

CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE

N° 237



The Rt. Revd. I. Mukuwanda breaking the ground for the 1000sqm green house project at Habern Park

2018 THEME: “ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU” _ JOHN 15^{V4}

CIRCULAR FOR FEBRUARY 2018

1.0 BISHOP's DIARY

20.01.2018	-Umsungwe Park	-Dedication
27.01.2018	-Masvingo	-A.C.Z
18-23.02.18	-Kempton Park JHB	-TCWS workshop
03.03.18	-	
10.03.18	-Gokwe North	-Memorial service
11.03.18	-St. Paul's Rimuka	- Confirmation
18.03.18	- All Saints Rimuka	-Pastoral
25.03.18	-Gweru	-Lady Day
31.03.18	-St. John's Rutendo	-Pastoral
07.04.18	-St. Cuthberts Cathedral	- Farewell service
08.04.18	-St. Philips Mkoba	-Pastoral
<u>New Bishop</u>		
22. 04.18	-St. Michaels Mbizo	-Pastoral
29.04.18	-St. Martins Amaveni	-Pastoral

1.1 PASTORAL OF VISIT DATES

Please see update attached. Also note that the visits after 21.04.18 will be done by our new bishop. Our sincere hope is that we should have one by that time even if he is still the Bishop-elect or the Bishop-designate. We are not too sure how the process will go. Continue sending your preferred dates for visits and confirmation.

2.0 PERSONNEL.

2.1 The Late Revd. John Gangarabwe

The Diocese was saddened by the passing on of Revd. John Gangarabwe at UBH in Bulawayo on the 26th of January 2018 and was laid to rest on the 28th of January in Lower Gweru. He had served wholeheartedly until the time of his retirement from active ministry in December 2003. Many thanks to the clergy and spouses who managed to attend the funeral in paying our last respects to our fellow brother

2.2 Revd. & Mrs Malisa – new baby boy!

There was an addition to the clergy family as this couple was blessed with a baby boy on 11 January 2018 and named him Praise Leo. We surely praise the Lord for this wonderful gift.

2.3 Revd. & Mrs Makamure - new baby boy!

The young couple was also blessed with a baby boy on 27 January 2018 naming him Anopanyasha Keegan. We continue to wish God's blessings as we give thanks to the Lord.

2.0 ASSESSMENTS & STIPENDS.

We do not seem to get a solution on this matter. In the process, the Diocese continues to accumulate debt in terms of unpaid stipends. This situation is very undesirable. The standing committee that met on Tuesday 16th January 2018 resolved that those parishes and churches that are in serious arrears be relieved of the burden of a priest. Clearly, they cannot look after a priest.

It was agreed letters be sent to these parishes from the office of the Bishop. The Priests concerned will be asked to go home until the situation improves.

Once letters are received, the churchwardens must make an appointment with their Archdeacon and show why their priest must not be removed.

4.0 DONATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL

None received

5.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Revd. A. Gwemende	-	26 January
Revd.C Mpinga	-	2 February
Revd. J Marumirofa	-	4 February
Revd. J Bwanakaya	-	6 February
Mrs M. Chitembetembe	-	10 February
Revd. Canon E. Basvi	-	12 February
Revd. J. Makiwa	-	15 February
Revd. S. Ndawana	-	18 February
Mrs A. Sherewa	-	18 February
Mrs F. R. Gumede	-	23 February
Mr I. Muzvuru	-	01 March
Ven. T. Sherewa	-	04 March
Ven. A. Gwena	-	08 March
Mrs. L. Ndawana	-	08 March
Revd. A. Siyachivutuka	-	10 March

6.0 CLIMATE CHANGE.

NEWSDAY - January 31, 2018

MUDZI, RUSHINGA'S STORY ON HUNGER ALLEVIATION AND WATER HARVESTING

The sweltering heat in Mudzi drove livestock in search of shade in the nearby thickets. Despite the rainy season being at its peak, the area has gone for a month without a single drop of rain, leaving villagers pondering the possibility of another failed harvest.

Crops planted during the onset of the rainy season have wilted due to the long dry spell. From Kotwa business centre into Mudzi South constituency, it is evident that villagers have nothing for food, let alone water for the livestock, as the rivers have since dried up. However, in the midst of absolute dryness, one cannot afford to miss the lavish and ever green big garden at the heart of the constituency, a project that has given the people a glimpse of hope, as far as hunger alleviation is concerned.

Givemore Mutedza (43), the production manager at the 1,5ha Mapombo nutritional garden, says the water harvesting project has gone a long way in alleviating hunger for the vulnerable members of the society from the surrounding villages by providing irrigation facilities. “This area is well-known for its dryness and successive droughts, but we are happy that the water harvesting and the nutritional garden project have brought hope to many villagers, as we are irrigating various crops all year round. We started off with a one hectare piece of land, but today we have added more land as production is growing,” he said.

The Nyathi and Mapombo Nutritional garden projects are funded by the World Food Programme (WFP) and implemented by World Vision under the Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) programme.

Under the FFA programme, a total of eight assets were created or rehabilitated in Mudzi and these include weir dams, construction and repairing of dip tanks, gravity-fed nutrition gardens and fish ponds among others.

A visit to the project site denotes that farmers are irrigating crops including maize, cucumbers and sweet potatoes. Village head David Chimhango (72) said apart from crop production, the project has benefitted more in livestock, as the weir dam is now a source of drinking water. “We are happy with this project, as our livestock now has a source to drink. A lot of villages and schools around also come to fetch water for domestic purposes here since we have a solar powered borehole,” he said.

Villages benefitting from the project include Mapombo, Spanera, Ndamba and Taona among others while the nearest school Mapombo is also benefiting from water at the site. World Vision commodities officer, Gift Chikanga, said the project has improved nutritional value in a number of households as well as ensuring food security. The nutritional garden project has 64 small plots with beneficiaries having a vegetable market at the nearby Makaha business centre. About 60km west of Mudzi is another equally dry community, Rushinga, in Mashonaland Central province.

Five assets were created or rehabilitated in Rushinga district through the Community Technology Development Organisation (CTDO). Ward 17 councillor Beauty Makanga said the construction of Manyeredzi Weir dam has eased the burden of providing water for their livestock.

“The water harvesting project is indeed a blessing to this community in that we used to travel about 15km for water to the nearby Gulliver dam. It was tiresome and we lost livestock to crocodiles. The water shortage and long distance was stressing to the animals themselves and resulted in poor calving rate. The rate has since improved, thanks to the weir dam,” she said.

FFA is one of WFP's flagship initiatives aimed at addressing the most food insecure people's immediate food needs with cash, vouchers or food transfers and improving their long term food security and resilience. The programme is one of the efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 on ending hunger, achieving food security, improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture.

CTDO assistant programme manager, Marceline Fusire, said the projects are meant to curb the negative effects of climate change in Rushinga.

“Climate change has hit our nation and the region at large. We are looking at most of our rivers getting dry hence a greater risk of losing livestock due to water shortages. “Because of that, water harvesting is one of the remedies to ensure availability of water for livestock. “The communities are also benefiting in having water for domestic purposes like irrigation for the nutrition garden. We also engage Agritex officials to train the community on how to use the water sustainably for their own benefit to avoid siltation,” she said.

Currently there are 48 villages benefiting from Manyeredzi Weir dam. Fusire added that the nutrition garden has ensured food security for the 75 households as well as averting malnutrition among children. Mudzi and Rushinga are some of the driest districts in the country, that lie in the ecological region four and receive an average of 400mm rainfall each annually. With the country suffering from detrimental effects of climate change, mainly severe droughts, water harvesting has become one of the best ways for alleviating.

Recently the government announced the command water harvesting programme that will see transformation of lives mainly in the rural areas, if well implemented.

7.0 AROUND PARISHES.

I have not been anywhere and will not be until mid-March.

8.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

8.1 Gweru Archdeaconry

Hope I find you well. I also hope the year has started well for the whole church.

I know we are now starting on Vestries, this is a hard time for the church which will show where the church is going. You must be actively involved especially on the position church warden and treasurer that is the Presidium. Let me know your dates for licencing. March would be nice so that we can concentrate on the election of the new Bishop. I know we have some Elective assembly members in our Archdeaconry my advice is, we nominated you into that position and please your choice is on our behalf. Once you make yourself one centre of power you will be wrong for sure.

I want to thank you for your support on the occasion of the Dedication of the Bishops residence we came out in our numbers well done Gweru Archdeaconry.

The M.U had their first Archdeaconry meeting at St. Matthews to map the strategy for this year. I hope other guilds will follow suit - we must operate to a plan.

Chief Gambiza lost his twin sister on the 22nd of January 2018 and was buried on the 23rd. Thank you all those who managed to come. The Chief supports our church very much. On this note please let me know of any death in the

Archdeaconry whether I come or not. I met the bereaved family and was able to offer my condolences. It is also my duty to inform the Bishop depending on the position of the person.

St. Joseph's Bembe have finished bricking the church waiting for roof St. Peters Gangarabwe have just finished the footing starting on the box.

St. Patricks' is nearly finishing the ring beam, St. Christopher also nearby finished with the ring beam. St. Barnabas under St. Marks is waiting for a roof. There is massive work going on around the churches, it is very good but do not forget the Diocese comes first in anything that we do. I have talked about the assessment in another fora and I will not go over that again.

There is a chance things might improve this year both economically and spiritually. Please be ready to catch the first wave.

I want to end on a happy note as I welcome the newest addition to the clergy family a baby boy for none other than the Malisa family. We were getting worried make hay while the sun shine.

With God's blessings

Compiled by Ven C. Nyereyegona.

8.2 Kadoma Archdeaconry

Warning- We used cross the railway line at 90-100km/hr. Things have changed you can now hear the horn of an engine train so often. The railway line is now functional. Let us be cautious when crossing a railway line. Moreso at the crossing point the warning signs were vandalised because they were serving no purpose.

Our churches in Kadoma are embarking on conducting vestry meetings as everywhere. We have targeted that the due date should be by the end February 2018. The qualifications are as always – in good standing and not only married but tithing. We have now discovered that some of the families have all these but their relationships are in shambles. Some go to courts claiming mantainance whilst staying together. Some claim for peace and order but 1Timothy 3: 5 says – for if a man know not how to rule his own home how shall he take care of the Church of God. Flush out the pretenders.

All Saints Rio

We are not sure of the survival of the All Saints Eiffel Flats church building because the Rio-Zim is excavating everywhere and we do not know what will happen underground. Some of the buildings are demolished especially those which are close to the mine works. I am told some of the families are moving to other locations.

St. Pauls Rimuka

They will soon be embarking on the construction of a rectory will soon be embarking on the construction of a rectory within the church yard. The congregation has developed some sound projects, few years back they constructed the church hall then followed the drilling of a borehole, which is supplying plenty of water for domestic use. Now they are on the construction of the rectory. After this I am sure they will look into the matter of building another church building another church building since the location is growing so fast.

St. Matthews – Barclay chase

The St. Matthews Church at Barclay Chase is growing I am sure the Bishop will have his first confirmation service this year. In future we will need a priest to reside in that area.

Since the place will be a mission administration. As it is now we have a priest at Patchway and go on a stretch of about 91km to get the next priest that is in Sanyati at Adar.

You may understand that at Barclay Chase has the land for a Primary school and secondary school. If we had money we would make it a boarding school.

We are free to build a church on this land. St Matthews as we will be calling it is so close to a power line and there is borehole water.

St. Marks Patchway

Today the 25 January 2018 I have been to St. Marks Patchway to see the progress on the Rectory. They have reached the stage of completing the ceiling and the tiles are taking shape. Funds are permitting I think in 2 months time they will have finished everything. Nevertheless the Priest is occupying some of the half completed rooms.

All Saints Kadoma

At All Saints, we are about complete the ablution block which was supposed to have been completed in November 2017. We were drawn back by the shortage of roofing chromadeck sheets which ran out of stock and we could not get the cash in US dollars which they wanted.

It was just only a few days ago when we got what we wanted in Harare and the shop accepted the RTGs payment. The carpenter will start his work soon. After that we will get into painting, tiling and ceiling.

Compiled by Ven A. Gwena

9.3 Kwekwe Archdeaconry

St Martin's Amaveni

The Parish have purchased a 42 inch colour television for the rectory. They have painted the rectory. Well done St. Martin's. I hope other churches will use the 10% from 2017 harvest to furnish rectories.

St John's Rectory

St John's Rectory is now visible from a distance .They have now reached the ring beam level. The Archdeaconry will contribute meaningfully towards the completion of the much awaited rectory.

St Francis Rectory

The roof has been positioned correctly after it was shaken a little bit by powerful winds. They are now waiting for the window frames. Kwekwe Archdeaconry will provide them with 10 bags of cement and three window frames. We are hoping to finish the rectory before the end of March.

Budget

All churches are advised to budget for the leadership change in our Diocese. Please do not be caught unaware. We may be asked to contribute something towards the two events

Kwekwe M.U School fees payment

The M.U has paid fees for two students at our primary school. Thank you Mother's Union for putting the gospel into practise.

Rectory Inspection

The Archdeacon will be moving around your churches inspecting rectories. I am encouraging all wardens to make sure rectories are repaired and painted after every 5yrs.

Compiled by Ven T. Sherewa

9.0 PROJECTS

9.1 Hospital

Progress on constructing the male ward is painfully slow! If we must finish the super structure by the end of February a lot needs to be done.

9.2 Diocesan Centre.

We have identified a new carpenter to roof the external ablution block. Hopefully this should be done shortly. This project was stalled for far too long. I sincerely hope that if it will be roofed this time.

9.3 Butchery/Minimart.

Nothing has happened due to financial constraints.

9.4 Boreholes.

Besides the St. James Nyamuroro borehole there are no other funds for another.

9.5 Roofing Projects.

We are under pressure to put up roofs on a number of church building roofs. I suspect this is being influenced by the impending transition in leadership. Change always causes unnecessary anxiety and for us this not justified. We have trained enough people to put up roofs because this is an ongoing project. However we have the following roofs to put up, in order of priority.

- (a) St. Faith's Lower Gweru – all materials available
- (b) St. David's Sunrise – trusses done and some covering bought.
- (c) Good Shepherd Ngezi – brackets in place but nothing else
- (d) St. Andrews Gwesela – Nothing in place
- (e) St. Mary's Donjane – Nothing in place
- (f) St. Thomas Mvulamatsheana - Nothing in place
- (f) St. Barnabas Silobela - Nothing in place
- (g) St. Joseph's Bembe –Nothing in place

10.0 GUILDS.

10.1 Mothers Union.

I am informed that preparations for the Lady Day are on course. This event will be during the 23/24/25 March weekend. I have not been informed of the venue but I am sure it might be at the showgrounds, Gweru. The mothers Union Executive will meet on Saturday 3rd February 2018. This should be at the Diocesan offices.

10.2 Anglican Church Men.

I have not been informed of any activities but I am sure their conference is in April but our dates have been booked yet. We are still waiting for cement from A.C.M Kwekwe A.C.M Kadoma . I have had firm promises from Kwekwe and we should receive that soon. This will be very helpful as the as the builders are getting towards the slab. I have not heard from Kadoma, Shurugwi or Gokwe.

10.3 Vabvuwi.

No report

10.4 Married Couples Fellowship.

No report

10.5 Youth.

The AYACZ executive had their first meeting of the year 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Cuthbert's. This was meant to plan for this years' program. Among 2018 conference set for 6 – 9 April. The AYACZ executive attended the ZAYA retreat in Harare on the 26th - 28th of January. The districts, parishes, and churches are expected to be doing elections in their respective places. We therefore, as the clergy to direct these elections so that order is maintained within this guild.

10.6 St. Agnes Guild

No report

10.7 St. Peter's Guild

No report

10.8 Child Ministry

10.9 Choir.

No report

11.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

11.1 Programming and Sustainability

(a) **Membership Cards:** Coming soon, the process is at advanced stage.

(b) **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The ARDeZ national office and Diocese team will team up second week of February in visiting areas where activities are happening.

(c) **Forthcoming Events:**

All Parish level Chairperson are invited to a meeting in February. They are to bring database covering parish committees, Parish members, Beneficiaries in various categories i.e Orphans. The Elderly, The Sick etc: The Database to be signed by The Priest

11.2. Impact Areas

Economic Security:



The Diocesan Secretary treasurer Revd. Canon M. Mupwa
Handing over a Pushcart to Mr Mukwapatira of Mkoba

One beneficiary was given a \$200 push cart to compliment household income. This was part of the fighting Stigma through economic security.



Presentation on Green Houses



The Rt. I. Mukuwanda Ground Break for 1000sqm green house project at Habern park

Healthy Security:

Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Programme

RDSSA Chaplin Revd.G .Gwasira and Revd. C. Machakaire attended HIV and AIDs Counselling Therapy course run by Southern Africa Institute for Counselling Therapy in Bulawayo. Rationale of course is to enhance delivery of social service roles to community.

Stigma Awareness Meeting

A presentation was made to the below congregation on some activities the Church has embarked on in contributing to livelihoods improvement.



The Rural Water Supply

This project is a continuation of the water reticulation programme for the Diocese which saw drilling of a number of boreholes. The programme is now being expanded to cover catchment areas of our churches. Phase one is the completion of survey, followed by rehabilitation of non-functional sites and then establishment of new sites.



Water Surveys in the St. Mark's Catchment Area

The Rural water supply surveys are ongoing. Areas covered to date are parts of Chiundura, Lower Gweru and Silobela. On some of the sites visited you actually the boreholes require a minimum of three people to be able to pump the water out.

Food and Nutrition Security

One of the food security beneficiaries has already harvested her early planted maize crop. Good result achieved.

The Capacity Building Initiatives for African do conduct trainings on nutritional security and they have already presented to the Diocese their process of rolling their programmes. Work is in progress to have our first group of 30 people get registered and start sessions.

The St. Mark's Lozane Demonstration Site in pictures below..



The Maize Crop



Some of Fruit Trees in Garden

Thank you Revd. Madala and The Headmaster Mr Gwanyanya the project is taking shape.

Physical Security Social and Psychological security

Thank you St. Andrews Mkoba for extending Christmas gestures to the disadvantaged members of society. A total of 10 community members received some hampers for Christmas. Also the Diocese teamed up with St. Joseph Bembe in extending Christmas comfort to church and community members.

Information Security

Work on establishment of Resource centres is in progress. For people to have adequate time to use the resource centre material those interested are encourage to start setting up resource centres at household levels. Those who will have started the resource units can register with the office if interested in getting more supplies from those we are partnering with.

12.0 INSTITUTIONS.

12.1 St. Patricks High school

As you are well aware, 'A' Level results are out there was a 2.6% drop in the pass rate - from 98.7 % to 96.1 %. However the qualitative pass rate improved from 53.8% to 63.7%. Three students scored 15 points or more. Congratulations to the Headmaster, the teaching and non-teaching staff. Well done! *Find the attached results for more details.*

12.1.1 Vacancy - Boarding Master

- Admit learners into hostels as per school rules
- Supervising waking up, meals, bedtime
- Attend to the general welfare of boarders
- Ensuring that the hostels and their surroundings are in good health state at all times
- Any other duties assigned by the school Administration

Requirements

1. Minimum age 45 years (mature male)
2. Experience in working with teenagers (teaching, Nursing, Youth work or Police)
3. A Christian – preferably Anglican
4. Minimum five 'O' Level including English Language
5. Good health and fitness
6. A drivers license is an added advantage

Closing date: 15 February 2018

13.0 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

No report

14.0 INVITATION TO OUR HOUSE DEDICATION.

It was meant to be a family invitation but your overwhelming support made it look like a Diocesan event. We were extremely humbled by the support we received from everyone. All the Archdeaconries were very well represented and we were very surprised that some people came from as far afield as Nyamuroro and Mazinyo. The numbers were well beyond our expectation even though the house was not complete. We could never ask for more. Even though the intention was not to receive gifts, may I sincerely thank those who so generously did. We were aware that some you will attend our farewell service where you might want to offer us gifts. We did not want this to be too heavy on you.

Once again, my wife joins me in thanking you sincerely for your love and support.

15.0 FAREWELL SERVICE.

The time has come for us to bid each other farewell. This cannot be easy after almost 19 years of working together. We wish to bid farewell to you on **Saturday 7th April 2018** at our Cathedral Church of St. Cuthbert's. We are hoping that the Service will start at 0900hrs and we should be finished by midday (12 noon). As you already know, my official last day in office is Saturday 21 April. God willing we should have the Bishop-elect by the time we bid farewell.

Please note that this Service is open to everyone. Those whose duty it will be to organize the day need to manage taking into account the numbers of people that might come. I am sure the Cathedral Church will be big enough. Basically this Service is meant to allow the resigned bishop to celebrate and probably preach in the Cathedral for the last time. It will also give him the opportunity to leave the crozier, Episcopal ring, pectoral cross and cope on the altar. We have never had a Diocesan mitre but we could make a plan.

16.0 THOUGHT OF THE MONTH.

It is not easy for Church leaders to renounce privileges which offer the official Church the opportunity to be visibly present on public occasions and in the institutions of the State; for such presence may be seen as part of the incarnation of the Church in the world. That is the reason there is need for a clear analysis of the role of the Church in society. It can provide a solid basis for the difficult decisions that have to be made by Church leaders who wish to stand unequivocally in solidarity with disadvantaged groups at home and abroad. It can show the high price that is often paid for the privileged role given to the institutional Church and its leaders; in subtle ways they are manoeuvred into giving (or seeming to give) at least tacit support to social injustice. In order to ensure that the message the Church is sending is not compromised, its leaders may feel obliged to distance themselves from those who are responsible for injustice.

The official Church is by no means a homogeneous or monolithic reality; in many countries it is an uneven mixture of agencies or institutions that embody very different sets of values. For this reason an analysis of the role of the Church in society should attempt to answer this serious and disturbing question: which sectors of the Church are already on the side of the poor and which sectors are colluding in injustice or even promoting it?

[Donal Dorr - The Social Justice Agenda]

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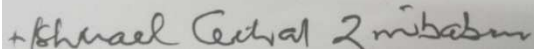
PRAYER OF THE MONTH.

**Father of all people,
You sent your only Son Jesus Christ,
to be advocate and saviour
to those have believed in him.**

**Strengthen our faith and resolve,
in order to make this world a better place
for us and those who will come after us.**

**May the power of the Holy Spirit
be our guide and comfort,
as we journey on in this life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
now and for ever.**

AMEN



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+Ishmael Mukuwanda

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE

31/01/2018
DATE

