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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We wish to update you on the following:-

Diocesan Family Weekend

This will take place from Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd August 2015 and will be hosted by the East London East and Central Archdeaconries. The programme will be as set out more fully in the invitation which was sent out earlier. These are highlights from the programme:-

Thursday 20th August 2015

09h00 – 16h00 Clergy School. Venue: St Saviour's East London. The topic for discussion:

Session 1: How great is God's love for us. John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world": Jesus' ministry of "whole-making" & our passion for the Gospel

Session 2: Evangelism Strategies 1
 Biblical foundations
 Evangelism defined
 Evangelism methods & strategies

17h00 – 22h00 Revival at Bernard Mizeki

Friday 21st August 2015

09h00 – 16h00 Clergy School. Venue: St Saviour's, East London. The topic for discussion:

Session 3: Evangelism Strategies 2
 Eight principles of evangelism
 Planning evangelism in your parish

Session 4: 2 Corinthians 9: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!". The gift of Christ which leads to us giving all of ourselves to God

18h00 – Gala Dinner – Venue to be announced

Saturday 22nd August 2015

- 09h00 – 12h00 Healing Ministry at St Saviour, conducted by Bishop and Clergy.
Youth, St Agnes, Servers, Junior Bernard Mizeki, junior church, all young people between the ages of 3 – 35 years will have their own spiritual activities at Jan Smuts grounds, East London.
- 12h00 – 14h00 Imikhumezelo
- 14h00 – 17h00 Music Festival at Jan Smuts grounds. All parish choirs are invited to participate in this activity. Kindly register with Revd Wezo Bloko, Director of the Stewardship and Giving
- 17h30 – 21h00 Revival at St Alban's, Vincent

Sunday 23rd August 2015

- 10h00 Holy Eucharist at Jan Smuts grounds. Liturgical colour white

Parishes are asked to deposit their target monies into the Diocesan revenue account:-

Name of Bank: First National Bank
Account number: 5232 1144 702
Branch Code 210717
Ref: Family Day: Name of Parish

Theological Sunday

This is on Sunday, 23 August 2015 but because of our Diocesan Family Day, we ask parishes to celebrate this on 30 August 2015. On this day we highlight the importance of Theological Education, the role played by our theological college and we also raise funds for the Theological Endowment Fund. A contribution of R20.00 per person or more is welcomed. Thank you for your support. Parishes are requested to deposit what is collected into the Diocesan revenue account. Reference: Theological Sunday/Name of Parish.

Bishop's Appeal

This is an appeal to fundraise R10 million for the operational capital of the diocese. This will assist to off-set the deficit, to grow the capital and to reduce the burden of high assessments in parishes. We sent out correspondence in this regard explaining the process more fully.

Clergy Moves

Archdeacon Robin and Revd Vanessa Murray have retired from St Paul's Port Alfred at the end of June and Ntshukumo Zantsi left the diocese to join the Diocese of the Free State. Revd Nontsikelelo Njoli has been transferred from Holy Trinity, Dimbaza to St Peter's Peddie. Revd Pumzile Guzana has been transferred from St Matthew's, Keiskammahoek to the Fort Beaufort Cluster parishes and Revd Vuyiswa Jela has been transferred from St Francis East London to St Augustine, Grahamstown.

Intercessory Prayers for:

- The Revd Mzixolo Doda lost his brother Ncedisizwe Noel Doda. The funeral will take place tomorrow, 18 July 2015 in Elliot.
- The Revd Themba Phillip's brother Otho Phillip passed away and the funeral will take place at 09h00 on 18 July 2015 at Holy Name Church, Stutterheim.
- Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu who is in hospital
- St Francis parish, Mdantsane and the Pastoral Team as they are preparing their report on their findings.
- St Mark's parish, Cambridge;

In the Province

Please pray for the diocese of Namibia as they prepare for their Elective Assembly on 29 – 31 July 2015. The following names were nominated:-

The Ven Lukas K Katenda – Diocesan Secretary and Rector at Tsumeb, St Cyprians
The Revd Nangula Eva-Lisa Kathindi – Chief of Chaplain - Namibia Defence Forces
The Revd Canon Samuel Kaxuxuena – Associate Dean
The Revd Anna L Nghifitikeko – Priest-in-Charge, Ongala – St Andrew

We give thanks for the Diocese of Natal on the election of Bishop Dino Gabriel (current Bishop of Zululand) as their next Bishop. Please pray for the Diocese of Zululand as they prepare for their elective assembly in due course.

We thank God for the ministry of Archbishop Thabo in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We also pray for Mama Lungi and the children Nyakallo and Paballo. Please also pray for the staff in the Provincial Office.

Pray for the Synod of Bishops which will take place from 13h00 on Sunday, 13th September 2015 ending with the Provincial Standing Committee Meeting on Friday, 18th September 2015.

Pray for the Organisational Sustainability Seminar for the Diocesan Social Development Coordinators arranged by Hope Africa and which will take place from 16 to 18 August 2015 in Johannesburg and where our diocese will be represented by Canon Cynthia Webbstock.

In the Eastern Cape Province

We thank God for the intervention of the government in the affairs of the Buffalo City Municipality and the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.

National Arts Festival

We are very proud of our Dean and the team of the Cathedral for their hard work and creativity in putting together the SpiritFest. We are happy for their participation in the National Arts Festival. We also give thanks to the Dean for his ministry and that of the staff of the Cathedral, the Executive, the Parish Council and the parishioners.

Grace and peace

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. M. Grahamstown', written in a cursive style.

BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

**Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out;
ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and ours are the hands with
which
He is to bless us now. (St Teresa de Avila)**