

Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

Year Planning Notes for 2014

Bishop's Visits to Parishes

Please note the new Archdeaconry Boundaries!

Vhembe (North) – Luke Pretorius & Robbie Novella

- 1) Zoutpansberg 12th October
- 2) Musina 13th July
- 3) Sibasa (3 clusters)
 - ✦ Centre 9th February
 - ✦ West 20th July
 - ✦ East 2nd November

Kopanong (Centre) – Luke Pretorius

- 4) Christ Church Cathedral 19th October (Diocesan AA Conference), 30th November
- 5) Good Shepherd (Ext 44) 14th September
- 6) Seshego 15th June
- 7) Moletši 9th March

Lepelle – Jack Kudumela

- 8) Lebowakgomo 8th June (Pentecost)
- 9) Sekhukhuneland (3 clusters)
 - ✦ Jane Furse & Manganeng 16th February
 - ✦ Moganyaka 17th August
 - ✦ Marishane 9th November

Waterberg (South) – Linda Lubbe

- 10) Ga Seabe 30th March
- 11) Modimolle 13th April (Palm Sunday),
- 12) St Michael's Modimolle (United) 23rd November

South-West – (Shashi Ledwaba & David Maubane)

- 13) Mokopane 31st August
- 14) Mapela 23rd February
- 15) Lephallale 10th August

West – Shashi Ledwaba & David Maubane

- 16) Mashashane 24th August
- 17) Baken-Matji 25th May
- 18) Matlala 22nd June

Mopani – Gail Blunden

- 19) Letaba 6th April (St Matthew's Dedication), 26th October
- 20) Baobab 11th May
- 21) Tlhatlaganya 5th October
- 22) St Luke: 26th January, 7th September
- 23) St Paul's Haenertsburg (United) 16th November

Notes

- 1) All stipendiary clergy are expected to be present at Clergy Fellowship days, Clergy School and Clergy Retreat. And it will be great if as many Self Supporting Clergy as possible can join us. There are all sorts of important issues that I am hoping to deal with!

- 2) Because of the number of parishes, I can only schedule one visit to most. **Parishes may decide whether or not to use this visit for Confirmations.** Other dates are reserved for special events (like Institution of new Rectors).
- 3) I have scheduled **three visits** each to Sibasa and Sekhukhuneland because they are in the process of multiplication.
- 4) I have planned 3 meetings of **Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Finance Board and Trustees.** In order to save on transport costs, we are experimenting with clustering these meetings together. If you attend several of these meetings and come from far, please make a plan to sleep over in Polokwane.
- 5) The **Finance Working Committee** will meet between Trustees and DFB meetings to monitor financial progress.
- 6) In addition to the above, there will be an **Archdeacons' Lekgotla** and a **DFB Lekgotla.**
- 7) I have proposed 3 Dates for **Archdeaconry Council Meetings** (fitting in with Budget deadlines). Archdeacons and the Leadership Team should agree on how best to include leadership training in these dates. Archdeacons and the Leadership Team are free to agree on a 4th meeting if it will help them in their work.
- 8) The **Diocesan Leadership Team** will focus on training and equipping Chapelry leaders this year – and helping Parishes to form Clusters where multiplication is planned. They will work with Archdeacons and Parishes to set dates.
- 9) We have tried to include all **Diocesan and Archdeaconry** events in this diary. Together with Chapter, I feel strongly that we should not overburden members of the Diocese with more meetings than necessary!
- 10) **Growing Lay Ministers** covers training in these 4 areas:
 - ✦ **Pastoral Care:** Every parish is asked to invite a CL team to conduct a 5 hour Christian Listening (1) workshop for them.
 - ✦ **Preachers:** Langham Preaching in May will cover Level 2 (New Testament)
 - ✦ **Worship Leaders:**
 - ✦ **Youth Pastors:**
- 11) **Bishop's Lent Teaching** at Christ Church Cathedral will take place at 6pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent – on the theme: **"Celebrate God's Good Gifts"** – How to make the most of all God's good gifts to us.

Diocesan Meetings

1) Fun & Celebration Days	1st March "Bishop's Birthday Bash in the Bush"	17th May St Mark's Family Day & Mothers' Day Weekend (16th-18th)		
2) Diocesan Standing Committee (3)		5th April Diocesan Missionary Conference on Fresh Expressions	23rd August Budget Presentation Vision for 2015 & beyond	29th November Budget Acceptance Reports Parish & Organisation (Deadline 8 th Nov)
3) Diocesan Trustees (3)	7th March 2pm		25th July 2pm	21st November 2pm
4) Chapter (3)	7th March 9am to 1pm		25th July 9am	21st November 9am
5) Archdeacons' Forum	20th February 22nd March	6th June 9am: ADs' Lekgotla	14th August	23rd October
6) Diocesan Finance Board (DFB) (3 + Lekgotla)	8th March 9am	7th June DFB Lekgotla & Budget Principles	26th July 9am: Budget Draft	22nd November 9am: Budget Final
7) Finance Working Committee	27th February	8th May	7th August	30th October
8) Clergy School, Fellowship & Retreat	29th January 9am: Clergy Day at CCC – Focus on TFM	3rd-4th April Clergy School: Fresh Expressions	27th August 9am: Clergy Day at CCC	6th-10th October Clergy Retreat (during school holidays)
9) Diocesan Staff Meetings (4)	17th February	26th May	11th August	10th November
10) Archdeaconry Council Meetings	18th January Vestry Meetings & Elections	24th May	6th September Budget Process	

Members of the Diocesan Leadership Team are entitled to attend Archdeaconry Council meetings. As such they may contribute to the meeting, but must submit to the leadership of the Archdeacon.

Diocesan Departments & Organisations

I have not included all the meetings – just the Diocesan events that everyone should know about! Please remember that you are responsible for booking your venues!

1) Rooted in Jesus		1st-4th May RinJ Junior Training		
This material is foundational for Confirmation and Lay Minister Training. This year we are introducing RinJ Junior for children and Sunday Schools. I would also like to see every member of the Diocese trained in discipleship using this or similar material!				
2) Growing Lay Ministers Pastoral Carers & Preachers	8th February Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting	19th-23rd May Langham Preaching (New Testament)	12th July Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting	20th September Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting
3) Guild of St Mark 5 Meetings, plus: • Pre-Ordination Retreat • Vocations Conference	25th January 9am-4pm	15th March 9am-4pm 2pm Ordination	30th August 9am: Vocations Conference	15th November 9am to 4pm
	12th-15th March Pre Ordination Retreat	31st May 9am-4pm	13th September 9am-4pm	
4) Anglicans Ablaze (Diocesan) This is an umbrella that includes all renewal formations in the ACSA: Iviyo, SOMA, New Wine, GtC, PYC,...	4th January Iviyo Council	21st June Iviyo Quiet Day	20th September Iviyo AGM	17th-19th October Diocesan Anglicans Ablaze Conference organised by New Wine
		14th June Iviyo Council Leadership Training	27th September Iviyo Revival & 1 Day Conference	
		2nd August Iviyo Council	11th-12th October Iviyo Retreat Weekend	8th November Iviyo 1 Day Conference
5) Youth Discipleship	18th January Youth Programme Lekgotla		7th-11th July SOMA Youth Mission	
6) St Mark's College Council (4)	15th February 10am	10th May 10am	16th August 10am	8th November 10am
7) Bernard Mizeki Guild	1st February Diocesan Launch			

8) Anglican Women's Fellowship (AWF)	15th February AWF Council	26th April AGM	27th July Mary & Martha Day at Seshego	4th October AWF Council
	8th March Quiet Day	28th June AWF Council	5th-7th September Diocesan Conference	6th December Family Day (with MU)
9) Mothers' Union (MU) I have only listed the most important Diocesan meetings here.	11th January MU Council	10th May AGM	28th June MU Council	
	23rd March Lady Day	21st June MU Quiet Day	19th July Bishop's Teaching Day (with AWF)	25th October MU Council
		14th June MU Leaders' Training	9th August Mary Sumner Day	6th December Family Day (with AWF)

Wider Church Meetings & Events

1) Synod of Bishops	3rd-7th February At Linga Longa		22nd-24th September	
2) Provincial Standing Committee			24th-27th September	
3) Growing the Church	? Rooted in Jesus Training Conference – George	27th-30th May GtC Board (Cape Town)	? Global Leadership Summit	1st-3rd December GtC Board (Johannesburg)
4) Anglicans Ablaze SOMA, New Wine, Iviyo, Soul Survivor...		23rd-25th April SOMA Southern Africa Council	2nd-5th July Anglicans Ablaze: "Hope is Rising"	3rd-4th December (AA Elders)
		19th-28th September SOMA International Board (Ireland)		4th-5th December (New Wine Leaders)
5) Liturgical Committee		5th-9th May Regular Meeting	27th-30th June ACSA Liturgical Consultation	15th-19th September APB Revision Sub-Committee
6) Aloe National (Including Christian Listening)			23rd-25th October Annual National Meeting – in White River	
7) ACSA Deans' Conference				3rd-7th November Hosted in this Diocese
8) ACSA Training for Ministries Consultation				17th-20th November Grahamstown
9) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		29th May-8th June Ascension to Pentecost		
10) Ministry Outside the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist		4th May St John's Waterberg (24 Rivers)		