 – 21 AUGUST 2016

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

The Diocese of Grahamstown, under the auspices of the Stewardship and Giving Programme, initiated in 2006 a campaign of celebrating our life together as a Family of God in the Diocese through the stewardship and giving programme. This year we are celebrating our next Diocesan Family Weekend (DFW) from 19-21 August 2016 in Grahamstown. This letter, a follow-up to the Bishop's letter written to all parishes, serves to inform your congregations in your parishes about the activities of the weekend, the guidelines, the contributions and the route map as follows:

1. **On 19 August 2016:**
2. **On 20 August 2016:** Fun-filled entertainment through music, poetry, games, art and display of talents
3. **On 21 August 2016:** Eucharist Service at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George;
4. **Guidelines:** Each Archdeaconry is requested to nominate its own Convenor for Clergy, Churchwardens, Lay Ministers, Clergy Spouses, Deacon's St Stephen and Ordinands;
5. **Contributions are as follows:**
 - I. Clergy - Minimum of R300.00 per person
 - II. Churchwardens - Minimum of R200.00 per person
 - III. Lay Ministers - Minimum of R150.00 per person
 - IV. Clergy Spouses - Minimum of R100.00 per person
 - V. Deacons - Minimum of R200.00 per person
 - VI. Ordinands - Minimum of R200.00 per person
 - VII. Targets for each Parish have been circulated separately (check with your Archdeacon);
6. **The Route Map**
7. **Deadline for Contributions:** Parishes are expected to deposit their 'love gifts' (targets) and any donations to: **Diocese of Grahamstown, FNB Cheque Account, 52321144702, Branch 210717 Grahamstown, Ref. Family Weekend** prior to Sunday 21 August 2016. Alternatively take note that contributions, that is targets/iingxowa, are also received during the Eucharist Service on Sunday 21 August 2016.
8. Entertainment for everybody on Saturday has been organised including children.

Yours in the Service of Christ

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