

# The Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

(Anglican Church of Southern Africa in Limpopo)

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## Ad Clerum Notices: Lent 2016

These notices and attachments are also to be found on the Diocesan Web Site.

### 1 Interns' Mission to the Diocese

Our three Interns (Rendani Mudau, Walter Setshedi and Tabogo Monyai) are starting to have a really positive impact! They have developed a plan to visit parishes and teach the people about various things, including:

- ✦ Preaching Clubs
- ✦ Training of Lay Ministers
- ✦ Rooted in Jesus
- ✦ Sunday School Training.

**So please help and support them by giving them opportunities!** Your churches will be blessed as a result.

### 2 Give for Growth

Quite a lot of money came in last year for the training of clergy – **thank you!** Please remember that our Lent Offering this year will go towards Give for Growth once again. We have printed more envelopes which have been distributed and are available at the Diocesan Office. **We encourage everyone to make donations!**

### 3 Anglicans Ablaze Cape Town: 5th-8th October 2016

I am excited to tell you that Rev Olive Senyatsi will be working with a team to arrange an entire coach of a train to take people to the Anglicans Ablaze Conference and back.

We are planning for the **"Blazing Train"** to leave from Johannesburg on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and return after the



conference. Buses will be organised between Polokwane and Johannesburg.

More details will be available soon!

### 4 ACSA Stewardship Book 1

At the request of Provincial Standing Committee, Growing the Church (GtC) has produced ACSA Stewardship Book 1, "A Way Of Life". It includes eight Bible Studies as well as guidelines for Sunday Readings and Services.

This Stewardship Programme is available:

- ✦ From Wendy at the Diocesan Centre @ R20 each
- ✦ On line for downloading from: <http://www.stmark.org.za/Data/Sites/1/media/martin/pdf/stewardship-for-website---final-2015-oct.pdf>

**I encourage you to make plans to use this material sometime during the year.**

### 5 Training Events

#### 5.1 Fresh Expressions of Church

There is a lot taking place in Southern Africa! God is using the Mission Shaped Ministry and Fresh Expressions movement to help us discover new ways of being the Anglican church, alongside the old, in an ever-changing world.

Please find attached the flier about the Mission Shaped Ministry course in Limpopo this year. You will find it particularly helpful if you think God may be calling you:

- ✦ To reach out to people who have no contact with the church
- ✦ To plant a new church where there is no church at present.

## 5.2 Rooted in Jesus Conference Cancelled

After careful thought, we have decided to **cancel** the Rooted in Jesus Conference that was planned for 30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April this year. Instead, we are working on building up a strong Diocesan team to coordinate this ministry. They will arrange more training in the future, as well as refresher courses for those who have already been on RinJ Training Conferences.

## 5.3 Godly Play

In place of the Rooted in Jesus Conference:

Please see the enclosed flier – a training workshop in this exciting and effective approach to Children’s Ministry will take place at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – the cost is R100.

***I would love to see a team there from every parish!***

## 6 MyAnglican Database Form

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa has adopted MyAnglican as its Church Management System. This will include a secure, on-line database of all Anglicans. So, we are working to get **all members of the Diocese** registered.

- 1) Some parishes are able to do this themselves for their members – and benefit in all sorts of ways Please speak to Jacky Machaba if you would like to find out more.
- 2) But if you do not have the computer facilities, please get as many of your members as possible (all if you can!) to complete a copy of the attached form. Please bring the completed forms to the Diocesan Centre for processing.

## 7 Provincial Synod

Enclosed is the summons from the Archbishop to Provincial Synod, from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October in Benoni. Please post it on your notice boards.

## 8 Admission Requirements for TEE College Courses

This notice affects all **new registrations** at TEE College:

Because of changes to the law, they will be discontinuing their old Certificate and Diploma Programmes. All new Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees will be fully accredited (recognised), which is a very good thing!

But it means that new students require the appropriate matric certificate in order to be admitted to study from now on. The only way is to do the Entrance Assessment which is available to potential new students. Please speak to Walter Setshedi to find out more.

Those who are already students at TEE will be able to complete the programmes for which they are registered.

## 9 Personnel

- 1) Please continue to pray for **Jack Kudumela** as he continues to recover from the serious stroke he suffered in May last year. After consulting Jack, his doctors and his family, we have come to the conclusion that the best way forward for him is to apply for medical retirement. This process is underway. As Jack’s health improves we will look for ways to involve him in ministry according to his ability. The Jane Furse Memorial Village especially offers all sorts of possibilities.
- 2) **Please also pray for me!** I have to be admitted to the Wilgers hospital in Pretoria on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March for some tests on my heart: an angiogram and ventriculogram. I saw a Specialist Physician on Tuesday. My GP had made me do a “Stress ECG” and was a bit concerned about some of the readings. Dr Burger (the Specialist) says I have excellent heart function. He thinks the unusual readings are caused by a prolapsed mitral valve and leaky aortic valve (I have had these all my life and it is not usually a serious condition). But he wants to make sure, and see if the valves will need repairs at some stage. Hopefully I will be released the next day, unless they find something unexpected and have to operate.

***Have a blessed Lent as you follow Jesus to the cross and celebrate his resurrection!***

Yours in the love of Christ,

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