

CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE

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The march – as the RDSSA annual commemorations went on to be held at the Cathedral of St. Cuthbert's on the 3rd of November

CIRCULAR FOR NOVEMBER 2018

1.0 BISHOP'S DIARY

27.10.18	-St. John's Rutendo	-Confirmation
28.10.18	-St. Bartholomew	-Confirmation
03.11.18	-St. Cuthbert's	-R.D.S.S.A
04.11.18	-St. Martin's Amaveni	-Confirmation
10.11.18	-St. Joseph's Bembe	-

Confirmation

11.11.18	-St. Peter's The Rock	-Pastoral
18.11.18	-St. Matthew's Mtapu	-Confirmation
24.11.18	-St. Cuthbert's Cathedral	-Ordination
25.11.18	-St. Chad's Shurugwi	-Confirmation
27-29.11.18	-Harare	-Episcopal

Synod

01.12.18	-M.U	
02.12.18	-St. Andrew's Gangarabwe	-Confirmation
08.12.18	-St. Matthew's	-Tombstone unveiling
16.12.18	-St. Cuthbert's Cathedral	-Ordination
23.12.18	-St. Paul's Rimuka	-Confirmation

1.1 Clergy and Clergy Wives Retreats

The clergy retreat shall start on the 7th to the 11th of January 2019. The 7th shall be the travelling day and the 11th shall be the last day paving way for the Clergy

Wives Retreat which will start on the 11th to the 13th of January 2019.

The retreats are going to be held at a place to be announced in due course but not at St. Patricks Mission.

1.2 Confirmations/Visits & Clergy Leave Days

The 2019 Bishops' calendar is now open for bookings. The confirmation syllabus is still to be worked on. As has been the tradition, the first half of the year is basically pastoral visits and confirmation in the last half. Confirmation lessons should start early to ensure that candidates are thoroughly prepared. God parents must do their work on the spiritual growth of the confirmation candidates. Bear in mind that booked dates may not be subject to change during the course of the year. Priests are encouraged to apply for leave in advance, if you visit the office you will be given a clergy leave roaster where you can indicate the period which you want to be on leave for the coming year.

1.3 Prayer Week

Humble yourself and seek God's help.

WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE TOMORROW?

Theme; Ezra 8:21-23; *“that we might humble ourselves before God, to seek from Him the right way for us.”*

We believe that we have shared the investment vision so far and that we have a common understanding of where we want to take the Diocese. It is time to engage God by committing a week of prayer and fast as a Diocese. A guide is given below and clergy is free to be more creative and approach this program prayerfully. Take note of the preamble below.

In our rapidly inflating and uncertain economy, money matters can drastically elevate our stress. Most of us remember the wide-sweeping mess that hit our economy in 2008. Millions of people, some nearing retirement age, lost their jobs. It became hard to give generously or participate in short term missions when creditors are harassing us and our local currency is less valuable to us and to others. We can't fully experience the abundant life Christ promised if we are buried in debt and enslaved to our fluctuating economic environment. If financial fears dominate your thoughts, be encouraged! Jesus isn't just the God of our salvation. He's our **Jehovah-Jireh**—our provider, guide, and ever-present help, and He longs to lead us into deeper levels of freedom in every area, including our finances. Trust in Him.

Understand that every dollar we scrimp and save or put into savings/investment will continue to work for us year after year. As will the money we invest in retirement or paying off our home. In life and finances the old adage,

“pay now or pay later,” holds true. Scripture puts it this way, “*A hard worker has plenty of food, but a person who chases fantasies ends up in poverty*” (Proverbs 28:19, NLT). Granted, sometimes life hits hard, and financial difficulties hit despite our most diligent efforts, but focusing on where we want to be tomorrow, not simply what would make us happy today, makes economic stability more probable. Our investment drive is meant to create a better tomorrow for our Diocese and those to come after us. I define investment as *a means of making money work for you* for many years to come.

Ezra proclaimed a fast when the Jews faced a hazardous travel situation as they returned to Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon (Ezra 8:21-23). While the desire for safe travel was the immediate reason for the fast, Ezra stated the ultimate goal in verse 21: “*that we might humble ourselves before God, to seek from Him the right way for us.*” I am calling all of us to a week of prayer and fasting (November 19-25; 2018) as we journey into the future with our investment drive. A week to humble ourselves before God and to seek from Him the right way for us. Just to share a few insights below about prayer and fasting. I know during lent these are taught well by our clergy and a revisit is not harmful.

Prayer is a major tool in seeking God, along with study of the word, **fasting**, and using the knowledge gained to conform to His will for practical Christian living and overcoming. Those who prove their diligence by doing these things are the ones rewarded with the faith to overcome (I John 5:4). **Prayer** is a time when Christians are communicating with God and it should be taken very seriously. While there is deep theological meaning in **prayer**, it doesn't have to be something that is complicated and difficult. A popular conception of **prayer** is that if we have faith in God, pray diligently and if the cause we are **praying** for is a righteous one (like the health of another person or our investment drive), then God will intervene in a supernatural way to make our wish come true. **Fasting** is when we voluntarily choose to sacrifice something of value for the **purpose** of seeking God with more intensity. Usually it's food because for most people food is the most difficult thing to give up. Our clergy will lead and give more guides during the week of prayer and fasting. Fasting is purely optional since we can pray without fasting but we cannot fast without praying.

The guide is below;

Day	Bible reference	Theme guide
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Monday 19 th November 2018	Psalms 4:5	Trusting in God
Tuesday 20 th November 2018	Deuteronomy 8:18	God gives ability to produce
Wednesday 21 st November 2018	Acts 12:5	God liberates as we continue in prayer
Thursday 22 nd November 2018	Deuteronomy 29:9	Obey the word of God
Friday 23 rd November 2018	2 Corinthians 9:8	God is able
Saturday 24 th November 2018	Joshua 1:9	Do not be terrified & discouraged
Sunday 25 th November 2018	1 Peter 4:10	Gifts to serve others

Congregations are to choose suitable times, we recommend the time after work in the afternoon for urban faithful dwellers. Where we cannot go to church buildings because of distances, let us join families for

these prayers. We walk into the future not alone, but with the Lord in prayer. There is power in unity. *I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.* (1 Corinthians 1v10)

2.0 PERSONNEL

The following are transfers whose effect will be before the 25th of December 2018. This is a process which shall continuous as becomes necessary to move clergy.

Ven. A. Gwena - St. Patrick's Mission.

Dean A. July - St. Luke's Kwekwe

Ven. C. Nyereyegona –All Saints Kadoma

Ven. T. Sherewa St. Philip's Mkoba

Canon S.E Basvi – St. Cuthbert's Cathderal

Canon R. Shazha – St. Matthew's Mtapa

Revd. T. Kaerezi –St. Martin's Amaveni

Revd. G. Gwasira- St. Patrick's Mission

Revd. W. Gumede- St. Mark's Patchway

Revd. A. Phiri - St. Georges & St. John's Rutendo

Revd. J. Dengura - All Saints Eiffel Flats

Revd. A. Makamure – Gweru (new congregation)

Revd. C. Nguwo – St. Barnabas Chiundura

Revd. W. Ndavambi - Holy Cross Gokwe

We pray for successful transfer of our clergy. Kindly receive these men of God as they come on a mission to help you.

3.0 ASSESMENT & STIPENDS

The economic environment in the country is not getting any better. The Fiscal and Monetary policies announced by the new government have seen prices go up significantly. The economic situation is in a bad state but bills and stipends /salaries need to be paid.

The month of October has seen stipends being paid out. This has been made by borrowings from other sources.

As we approach the Harvest season churches who still owe the Diocese are encouraged to consider clearing their 2018 Assessment in order to start the New Year with no arrears.

3.0 DONATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL

No donations

4.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Revd. G. Gwasira	-	18 October
Mrs M. Mpinga	-	28 October
Mrs B. Makiwa	-	4 November
Mrs B. Dzikiti	-	13 November
Revd. L. Hove	-	14 November
Mrs M. Manuel	-	24 November
Revd. E Maseko	-	25 November

Mrs P. July	-	25 November
Mrs N. Matienga	-	29 November
Revd. A. July	-	4 December
Mrs N. Nyereyegona	-	6 December
Mrs N. Gwasira	-	10 December
Revd. C. Dzikiti	-	21 December

5.0FOOD & NUTRITION

COMPANIES COMPLY WITH FOOD FORTIFICATION

Local companies have complied with the food fortification programme introduced last year to prevent micro-nutrient deficiency disorders among consumers, a government consultant has said.

In an interview with NewsDay on the side lines of a food fortification workshop held in Bulawayo on Tuesday, Health and Child Care ministry nutrition advocacy and communication consultant Dexter Chagwena said a lot of companies were now complying with the food fortification regulations.

“A lot of companies are complying with fortification legislation. For instance, we have all the sugar manufacturing companies, mainly Hullets, Gold Star and Probands they have already complied and are fortifying,” Chagwena said.

“When it comes to oil producers, you realise that most of the oil producers are actually complying and here we are talking about industries such as Pure Oil, Olivine and also United Refineries. These are some of the companies that I would say are already complying at the moment.”

Chagwena said so far, the Grain Marketing Board, Blue Ribbon, Uni Products and Parogate had complied, while National Foods was in the process of complying.

The workshop was organised by the Ministry of Health and Child Care supported by the World Food Programme to discuss the benefits of food fortification.

Last year, government endorsed a mandatory food fortification programme in which certain vitamins and minerals should be added to maize meal, sugar, cooking oil and wheat flour, in order to minimise cases of malnutrition and mineral deficiencies.

However, Chagwena said some millers were yet to comply. “After we started mandatory fortification last year, the millers through their association, raised challenges such as access to foreign currency and even equipment and foreign currency to purchase the fortificants,” Chagwena said.

When the mandatory food fortification programme was promulgated by Statutory Instrument 120 of 2016, which went into effect on June 1, 2017 the Grain Millers Association of Zimbabwe (GMAZ) resisted the programme. GMAZ responded to the legislation by writing to Health and Child Care minister David Parirenyatwa back in August 2017.

In the letter, millers said that there would be a need for foreign currency to import the nutrients for the programme, a move that would result in them joining the long list of forex applicants that could take 24 months.

But, Chagwena said they were working on the issue.

“We have worked with other ministries like the Finance and Economic Development ministry to try by all means to advocate for release of foreign currency or prioritising food fortification equipment and fortificants as well,” he said.

He added that millers were still having challenges with the fortification programme.

Food fortification is one of many ways to prevent and control micronutrient deficiency diseases such as goitre, anaemia, impaired vision and mental retardation.

In 2015, Zimbabwe launched the Zimbabwe National Food Fortification Strategy 2014 to 2018 to address the micronutrient deficiency burden in the country as revealed by the 2012 Zimbabwe Micronutrient Survey.

According to the survey, 19% of children aged between 6 — 59 months are vitamin A deficient, while 72% have iron deficiency, and 31% are anaemic, and nearly 1,5 million working age adults with anaemia suffer deficits in work performance.

SOURCE: NEWSDAY ZIMBABWE

6.0 HARARE DIOCESE ELECTIVE ASSEMBLY

The Elective Assembly will meet in Harare on Tuesday 27th November 2018 to elect a new Bishop for the Diocese of Harare. Let us pray for the will of God and a peaceful atmosphere to prevail as they meet to choose the new Bishop of the diocese.

7.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

Gweru Archdeaconry

I hope I find you well. I am back now thank everyone for the support at the Endowment 2018.

Please keep this spirit is now on there is more to come we serve a wonderful God the thrust is now on the Harvest. If you do not plan forget that you can do well. The “I don’t care spirit” must be done away with. Whatever you remit and think we shall all have the same dividend. The policy says we should always submit +370,(a 13th cheque) some of us we work hardest because it is a chance to top up and prepare for Christmas. Let us have the same spirit we had at Endowment. Things will never ease out time again and again. When we went to school in 1959 school fees was 50c but some failed to go. Maybe it is the same case for someone today but as the church of God let us prevail in difficult situations. The movements are starting soon my advice is, ‘work until the last day believe there is work wherever you are going. The spirit of love for your brother will carry the day.

This could be my last month as Archdeacon of Gweru. I wish you well and God keep blessing your work. Support the one taking after and also everyone who might be coming in the Archdeaconry. We shall always meet. I have always talked about being unblemished when you stand before the children of God. The Devil wants the man of God to go astray and the whole church will just go to rot divided dead and buried. So my brothers watch and pray the devil only came to steal and destroy. John 10-10 (NIV). With these changes coming up make sure that the devil does not use

you to create hate among your brothers that might as well cascade to others.

I want to end by saying, just remember who called you and what he wants from you.

Compiled by Ven Caleb Nyereyegona

8.0PROJECTS

7.1 **Hospital.**

No progress

7.2 **Diocesan Centre.**

No progress

7.3 **Water & Sanitation**

9.0GUILDS

All guilds are expected to submit their budgets to the Diocesan office before the 19th of November 2018. These shall be given to the Finance Committee for scrutiny and onward transmission to the Standing Committee for adoption. In due course guild leaders will be called to explain and defend their budgets.

The audit team shall use these to audit all guilds and by so doing if there is **no budget** – there should be **no activities** for that particular guild.

9.0 Mothers' Union

On the 14th of October 2018 Mothers Union is going to carry out an Outreach programme for the Kadoma Area where thirty people (orphans and widows) will receive a food hamper and comforter each.

9.1 Anglican Church Men.

No Report

9.2 Wabvuwi

No report

9.3 Married Couples Fellowship.

No report

9.4 Youth.

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KWEKWE

St. Lukes	100
St. Simon and Judes	100
St. Martins	100
St. Peters the Rock	0
St. Georges	100
St. Michaels	100
St. Johns	100

St. B.B 100

GWERU

St. Matthew 100

St. Andrews 100

St. Philips 100

SHURUGWI

St. Cuthbert's Cathedral 38

St. Thomas 134

St. Chads 13

St. Athanasius 00

KADOMA 255

CHIUNDURA 75

LOWER GWERU 154

GOKWE 50

SILOBELA & ZHOMBE CHURCHES 100

FUNDRAISING AND INDIVIDUALS 330

Less

Bank charges and airtime (\$11)

Endowment contribution to the diocese (\$2130)

Compiled by Revd. L. Mpinga.

9.5 St. Peter's Guild

No report.

9.6 Child Ministry

No report

9.7 Choir

10.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Capacity Building Sessions

Two people will participate in Food Security in Bulawayo from the 14 to the 16th of November 2018

RDSSA Week and Day Commemoration

The commemoration went on well. Some churches managed to meet throughout the week 29 October -4 November.

On 3 November 180 people participated in the March and presentations at the Cathedral which included a Keynote address from The Patron.



At Cathedral during presentations

RDSSA Commemoration Donations

Thank you all members for the donations received during the commemorations. A total of \$180 was received of which St Phillips donated \$40.50, St Chads \$10 and the rest was donations made during the day.

We also received some clothes which we should be distributing to needy families.

A total of \$82 was also raised by members and donated to the late Mbuya Manjoro and vazukurus following the destruction of their house by fire.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

During the Social service day commemoration the participants conducted a clean-up camping as well.



Cleaning up area up near Cathedral

Channels of Hope training

Due to the current economic challenges the country going through the course being postponed. Applicants can still continue and new dates will be announced in due course.

11.0 INSTITUTIONS.

11.1 Ad Patrick Farm

A document on the proposed partnership on the development of the farm is now out. This is not a secret document and we must share it with all stakeholders in this diocese. The

document is available in soft copy and hard copies can be collected at the Diocesan Office.

12.0 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

A point out in the last Clergy Circular, we successfully held a schools infrastructural development meeting at All Saints Kadoma for an orientation meeting for the schools that we have recently took over. We realised that most of these schools were still satellite schools which are yet to be registered and effort should be put to see these schools registered within the next two years.

Canon S.E Basvi who was part of the team from the Diocese spoke exhaustively on the relationship between the Schools and Responsible Authority. The parents, clergy, school heads should work hand in glove with the church in good faith. He mentioned that there was need for schools to consult or notify each time they embark on considerably major projects.

The Bishop also graced the occasion as he deliberated on the state of the art schools the Diocese wants to build. Plans to build vocational training centres are also in the pipeline.

I continue to appeal to everyone concerned to unite in pursuit of resource mobilisation so that we realise our goal which is provision of quality education in suitable environment.

Compiled by Mr Mpakurirwa

13.0 ORDINATION

This is a Diocesan event, we all are expected to come and support the two men called to the ordained ministry.

Ordination Service will be held at St. Cuthbert's Cathedral Gweru starting at 8.30am.

Lunch shall be provided and contributions expected as follows;

Parishes - \$80,00

Mission Districts - \$60,00

The rest - \$45,00

***Those that had paid for the Endowment Feeding need not pay for ordination feeding.

Thank you in advance. Let us all pay by 19th of November 2018.

14.0 THOUGHT OF THE MONTH.

Obedience comes from surrender and surrender rests on trust. We may know, intellectually, that God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and has a good and loving plan for us. But we can lose sight of those truths when creditors come knocking or medical bills flood in. In those moments, our finite, easily distracted minds tend to focus on our problems rather than the God who loves us. The result is increased anxiety and decreased spiritual sensitivity. Think of our investment drive in the Diocese. Where is fear coming from? Do you focus on what you don't have?

The solution is redirecting our thoughts. Asking God to help and then choosing to trust Him (Psalm 5:5). When chaos hits, we can feel as if we're victims to our circumstances—and our

anxiety. But as we draw near to Christ in prayer, His Holy Spirit empowers, emboldens, and soothes, reminding us that He is our Jehovah-Jireh (Genesis 22:14), and will meet all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

15.0 PRAYER OF THE MONTH.

Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, bless, guide and protect us as we journey into the future with full confidence that you will bless us in due season.

Let our businesses be of great service to others and to our country, flourishing through decency, honesty and respect for our business colleagues and customers.

May we be courageous, making wise decisions, guided by the Holy Spirit and be not terrified and discouraged by any circumstances caused by human error.

Give us wisdom and calmness so that we can rightly access every blessing from you so that we can bring peace and productivity to our Diocese and country.

Amen.



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