

The Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

(Anglican Church of Southern Africa in Limpopo)

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Ad Clerum Notices: Advent 2016

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

1 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.

2 Personal and Personnel

Congratulations and Welcome to Rev Solomon Baloyi, who is Rector of Sekhukhuneland – his service of Institution will take place on Sunday 12th February 2017.

Congratulations also to our Diocesan Chancellor, **Matsaro Semanya**, who has been appointed a Judge!

Welcome to **Thabo Maruma**, a Diocesan Ordinand, who will be joining the Volunteer and Intern Programme as a Youth Pastor at Christ Church Cathedral.

And congratulations and God speed to **Rendani Mudau** and **Tebogo Monyai** who will start their formal Theological studies at the College of the Transfiguration next year. Tebogo has been awarded the Leah Tutu Scholarship, which covers her tuition and residence costs for three years!

Sadly we have to say farewell to two people who have made an enormous contribution to the life of the Diocese:

- ✦ **Frauke Ackermann** has returned to Germany where she is working to save for their retirement in the future. She will continue to represent the Diocese there, and raise funds for various projects.
- ✦ **Pat Lennox**, Sandy, Anna and Laura. Pat is retiring from ministry here. Please pray that God will show them his plan for their life, mission and ministry going forward – possibly in Northern Ireland.

3 Purley Mission & Contacts

3.1 Mission

Lesiba Meso and I leave for England immediately after the DSC meeting on 26th November. I will be leading an outreach and empowering mission to two parishes there from 27th November to 4th December. Frauke Ackermann and Jane Lloyd will join the team there.

To find out more about the mission, go to this link: <http://purleyconnections.co.uk>

3.2 Contacts

After the mission I will be having a number of meetings with people who support the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist, both in the United Kingdom and in Germany. I will also preach in churches where we have links.

4 Bishop On Leave

When I return from the UK and Germany I will be on leave for another month – only returning to the Diocesan Office on Monday 23rd January. While I am away, **Dean Luke Pretorius will serve as Vicar General.**

That means that he has my authority to act on my behalf.

5 Training Events in 2017

As from next year, we will have four categories of Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese. And there will be training events to equip clergy and lay leaders in each of these areas.:

- 1) Worship Leaders
- 2) Preachers
- 3) Pastoral Carers
- 4) Youth Pastors (new!)

Please see the Diocesan Diary and Diocesan Diary Notes for all the dates.

In addition to training in these specific areas, we are planning parallel **Rooted in Jesus** Adult and Junior training conferences in June. To learn more about what it means to lead RinJ groups, please go to this link:

<https://rootedinjesus.wordpress.com/2016/10/31/a-year-in-the-life-of-a-rinj-coordinator>

If you want to find out more about training and training events, please contact Walter Setshedi at the Diocesan Office.

6 Anglicans Ablaze DVD Orders

As you should know, the Anglicans Ablaze Conference in Cape Town was a great success, and the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist was one of the best represented with 120 participants!

Most of the teaching was filmed, and the DVDs are available from the Growing the Church Office: 021797 9997. Please see the insert for more information.

These are excellent resources for teaching in churches, organisations and Bible study groups.

7 Money Matters

It is very important for the Church to comply with the laws of the land when it comes to managing money – after all it is given to us for God's work and we must be able to account for it properly!

That means that we *have* to pay tax when we pay people for any services – even when giving a regular allowance to self-supporting clergy.

Therefore, please remember that **all such payments should be done through the Diocesan Office**. This ensures that the correct deductions are made and income tax is paid.

8 Diocesan Diary for 2017

The Diocesan Diary for next year, and the notes that accompany it are attached to this Ad Clerum. Please take note of all the events that you should be involved in. Also use it to make plans for your parish life.

I look forward to visiting many of our churches again in 2017.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Yours in the love of Christ,

T Martin