

Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist Year Planning Notes for 2016

Bishop's Visits to Parishes

Vhembe (North) – *Robbie Novella*

- 1) Zoutpansberg *4th September*
- 2) Musina *21st August*
- 3) Dzindi *31st January*
- 4) Matthew Nemakhavhani *Trinity 22nd May*
- 5) Malamulele (Sibasa East) *12th June*

Kopanong (Centre) – *Luke Pretorius*

- 6) Christ Church Cathedral *Easter Day 27th March, 8th May*
- 7) Good Shepherd (Ext 44 & Ext 78) *28th February*
- 8) Seshego *24th July*
- 9) Moletši *29th May*
- 10) Mo Samaria (Fresh Expression) *23rd October*

Lepelle – *Jack Kudumela*

- 11) Lebowakgomo *7th February*
- 12) Sekhukhuneland (2 clusters that need to move towards becoming parishes)
 - ✦ Jane Furse & Manganeng *Palm Sunday 20th March* (Licence Lay Ministers)
 - ✦ Marishane *6th November*
- 13) Moganyaka Mission *17th July*

Waterberg (South) – *Linda Lubbe*

- 14) Ga Seabe *14th August*
- 15) Modimolle *3rd April*
- 16) St Michael's Modimolle (United) *13th November*

South-West – *David Maubane*

- 17) Mokopane *6th March*
- 18) Mapela *10th July*
- 19) Lephalele *26th June*

West – *Shashi Ledwaba/Raphahle Malesela*

- 20) Mashashane *13th March*
- 21) Baken-Matji *3rd July*
- 22) Matlala *5th June*

Mopani – *Gail Blunden*

- 23) Letaba *28th August*
- 24) Baobab Mission *11th September*
- 25) Tlhatlaganya *16th October*
- 26) St Luke *18th September*
- 27) St Paul's Haenertsburg (United): *24th January* (Institution of Minister in Charge), *20th November*

Notes

- 1) After postponing my sabbatical in 2015, I plan to take some time in January and April.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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).
 - 4) I have scheduled **two visits** to Sekhukhuneland because they are preparing for multiplication.
 - 5) There will be **three Diocesan Standing Committee (DSC), Diocesan Finance Board (DFB) Diocesan Board of Trustees (DBT) and Chapter** meetings.
 - 6) The **Finance Working Committee** will meet between **Trustees** and **DFB** meetings to monitor financial progress.
 - 7) In addition to the above, there will be an **Archdeacons' Lekgotla** and a **DFB Lekgotla**.
 - 8) I have proposed 3 Dates for **Archdeaconry Council Meetings** (fitting in with Budget deadlines). Archdeaconries will implement and monitor decisions made by Synod 2015 and include leadership training. They are also free to agree on a 4th meeting if it will be helpful.
 - 9) Dr Shashi Ledwaba will be setting up a **Diocesan Stewardship Team** in place of the Diocesan Leadership Team.
 - 10) **Diocesan Organisations** not already included should please set their own dates. But please inform Jacky of the dates you have set.
 - 11) **Growing Lay Ministers** covers training in these 5 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 all 3 Levels
 - ✦ **Worship Leaders:**
 - ✦ **Youth Pastors:** Still being developed
 - ✦ **Evangelists:** We still need to develop this training
 - 12) **Bishop's Lent Teaching** at Christ Church Cathedral will take place at 6pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent – on the theme:

Journey of Life
Meeting Jesus at the Cross
and on the Road to Emmaus

t Martin

Diocesan Meetings

1) Special Celebration & Teaching Days	30th January 14:00: Ordination at CCC	7th May St Mark's Family Day	16th July MU Bishop's Teaching Day	7th August 10:00 Manche Masemola Pilgrimage
2) Diocesan Standing Committee (3)	12th March 09:00 Synod Follow Up	20th August 09:00 Budget Presentation		26th November 09:00 Budget Acceptance
3) Diocesan Trustees (3 – Fridays)	4th March 14:00		29th July 14:00	18th November 14:00
4) Chapter (3 – Fridays)	4th March 09:00 to 13:00		29th July 09:00 to 13:00	18th November 09:00 to 13:00
5) Archdeacons' Forum	10th March	3rd June 09:00: Archdeacons' Lekgotla	8th September	10th November
6) Diocesan Finance Board (DFB) (3 + Lekgotla)	5th March 09:00 – Annual Accounts 2015	4th June 09:00 – DFB Lekgotla & Budget Principles	30th July 09:00 – Budget Draft	19th November 09:00 – Budget Final
7) Finance Working Committee (4)	10th February	11th May	20th July	19th October
8) Clergy School, Fellowship & Retreat These have been moved to Thursdays, because Wednesdays were difficult for many	25th February 09:00 Clergy Day at CCC	30th June-2nd July Clergy School at CCC MSI Training: This will be an ecumenical event, run by the Polokwane MSM Team	24th-28th Oct Clergy Retreat (Not during school holidays this year because of Anglicans Ablaze in Cape Town)	10th December Clergy & Spouses End of Year Celebration: St Peter's Tzaneen
9) Diocesan Staff Meetings (4)	29th February 08:00: Diocesan Boardroom	30th May 08:00: Diocesan Boardroom	29th August 08:00: Diocesan Boardroom	28th November 08:00: Diocesan Boardroom
10) Archdeaconry Council Meetings	6th February	25th June	10th September Budget Process	

Diocesan Ministries

I have not managed to include Diocesan Organisations this year. All organisations are asked please to communicate their dates to Jacky in the Diocesan Office so that she can diarise them and check for any clashes.

1) Rooted in Jesus	30th March-2nd April (School holidays) Double Training Conference: 1) RinJ Junior 2) Rooted in Jesus			
This material is foundational for Confirmation and Lay Minister Training. I would also like to see every member of the Diocese trained in discipleship using RinJ or similar material! This year we have another RinJ Junior training conference for those who minister to children.				
2) Growing Lay Ministers Preachers		23rd-27th May Langham Preaching (1, 2 & 3)		
Pastoral Care	27th February 10:00-14:00: Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting	28th May 10:00-14:00: Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting	13th August 10:00-14:00: Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting	12th November 10:00-14:00: Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting
3) Guild of St Mark 5 Meetings, plus: • Pre-Ordination Retreat • Vocations Conference	30th January 09:00-1pm: Guild 14:00 Ordination	9th April 09:00-4pm	9th July 09:00-4pm	5th November 09:00 to 4pm
	27th-30th January Pre Ordination Retreat	21st May 09:00: Vocations Conference	17th September 09:00-4pm	
4) Diocesan Youth Volunteer & Intern Programme (VIP) dates still to be added	March Youth Prayer Day	16th June Bishop's Youth Teaching Day	6th August Diocesan Youth Revival at Manche Grave Site	December Diocesan Youth Camp
5) St Mark's College Council (4)	13th February 10:00	16th April 10:00	23rd July 10:00	21st October 10:00

Wider Church Meetings & Events

1) Synod of Bishops & Provincial Trustees	14th-20th Feb East London		25th-27th Sept Gauteng	
2) Provincial Synod			27th-30th Sept Gauteng	
3) Joint Insurance Fund (†Martin as Chairman)	17th March 10:00 Executive 11:00 Governing Body	8th June 10:00 Executive 11:00 AGM	15th August 10:00 Executive 11:00 Governing Body	17th October 10:00 JIF Executive 11:00 JIF Governing Body
4) Growing the Church	14th-15th Feb GtC Coordinators in Cape Town	16th-18th Feb International Fresh Expressions Conference in CT	20th-22nd June GtC Board (Cape Town)	5th-7th Dec GtC Board (Gauteng)
5) Anglicans Ablaze SOMA, New Wine, Iviyo, Soul Survivor...	19th February Anglicans Ablaze Elders in CT		5th-8th October Anglicans Ablaze Conference in CT: "Vulindlela"	
	20th February Anglican New Wine Leaders in CT	20th-21st April? SOMA Southern Africa Council	⇐ †Martin plans to be away on sabbatical at this time	
6) Liturgical Committee		Regular Meeting		
7) Ministry Outside the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist	9th February †Martin to Diocese of Johannesburg Clergy Day			