

CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE

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**It is advent season: We wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year**

CIRCULAR FOR DECEMBER 2018

1.0 BISHOP's DIARY

27–29.11.18	- Harare	- Episcopal Synod
01.12.18	- M.U	- Welcome ceremony
02.12.18	- St. Andrew's Gangarabwe	- Confirmation
08.12.18	-St. Matthews	- Tombstone unveiling
15.12.18	- All Saints Kadoma	- Wedding
15.12.18	- Gweru graduation	
16.12.18	-St. Cuthbert's Cathedral	- Farewell for the Dean
23.12.18	-Good Sheperd Rimuka	- Pastoral
04.01.2019	- Diocese of Harare	- Bishop's Retreat
07- 11.01.2019	- Clergy Retreat	
11 – 13.01.2019	- Clergy Wives Retreat	

The office shall be closed on the 21st of December 2018 and will be opened on the 3rd of January 2019. All activities that need office assistance should therefore be done before the offices closes for the holidays. In case of emergence be in touch on number 0772 985 336.

The new confirmation syllabus is now out. For more details and acquisition of a copy - visit the office or contact Revd. Canon Basvi.

1.1 Clergy & Clergy Wives Retreat

The clergy retreat shall be from the 7th to 11th January 2019; this will be followed by the Clergy wives retreat which will commence on the 11th to the 13th of January 2019. Please note that the venue shall not be St Patrick's. Report to the office on the day and be directed accordingly.

2.0 PERSONEL

2.1 Clergy Movement

In the light of clergy movements, routing efficiency is critically important to save on costs. This will only be achieved by having a pre-planned route. You will be informed about the movement dates and failure to fit into the plan will see individuals having to foot their own transport bills. Clergy who blessed by the current movement, ensure that you conduct the Christmas service at your new station. God bless our Diocese.

2.2 Wedding

Ordinand Tapiwa Muleya and Mercy Farrania Zhuwao are to wed on the 15th of December 2018 at All Saints In Kadoma, time 8.30 am. Let us all go and support this young couple in their quest to be brought together in holy matrimony. *See invitation below.*



2.3 A big thank you to Churches

As per tradition, our clergy and wives take time off to go for some fellowship away from home. I want to really thank all the parishes which have bothered to sponsor this time off to the Vic Falls for our dear clergy and wives. We are in the period of giving, once more, thank you all for assisting our clergy. The knowledge that we're children of God is certainly an advantage in the daily spiritual war we're engaged in, but it doesn't mean that the enemy won't constantly attack us. If we're not careful to always use the Word for our protection, the ugliness of the world can slowly begin wearing us down. Because we're spiritual beings living in a physical body, sometimes the real person inside needs refreshing and renewing. When it's time to recharge our batteries in this area, we can draw what we need from the Scriptures.

Even Jesus needed time to periodically refresh His soul and spirit through frequent conversations with the Father, and we are no different. Over the years, I've found that the role of father and mother can get burdensome without divine help. If we make the mistake of getting too involved with the world, our hearts and spirits can feel dirty and tarnished. When that happens, going to God brings renewal and restoration. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Psalm 51:10, 12). Enjoy this time out to the fullest my clergy brothers and your wives. I am informed by the organizing team that we are posting 22 couples and one single bachelor. Glory to God.

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2.3 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (CPAAD)

It is pleasing to note that some of our clergy and their wives are on programs to advance themselves professionally and academically. We have to look beyond time of our ministry. We are who we are because of preparation. Are you preparing for the future. Well-crafted and delivered **continuing professional development** is important because it delivers benefits to the individual, their profession and the public. **CPAAD** ensures your capabilities keep pace with the current standards of others in the same field. The Diocese shall develop businesses in your line of capabilities and nurture to professional level, those who are young enough. Take heed, there has to be life after the ministry. In the next circular we shall share on who is doing what, just to motivate each other.

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3.0 ASSESSMENT & STIPENDS

Assessment payments have improved during the month of November and have seen over 80 % of stipends being paid out. As we approach the end of the year, churches are encouraged to consider clearing their 2018 assessment arrears in order to start the New Year with no arrears. Harvest funds can be used for such costs.

3.0 DONATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL

None received

4.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Revd. A. July	-	4 December
Mrs N. Nyereyegona	-	6 December
Mrs N. Gwasira	-	10 December
Revd. C. Dzikiti	-	21 December
Revd. C. Mazula	-	27 December
Rosemary Mazula	-	28 December
Revd. C. Madala	-	1 January
Revd. E. Mazula	-	6 January
Revd. S. Marumirofa	-	12 January
Mrs Maseko	-	19 January
Mrs P. Shazha	-	20 January
Revd. L. Mpinga	-	22 January

5.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MINING CAN TRIGGER MAJOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

The last instalment of this column highlighted that, given the right government policies and actions, agriculture can once again become a major contributor to Zimbabwe's economic recovery and growth.

However, without minimising the importance of agriculture to future economic wellbeing, it is by no means the only sector which can assure a turnaround of the country's economic fortunes.

Zimbabwe is extremely fortunate to have diverse fields of considerable economic potential, albeit that for more than 16 years it has failed to pursue substantial development and exploitation of the opportunities.

The main sector which has nosedived is manufacturing. Zimbabwe must urgently address its prolonged economic meltdown. A viable economy can be realised, notwithstanding that achieving such a feat cannot be instantaneous for Zimbabwe has stubborn economic ills that will take time to cure. This is especially so because of Zimbabwe's pronounced lack of fiscal resources, including investment funding and technological skills (many of which have been lost to the diaspora during the many years of Zimbabwe's economic morass). Among the several key economic sectors that can drive Zimbabwean development is the mining sector. The country is fortunate to have vast and diverse minerals, most of which are of exceptionally high quality. The country has substantial reserves of gold, high quality platinum, nickel, chrome, asbestos, iron ore, coal, diamonds, lithium and much more. Although mining has been a major economic activity for many years, the extent has been very limited compared to the available potential.

Increased exploitation of mining potential would be the generator of massive inflows of funds, assuring Zimbabwe of a favourable balance of trade as currently imports greatly exceed exports. Larger scale mining would result in the creation of much needed employment which would, over and above many of the operational inputs of the mines, stimulate increases in downstream

spending into the economy, stimulating the wellbeing and growth of the manufacturing, distributive and service sectors.

Concurrently, the weak financial sector would be strengthened, which would not only boost economic stability and wellbeing, but stimulate yet further economic development. The economic upturn would also greatly benefit Zimbabwe's cash-strapped fiscus

However, to realise the tremendous benefits which the mining sector can a near total change in government perceptions, policies and actions is a prerequisite. Government is right when it states the vast potential wealth which will flow from the mineral resources must accrue to Zimbabwe, for it is wholly a Zimbabwean resource.

However, their demands that all the revenues from the mineral resources, exception, must accrue to Zimbabwe are unrealistic and counterproductive. Of late the government was adamant that not less than 51% of every mine must be owned by government or Zimbabwean nationals. However, recently this has changed his stance and now contends that 100% of revenues must be for the exclusive benefit of Zimbabweans.

This stance contemptuously disregards two key issues. In the first instance, exploiting the mineral resources requires much funding. From the initial costs of prospecting to find the resources, to the fees payable for registration of the mining claims, to the comprehensive amounts that must be expended on capital equipment and the great labour and other costs of sinking the mining shafts, accessing of energy resources, construction of housing for the mines' labour forces and much more, generally requires many millions of dollars.

Government, by its own admission, does not have the available resources. Therefore, the reality is that the state cannot fund any meaningful exploitation of Zimbabwe's tremendous mining wealth. Tragically, because government has destroyed most of the economy over the past 16 years, the availability of private sector investment is very limited and grossly inadequate for substantive exploitation of the country's minerals.

Therefore, if Zimbabwe is to access the considerable wealth from intensive mining it has to attract major investment from sources outside government. But such investment will not be forthcoming if there is no investment security and prospects of meaningful revenue flows (through dividends or otherwise) as a return on the funds invested. In most instances, assurance of investment security and adequate revenues accruing necessitates that the investors hold at least 51% of the equity in the mining venture.

Secondly, government constantly overlooks the magnitude of revenues from mining ventures, irrespective of whether or not it holds any investment in the mines. Over and above the initial prospecting licence fees, claim registration fees and other initial governmental imposts, substantial royalties accrue to the fiscus from all minerals produced and sold.

Income tax is payable to the fiscus on the mines' profits and thereafter when the profits are distributed, withholding taxes are payable thereon. Addition, income tax is receivable on the salaries and wages of the mines' employees, and VAT is earned on much of the employees' expenditures from their income. Concurrently, their expenditures and those of the mines enhance the revenues of commerce and industry, and the services sector, which revenues again attract direct and indirect taxes.

Thus, the reality is that mining contributes substantially to fiscal inflows and a substantive development and growth of the mining sector would considerably increase those fiscal inflows, without the state being owners or partners in the mines.

Government must recognise reality and change for the mining sector to create a conducive and secure investment environment.

It should pursue substantial investment, abandoning the present demands for major state equity holdings in the sector and for entrenched Zimbabwean rigid and excessive controls. This would result in fairly rapid economic recovery.

Source: The Independent Newspaper

6.0 AROUND PARISHES.

No news

7.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

7.1 Kwekwe Archdeaconry

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Archdeaconry wishes all members of the clergy and parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Lord who protected Moses in the desert continue to protect and guide our Archdeaconry .I am encouraging all our ever supporting members to remember those who have nothing to put on their tables during the Christmas .I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Farewell Services

The farewell program is sailing smoothly. Two of our priests are ready for transit .Thank you St. Luke's and St Peter's the Rock for remembering your shepherds .We shall continue to remember the love of Kwekwe people .I am encouraging you to finish the journey that we have started, left to bid farewell with Canon Basvi, Canon Shazha and Revd. Emmanuel.

Ven. T Sherewa

7.2 Kadoma Archdeaconry

We give thanks to God because has taken us this far. We are coming to the close of a year which had its own challenges.

As an Archdeaconry we are proud to have the highest number of schools. The teachers, parents and headmasters are all happy to be unified with the church as they feel they have been neglected by the Rural District Council.

Movements continue to happen and our Archdeaconry will see three clergymen leaving but all are to be replaced. By now they should be packing and conducting farewell services.

The Diocese had a week of prayer and fasting from the 19th to the 24th of November however we missed the first three days but we later joined.

Our Archdeaconry has a tradition of holding its harvest collectively and we have been enjoying the fellowships and the schools have also joined in.

After failing to soar above the \$15 000 target for years, All Saints town Kadoma managed to raise \$21300. We now encourage churches which are not up to date to clear up their assessment arrears soon after their harvests.

Ven. A. Gwena

8.0 PROJECTS

8.1 Hospital.

Plumping has been on-going. The contractor is doing a good job. The quality of work is good.

8.2 Diocesan Centre.

No progress

8.3 Water & Sanitation

9.0 GUILDS

9.1 Mothers' Union



MU had a reception for the Mothers Union President on the first of December 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Cuthbert's.

9.2 Anglican Church Men.

No Report

9.3 Wabvuwi

The following were elected into the new executive;

Chairman – Tobias Janhi – St. Michaels Mbizo

Vice-Chair – Abel Mbano – St. Pauls Rimuka

Secretary – Admire Chitambo – St. Michaels Mbizo

Vice- Secretary- James Nyambayo – St. Philips Mkoba

Treasurer – Tapiwa Dzinoreva – St. Philips Mkoba

9.4 Married Couples Fellowship.

No report

9.5 Youth.

No report

9.6 St. Peter's Guild

The new executive for the guild is as follows;

Chairman – Tinashe Choga – St. Bartholomew

Vice-Chair – Reginald Bwana- St. Pauls Rimuka

Secretary – Maxwell Madzvamuse –St. Philips Mkoba

Vice- Secretary- Brighton Mugabe – All Saints Town

Treasurer – Patrick Magodo – St. Peter's the Rock

9.7 Child Ministry

No report

9.8 Choir.

10.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

No report

11.0 INSTITUTIONS.

No report

12.0 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

No report

13.0 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2018

The Power of Giving

Christmas season is characterized by generous giving. How much of the giving power do you have? The wisdom of giving cannot be over-emphasized. How disposed you are to giving determines your level of prosperity. A giving person will always enjoy a prosperous life. This Christmas message gives the relationship between giving and a prosperous life.

“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will he himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11v24-25 NIV

Christmas is a season to give and refresh others. Develop yourself into a giving person, to prosper. Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your lap. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured to you again – Luke 6:38 NIV. It pays to believe the word of God as written in the bible. God is a promise keeper.

In Zimbabwe, as we face a lot of shortages, watch and pray that you are not tempted by the world system. *The world system says hold back as much as you can but, God says give as much as you can if you want to prosper.* This is most common in the area of finances. But I am happy to point out now that the world is learning to adopt God's own principles for a prosperous life.

All round prosperity can never be complete without giving. The more you give the more you receive. Certainly what you sow, you will reap. What can you give this Christmas and beyond? You can give love, your time and energy, money, your knowledge and skill, hospitality, your possessions, etc. So, everyone has something to give. Empower yourself by giving to others.

The power of giving never leaves the giver empty. The giver is the first beneficiary in the equation. The benefits are enormous and encompass the spirit, soul and the body of the individual, which results in prosperous life. For example, you have joy when you share whatever you have with another. When you put a smile on someone's face, you inevitably do so also on your face.

It has been proven that if you are depressed and you go and help another depressed person, your spirit gets lifted too. Also, when you share a useful knowledge or skill, you tend to learn more. Furthermore, when you help anyone in need, God sends help to you when you are in need too.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. You don't wait to receive first before you give. No! You have to initiate it first. A farmer does not receive any harvest before he plants his

seeds. One thing is certain; your harvest will be more than your seeds.

Consider our father, the God almighty, He gave His only son Jesus and He reaped and is still reaping multitude of saints. Also, mother Theresa gave love and reaped among other things joy, honour and fame. You may want to look at Bill Gates; he gave his time and knowledge and reaped a lot, financial prosperity inclusive. The power of giving is amazing! There are many others in the world that you can read about. Furthermore, a mother offered her house to many people for different reasons and when her children needed accommodation, many people were eager to offer their houses to the children. In addition, I derive joy and fulfilment sharing my knowledge in workshops, seminars and soon shall be writing articles. When someone is blessed by them, I get blessed too.

A prosperous life is impossible without the power of giving. You don't have to go far to give what you have. That person near you needs it. Receive the giving grace today. Make a difference in someone's life this Christmas by giving generously.

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14.0 ADVENT SEASON

The season of Advent is a time to help us prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfilment of our longing for the Saviour with the birth of Jesus. **So, what is Advent?** It's the season that lasts about four weeks, beginning four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The Church's Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and lasts for twelve days. So, Advent is a season of anticipation that leads up to Christmas. What is important is deliberate preparation for the second coming of Christ. During this time, we observe a season of prayer, and reflection — followed by anticipation, hope and joy.

Pray together during Advent

Take time for meditation and reflection each day of Advent by remembering to offer God your gifts of heartfelt gratitude and love. May your faith be refreshed as you keep yourself open to God's love during this Holy season of Advent. I hope parishes are going to be creative and organise themselves in prayer for this important season.

The Advent wreath contains four candles. All of the candles are purple except the third (which is rose). The symbolic meanings of the candles can vary but they are often:

1. **Hope** — *expectation of what is to come and sometimes prophecy*
2. **Love** — *sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle*
3. **Joy** — *this rose candle is often called Mary's Candle*
4. **Peace** — *it can often be called the Angel's Candle*

I am aware that we are in a season of shortages and speculation in our country, Zimbabwe. Politically and economically we are down, but the four Christian virtues mentioned above must be observed by all of us, unconditionally. **In the middle of this, entire economic and political crisis, do not lose hope, keep loving one another, rejoice in the Lord and persevere in peace at all times.**

The colour of Advent is purple. You'll see purple used quite often in banners around the church or in the vestments of the clergy. Purple is used at Advent as it is at Lent to represent the penitential nature of the season. In fact, Advent used to be known as "little Lent." The colour is a symbolic reminder for us to be preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord that is the second coming of Jesus Christ. The third Sunday during Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means "rejoice." On that Sunday your priest may wear rose vestments. This colour is meant to remind us that Christmas is drawing near. Put simply, Advent is the season that leads up to Christmas. It's a time we use to pray and reflect in anticipation of the coming of our Lord and the start of the Christmas Season.

15.0

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord God, we desperately need your wisdom. You have given us a great country Zimbabwe, and our church founded on principles and truths from Your Word. We need men and women who will honour You, trust You, and lead us once again back to You. We pray for servant leaders who love the things You love and who care more about others than themselves. Give us leaders with discerning hearts, bold **faith** in you, and wise minds that model Your character. Teach our leaders and us—not just what is good, but what is best. Guide our leaders in the way our country should go. Give them purity in their intentions, and godliness in their convictions. Energize their spirits and bodies physically and spiritually, and keep them emotionally secure in the knowledge of who You are—and whose they are. Help them to be big hearted and sincere, energetic in goodness, and courteous in their manners. Raise up leaders who can ease confusion, expose illusion, and heal delusion. You alone hold the power to turn the hearts of leaders, but You listen and use our prayers to move them into right action. Help us to be faithful to care and to pursue Your heart in prayer. Amen.

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Parish/Division	ACTUAL		
	20 % Contr.	Amount.	
<u>Cathedral/Shurugwi/Senga</u>			
St.Athanasius Shurugwi	400.00	2,000.00	*
St. Cuthberts Cathedral,Gweru		-	
St. Chads, Shurugwi	1,125.07	5,625.35	
St. Thomas Senga,Gweru	1,000.00	5,000.00	
St. David's Dorset		-	
<u>Kwekwe Archdeaconry</u>			
St. Luke's,Kwekwe	3,000.00	15,000.00	*
St. Michael's Mbizo,Kwekwe	1,769.00	8,845.00	*
St. Peter's The Rock, Mbizo	100.00	500.00	*
St. Martin's Amaveni,Kwekwe	1,457.20	7,286.00	
St.Cyprian Zhombe	100.00	500.00	
St. George's,Redcliff	420.00	2,100.00	*
St. Simon and Judes, Munyati	304.80	1,524.00	*
Silobela Churches	83.60	418.00	
St.Andrew's Zhombe	55.00	275.00	

St. John's, Rutendo	300.00	1,500.00
St Bartholomew, Torwood	624.00	3,120.00

Gokwe Mission

Holy Cross, Gokwe	790.00	3,950.00
St. James Nyamuroro	200.00	1,000.00
St. Johns, St Davids Gokwe	294.00	1,470.00
St. Hilda's Ganye	56.75	283.75
St. Hugh's Mazinyo		-

Gweru Archdeaconry

St. Andrew's Chiwundura	280.00	1,400.00
St. Mathew's Mtapu, Gweru	1,201.00	6,005.00
St. Patrick's Mission, Gambiza	400.00	2,000.00
St. Andrew's Mkoba, Gweru	1,000.00	5,000.00
St. Mark's, Silobela	40.00	200.00
St. Nicholas, St Titus and Hozheri	52.00	260.00
St. Philemon Gambiza	319.00	1,595.00
St Philip's Mkoba, Gweru	832.00	4,160.00
All Saints Maboloni	204.00	1,020.00
St. Joseph's lower Gweru	390.00	1,950.00

St. Barnabas,Gambiza	200.00	1,000.00
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Kadoma Archdeaconry

St. Paul's Rimuka,Kadoma	3,800.00	19,000.00	
All Saints ,Kadoma	4,260.00	21,300.00	*
All Saints Eiffel Flats,Kadoma	3,500.00	17,500.00	*
Sanyati Churches	240.00	1,200.00	
St.Luke's Chakari	508.00	2,540.00	
St.Mark's Patchway	1,200.00	6,000.00	

TOTAL	30,505.42	152,527.10	
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