

**CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA**

**DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE**

**N° 242**



**INDUCTION OF THE M. U PRESIDENT AT ST. LUKES KWEKWE**

**CIRCULAR FOR JULY 2018**

## 1.0 BISHOP's DIARY

10. 06.18	-M.S.U & St. Cuthberts'	- Consecration & Enthronement
18-23.06.18	-Lusaka	-Trinity Workshop
01.07.18	-St. Georges Redcliff	-Pastoral
07.07.18	-St. Simon & Judes	-Confirmation & Pastoral
08.07.08	-St. Michaels Mbizo	-Pastoral
14.07.18	-St. Nicholas Hwahwa	-Confirmation
15.07.18	-St. Patrick's Mission	-Confirmation
22.07.18	-St. Cuthbert's Cathedral	-Pastoral
28.07-02.08.18	-Kenya	-Trinity Workshop
04.08.18	-Shearly Cripps	- Choirs
05.07.18	-St. Lukes Chakari	-Confirmation

## 2.0 PERSONNEL – Transfers

Working in the Church of God is a blessing. Any type of work should be taken as art of worship rather than just a way of getting income or a punishment as some may see it. Be merry and let everyone see the Glory of God in whatever you do.

Changes are a part of life and strategies of trying to see how best we can utilise everyone's gifts in His vineyard.

**The following transfers are with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018**

### 2.1 Revd. Ronald Chikuyo

Revd. Ronald Chikuyo has been transferred from St. Lukes Chakari to St. Andrews Mkoba where he will be the Priest in charge.

### 2.2 Revd. James Padiel

Revd. James Padiel leaves Silobela Churches to be the resident priest at St. Lukes Chakari.

## **2.3 Revd. Andrew Mabhikwa**

Revd. Andrew Mabhikwa will move from St. Patricks Mission to be the resident priest of Silobela Churches.

## **2.4 Mr Garikai Mononga**

Mr Garikai Mononga leaves the Diocesan office to be at our Harben Park plot.

Many thanks to the Archdeacons for your support in the movement of clergy. Please take note that we shall see many more clergy movements in the next six months. Some clergy have outlived their welcome at some parishes. For the good of their ministry and for the good of our Diocese, we shall objectively move clergy. We are not inviting requests/applications to move.

## **3.0 ASSESSMENTS & STIPENDS**

The situation is yet to improve as only a few stations have been able to submit their assessments by the stipulated deadline.

Those in arrears are encouraged to clear as this will enable the Diocese to also clear up what it owes in stipends.

We hope and believe that the situation will improve as we progress in the last half of this year.

## **3.1 2018 ENDOWMENT**

We are exactly 61 days away from our endowment. This year's endowment shall be strictly for investment. We all should meet our targets so that we can meet our investment targets as well. I noted that St. Georges Redcliff are making progress in this regard, as we made our pastoral visit on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018. Well done to all who are making progress towards our endowment.

#### 4.0 DONATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL

None received

#### 5.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Revd. P. Mathema	-	26 June
Revd. T. Mahwerera	-	7 July
Mrs L. Motsi	-	13 July
Mrs O. Mathema	-	14 July
Mrs L. Hove	-	16 July
Revd. A. Makamure	-	16 July

#### 6.0 EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOPS' CHARGE

##### A] SUSTAINABLE INCOME STREAMS

The undeniable challenge we are facing as a Diocese is the financial challenge. The solution is to make money in a sustainable manner. In order to address this we need to differentiate between capital funds and revenue funds. Capital [seed] is for investment and revenue is for recurrent expenditure.

We shall exercise high financial discipline from parish level to Diocesan level. Remember, you can only harvest after sowing the seed.

We are going to widen the income base by getting into business gainfully, as the church. There is a call from government that Zimbabwe is open for business, and as church we are going to respond by getting into business as such.

In the book of Proverbs 10:4-5 we read, He who has a slake hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a wise son; he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

God has favoured us by placing us on the Great Dyke; we are going to take advantage of that. Any acceptably decent business opportunity which comes our way we shall grab it. It is factual that rich people or organisations in Midlands are those working on the Great Dyke resources. Where is the church? In the scriptures we read “ So Bezelel, Oholiab and every skilled person to who God has given skill and ability to know how to carry out the work to constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord commanded.” I believe that God does not call a leader alone, he calls followers as well. You and me are called to do this work together.

Investment is like success, it is not by chance but deliberate. We are deliberately going to methodically invest profitably in every archdeaconry. [Archdeacons are to be encouraged to put together investment teams who are going to identify investment opportunities in their areas. The business unit shall receive these proposals and process them. Unprofitable proposals shall not be taken for investment.] According to me, a worthwhile investment is one which does two things to the church of God; generate income sustainably and create employment for our young people. Archdeacons, my team, must be people who, like me, believe in the impossible.

This brings me to the issue of endowment, which we renamed donors conference. The original endowment had two conditions which we did not uphold, that endowment is seed money and that it is not a yearly contribution. We are going back to the original idea. This year's event is endowment and we are going to invest that money. Every church must meet their targets so that we can meet our investment targets. Next year we may not have it, unless there is an investment opportunity to finance.

Please take note that we shall source expert people in investment. No chance for guise work.

## 7.0 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### Lessons from the Trinity Church Wall Street

Recently I attended a Trinity Church Wall Street workshop in Lusaka Zambia. The name *Trinity Church Wall Street* might be very familiar to many as they have helped a lot of communities around the world. It is very interesting to note that this is just an Anglican parish which made proper use of the resources they had in due time to build a financial capacity for holy service in New York City and around the world.

As a part of their mission statement implies - *Trinity Church Wall Street is a growing and inclusive Episcopal parish that seeks to serve and heal the world by building neighbourhoods that live Gospel truths, generations of faithful leaders, and sustainable communities.*

Guided by their core values: faith, integrity, inclusiveness, compassion, social justice, and stewardship. Members come from New York City and surrounding areas to form a racially, ethnically, and economically diverse congregation.

We should always draw lessons from these acts and believe that we can also do the same or more. Our links or partnership with the likes of Trinity Church among others should see us learn and grow enough to be self-sustainable whilst we fulfil our calling to spread the good news(Gospel).

As we approach 2018 Endowment with a lot of projects in mind let us take heed of Paul's teaching in 2 Corinthians -

Chapter 8:10-15 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup>And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; but now you also must complete the doing of *it*; <sup>11</sup>that as *there was* a readiness to desire *it*, so *there also may be* a completion out of what *you* have. <sup>12</sup>For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.

<sup>13</sup>For *I do* not *mean* that others should be eased and you burdened; <sup>14</sup>but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may supply* their lack, that their abundance also may *supply* your lack—that there may be equality. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “He who *gathered* much had nothing left over, and he who *gathered* little had no lack.”

## 8.0 AROUND PARISHES.

No reports

## 9.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

### 9.1 Kwekwe Archdeaconry

The Kwekwe Archdeaconry is going to conduct a training for subdeacons at St. Luke's Kwekwe on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 starting at 9: 00am.

**N:B** – For Kwekwe Archdeaconry only

*Compiled by Ven. T. Sherewa*

### 9.2 Kadoma Archdeaconry

I am tempted to look back to the past activities which have just gone. Thanksgiving was done verbally but we have tendencies of forgetting if things are not documented. Join me to thank the following for their roles they played before and on the day of consecration and enthronement.

I thank the organising team and their team members. Thank Dean July who provided the Liturgy for both occasions.

Thank you Ven. Sherewa and your team for the catering which we believe was excellent. Every function is perfected by good food.

Thank you Ven. Nyereyegona and Revd. Basvi for transporting the dignitaries.

Thank you Canon Dupwa for preparing and decorating the venue.

Thank you Canon Matienga for booking accommodation for visitors for our visitors.

Thank you Rev. Basvi for inviting all the dignitaries.

Thank you all parishes and congregations for providing food for the occasion.

Thank you Senate for the meetings decisions on organising.

Thank other Parishioners who extended to offer their cars it is worthwhile to mention their names.

(1) Mr & Mrs Muindisi of St. Cuthbert's

(2) Mr & Mrs Machingura of St. Matthews

(3) Mr & Mrs Dongo of St. Martins

Not forgetting the choir and the M.S.U for facilities.

Thank yourselves for attending and participating.

The first Harvest thanks giving for Kadoma Archdeaconry was organised by as small growing church, St. Matthew Barclay Chase. They raised \$ 1200 plus maize.

The yearly pace setters St. Pauls is having its Harvest on 1 July 2018. The other churches will fit on different months until year end.

We had a meeting with the Rondor community at their school premises on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. Present was the Headmaster and his staff, SDC, and members of the community. The meeting was on Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Awareness.

During the discussions we discovered that on the school needs revival of half a hectare garden. There is need for adequate water supply but an electric pump and a water tank are needed. They will also need a fence to protect the garden as there is great potential.

We addressed the myths on HIV, infection. People were enlightened and were asked to spread the message received to the rest of the community. The message on Stigma and discrimination reduction was preached too.

This was a visit to one of our schools in Kadoma. We hope that the school is going to grow from its infant stage. It only needs our support.

*Compiled by Ven. A. Gwena*

### **9.3 Gweru Archdeaconry**

Hope I find you well, we are in this cold season and attendance at services have gone down. You need to go an extra mile to excite people to put coming to Church a priority.

The people we are leading are always comparing us with all sorts of speakers and speakers and presenters not to mention social media this makes our work even more challenging. But with God's help all things are possible. Now that the new leadership is in place I encourage you to get back to normal and do what God called you to do that is to be his ambassador.

There might be a lot of movements that is to strengthen the team of God take it as it is and pray about it. I am not really sure who goes where but will inform you in good time. I still appeal for more effort on the bringing in of the assessment as it is a critical path to the success of the Diocese. Please team let us share our experiences.

The Endowment is within us in the next few months. I encourage you to start now though slowly so that when it heats up you are on your way up. Good luck.

Do not forget to factor in the Child Ministry in August after our Conference.

I want to end by telling you not to go around carrying a long dejected face, cheer up. The one in us is greater than the one in the world. Be of good cheer.

*Compiled by Ven. C. Nyereyegona*

## **9.0 PROJECTS**

### **9.1 Hospital.**

No progress

### **9.2 Diocesan Centre.**

No progress

### **9.3 Water & Sanitation**

## **10.0 GUILDS**

### **10.1 Mothers' Union.**

They successfully held their MULO training workshop at St. Luke's Kwekwe on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. At the same event Mrs Flora Makumbe was inducted as the M.U President with secretaries, presiding and enrolling members(118) in attendance. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.

There shall be an executive meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July at the Diocesan office boardroom starting at 9:00am.

This year's Mothers Union conference is going to be held in Gokwe at Cheziya High School from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. All members are encouraged to attend this conference.

### **10.2 Anglican Church Men.**

No Report

### **10.3 Wabvuwi.**

No report

### **10.4 Married Couples Fellowship.**

No report

### **10.5 Youth.**

The youth are going to have their ZAYA Conference at St. James Nyamandlovu in the Diocese of Matebeleland from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Please make good travel arrangements in time.

## **10.6 St. Agne's Guild**

No report

## **10.7 St. Peter's Guild**

No report.

## **10.8 Child Ministry**

We are going to have a one day training for syllabus for all Sunday School teachers on 21 July 2010 at St. Luke's Kwekwe starting at 8:00am.

This year's Child Ministry Conference will be held at the usual St. Patricks High school from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26th of August.

Camp fee is \$5 dollars per child for rural churches and \$10 per child for all urban churches. Invitations have already been sent to churches and this is just a reminder.

**N:B** Arrival time for the conference is 4:00pm.

## **10.9 Choir.**

The Dioceses in Zimbabwe are going to have their annual Choir competitions in Masvingo on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2018. This year, Kadoma Archdeaconry will be representing the Diocese.

On the 18 of August church choirs in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe will hold their competitions at the Winery.

This will also be followed by Inter-Diocesan competitions at the Winery again on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.

We wish our Diocesan choir all the best as they brace to retain the winners shield.

## **11.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**

### **11.1 Meeting with the Patron**

All Parish Level Chairpersons, Stigma reduction focal persons, Harben Park team and Farming God's Way members start preparations for the above meeting where The Patron will further share the direction and priority areas. Date and venue will be through the various groups' platforms.

### **11.2 Relief**

We have started receiving reports of maize grain donations from across the Diocese following some input support to a few farmers last season. The Farming Gods Way sessions do emphasise a lot on sharing with those going hungry.

### **11.3 Stigma Reduction Programme**

#### **Mushroom Production Training**

A total of 5 people participated in a mushroom production course in Bulawayo. We are still looking forward to some mushroom projects being initiated.

Mushroom is highly nutritious. In this era of HIV and AIDS it goes a long way in addressing the much needed nutritional therapy.

## Schools Anti Stigma Campaigns

The team conducted Anti Stigma campaign at Rondor and 25 people participated. There is a lot of potential identified for utilization to improve the school through: services such as water supply, food production and income generation

Pictures below Shows Some Resources at Rondor that can be utilized to develop the area.



The Meeting Participants



Electric Motor on Borehole



Garden Site

## **12.0 INSTITUTIONS.**

No report

## **13.0 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

Following the dictates of the Bishop's Charge on the day of his consecration, we have a mammoth task ahead of us in terms of Schools Infrastructural Development. He indicated that we were to come up with additional educational institutions in every town or Archdeaconry. This dream might appear impossible but we definitely believe that where there is a will there is a way. In our Diocese there is a clarion call for the provision of education to every child. We have been renowned for complementing government efforts in the provision of quality education in our schools from time immemorial and should continue to our children for a productive life.

Therefore may I make a humble appeal through our Archdeacons to mount constant meetings in the interest of the children in and around our Diocese to map out strategize on resources mobilisation and utilisation. The children demand quality education. It is their right as future custodians of this Diocese and its educational institutions.

The thinking of the people of this diocese is that we should establish more educational institutions which should include primary and secondary schools as well as Technical colleges for a start. Where the establishment of such new institution is in the offing, we appeal to our Archdeaconries to agree on the sites well in advance so as to expedite a unanimous confirmation. We are hoping that new schools doors will be open to our children before the close of this year.

Could the respective Archdeacons inform the Responsible Authority on any meetings due to be held in their Archdeaconries. In the same vein the Responsible Authority may call for meetings to which the will ask you to attend with your infrastructural Development Committees and other stakeholders.

Lastly may I appeal to all our Archdeaconries to come up with action plans and strategies for mobilisations of resources for schools construction and reconstruction programmes. Why not make hay while the sunshine. May I wish you the very best in your endeavours to selfishlessly provide your hard earned resources for the betterment of our children.

#### 14.0 STANDING COMMITTEE

The date and time for the next standing committee has not changed. By the 9th of July every member should have the minutes of the previous meeting so that we can all go through them unhurriedly. This will also help us to save time as we will avoid *reading of previous minutes* during the meeting while we focus on more critical issues.

#### 15.0 HARMONISED ELECTIONS

National elections are just around the corner, let us all pray for peaceful, free and fair elections. As Christians and Anglicans in particular let us desist from any form of hate speech or violence.

*2 Corinthians 13:11 Brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*

May God continue to bless and protect our country.

## **16.0 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS OF EGYPT & ISRAEL OCTOBER 2018**

We have moved the pilgrimage to the Holy Land to end of October due to other important events lined up in June. This also gives us time to fully prepare. October is also a favorable month because the months of June to August are unbearably hot in the Middle East. You are invited to be part of this blessed pilgrimage to the Bible Lands. Join us on this fully escorted tour of Israel via Egypt where we will visit many Biblical, historical and cultural sites. Together we will retrace the origins of Christianity and walk in the very footsteps of Jesus and his disciples. Through a combination of prayer, reflection and fellowship, our lives will be spiritually awakened. This pilgrimage is open for both Clergy and Laity.

The tour cost is \$2 500-00 BOND payable in installment with the first installment being a Registration Fee of \$150-00 BOND. The tour package includes:

1. Return Air Ticket Economy (from Harare)
2. Visa Processing (Israel and Egypt)
3. Hotel Accommodation (Sharing 2 People per room) in 5-star hotels
4. Meals-Breakfast and Dinner daily and Farewell Dinner
5. English Speaking Tour Guides
6. Luxury Air-Conditioned Coach for Tours and Transfers
7. Pilgrim Certificate
8. Complimentary Kit from the Tour Operator

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**Challenge your thoughts.**

Positive thinking attracts positive results. Complains worsen your situation if you don't change the way you think. If we are uncomfortable with the way things are, then we must do what Nehemiah did, he took action. When old negative thinking comes up, as it will, it's not enough to try and ignore it. We need to challenge our beliefs. Is everything too expensive, or is it just that I can't afford it? Do "people suck," or am I just looking for things to criticize? Weigh your thoughts against the evidence. If they crumble under scrutiny, then explore why you believe them in the first place. By challenging your thoughts, your mindset will begin to evolve.

**Consume positive media.**

Consuming positive media daily will alter your perspective through osmosis. "Positive media" is anything that emphasizes the good in life, or how to improve our living standards and the living standards of others. We all know that the best way to learn a new language is through immersion. If you hear this new language every day, it starts to stick and become easier to remember. Soon, you'll not only understand that language but you'll speak it too. New mindsets are exactly the same; if you immerse yourself in personal growth, content every day, it will change the language of your mind. That language is your self-dialogue, the way you speak to yourself at every moment, and it's habitual. Learn a positive self-dialogue and you'll see the world in a different way.

Volunteer.

Volunteering to help other people can make a huge impact on how you feel about yourself and your view of the world. By focusing on how you can help someone else, you'll draw your attention away from your own woes. It becomes easy to develop a positive mindset when you're looking for new ways to make someone else's situation better. You can't focus on the bad while focusing on the good.

Abstain from all "bad news."

Wars, murders, and politics all add baggage to our thoughts. It makes sense that most of the mainstream media focuses on bad news, though, because tragedy sells faster than success. It doesn't make sense for us to sit around stewing over this bad news. It's certainly not going to allow for an optimal mindset, one that's focused on the best that life has to offer. By tuning into the news about a plane crash thousands of miles away, we're putting our mental energy into something that won't help. We can't change the bad things happening at any given moment, but if we put our attention into things we can change, our lives will improve. Don't know what the right steps are? Don't worry, just identify the first thing you could do to start on the path, then do it. Even if it's a mistake, you'll still make progress, and that will keep you focused on creating positive change. Never allow paralysis by analysis. You have the vision; go with it.

Vincent de Paul said, "If in order to succeed in an enterprise, I were obliged to choose between fifty deer commanded by a lion, or fifty lions commanded by a deer, I should consider myself more certain of success with the first group than with the second."

**What would you choose and why?**

17.0

PRAYER OF THE MONTH.

God our loving father,  
we thank you for blessing our Diocese with all we need  
to respond to our vocation, to be a missionary community  
in our locality.

We thank you for all our parish members who,  
in response to your call, give themselves so freely,  
to enrich our Christian lives  
in the ways of love and service.

We ask you now to pour afresh  
the gifts of your Spirit upon each one of us  
that we may be inspired to serve you in new and creative ways  
as missionary disciples, brining your light to the world.

We ask for your blessings upon each one of us  
as we journey together in hope,  
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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