



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 Diary

Saturday	31st	09h30	Diocesan Council	St Francis, Alberton
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- **Link Sunday:**
Attached please find a suggested service and intercessory prayers for Link Sunday on the 25th October. This has also been shared with Monmouth and they will hopefully be using this order of service. Due to Covid restrictions Monmouth is unable to do the pre-recorded message but parishes are encouraged to continue with their usual Link Sunday celebrations.
- 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!
- 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_7rG6HOYa90cEqAlF/view?usp=sharing
Many thanks again,

Bishop Tsietse Seleane
Liaison Bishop, GtC & AA

- **MOUNTAIN PRAYER:** Prayer Meeting details – 21st November 2020 from 06h00 to 11h30 at 263 Man’s Street, Withok Estates, Brakpan. All welcome but contact Cornelius Mabaso 065 980 3670 or corneliusmabaso59@gmail.com
- **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:

21 st	Fr Simon Aiken	22 nd	Fr Thembinkosi Mazomba
22 nd	Patience Madupe	24 th	Fr Reg Venter
27 th	Zanele Moloi		

➤ **From the Library:** Billy Graham had a son Franklin who spent his early life kicking over the traces. One is reminded of the conversion of Saul when God met him on the road to Damascus and confronted him about the persecution of his church. Franklin Graham wrote his autobiography in 1995 to explain to the world his hedonistic lifestyle until met by Jesus Christ, was converted to Christianity and worked for the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse. ***Rebel with a Cause*** is Franklin's account of his early struggles and his late triumphs. By the time Franklin was a young man he was running from God and from the public's high expectations of him as the oldest son of the best-known preacher of our time. But finally, God caught up with Franklin, and Graham's daredevil, destructive life was from that point forward transformed into a creative, God-glorifying adventure. God instilled in Franklin a passion for the suffering and oppressed people of the world. *Rebel with a Cause* recounts Franklin Graham's often dangerous adventures as a worldwide emissary of Christ's compassion: opening a medical clinic and orphanage in war-torn Rwanda; setting up a shelter in Croatia for Bosnian girls raped by enemy soldiers and many other things. "I share my life, not because I think there is anything particularly special about it, but because I want you to understand how great and capable God is of using anyone's life to accomplish His goals. If there's anything special about my story, it's not because I'm the son of Billy and Ruth Graham, but because I'm a son of the living God.

Another person who had a conversion experience was Beyers Naudé who gave up a life of privilege in the NGK and the Broederbond to lend a hand to the suffering of South Africans. In 1960 a World Council of Churches conference was held at Cottesloe in Johannesburg. The Calvinist Afrikaans denominations also attended. At the end of the conference the various denominations signed an agreement of intent, a clause of which condemned race issues. Some churches refused to sign it, one being Beyers Naudé. He left the NGK and started the Christian Institute to further his interpretation of the scriptural principle against apartheid. Naudé was banned for five years then a further three years. Beyers Naudé died in 2004 and was given a state funeral. His biography, by Colleen Ryan, is entitled *Beyers Naudé Pilgrimage of Faith* and you are to read the 2005 edition, the story of a remarkable South African.

