



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for WEDNESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2021

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

BISHOP'S DIARY

Day	Date	Time		Venue
Tues Frid	21 st – 24th	14h30	Provincial Synod	Virtual LT
Sun	27th	08h15	St Peter & St Paul (C)	Springs
Sun	3 rd Oct		Kempton Park (C)	
Wed 6 th – Sat 9th			Anglicans Ablaze	

Gazette:

- Please remember in your prayers Aubrey Chalmers (father of Fr Malcolm) who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- **Lectionaries: Last chance to order:**
Note from the Publishers: “We need to finalize our list for our printers, they require it before Monday 27th September. We’re printing a limited number of lectionaries due to covid”.
Our order has to go in by tomorrow morning. This is the last chance to send us the numbers you require.
- **Anglicans Ablaze: don't forget to register.** Poster attached
- **Monmouth Link:** Link Sunday on the last Sunday of October 31st October 2021.
- **Diocesan Food Bank:** This is a special appeal to all parishes, guilds and individuals to consider donating non-perishable food items to the Diocesan food bank. Your generous support makes it possible for us to help those in need.
A special thank you for the following donations:
 1. St Peter's Brakpan: R300.00 on 10 September
 2. St Barnabas Kwa-Thema: clothes, food parcels and toiletries : 14 September
 3. Church of Resurrection: food parcels
 4. Margaret Godden R500.00
 5. Mother's Union : clothes

Proverbs 19: 17 when you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and the Lord will pay you back.

➤ **Green Anglicans:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa has taken the issue of environmental care very seriously and it has established the concept of Green Anglican which specifically deals with the following:

1. Environmental care;
2. Environmental stewardship;
3. Our relationship with nature (and/or) our conduct towards nature;
4. Our environmental responsibility;
5. Our impact on nature.

These five concepts are important to assist us in reviewing our conduct regarding nature.

Genesis 1:25-31a

The province has mandated each and every diocese within our province to undertake the Green Anglican concept in every sphere of the diocese. Bishop has supported the concept of Green Anglican and made it a branch of HABSR under the chairmanship of Revd Fr. K.E. Molefi and has requested us, through HABSR, to adopt this concept within the diocese.

We are starting with the following two focal points

1. **Moving towards green point**
2. **Environmental care**

Moving towards green point: is a concept that focuses on planting, be it flowers, trees and vegetables in our own personal space and our churches, as well as the public environment.

Environmental care: its focus is on keeping our environment clean and healthy.

We encourage every parish in our diocese to provide and create space and time for these focal points. Our next article will be expanding on how to work on each of these focal points.

Representatives:

For these focal points to be well executed and carried out within the diocese, we will need people to administer these concepts. We therefore appeal to clergy and parish councils to support the concepts, **have representatives** in the council and also have **parish coordinators** to work these concepts specifically.

We need this initiative to be taken seriously by our congregants and for this we will need your support which will be greatly appreciated and also beneficial to all.

Thank you in anticipation of being greenwise.

Revd Fr. K.E. Molefi Diocesan Coordinator – Green Anglican and Themba Khoza HABSR.

➤ **Note to Clergy: Police clearance certificates:** Please make sure that the Bishop's office has a copy of your police clearance certificate as a matter of urgency.

➤ **Note from the Administrator:**

**DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UNDER
ALERT LEVEL 2 FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF**

1. Access will be by appointment **ONLY** so please call in advance to arrange suitable times for your visit and to arrange access. A record **WILL** be kept of the names and contact details of anyone entering the premises. If a visitor presents with any flu-like symptoms they will not be granted access and will be asked to leave the property immediately.
2. Please make prior arrangements when you need to collect items from the offices so that we can avoid crowding. We would like to have your things ready for you to help make the transaction safe and efficient.
3. No Group or Guild Meetings allowed on the premises until further notice as we cannot accommodate large groups.

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

22nd

Xoliswa Mazomba

28th

Zanele Simelane