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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Bishopsbourne

Easter greetings from the Bishopsbourne family! We greet you all in the name of the risen Lord! Alleluia!

Clergy Moves

The Revd Monwabisi Peter has recently been appointed the Chaplain of St Andrews Preparatory School, Grahamstown and the Revd Mvuleni Mvula has been appointed Rector of St Clement's, Grahamstown with effect 1st January 2016.

We have been notified by the Revd Margaret Fourie that she will be leaving the diocese at the end of May 2016. The Lord has blessed us with the arrival of the Revd Dr Liz Thomas who has been recommended by the parish council to be their future Priest-in-Charge. This would be finalised by Chapter on the 26th of April 2016.

We have been informed by the Revd Canon Dr Vicentia Kgabe that the following lecturers have joined the College staff:-

The Revd Gcebile Gina;
The Revd Canon Melany Adonis;
The Revd Dr Simon Tibbs.

We welcome them to the diocese and commend them to your prayers.

Vacant Parishes

1. **St Nicholas United Church in Beacon Bay, East London** will require a priest from 2017.

St Nicholas United is an ecumenical church supported by Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. An opportunity thus exists to minister in a fairly unique ministerial environment. The appointment is made for a period of five years.

The church has a desire to be spiritually led and play a spiritual role in the community. Key roles and skills of the incumbent should include: Preaching and leading worship by ensuring the teaching of biblical truths in a dynamic way (challenge, encourage & influence.)

Ensure pastoral care by being sensitive and caring. Here a genuine desire to assist those in need and to get to know individuals (socialise) is needed. Communication and the ability to unite leadership will be important in the ecumenical environment.

Coordinate training, teaching and development through supporting home fellowship groups, leading or facilitating courses and ensuring vibrant youth development programmes.

Oversight of management functions and the ability to facilitate decision making will ensure effective and smooth running of the church.

Clergy led to consider this role should indicate their interest to our office and we will consider nominations.

2. **Christ Church, Amalinda:** We call upon all clergy who wish to apply for the post of Priest-in-Charge or Rector. Kindly send your applications to our office by 30 April 2016.

Both these vacancies will be advertised on the Diocesan website in due course.

Diocesan Synod

Remember that the Diocesan Synod will take place from Wednesday, 4th to Saturday 7th of May 2016 at St Alban's, Vincent, East London. We call upon the diocesan family to pray for Synod as it will be deliberating on issues that affect the life of the church. Pray that God may give the delegates and the leadership the necessary grace and wisdom that will bring about a better life for all.

Intercessions

Pray for the recovery of Revd John Joubert of St Andrew's Bedford who had brain surgery recently and for Revd Mteteli Mhlauli who is in the ICU at East London Private Hospital.

Continue to pray for the bereaved families of Shona Domeris, wife of the Revd Dr Bill Domeris and Nolumanyano Mbolekwa, wife of the Revd Godukile Mbolekwa. We thank all for the support they rendered these two families during the time of the bereavement.

Other Prayer requests

- Prayer for South Africa

The recent judgment by the Constitutional Court on the president of South Africa and parliament created an environment of uncertainty, anxiousness and instability. We call upon the diocese – clergy and laity to pray the litany on page 73 – 77 of the Anglican Prayer Book which covers all areas of our lives as South Africans. Pray in every act of worship in order that political and religious leaders and civil society may find a suitable and amicable solution which will pave a way forward for the leadership and community of South Africa.

- **Universities, Colleges and Schools**

We are grateful that government has intervened on the issue of university, colleges and school fees by increasing the funding for the students to learn. We pray that the students may be stewards of these resources by using their time fruitfully in the institutions. We also pray that the Lord may give them the necessary grace to manage their pain and suffering without damaging the properties. Let us continue to pray for all those who teach and all those who learn.

- **Consecration Services**

We pray for the Dioceses of Namibia and Pretoria as they are preparing for the consecration service of Bishops-Elect Luke Pato and Allan Kannemeyer on Saturday, 7 and 14 May 2016 respectively. We pray that their dioceses may be ready to receive them.

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

Prayer For An End To Drought

God of all mercy,
who makes the rain fall on the just and the unjust,
and who has granted rain to us in many parts of our land:
forgive us our many, many sins and return to us your favour,
granting rain to our parched lands,
crops for both people and animals,
and provision and protection for our farmers:
through Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of our souls. Amen

Grace and peace



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