



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS
for
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Mission of the Diocese of the Highveld

To be a unified Diocese where the spiritual growth of an increasing number of people is fulfilled through experiencing the fullness of God

Gazette:

- Bishop's parish visits for 2021: Please fill in the attached form and return so that a provisional diary can be drawn up for 2021
- **Safe and inclusive Church:** Attached are three important documents to do with abuse in the church and the process to be followed. Each parish should put these on their notice board and follow the guidelines given. The information received should be kept in confidential files in all the parishes.
- A resolution from Diocesan Synod 2019 asked that **each parish** has a **liaison person** who will deal with issues of the care of the earth linking to the Province's Green Anglican Desk. **Please send the names to the office as soon as possible.**
- Dear People of God,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to follow him, even in these times of extraordinary uncertainty and change. **Below you will find the link to the Archbishop's signed letter and poster to hang up in your churches.**

ST ANDREW'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Thank you to all who gave generously to the *St Andrew's Day Appeal* last year. Your gifts were used to help us to enable young and old to participate in Anglicans Ablaze 2020 via Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. And something astonishing happened...

We are very pleased to tell you that your gifts assisted an average of 8,228 people to attend each of the 5 conference sessions, from 24 to 26 September. Because many were financially devastated by the Coronavirus, those who could not afford the conference were allowed to attend **free of charge** – **because YOU made it possible. THANK YOU!!! So, will you please assist us again?**

We are not sure what form Anglicans Ablaze 2021 will take, but we are exploring the possibility of holding an actual conference and streaming that event to a combination of diocesan and parish gatherings all over ACSA, for people of all ages and circumstances. We want to make it as accessible as possible.

In these times of unprecedented change, Growing the Church (GtC) is working with Diocesan teams to keep the fire of Anglicans Ablaze burning. Together we are developing Discipleship and Small Group resources and training materials that can be used face-to-face or online. We now have special programmes to help equip children, young people and older folk to *be*

disciples and *make* disciples of Jesus. We are connecting with Anglican leaders from around the world, and especially Africa, who can share some innovative and exciting initiatives. Your generous contribution will help make this possible again. Thank you!

Archbishop Thabo writes, **“I am therefore asking you to please take a special collection in church on Sunday 29th November (St Andrew’s Day is 30th November) and to send it to: GtC Teaching and Training, Standard Bank, Constantia, Account Number 243 374 151, Branch Code 051001. Ref: Your Name or Parish. You are also welcome to encourage your people to give directly via EFT by giving them the banking details please”.**

Link to original signed letter for circulation – click here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11qPAFCU-zFzNLFAy6ub2TlBq1DL8c8L1/view?usp=sharing>

Link to Poster – for circulation – click here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b-bO28PmppBS6B_7rG6HOYa90cEqIAIF/view?usp=sharing
Many thanks again,

Bishop Tsietsi Seleane
Liaison Bishop, GtC & AA

- **MOUNTAIN PRAYER:** Prayer Meeting details – see attached invitation and poster
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- **St Michael’s, Nahoon, East London, Diocese of Grahamstown is looking for its next Rector.**

To view the advert click on this link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GufQ8n-qpmFhXLuEDxee0NrtDEenNb5P/view?usp=sharing>

For a **profile** of St Michael’s, please click on this link
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fvhqDgdmJjQ3VD03gxxR6F8HYW95qARH/view?usp=sharing>

- **Note from the Administrator:**

LIST OF UNIDENTIFIED PAYMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
15/09/2020	R 380.00	13 SEPCOLLECTION

- Parish post can only be collected from the offices by appointment in future. Please call to make your arrangements and follow the guidelines for the protocols:

DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UNDER
ALERT LEVEL 3

1. No casual visits will be allowed - no mask, no entry allowed. Only absolutely necessary appointments will be considered (**which must be arranged beforehand!**) and everyone must be screened and sanitised at the Security Managers station before entering the office building. A record will be kept of the names and contact details of anyone entering the premises. Once screening has been completed, Security will confirm your arrival to your host – please wait for confirmation that your host is ready to receive you before entering the building. If a visitor presents with any symptoms they will not be granted access and will be asked to leave the property

immediately. N.B. No access will be allowed to other areas of the building without prior notice

1.1. All deliveries and collections will only be processed at the Security Office and placed in the boxes provided – please ensure that you record your delivery in the register.

2. Bishop's meetings Attendees must report to the Security Office on arrival to be screened before entering the meeting area. No access will be granted if any adverse symptoms are present during the screening process. Everyone must sanitise on entering the meeting venue and record their contact details on the Meeting Register. Attendees are to sit at least one and a half metres apart during the meeting and practice proper social distancing during the taking of any breaks/refreshments that may be provided.

3. No Group or Guild Meetings allowed on the premises until further notice

➤ **Birthdays:** A very happy birthday to:

4th Mtr Colleen Winter

7th Fr Clement Khumalo

8th Victor Mapipa

10th Agnes Makhupane

➤ **From the Library:** Our first book is *Godzone : A Traveller's Guide* by Michael Riddell. "Godzone is different. As far as I am aware, there are no signs indicating where it starts or stops. I have never seen a sign declaring, 'You are now entering Godzone'. And for a good reason. You never do enter it for that matter ... but even though Godzone is not anywhere in particular, everywhere is in Godzone – if you see!! As Riddell writes, "Godzone is fairly self-explanatory. It is a space inhabited by God. Some people do not believe it exists. Some people do not see the magic in the universe. Some people think they understand life and this book is not for them". He continues, "To those, who have never quite settled in the world, I offer this guide to Godzone. You are already very close to seeing it. The hunger in you is the longing which comes before the dawn. The half-conscious murmurings, the half remembered dreams, the half-forgotten insights are all signposts on the way. Let us journey together. You are now entering Godzone". In the beginning was the road, the long winding road that leads where? Godzone is a book of mystery and illumination, a guidebook to the travels of the heart. With humour, story-telling and captivating originality it entices the reader to join its hitchhiking author on the most important journey of all

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I have reviewed a number of books by Martin Israel. This one is *Smouldering Fire: The Work of the Holy Spirit*. The theme of this book is the problem of good and evil and their reconciliation in Christ. Dr Israel says "At first I had the Holy Spirit in mind as the central focus for my meditation, and indeed the spirit plays a primary role in the book as the agent of human advance to the knowledge of the Godhead. Since so many books on the Holy Spirit had appeared in recent years, most of them directly related to the Charismatic Renewal within the Church. I intended concentrating more on the psychological and psychical aspects of spiritual life, and indeed, these matters occupy a considerable part of the text. As the work proceeded, it was shown to me that something more was required; the charting of the work of the Spirit in man from the birth of spiritual awareness to the ultimate confrontation with evil that brings with it personal death and the rebirth of a new person.

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