



Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

Notices: Lent 2012

Please read and act on this information!



1 Enclosures

Enclosed please find various useful and important documents and resources:

- 1) Information about the **Bishop's Lenten Teaching Series**: "Come Holy Spirit"
- 2) The statement from **Synod of Bishops** which met last week.
- 3) A Questionnaire about Sunday Schools and Children's Ministry – please complete it and return as requested as soon as you can.

2 Word and Worship

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa has produced a wonderful resource, "**Word and Worship**". It is a commentary and planning guide on the lectionary lessons for each Sunday of this year. Each Rector and Priest in Charge has received a free copy. Please use it!

3 Langham Preaching School 2012

"Growing the Word"

As soon as she returns from Germany, Frauke will distribute registration forms for this year's Langham Preaching School with Emmanuel Oladipo.

Please note that we will be doing **Level 3 (Preaching from the New Testament)** this year. This means that only those who have attended at least one of the previous Preaching Schools are eligible to attend.

We are still finalising our venue (Ave Maria may not be available this time), but the dates have been set: 23rd-27th April.

4 Christian Listening Conference

As you probably know, training in "Christian Listening" is central to our training of Pastoral Carers. Sarah introduced this in the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist and Frauke Ackermann is taking it forward.

This deceptively simple programme teaches participants to really **listen** to what people are saying – and then to help them by asking some simple but profound questions. It can lead to prayer or more in-depth counselling.

There will be a Diocesan **Christian Listening training Conference** at Ave Maria from 10th to 13th July this year.

Frauke invites all interested clergy to attend – it will be great if we can strengthen our team of Listeners and those who can train other Listeners. Registration forms and details of the cost will be available soon.

5 Medical Aid

Here is an important reminder from our Diocesan Bursar (Felicity Roberts).

Remember: Members need to be aware that medical accounts are **not** automatically paid because you are on medical aid. Members have the responsibility to ensure beforehand if the Dr, pharmacy etc are contracted in, or if the member has a portion to pay. Members may need to send accounts to the medical aid themselves.

Also please remember to check medical aid statements and follow up if they are not paid. And remember to get pre-authorisation if that is needed.

In my experience (and I had a lot of it with Sarah) you sometimes have to **fight** to get them to pay their portion!

God bless you as you give yourself to him in love and service. See you at Synod if not before!

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Diocesan Vision: To make disciples in vibrant, self-sufficient congregations established and linked to each other for the purpose of sharing in resources; ministry & service; outreach & evangelism.