

CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE

N° 243



**GROUNDBREAKING OF THE TRAINING FACILITY
AT HARBEN PARK – 25th JULY 2018**

CIRCULAR FOR AUGUST 2018

1.0 BISHOP's DIARY

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	- Celebrations
05.08.18	-St. Luke's Chakari	-Confirmation
11-12.08.18	-Holy Cross Gokwe	-M.U Conference
19.08.18	-St. Augustine Nyimo	-Confirmation
21.08.18	-St. Patricks	-Clergy Conference
26.08.18	-St. Patricks	-Clergy Wives Conference
01.09.18	-St. Athanasius	-Confirmation & Pastoral
02.09.18	-All Saints Kadoma	-Confirmation
08.09.18	-	-Choir Competitions
09.09.18	-St. Marks Lozane	-Confirmation
15.09.18	-St. Hugh's Mazinyo	-Confirmation
16.09.18	-St. Philips Mkoba	-Confirmation

First 3 Sundays in the month of December are open for confirmation or pastoral visits.

2.0 PERSONNEL

No news.

3.0 ASSESSMENTS & STIPENDS

We continue to encourage the payment of assessment in time. For those who are still in arrears, please make arrangements in consultation with the finance office to see how best we can move forward.

2018 ENDOWMENT

Commitment to set targets should be met as the future of the Diocese lies in the investments to be made from this our fast approaching Endowment.

4.0 DONATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL

None received

5.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Revd. A. Makamure	-	16 July
Revd. C. Chikuyo	-	07 August
Revd. R. Shazha	-	08 August
Mrs P. Musekiwa	-	08 August
Mrs R. Ndavambi	-	06 August
Ven. C. Nyereyegona	-	15 August
Mrs. J. Basvi	-	16 August
Mrs R. Dupwa	-	25 August
Revd. W. Gumede	-	1 September
Revd. T. Kaerezi	-	1 September
Revd. W. Ndavambi	-	2 September
Revd. Canon. M. Dupwa	-	4 September
Revd. M. Malisa	-	8 September
Mrs G. Gwena	-	8 September

6.0 EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOPS' CHARGE

Article 4.4

Promoting Peace and Reconciliation

The elections are around the corner, they have often left wounds and many conflicts among the people. Perpetrators and victims are Christians. We all need to realize the need for one another. Differences are not intended to separate, and alienate us. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.

People are God's gift to you as you are to them. A person is a person through other persons. None of us comes into the world fully formed. We would not know how to think, or walk, or speak, or behave as human beings unless we learnt it from other human beings. We need other human beings in order to be human. I am, because other people are. "When we see others as the enemy, we risk becoming what we hate. When we oppress others, we end up oppressing ourselves. All of our humanity is dependent upon recognizing the humanity in others." In the body of Christ, we belong to each other, we affect each other and we cannot escape from each other. We shall be involved in peace building, conflict resolution, dialogue, mediation, arbitration, conciliation and advocacy in order to have a peaceful and harmonious society. Romans 12:17-18 says "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

7.0 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

These 17 Goals build on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals, while including new areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, among other priorities. The goals are interconnected – often the key to success on one will involve tackling issues more commonly associated with another.

The SDGs work in the spirit of partnership and pragmatism to make the right choices now to improve life, in a sustainable way, for future generations. They provide clear guidelines and targets for all countries to adopt in accordance with their own priorities and the environmental challenges of the world at large. The SDGs are an inclusive agenda. They tackle the root causes of poverty and unite us together to make a positive change for both people and planet. “Supporting the 2030 Agenda is a top priority for UNDP,” said UNDP Administrator Helen Clark. “The SDGs provide us with a common plan and agenda to tackle some of the pressing challenges facing our world such as poverty, climate change and conflict. UNDP has the experience and expertise to drive progress and help support countries on the path to sustainable development.”

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were born at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. The objective was to produce a set of universal goals that meet the urgent environmental, political and economic challenges facing our world.

The SDGs replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which started a global effort in 2000 to tackle the indignity of poverty. The MDGs established measurable, universally-agreed objectives for tackling extreme poverty and hunger, preventing deadly diseases, and expanding primary education to all children, among other development priorities.

For 15 years, the MDGs drove progress in several important areas: reducing income poverty, providing much needed access to water and sanitation, driving down child mortality and drastically improving maternal health. They also kick-started a global movement for free primary education, inspiring countries to invest in their future generations. Most significantly, the MDGs made huge strides in combatting HIV/AIDS and other treatable diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis.

Key MDG achievements

More than 1 billion people have been lifted out of extreme poverty (since 1990)

Child mortality dropped by more than half (since 1990)

The number of out of school children has dropped by more than half (since 1990)

HIV/AIDS infections fell by almost 40 percent (since 2000)

The legacy and achievements of the MDGs provide us with valuable lessons and experience to begin work on the new goals. But for millions of people around the world the job remains unfinished. We need to go the last mile on ending hunger, achieving full gender equality, improving health services and getting every child into school beyond primary.

The SDGs are also an urgent call to shift the world onto a more sustainable path.

The SDGs are a bold commitment to finish what we started, and tackle some of the more pressing challenges facing the world today. All 17 Goals interconnect, meaning success in one affects success for others. Dealing with the threat of climate change impacts how we manage our fragile natural resources, achieving gender equality or better health helps eradicate poverty, and fostering peace and inclusive societies will reduce inequalities and help economies prosper. In short, this is the greatest chance we have to improve life for future generations.

The SDGs coincided with another historic agreement reached in 2015 at the COP21 Paris Climate Conference. Together with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, signed in Japan in March 2015, these agreements provide a set of common standards and achievable targets to reduce carbon emissions, manage the risks of climate change and natural disasters, and to build back better after a crisis.

The SDGs are unique in that they cover issues that affect us all. They reaffirm our international commitment to end poverty, permanently, everywhere. They are ambitious in making sure no one is left behind. More importantly, they involve us all to build a more sustainable, safer, more prosperous planet for all humanity.



Source:

website

<http://www.zw.undp.org/content/zimbabwe/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html>

8.0 AROUND PARISHES.

No reports

9.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

9.1 Gweru Archdeaconry

I hope I find you well. The weather has been really harsh these past weeks. I am happy it is now getting back to normal.

Ordinand Gumede has been sent to St. Agnes Dhimbamiwa under Rev. Mpinga, St. Joseph Bembe and we all wish him well. The clergy conference is around the corner please send your contributions in time so that the organisers can prepare in time. The same goes for Endowment you should be at an advanced stage if you are to reach your target. If you borrow for the next two months it will affect your Harvest as you cover up the two months you have skipped.

I want to end by saying, "The early bird gets the biggest worm". Plan your things early and you will be smiling all the way to any commitment.

Compiled by Ven. C. Nyereyegona

9.4 Cathedral/Senga/Shurugwi Archdeaconry

In line with the Bishop's vision this year's Endowment is very important. Brothers and sisters we need to ensure that we at list meet our targets to enable the investment drive to be a success story.

The truth of the matter is we all need money one way or another to sustain or lives. Preparations towards this noble event; I want to believe are going on well. Please do not leave it too late it will put unnecessary pressure on the Parish as well as the clergyman.

The venue for Endowment this year will be Gweru Ploy - Tech. A deposit to secure the venue has already been paid. Many thanks to St. Cuthbert's Cathedral, St. Thomas Senga, St. Chads and St. Athanasius for meeting your initial contributions for the venue. We now need to sit down and start planning for the event. I am proposing that we have an Archdeaconry meeting to specifically deal with the Endowment issue. Proposed date is 18th of August 2018, venue St Cuthbert's Cathedral and time 10:00am. Clergy and Parish leadership please diarise this date and let us all come and plan together.

Payment of assessment remains a cause for concern. Shurugwi churches you are very behind on this matter. Assessment is always a priority. Let us hid this call seriously and clear our arrears. I am pleased to note that St Athanasius has come up with a payment plan to service their debt and at the same time ensure that they submit the current assessment requirement. The plan is noble if they stick to it, indeed they will catch up with others. Well done St Athanasius for your efforts to clear your arrears. St Chad's do not be left out, please do something about your assessment I know you can do it.

St. David's I am not too sure what is happening, you are at a very unfamiliar position in terms of your assessment payment. For all these years you have been a shining example of what a rural church can do. Please go back to your original status; if you put your heads together I am very confident you can do it. St Cuthbert's and St Thomas Senga keep up the good work.

We have passed the first six months of the year and as your Archdeacon I have not have an opportunity to fellowship with you in the usual Archdeacon's visits. Please send in your proposed dates for the Archdeacon's visit. I hope you will all respond positively to this call as you have always done. God bless your all.

Compiled by Very Revd. Austin July

10.0 PROJECTS

10.1 Hospital.

No progress

10.2 Diocesan Centre.

No progress

10.3 Water & Sanitation

The rural water surveys are still in progress. In November we will be having a stakeholder gathering where we will share the progress of the survey.

11.0 GUILDS

For the purposes of encouraging one another let us all send in our reports through our respective leadership channels. We believe that for now guilds are still trying to find ways to fit in our vision as we move forward.

As guilds, let us have new and more tangible activities/programs, revisit our stewardship as we seek to be relevant in the Church of God.

I must encourage you and remind you that in reality it is God that we are working for, and all glory and honor should go directly to Him. Our lives of service can have a tremendous impact on the wondering world around us: *Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

11.1- Mothers' Union.

They shall be having their annual conference from the 9th – 12th August 2108 at Cheziya Gokwe.

Parishes are encouraged to start on the MULO concept. Only a few Parishes have done so.

St. Michaels Mbizo and St. Mathews Mtapu have embarked on fruit jam making projects. *See following pics*



St. Michaels jam project



St. Mathews Mamarlade jam project

St. Matthews has gone a step further by engaging the Gweru Children's home.



Mtapa Children's home

They used to supply groceries to the home but they have now engaged them in a poultry project. The CDC and the Gweru coordinator visited the children's home to that effect. They agreed on capacitation at the end of August. The funds will go a long way in promoting self-sustenance to the Home.

The Nutrition cooking demo – Harben Park

On the 25th of July the M.U in conjunction with RDSSA organised a Nutrition Training which was facilitated by CCBICA at Harben Park. 8 Mothers union members were in attendance.



Nutritional training in pictures at the Harben Park Plot

11.2 Anglican Church Men.

No Report

11.3 Wabvuwi.

No report

1.4 Married Couples Fellowship.

No report

11.5 Youth.

The youths are preparing for the annual national conference (ZAYA conference) to be held at St James Nyamandlovu in the Diocese of Matebeleland from the 10th to the 13th of August 2018.

Clergy is therefore requested to sign the registers of those who are going to attend the conference.

11.6 St. Peter's Guild

No report.

11.7 Child Ministry

No report

11.8 Choir.

Instead of Diocesan competitions choirs agreed to do a music gala on the 25th of August 2018 in preparation for inter-diocesan since the choirs taking part are very few. Every church is supposed to pay \$50 as stage fee for the gala. Gweru Archdeaconry is looking into the venue. We are still hosting inter-diocesan music competition on the 8th of September 2018 at Winery in Gweru.

12.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Ground breaking Training Facility.

The Bishop broke the ground for a training facility at Harben park. This training facility is going to be upheld by the Diocese in partnership with TZABA and others who will be able to donate material for completion of structure. People had been participating in trainings under direct sunlight.

Stigma Reduction Programme

Activities are continuing under this programme. Focal persons, support group members totalling 40 participated in cooking demonstration a Harben Park. Practicals on health preparation of meals were done. CCBIA and its partner Harvest Plus International facilitated the one day session.



Ground breaking pictures

Nutritional cooking

Networking with Partners

Through linkages with CCBICA and its partners a total of 10 focal persons in Kadoma graduate after having gone through a series of these training sessions on nutrition. Thank you to the Vicar General A. Gwena for gracing the occasion on behalf of the Diocese.



Vicar Gen with some of the Graduates



The Nutrition Graduates

Regional HIV and AIDS Training

The Diocese has teamed up with AIDS Link to run HIV AIDs training to 25 people in the region. Preparations are at advanced Stage and dates are set for 5 to 11 December. Venue is St Patricks and a flyer will be circulated soon for the potential participants to start the registration process.

13.0 INSTITUTIONS.

No report

14.0 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

No report

15.0 HARMONISED ELECTIONS

Elections are upon us and we should continue to pray for peace before and after elections. Elections or no elections we remain Christians. May God continue to bless and protect our country.

16.0 CLERGY & CLERGY WIVES CONFERENCES

All things being equal, the Clergy conference will be held from the 21st to the 24th of August 2018 at the usual St. Patricks Mission Retreat Centre. This will also be followed by the clergy wives conference starting on the 24th to the 26th at the same venue. May we all submit our food or monetary contributions in time.

Parishes	- \$90
Mission Districts-	\$80
Chapelries	- \$70
Outsations	- \$50

17.0 CLERGY & WIVES FILES UPDATE

We are in the process of updating clergy and clergy wives personal files. Please submit / resubmit copies of the following documents.

1. Birth certificate
2. Identity card
3. Passport (if any)
4. Drivers Licenses (if any)
5. Academic certificates
6. Professional Certificates (if any)

Please submit these by the 31st of August 2018

18.0 PAPERLESS DIOCESE

As leading economic indicators continue to signal a global economic slowdown, companies are looking for effective steps to take – such as lowering costs and streamlining operations. At the same time, research shows that businesses also want to be more environmentally responsible. There are several document management practices that can help organisations reach both their environmental and cost-reduction goals. Achieving a paper free lifestyle often times seems unattainable. But, from a technological standpoint, we are certainly moving towards a point where it is possible to rid our offices of paper invoices, bills, files, receipts, client records and more. -<https://www.aiim.org/42843.pdf>

Many organizations are looking at the paperless office as a way to become more efficient, reduce costs and minimize risk. To make this a reality, the use of technology quickly becomes a necessity.

This will see us using latest church administration software to collect information from around the Diocese whilst we create a website whereby you can access general information concerning the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, its parishes, links and partners. We shall also be moving away from printing of hardcopy circulars, memos or letters and by so we encourage everyone to embrace and make use of technology.

19.0 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS OF EGYPT & ISRAEL WITH BISHOP AND AMAI MAKUMBE JANUARY 2019

The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe in association with Genesis Travel and Tours invites you to join the Bishop and Amai Makumbe on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Israel and Egypt. The Bishop and Amai will lead a team of both Clergy and Laity on this blessed spiritual journey. The cost is not worthy the uplifting testimonies that we shall bring back home. Handei tinoropafadzwa tiri munyika ye Ejipita ne Israel tichifamba rwendo rwakafambwa nevana ve Israel uyezve tichitevedza tsoka dza Jesu.

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. Mari yacho inobhadharwa zvishoma nezvishoma kusvika yakwana.

The tour cost is \$2 500-00 BOND payable in installments 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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Compassion...is an understanding of the unity of all things. It is an awareness that 'I' is not separate from 'thou', that whatever is happening to the planet, or to another person, is happening to me. Compassion is total empathy, an absolute sense of connection.

...everywhere I look, I should see myself. There I go: that miserable man, this angry child, that fearful cat, that cool stone, that bubbling brook, that worm struggling for its life, that dog desperate to feed her hungry puppies, that one trapped in his/her rage/bitterness, this one anxious but fearful of finding out why!.

Empathy is the life of the soul, I think, because the soul that allows us to see the one in the other is the soul that finds joy. Claudia Michele]

Within the body of Christ, God doesn't expect us to be everyone's rock. But He draws us to certain people. People we're uniquely shaped to help. Look around in your life. Then take the challenge. Put away your sympathy and embrace your empathy.

21.0

PRAYER OF THE MONTH.

God of ages,
in your sight nations rise and fall,
and pass through times of peril.
Now when our land is troubled,
be near to judge and save.
May leaders be led by your wisdom;
may they search your will and see it clearly.
If we have turned from your way,
help us to reverse our ways and repent.
Give us your light and your truth to guide us;
through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of this world, and our Saviour. Amen.

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