

Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist Year Planning Notes for 2015

Bishop's Visits to Parishes

Please note the new Archdeaconry Boundaries!

Vhembe (North) – *Robbie Novella*

- 1) Zoutpansberg **20th September**
- 2) Musina **5th July**
- 3) Dzindi (Sibasa West) **11th January**
- 4) Matthew Nemakhavhani (Sibasa Centre) **18th January**
- 5) Malamulele (Sibasa East) **25th January**

Kopanong (Centre) – *Luke Pretorius*

- 6) Christ Church Cathedral **5th April (Easter Day), 29th November**
- 7) Good Shepherd (Ext 44) **19th July**
- 8) Seshego **1st February, 14th June**
- 9) Moletši **12th April**
- 10) Mo Samaria (Fresh Expression) **19th April**

Lepelle – *Jack Kudumela*

- 11) Lebowakgomo **31st May**
- 12) Sekhukhuneland (3 clusters in the process of becoming parishes)
 - ✦ Jane Furse & Manganeng **8th March**
 - ✦ Marishane **8th November**
- 13) Moganyaka Mission **12th July**

Waterberg (South) – *Linda Lubbe*

- 14) Ga Seabe **15th March**
- 15) Modimolle **26th July**
- 16) St Michael's Modimolle (United) **15th November**

South-West – *David Maubane*

- 17) Mokopane **1st March** (Institution & Confirmation)
- 18) Mapela **28th June**
- 19) Lephallale **29th March**

West – *Shashi Ledwaba*

- 20) Mashashane **16th August**
- 21) Baken-Matji **21st June**
- 22) Matlala **7th June**

Mopani – *Gail Blunden*

- 23) Letaba **15th February** (Jane Lloyd's farewell), **20th September**
- 24) Baobab Mission **17th May**
- 25) Tlhatlaganya **22nd February** (Institution), **6th December**
- 26) St Luke: **6th September**
- 27) St Paul's Haenertsburg (United) **22nd November**

Notes

- 1) 2015 will be a "**Year of Sabbaticals**": Dean Luke will be doing Haggai training in March; Pat Lennox will be on Sabbatical in the early part of the year and Frauke Ackermann during the middle of the year. I plan to take time out in October and December.

- 2) All stipendiary clergy are expected to be present at **Clergy Fellowship days and Clergy Retreat**. And it will be great if as many Self Supporting Clergy as possible can join us. I have not planned a separate Clergy School for 2015.
- 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 **three visits** to Sekhukhuneland because they are in the process of multiplication.
- 5) There will be **two Diocesan Standing Committee (DSC)** meetings plus **Diocesan Synod** over a 3 days. Synod deadlines are included in the Diary and the Notes.
- 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). Archdeacons and the Leadership Team should agree on how best to include leadership training. They are also free to agree on a 4th meeting if it will be helpful.
- 9) The **Diocesan Leadership Team** will work with Archdeacons and Parishes to set dates for training in Parishes and Chapelries.
- 10) **Diocesan Organisations** not already included should please set their own dates. But please inform me 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:

Holy Fire
Ten Steps to Spiritual Maturity

+ Martin

Diocesan Meetings

1) Special Celebration Days		9th May St Mark's Family Day	2nd August 10am: Manche Masemola Pilgrimage	
2) Diocesan Synod	Deadlines: 20th April: Summons to Synod 18th May: Proposed Rule Changes 11th June: 1 st Agenda Book 9th July: Amendments to Rule Changes 20th July: Motions and Reports 30th July: 2 nd Agenda Book		Agenda Committee 29th May at 2pm 24th July at 2pm	Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd August We start at 6pm on 20 th and aim to finish at 1pm on 23 rd
3) Diocesan Standing Committee (2)		18th April Teaching and Renewal of Lay Ministers' Licences		28th November Budget Acceptance
4) Diocesan Trustees (3 – Fridays)	6th March 2pm		17th July 2pm	20th November 2pm
5) Chapter (3 – Fridays)	6th March 9am to 1pm		17th July 9am	20th November 9am
6) Archdeacons' Forum		5th June 9am: Archdeacons' Lekgotla		
7) Diocesan Finance Board (DFB) (3 + Lekgotla)	7th March 9am	6th June DFB Lekgotla & Budget Principles	18th July 9am: Budget Draft	21st November 9am: Budget Final
8) Finance Working Committee				
9) Clergy School, Fellowship & Retreat These have been moved to Thursdays, because Wednesdays were difficult for many	21st-24th January Ordination Retreat 24th January 2pm: Ordination at CCC	26th March 9am: Clergy Day at CCC – Appraisal System; Pastoral Standards	1st August Clergy Day (Guild of St Mark invited) with Vicentia Kgabe)	5th-9th October Clergy Retreat (during school holidays)
	29th January 9am: Clergy Day at CCC – Focus on TFM. Introduction to MSM Course	25th June 9am: Clergy Day: Visit to Jane Furse or Tlangelani		10th December Clergy Day: End of Year Celebration
10) Diocesan Staff Meetings (4)	23rd February 8am: Diocesan Boardroom	25th May 8am: Diocesan Boardroom	31st August 8am: Diocesan Boardroom	23rd November 8am: Diocesan Boardroom
11) Archdeaconry Council Meetings	7th February Vestry Meetings & Elections	20th June Synod Preparation	12th September Budget Process	

Members of the Diocesan Leadership Team are entitled to attend Archdeaconry Council meetings. As such they may contribute to the meeting, but must submit to the leadership of the Archdeacon.

Diocesan Departments

I have only included meetings of Diocesan Organisations if they were submitted in time. Other organisations must please set their dates after checking the diary to fit in with everything else.

1) Rooted in Jesus		30th April-3rd May 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	31st January 10am-2pm: Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting	18th April Teaching and Renewal of Lay Ministers' Licences (with DSC)	30th May 10am-2pm: Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting	10th October 10am-2pm: Christian Listeners' (CL) Meeting
		18th-22nd May Langham Preaching (1, 2 & 3)		
3) Computer Training In the Diocesan Library	21st February 9am to 1pm	16th May 9am to 1pm	15th August 9am to 1pm	14th November 9am to 1pm

4) Guild of St Mark 5 Meetings, plus: • Pre-Ordination Retreat • Vocations Conference	24th January 9am-1pm: Guild 2pm Ordination	14th March 9am-4pm	4th July 9am: Vocations Conference	7th November 9am to 4pm
	21st-24th January Pre Ordination Retreat	2nd May 9am-4pm	5th September 9am-4pm	
5) Youth Discipleship		27th June Diocesan Youth Synod		
6) St Mark's College Council (4)	21st February 10am	16th May 10am	29th August 10am	14th November 10am
7) Diocesan Organisations • Mothers' Union	10th January MU Council	23rd May MU AGM at Christ Church Cathedral	11th July MU Bishop's Teaching Day	24th October MU Council
			9th August MU Mary Summer Day	5th December MU Clergy Family Day
• Iviyo	7th January Iviyo Council at Diocesan Centre	26th-28th June Iviyo Diocesan Conference at Jane Furse	15th August Iviyo AGM at Seshego	10th-11th October Iviyo Retreat Weekend at Jane Furse
	16th May Iviyo Council Leadership Training at Lebowakgomo	4th July Iviyo Quiet Day at Tlhatlaganya	19th September Iviyo 1-Day Revival Conference at Botlokwa	31st October Iviyo 1-Day Conference at Mahwelereng (Anglicans Ablaze)

Wider Church Meetings & Events

1) Synod of Bishops	2nd-6th February In Natal		14th-16th September	
2) Provincial Standing Committee			16th-19th September	
3) Growing the Church		21st-23rd April GtC Board (Cape Town, 13:00 to 13:00)		30th November- 2nd December GtC Board (Johannesburg)
4) Anglicans Ablaze SOMA, New Wine, Iviyo, Soul Survivor...		13th-14th May SOMA Southern Africa Council	25th September- 2nd October SOMA Mission to Canberra University	2nd-3rd December AA Elders 3rd-4th December New Wine Leaders
			2nd-10th October SOMA International Board	
5) Liturgical Committee		4th-8th May Regular Meeting	8th-12th June ACSA Liturgical Consultation	APB Revision Sub- Committee
6) Aloe National (Including Christian Listening)			2nd-4th October Annual National Meeting	
7) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		14th-24th May Ascension to Pentecost		
8) Ministry Outside the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist	8th-13th February Mission to Knysna	22nd-24th May Retreat @ St Benedict's	28th-30th August Teaching Weekend at Durban North	2nd-9th October SOMA International Board (Canberra, Australia)