



Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

Notices: Easter 2013

Please read and act on this information!

Check out our new Diocesan Web site: <http://www.stmark.org.za>

1 Youth



The Youth leaders of the Diocese have reported to me that they are planning a follow-up Youth Camp:



- ✦ From 6th-8th December
- ✦ At the same venue as last year: Emmerentia Geldenhuys, between Bela Bela and Modimolle.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information!

2 Theological Education Sunday

18th August

Please don't forget this special day throughout ACSA.

We have all been asked to have a special "**Theological Education Sunday**" on 18th August and to take a special collection for theological education on that day. In particular, **every Anglican is challenged to donate at least R10 on that day.**

In order to set an example, the Diocese will give part of our Diocesan Tithe to this appeal.

Please see the brochure enclosed for more information.

3 Provincial Synod

Provincial Synod (the Parliament of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa) meets from 1st to 4th October at Kopanong Conference Centre in Benoni. Please pray for Archbishop Thabo as he presides, and for the Diocesan Representatives who will join me there:

Clergy

- ✦ Luke Pretorius
- ✦ Jack Kudumela
- ✦ Malin Mokou

Laity

- ✦ Solomon Makololo
- ✦ Tshaka Motsudi
- ✦ John Galane

Here is a special Collect for Provincial Synod – please use it in services:

Lord of all wisdom
you led your people through the wilderness
in the cloud by day and the fire by night:
Grant to all who gather in Provincial Synod
the grace to listen to your direction
the assurance of the inspiration of your Spirit,
and the joy to celebrate your presence in prayer &
praise
that all may be done to your honour and glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God now and forever. **Amen**

4 Growing the Church Initiatives

Here are two GtC initiatives that could really help you as a church leader:

- 1) Please read the letter enclosed giving a lot of information about **Back to Church Sunday**. We have missed the suggested South African date of 21st July... but I like a new suggestion that has come up, to do it early in the New Year.
- 2) There is also a flyer enclosed about the **Global Leadership Summit** on 4th & 5th October in Johannesburg. Once again GtC has negotiated a special registration fee of R350 for us. Just mark your registration "GtC R350".

5 "Test the Spirits"

For any men who believe God may be calling them to join the monastic life... please see the information enclosed about the "Test the Spirits Week" in Grahamstown from 23rd to 27th September.

6 Disability Awareness Sunday

Please see the enclosed notice about this Sunday on 25th August. Let us make be considerate of those in our communities who are disabled in any way.

7 Litany for Peace

†Dinis Sengulane of Lebombo (Mozambique) has written the "Litany for Peace" which is enclosed. You are welcome to use it in services.

Blessings and love in Christ,

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