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Ad Clerum

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

BISHOPSBOURNE

We +Ebenezer, Mama Noncedo and the entire Bishop's family always thank God for you. We pray for you as a diocesan family and its leadership in the various organs of the diocese. As we move around the diocese, we do not underestimate your love, hospitality, generosity, your smiles and laughter and your prayers. These keep us going together with you in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us continue to love and affirm one another in the Lord.

DIOCESAN FAMILY WEEKEND 2018

We thank God for the diocesan family, for your outstanding work as you support the Ministry Endowment Fund in the Diocese. This fund assists a lot in helping those who are stipendiary curates in training in the diocese and the ordinands who we have at the College of the Transfiguration.

Our Family Weekend this year will take place on Saturday 25th August 2018 with activities and having fun, learning and spiritual feeding. It will end on Sunday the 26th of August with a thanksgiving service at the Indoor Sport Centre, Mickey Yili Stadium, Joza, Grahamstown.

We thank you for your unceasing support which you have shown over the years.

By now you must have received the Family Weekend targets. We hope that you have participated in your Archdeaconry Family Day. All love gifts and targets must be deposited into the Diocesan Account through our Diocesan Finance Manager. Please note the account number where these should be paid into:-

NAME OF ACCOUNT:	Diocesan Revenue Account
NAME OF BANK:	First National Bank
ACCOUNT NO:	5232 1144 702
BRANCH CODE:	210717
REF:	FW/Name of Parish or Archdeaconry or Individual

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

We call upon ALL parishes to take a special collection on Sunday, 19th August 2018 which is Theological Sunday. We call upon Clergy, Churchwardens and parishioners to treat this Sunday as a necessity and as a provincial help for the College of the Transfiguration. This fund is helping towards the cashflow of the College and the training of future leaders. It is the appeal of the Archbishop and the Synod of Bishops that we do our bit for Theological Education in ACSA and its dioceses. We ask that you kindly deposit your contributions to the Diocesan Revenue Account with the Reference: Theological/Name of your Parish. We will then forward all contributions to the Theological Education Endowment Fund.

CLERGY RETREATS

The first Clergy retreat will be from 4th to 7th September 2018 at the Manderson Hotel, Stutterheim. This retreat will be conducted by the Very Revd Sharon Nell of PE Diocese. We invite all clergy to attend. Retreats are compulsory according to our Diocesan Acts 2016. For stipendiary clergy, retreats are paid for by the parish. It is good at least once a year to put time aside for your own spiritual feeding.

The second Clergy retreat will take place from 23rd to 26th October 2018 at St Pius Centre, East London and will be conducted by Bishop Brian Marajh, the Bishop of George Diocese. We call upon all clergy to attend at least one of the two retreats.

CLERGY SPOUSES RETREAT

We call upon all clergy spouses to attend this retreat from 19th to 20th October 2018. The venue will be communicated in due course. Please diarize these dates and set time aside for yourself for your own spiritual growth. Be assured of our prayers.

CLERGY AND SPOUSES WELLNESS INDABA

We call upon all clergy – stipendiary and non-stipendiary with their spouses to come and discuss and receive inputs on our wellness. Kindly come with ideas for a good wellness programme in the diocese. This indaba will take place from 23rd to 24th November 2018. Do pray for this event.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Your prayers are asked for the Diocesan Council Meeting which will start with a Eucharist on the 19th of September 2018. Registrations will start at 14h00 and the Eucharist service will start at 16h00. Kindly arrange your own accommodation for Wednesday night the 19th. We call upon all Diocesan Council members to attend. The meeting will end on 20th September 2018 and will be held at St John's, East London. All those who must submit reports are asked to forward them to the Diocesan Administrator before the 30th of August 2018.

AWF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING

We are excited that our own Diocesan AWF will be hosting this meeting which will be held at Beacon Bay, East London from the 22nd to the 28th of October 2018. Kindly pray for our AWF as they prepare with their Diocesan Chaplain. We will be graced by the presence of Archbishop Thabo on Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27th of October 2018.

FINANCE AND TRUST BOARD MEETING

These two meetings will be held in East London at the parish of St John, East London on Wednesday the 22nd of August 2018 starting with the Trust Board and followed by Finance Committee Meeting. Agenda and other documents follow soon.

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCES

The St Agnes Guild had their conference from 6th to 8th July 2018 and elected the following people as their new executive:-

Chairperson	Aphiwe Kupiso
Deputy Chairperson	Olwethu Lugodlo
Secretary	Babalwa Bali
Treasurer	Dimpo Ntloko

The Diocesan Youth Guild had their conference from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th August. We say thank you to the outgoing executive for their hard work, diligence and dedication. We welcome and congratulate the new executive and assure them of our continued prayers.

DIOCESAN INTERCESSIONS

We had the following bereavements recently:-

Revd Walter Siyokwana's mother Mrs Mordie Miriam Mbunge;
Bishop Beth's sister Esther Nomathamsanqa Dudu Nopece;
Mr Lungisa Lindi from St John & St Chad, Zwelitsha;
Mrs Nokwezi Madyibi, Revd Nondumiso Madyibi's mother
Odwa Matshaya, Archdeacon Matshaya's brother

Kindly pray for the bereaved families. Kindly also pray for Canon Zeodor Arends who has been hospitalised recently.

ACSA NEWS

LAUNCH OF ARCHBISHOP THABO'S BOOK

We congratulate Archbishop Dr Cecil Thabo Makgoba who has written a book *Faith & Courage: Praying with Nelson Mandela*. This book will be launched by him in Grahamstown on Tuesday, 2nd of October 2018. The precise venue and time will be communicated soon. We call upon Clergy, layministers, all leaders and parishioners to come and listen to the author himself and we call upon you to pray for this event.

ARCHBISHOP'S COMMISSION ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

There will be an inter diocesan cluster meeting on the Archbishop's Commission on Human Sexuality which will be led by Bishop Hess of Saldanha Bay. This will take place from 17th to 18th August 2018 and you are invited to a public forum on Human Sexuality and the church's listening on same sex relationships on Saturday, 18th August 2018 from 14h00 to 16h00 at St Pius Pastoral Care Centre, 1 Kitchener Street, Cambridge, East London.

ACSA DEACONS CONFERENCE

We remind all Deacons about ACSA conference which will take place in Stellenbosch from 13th to 16th September 2018. Registration forms were distributed separately a while ago.

ANGLICANS ABLAZE

Anglicans Ablaze 3 – 6 October 2018 at the City Hall Auditorium, Hillcrest Durban and the Theme is “LIVING A JESUS SHAPED LIFE”. Full registration R850.00; Early Bird registration R650.00; Financially assisted R650.00 and Youth registration R450.00.

NEW SEASON OF CREATION

Kindly participate in this programme from 1st to 15th September 2018. We attach material from the Province which you could use.

ACSA INTERCESSIONS

Kindly pray for the bereaved family of the Revd Barry Wood, the former Chaplain of the Archbishop;

Kindly also pray for:

- The Electoral College of the Diocese of St Helena to be held on 23 September 2018;
- The Diocese of Port Elizabeth as they prepare for their Elective Assembly to be held from 5 to 7 December 2018;
- The Diocese of Umzimvubu as they prepare for their Elective Assembly to be held from 10 to 12th December 2018.

20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

This will be our 10th anniversary as Bishop of Grahamstown. Please continue to pray for us as we give thanks to God for the Holy Trinity for being with us throughout this period.

Grace and peace



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)