



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS
for
WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 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:

Bishop's Diary

Sunday	18th	09h00	Sakhile, Standerton	P/V
Saturday	31st	09h30	Diocesan Council	Venue to be advised

- Our deepest sympathy to Fr Peter Russell and family on the death this morning of his wife Jennifer. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Fr Peter had recently moved from the Diocese of Natal to Wakkerstroom.
- **Link Sunday:**
Attached please find a suggested service and intercessory prayers for Link Sunday on the 25th October. A youtube link will be published closer to the time which will have a combined celebratory service of Monmouth and Highveld. This will be aired on the 25th October.
- 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.**
- **Orange masks** available from the Diocesan Office at R20 each. They should be worn on Fridays to show people who are corrupt that they should be wearing orange overalls!
- The **Bible Society** announces the launch of two new South African language Bible translations over the weeks ahead. Firstly the isiZulu iBhayibheli Elingcwele 2020 on 18 October and then the Afrikaans Die Bybel 2020 on 29 November. This brings together many years of diligent work on each of these projects, marked by close collaboration between Bible Society and many church denominations. We are grateful for this collaboration.

We pray that God's Word will find a home in many hearts specifically through these new Bibles.

- **The Global Leadership Summit 2020**
The ONLINE GLS is already 40% FULL!

Link to full advert:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fppcaf5IV9lPZGeKwWU3KM87HcgGGxSr/view?usp=sharing>

Once again, GtC has negotiated a special rate for Anglicans to join the Global Leadership Summit. We have been given a special rate of **R340!** for the Premier Conference Editions. The full price is R430. The code to use is **GLS2020ANG**. **Add this code in the promotional code section of the *buying ticket* section. Please select NO to refundable ticket option as an amount of R39 will be added.**

This year the Summit will be broadcast **across Southern Africa ONLINE in October and November** – direct to your home or workplace, on any device.

This year more than ever we all need an extra injection of leadership.

THEME: You have influence!

The 2020 GLS has been meticulously crafted to help you refresh, recharge & refocus. Experience it alone on any device or with a small group of family, friends or colleagues.

Dates: 22 - 23 October 2020 and 4 - 5 November 2020

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and trust that you will be blessed in doing so.

Yours in Christ's service

The Revd Trevor Pearce
GtC Director

➤ **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
22/09/2020	R 250.00	CASH MOTHAE/MU

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

➤ **From the Library:** This week we need to incorporate ***The Book of Pastoral Rule*** by St Gregory the Great into our theologically trained minds. Recognized as the most thorough pastoral treatise of the patristic era, this sixth-century work, by Pope Gregory, carefully details the duties and obligations of the clergy concerning the spiritual formation of their flock. In Brian Daley's S.J., review of it he writes that this book has served for generations of Christian readers in East and West as a moving, comprehensive description of ministry in the Church. This new translation by George Demacopoulos – the first in English in more than fifty years – is lively and accurate and makes this early Christian classic once again available to us all ... required reading for all pastors. Andrew Louth writes: "Pope Gregory the Great is among the Latin fathers perhaps the closest to the Greek and this book brings out this affinity and shows us Gregory as a true pontifex, that is, 'bridge-builder', between East and West [253 BOO]

Our Second book is by Leonard Griffith and is, ***We have This Ministry***. Today's church is enmeshed in an identity crisis. The church and its members are constantly turning from fad to fad from theory to theory in their search for the secret of renewal, when the ideal formula for it has been with them all along. The author describes his work thus, "If the Church concentrates less on the rescue operation and more on the persons it ought to be rescuing, then the Church would have the priorities of Jesus, and the people might respond to the Church again, just as they responded to Jesus". This volume challenges each local church, every lay Christian to return to their commitment and to follow the only way to renewal – a genuine obedience to Christ in carrying out his ministry to people everywhere. These two books need to be read in tandem to try to solve this problem of pastoral care. [259 GRI]

