



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS  
for  
WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2020

### ***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:**

- The Archbishop and the Service Committee urges everyone to use the following special Collect for PSC in the months leading up to the meeting:

*Almighty God, our refuge and strength,  
As we face the realities of the Covid-19 pandemic  
Keep us faithful to you,  
Strengthen us to care for one another and your planet,  
For you led your people out of exile,  
You walked the road to Calvary,  
And you continue to equip us for ministry with your Holy Spirit,  
One God, world without end.  
Amen*

- **Note from the Administrator:**

Parish post can be collected from Martin's office between **10am** and **1pm** (only!) on Tuesday/Wednesday and Saturdays from next week.

- To all clergy, Sunday school teachers and parents.

#### **Launch of ACSA's "Children's Ministry" by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.**

There was a huge amount of excitement during the preparations of **Anglicans Ablaze 2020** as we prepared to launch a "**Children's Ministry**" component for the very first time. Anglicans Ablaze, which is hosted by Growing the Church, always had a youth component for young people from 13 years upwards. Now we were going to cater for the 5 to 12 year olds, beginning with an intake of 100 children. The intention was not only to care for, and minister to children, but also to provide equipping for parents, Sunday School Teachers and clergy in the finer details of what it means to raise children who will become life-long disciples of Jesus. Then COVID-19 happened. But, we did not give up on the vision that we believe God gave us!

With this in mind, GtC & AA Liaison Bishop, **Tsietsi Seleokane**, and the GtC board, mandated **Revd's Thabang Bengani** and **Bulelwa Sihlali Woolley** (Board Members) and Revd Bruce Woolley (Board Advisor & Tech Manager) to draw together an ACSA team to transform the vision into a children's online ministry, under the oversight of GtC & AA Director, Revd Trevor Pearce. We asked, "How can we not only survive, but thrive in spite of

the current challenges?” And the Anglicans Ablaze Children’s Ministry was born and the vision was re-kindled!

**Launch:**

**By Archbishop Thabo Makgoba. He will welcome everyone and share a few words of encouragement!**

**Session 1: Ms Bolanle Enang will be the guest Speaker.**

**Session 2: A presentation for the children by: The Children’s Ministry Team**

- Attached is the **September 2020 GtC Update Newsletter** with information about the virtual **Anglicans Ablaze Conference Thursday 24 Sept to Sat 26 Sept 2020**. Also sharing about the online ministries available to the church.

➤ HABSR, on behalf of Bishop Charles May, would like to thank the Golden Girls for showing compassion towards the people in dire need of concrete support. . On the 13th of August 2020 the Guild delivered to the Diocese Office the following items in bulk: face cloths, body creams, body lotions, roll-ons, body sprays, tooth paste, tooth brushes, sunlight bar soap, fabric softeners, washing powder, soaps and bath soap. Thank you once again for your support and care. May God continue to give the Golden Girls strength in their ministry to deal with the challenges that social problems create.

➤ **Happy birthday to:**

6<sup>th</sup> Fr Ntshukumo Zantsi  
10<sup>th</sup> Fr David Korasi

9<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Magwanishe  
12<sup>th</sup> Gladys Koloti