

# The Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

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## Ad Clerum Notices: Lent 2018

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

### 1 A Belated Christmas Gift!

With a lot of help from Robbie Novella and the Diocesan Financial Staff, I have managed to get a copy of *“Light for our Path”* as a gift for each of our clergy. It is a guide to the Sunday Lectionary Readings for this year – produced in Africa and for Africa. Clergy should find it enclosed with this Ad Clerum.

### 2 Personal and Personnel

#### 2.1 Ordinations (3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018)

Congratulations to our new **Deacons**: Thabang Bengani (Christ Church Cathedral), Susan Elliott (Haenertsburg) and Linda Makgamatho (Mapela).

Congratulations also to those who have been ordained as **Priests**: Caroline Chaba-Mamabolo (Tlhatlaganya), Alpheus Mashita (Matlala), Gloria Monyemangene (Tlhatlaganya) and Esrom Sefsike (Ga Seabe).

***Our prayers are with you!***

#### 2.2 New Appointments

The following new appointments have been made:

- ✦ **Philip Moseki**: Rector of Lebowakgomo and Archdeacon of Lepelle.
- ✦ Thabang **Bengani**: Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, and Diocesan Child and Youth Development Coordinator.

- ✦ **Kedibone Makhobela**: Priest in Charge of Mapela Parish.
- ✦ **Solomon Setshedi** returns to being a Self-Supporting Priest in the Parish of Mokopane.
- ✦ We have two new Youth Interns this year: **Mamulle Dikotla** and **Mosibudi Monyemangene**. Welcome!

#### 2.3 Leaving the Diocese

Sadly, **Kwena Makgoka** is leaving us (hopefully to return in the future). He has been given a wonderful opportunity to study theology further and the Free State University as from February.

### 3 Clergy Self-Assessment

†Martin and Diocesan Chapter have produced a questionnaire for clergy to use for **“Self-Assessment”**, which is enclosed. Its only purpose is to help clergy to identify their strengths and weaknesses, and where they need to grow.

Please read over it and think about it. We will be using it at our next Clergy Fellowship Day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church Cathedral.

### 4 Clergy School: “LEAD”

Our Clergy School this year will be on **“Leadership for Evangelism and Discipleship”**, and will be conducted by Johann and Louise van der Bijl of Growing the Church, together with a team that they have already trained in the Diocese.

It will be at **Mater Dei Pastoral Centre from 13:00 on Thursday 15th to 14:00 on Saturday 17th February.**

Walter Setshedi or Wendy Orange at the Diocesan Office can give you more information, and registration forms (if you have lost them!).

## 5 Books and Resources

### ✦ **Special!**

The Diocese still has **Venda Prayer Books**, which we are selling at the very reduced price of R70 each! If a parish buys in bulk (30 or more, then we will sell them at R50 each).

Please contact Wendy if you would like to buy some at this never-to-be-repeated low price!

### ✦ **Celebrating Sunday – Under African Skies:** R125

This is the start of the Anglican Prayer Book revision process, and contains experimental Eucharistic and Evening Prayer services for Sundays in the various seasons of the church year. See the enclosed brochure.

### ✦ **Lectionaries for 2018** (Year B) are still available for R25

### ✦ **Celebration of Faith** (John Suggitt) – teaching about the Anglican Prayer Book Eucharist: R35

### ✦ **Preaching God's Big Story** – a valuable resource for personal study or group teaching. This book explains the whole flow of God's revelation from the beginning to the end of the Bible: R50

### ✦ **What is a Good Life?** An introduction to Christian ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: R50

### ✦ **Yes You Are Healed** (Theo Schmidt) – a Journey of healing with valuable insights for all, and practical training for those in the healing ministry: R50

### ✦ **DVDs @ R50 each:** Christ Church Cathedral (2011); Manche Masemola Pilgrimage (2010 and 2011).

Wendy also has other stocks like Anglican Prayer Books, Bibles, Rooted in Jesus, Communion wafers...

## 6 Bishop's Lent Teaching Series

14<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> March

### **"Blessed!"**

This year's teaching series will be based on the Beatitudes – Jesus' teaching at the start of the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 5:3-12. We will be using material from "Pilgrim", a discipleship programme that has been developed in the Church of England.

Do come to **Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday evenings at 18:00** if you are in Polokwane, and bring your friends, especially those who do not go to church! Every week will include ministry to those needing prayer in different areas.

## 7 Resource for Lent

Please find attached a "Carbon Fast for Creation" Calendar, which you may like to follow for Lent. You can also find it at this address:

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/lent-calendar/>

## 8 Anglicans Ablaze Conference

**Anglicans Ablaze 2018** takes place in Durban from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October. I hope you will join us there! The Theme is **Living a Jesus-Shaped Life**.

If you have access to the Internet you can register online at [www.anglicansablaze.org](http://www.anglicansablaze.org). Otherwise you can get brochures and registration forms from Wendy at the Diocesan Office.

Have a good Lent and a blessed Easter.

Yours in the love of Christ,

*+Martin*