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**Diocese of Grahamstown**

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***Ad Clerum***  
**August to December**

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

**Bishopsbourne**

We at Bishopsbourne greet the whole diocesan family and its ecclesiastical leadership. The process with my teeth implants will be finished by the end of February 2017. We are grateful to God for those who assist us with their generous gifts. In our home all children and grandchildren are busy writing exams. We +Ebenezer, Noncedo and family wish you a prayerful spiritual enrichment in the season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Be blessed in abundance in the presence of the Holy Trinity.

**Education**

We call upon the diocesan family to pray and intercede for all who teach and those who learn from grade 0 to 12 and those who are in tertiary education. We pray for all who write their examinations and especially the universities of South Africa including University of Fort Hare and Rhodes. We also pray for those who will be marking the scripts. We wish them success.

**Free Education and Fees Must Fall**

We all know that education and health are very expensive in South Africa. We support the constitution and students who claim free education. Nevertheless, we as SACC and Synod of Bishops, condemn violence and destruction of property. This infrastructure is a healthy and friendly environment for everyone to study from generation to generation. It is true what Dewey, the 19<sup>th</sup> century philosopher said in his book "Democratic Humanism" we need God-centred teachers and God-centred students. Our education and democracy must be undergirded by faith and all its life which will result to a sound education that is critical but humble, full of reverence and respect.

We are grateful to university management, SRC, Fees Must Fall students, political parties and labour unions for allowing us to mediate and to elect task teams that will deal with the concerns of students at the Universities of Rhodes and Fort Hare. We are pleased that 5700 students at Rhodes were writing the November examinations and 300 will be writing in January 2017. Let us

continue to uphold in prayer all students, parents and those who teach. We hope that the state will come up with a suitable action plan for free education as promised with proper timing.

### **Anglican Church of Southern Africa**

The Revd Vicente Msosa and Revd Canon William Mostert were elected the next Bishops of Niassa and Christ the King respectively. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare themselves for this new journey in their life. They will be consecrated at a combined service on 25 February 2017 at Turffontein, Johannesburg.

The Right Revd Martin Nyaboho was recently elected the Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Burundi and was installed on 21 August 2016. Bishop Martin has succeeded Archbishop Bernard Ntahoturi.

### **Vacant Parishes and Clergy Moves**

#### **- St Alban's, East London**

Canon Missioner Mark Spyker, Rector of St Albans, Simone and children are leaving us at the end of December 2016 for St Martin-in-the-Veld, Rosebank in the Diocese of Johannesburg. We give thanks to God for their ministry of Growing the Church, Anglicans Ablaze, New Wine, Rooted in Jesus, Alpha course etc. Mark has been an outstanding Rector firstly, of St Saviour where he excelled and showed love for the African Anglicans with their long hour activities. He showed patience which a pastor should have. He also did outstanding work at St Albans with his able leadership, supported by his family and parishioners. We shall miss the Spyker priestly family.

- Mark will be succeeded by the Revd Sharon Summers-Smith with her spouse Les and children with effect 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 as non-stipendiary Acting Rector in the interregnum. She will be assisted by the Revd Canon Noluthando Gixana and her family until we find a suitable Rector for St Alban's parish. We wish them a blessed ministry as they serve Christ by serving His people.

#### **- St Matthew', Keiskammahoek**

Archdeacon William Fobosi, Archdeacon of Alice, his dear wife Phillipina and children are leaving us on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2016. Archdeacon Fobosi started from scratch to upgrade the spiritual life of his parish and the other parishes in his archdeaconry. He did outstanding work for God's glory. He lost a son recently who was buried in Maclear – the family home. His other son was involved in an accident earlier this year. In all the joys and sorrows the Venerable William has shown humility, trusting God, giving reverence and knowledge to others. May God bless this priestly family with good health and that they may enjoy their retirement in the Lord Christ. We shall miss them with thanksgiving hearts to God.

Revd Canon Ntshingwa will manage the parish of St Matthew and Archdeacon Sandy Nyakatya will oversee the Archdeaconry of Alice in the interregnum.

- **St Nicholas, Beacon Bay**

We give thanks to God for the ministry of the Revd Howarth (Methodist) minister-in-charge of St Nicholas United Church with his spouse Diedre and children. They are leaving us on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 for another pastoral charge outside the diocese. Philip is a great pastor and builder of the saints to make his parishioners to be responsible citizens of the Kingdom of God. We shall miss them and we will remember how they served God and us. He will be succeeded by the Revd Rory Middlecote and family at the beginning of May 2017. Revd Rory is an experienced priest and he has various skills that will be enjoyed by those whom he leads. We are looking forward to receive this family in the diocese.

- **Christ Church, East London**

The Revd Wezo Bloko with spouse Nosimphiwe and children has succeeded the Revd Canon Wilson Ntlola as the new Rector of Christ Church. We give thanks to God for the able leadership of Revd Canon Ntlola, his wife Nomfundo and children. We wish them a happy retirement full of good health. We pray for Revd Bloko and his family as they are taking the parish over. We wish this young priestly family a good and blessed ministry, rooted in the love of Christ, committed to him and transformed by him in serving Christ Jesus by serving the diocese. May God bless them with a fruitful ministry. They have started in the parish on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

- **St Philip's, Gompo**

The Revd Monica Ngombane and her family will serve under Archdeacon Chuma Mdzuzana at St Philip's Gompo. We give thanks to God for her ministry as she joins us from the Diocese of Johannesburg. We wish her a fruitful ministry under God in Christ Jesus.

- **St Paul, Port Alfred**

Archdeacon Cynthia Webbstock has been appointed Rector of St Paul's, Port Alfred and its chapelries with effect 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. We pray for her and assistant clergy at St Paul's with their families. May the Lord bless them with a fruitful ministry.

- **St Peter's, Peddie**

The Revd Philda Njoli has been made priest-in-charge of St Peter's Peddie with her spouse Patterson and children with effect 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. She will be assisted by the Revd Milton Quntu and his spouse Koliswa and children. We wish them a blessed and fruitful ministry with their families. They will work in team ministry with Deacons Weziwe Williams and Phumelele Mvumbu and other lay leaders of God's church under the able leadership of their Archdeacon.

**New Rectors**

The Revd Etienne Maree has been appointed Rector of St Michael Nahoon with effect 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The Revd Noelene Arends has been successful in her application to St Martin-by-the-Sea and will start at her new parish on 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2017. We wish the Revd Noelene a blessed and fruitful ministry. This development unfortunately leaves the parish of All Saints vacant.

**Other Vacant Parishes:**

St Matthew's Keiskammahoeke;  
St Alban's, East London;  
St Francis, Mdantsane.

We call upon you to pray for these parishes and their parishioners – for God to give them suitable Rectors at the right time.

**Please take note** that our office will close at 11h00 on Thursday, 15 December 2016 and will re-open at 08h00 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. We want to reiterate what the finance manager said in his email dated 7 December 2016 – that Diocesan dues must be paid before this date and time. We thank you sincerely for your co-operation.

**Ordinations**

The following were ordained at an Ordination Service held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 at St Bernard Mizeki, Scenery Park East London:-

**Into the Transitional Diaconate**

Mongezi Cintso	Nondumiso Dlokolo
Lunga Dongwana	Nokuzola Gitywa
Siyabulela Gowa	Cikizwa Kepe
Nondumiso Madyibi	Mandisa Mangxiti
Vuyani Mnaybiso	Mkangeli Mtimkulu
Zolile Ngewu	Busisiwe Nongauza
Yoliswa Ntame	Phumelele Nyosi
Nothini Sebetshu-Qalinto	Herbert Walton
Sindiswa Xintolo	

**Into the Permanent Diaconate:**

Shula Moshesh	Bulelwa Ncetezo
Nospipho Tyatyaza	

**Into the Vocational Diaconate:**

Wongama Nkumanda

Please keep them in your prayers in their new spiritual journey.

At the Ordination service the following Honorary Canons were licenced:-

Canon Missioner Mark Spyker;  
Archdeacon William Fobosi  
Revd Lindikaya Macingwane

We thank everybody who assisted with the preparations for the successful Ordination service.

Congratulations to Etienne and Beth Maree, Luthando and Lusanda Madiba, Mzinzisi and Lilitha Dyantyi on the recent birth of their new born babies.

### Intercessions

We call upon all the clergy and laity in praying litany (APB 1989 p 73-77) frequently on Sundays and weekdays because of the social ills in South Africa. This will enable us to bring before God all the needs of our society, churches, economy, government and morality. Let us pray for a better South Africa for all.

We wish you a prayerful Advent, blessed Christmas, happy New Year and a blessed Epiphany.

Grace and peace

Yours in the service of the Shepherd of shepherds



BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

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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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**AD CLERUM SEPTEMBER 2016**

Assessment received September 2016 450 244.00

Assessment expected September 2016 533 206.00

**Difference(Shortfall) 82 962.00**

Assessment Received Jan – September 2016 4 244 858.00

Assessment expected Jan – September 2016 4 807 783.00

**Shortfall realized 562 926.00**

**LENTEN APPEAL 2016 50 270.00**

**FAMILY DAY 423 074.00**

**THEOLOGICAL SUNDAY 7 240.00**