

CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE

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CIRCULAR FOR MARCH2019

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1.0 BISHOP'S DIARY

10.03.19	-	St. Paul's Rimuka	- Pastoral
16-30.03.19	-	Bujumbura- Burundi	- TCWS
31.03.19	-	St. Michael's Mbizo	- Pastoral
06.04.19	-	St. Cuthbert's Cathedral	- Synod
07.04.19	-	All Saints Town	- Pastoral
17.04.19	-	St. Cuthbert's	- Maundy Thursday
18.04.19	-	Good Friday	
21.04.19	-	St. Cuthbert's	- Pastoral
22.04.19	-	Easter Monday	

2.0 PERSONEL

New Station

Revd. M. Dupwa has been assigned to start a congregation in Mkoba 20. We wish him and Mrs Dupwa well in this new Mission Field where God has called them to minister. Venerable Sherewa will spearhead the establishment of the congregation .

Holy Name Church

That the new congregation in Woodlands has started well, with assessment of \$500.

2.3 ASSESSMENT & STIPENDS

3.0 EVENTS

Diocesan Synod

May we continue to pray for the Diocesan Synod which shall take place on the 6th of April 2019 at St Cuthbert's

Cathedral. All delegates should read the reports in advance. The synod will begin with Synod Eucharist at 7am.

Confirmation Syllabus

Trainings on the New Confirmation Syllabus have taken place in Gweru Archdeaconry, Gokwe Area, and Kwekwe Archdeaconry. The Catechists have received the trainings as a step in the right direction to using the New Confirmation Syllabus for Catechism Classes. Clergy are encouraged to fully help the catechists to make sure that candidates are fully articulate with the syllabus before confirmation. Kadoma Archdeaconry Training will be on the 30th of September then Cathedral, Senga and Shurugwi archdeaconry training will happen on a date to be advised.

4.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Mrs C. Gumede	–	10 March
Mr O. Motsi	-	20 March
Mrs I. Machakaire	-	1 April
Mrs A. Dengura	-	2 April
Mrs T. Mahwerera	-	7 April
Mrs S. Chapata	-	18 April
Revd. T. Chitembetembe	-	23 April
Mrs M. Mpinga	-	26 April
Revd. S.E. Basvi	-	26 April
Mrs G. Nyoka	-	27 April
Revd. M. Chemhere	-	15 May
Revd. J. Dengura	-	20 May
Bishop I. Mukuwanda	-	21 May

5.0 CLIMATE CHANGE & DROUGHT

Focus on Zimbabwe's disaster preparedness.

Cyclone Idai has devastated Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

For Zimbabwe, It is rather cruel irony that a drought year will be capped off by a tropical cyclone yielding too much rain, when much of the crops are already a complete write off. Meteorological Services Department (MSD) has all but signed off on the dreadful rain events taking place. That's what their computers – often a subject of ridicule from an unclear public – are told them.

On March 15, most parts of Zimbabwe woke up to some light winds in overcast conditions – as per the MSD's predictions. It drizzled in a few places. The tropical cyclone devastated Mozambique and a greater part of the Zimbabwean Eastern highlands, as it killed tenths if not hundreds of people - several thousand others displaced or left homeless.

Once again, this was a litmus test for Zimbabwe's preparedness to handle disaster situations.

In the face of climate change and global warming, Zimbabwe needs to raise the bar on disaster risk management and preparedness. The trend is to merge these responses with climate change adaptation, as the majority of present-day natural disasters are now directly linked to the science.

Cyclones that hit Zimbabwe have increased in the near past, a sign that climate change is fast taking its hold on the country.

There was Cyclone Eline in 2000, Cyclone Japhet in 2003, Cyclone Dineo in 2017 and now Cyclone Idai, all with devastating effects.

In between, the country has experienced El Nino conditions that have resulted in several droughts.

As a developing country with less resources to facilitate easy adaptation to climate change, Zimbabwe has to go the extra mile, especially when such disasters occur. But the consequences of climate change are inevitable, and we are experiencing them through cyclones like Cyclone Idai.

Our communications systems, for instance, remain one of the most notable measures to adapting to climate change, and these should always be accessible to communities to ensure information reaches them fast enough to take necessary measures.

We have to always anticipate the occurrence of climate change-induced disasters as the first line of adaptation.

God is faithful.

Newspaper article

6.0 AROUND PARISHES

No news

7.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

7.1 Kadoma Archdeaconry

Blessed greetings from Kadoma, hope I find you well. The highlight for this month was the welcome of Revd. & Mrs Padiel on the 9th March 2019. People came we were blessed, the singing was very good keep it up St. Luke's Chakari. All saints Rio held a braai for the ACM and reports say it was grand. We are organising another one at Archdeaconry level on the 31st March 2019. I hope the men will turn up in their numbers.

The workshop for the new confirmation syllabus is on the 30th of March 2019 at All Saints. This is at Archdeaconry level and may you please remember the commitments you made to make this a success. The M.U is working flat out in Kwekwe and it looks like everything is in order now including the choir. Best wishes mothers.

The Idai cyclone is the talk of the month, let us pray but also give a worthy cause. At Archdeaconry level we are collecting at central place and we have a considerable number of donations. I hope your Lentern appeal is going well. Please touch the heart before you touch the hand that gives.

Our plans for Good Friday are now finalised hope we shall have a Holy Spirit filled get together as All Saints Parish Town. The welcome of the Archdeacon is work in progress on 25 May 2019 Africa Day. Please committee time is not on your side, this is a Diocesan event. I pray we remain united as clergy pull together and share the heavy load of pastoring God's children. With God's love

Compiled by Ven. C. Nyereyegona

7.2 Gweru Archdeaconry

No report

Cathedral/Senga/Shurugwi Archdeaconry

No report

7.3 Cathedral/Senga/Shurugwi Archdeaconry

No report

8.0 PROJECTS

8.1 Hospital.

No report

8.2 Diocesan Centre.

No progress

8.3 Water & Sanitation

No report

9.0 GUILDS

9.1 Mothers' Union

The Mothers Union will be having M.U their Lady-day conference at St. Martins Primary school in Kwekwe from the 22nd to the 24th of March 2019.

9.2 Christian Women Fellowship(CWF)

We have women in our church, both young and old, who are not members of the MU, for one reason or another. We need to be inclusive in our approach. A decision has been made after much prayer and consultations on the subject of CWF. Clergy are requested to invite women who want to become members of CWF to register and once there is a group in your Parish get in touch with the office for the Service Booklet.

9.3 Anglican Church Men.

No Report

9.4 Wabvuwi

No report

9.4 Married Couples Fellowship.

No report

9.5 Youth.

The P.A.Y conference is to be held from the 12th to the 15th of April 2019.

P.A.Y conference is the amalgamation of the three guilds constituting of the St. Peter's, St. Agnes and the Youth guilds. Due to the economic instability in Zimbabwe, Bishop I. Makumbe saw the need for the three guilds to be joined together at one go. This will not only minimise on costs but also help improve on the fellowship and union of all youths as their objectives should be the same.

This has been done to burn bridges that have been existing amongst the three guilds as one may agree beyond any doubt that there is more active participation in other

guilds than others. In light of this there is need to find a balance.

All the parishes have been given the budget for the foodstuffs needed for the conference. We therefore request the church's support with these foodstuffs and the due date is the 31st of March 2019.

9.6 St. Peter's Guild

No report

9.7 Child Ministry

No report

9.8 Choir.

No report

10.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

RDSSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following members were appointed during this first quarter as Executive members for RDSSA.

1. Mr George Shambare (St. Curthbert's Cathedral as C/Person, also in ARDeZ National Board.
2. VenTapiwaSherewa (Gweru Archdeacon as V/C Person
3. Revd. Giles Gwasira(Chaplin RDSSA as Ex Officio Member.
4. Mr Jethro Nyarota (Diocesan Registrar as Legal Advisor)
5. Mrs N Mahlangu (Finance)
6. Mrs Petty Musekiwa (Part of ARDeZ National Board as Secretary.
7. The Rt Dr I Makumbe (The Bishop and Patron of the Organ.

Registration as PVO

Steps have been taken to register the Arm as Private Voluntary Organisation. Currently awaiting for City of Gweru Council Resolution to submit to the National Private Voluntary Board for the certificate.

Setting Up and Training of Board Of Management

The Diocesan Board of Management was trained on 3 March at the Cathedral. The Bishop unpacked the vision for this Arm of the Church and this was cemented by a well-crafted bible session from *EZRA*. *See appended list of BOM training participants*

Stigma Reduction Programme

We hosted all Diocesein the crafting of HIV workplace policy and the Draft is already being finalised.



HIV Workplace Policy Workshop Participants with TheBishop

ARDeZ Monitoring Visit

The ARDeZ National Office visited the Diocese and participated in the activities for 2 days which show them address at Kadoma Ranch as well as at the Cathedral.

St. Patrick's Mission Training Sessions

A total of 3 one day workshops were held at St Patricks Mission at the Diocesan Centre. Session one was with The Mission Institution Staff, The second with Community leaders and the final one with the high school students. All went on well delivering the anti-stigma and discrimination message.



St. Patricks High School Stigma Reduction Workshop Participants

Field monitoring.

The focal persons in areas that received inputs continued some monitoring visits. In liaison with Seed-Co there is a plan to meet all those who received seed for a session and next season planning.

Attending some Emergency Cases.

People in unique and different circumstances continue to call at the office. A total of 15 collected clothes at the office. The remainder of St. Phillips grain donation was also distributed during the month.

11.0 APPEAL FOR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS FOR CYCLONE IDAI VICTIMS

+ IgnatiosMakumbe, by Divine permission Bishop of the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe; to our beloved in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, Lenten Greetings.

The Chimanimani and Chipinge Districts in Manicaland have been ravaged by Cyclone Idai which has so far caused loss of lives and left a lot of people homeless and displaced. We are appealing to all our parishioners to uphold those affected in prayer. There is no better Lenten Appeal than to request for donations towards this worthy cause. Let us be reminded of Mission Number 3 of the Anglican Five Marks of Mission which calls us ‘to respond to human need by loving service.’ May we collect items like; dry food, blankets, clothes and anything else we can afford to give so that our Social Services Arm would be able to help the victims. Collected items should be sent to the Archdeacons who will take them to the Diocesan Office. Archdeacons and priests are to generate a strict and accurate record of donors in this case. The format of the record is available at the Diocesan Offices, RDSSA. God is watching from Heaven.

Sincerely Yours,

+ IgnatiosMakumbe

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12.0

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

CHOOSE TO CONSISTANTLY LOVE OTHERS

One of the most important ways of showing love for God is to consistently love others. The way one shows love for God, affects who they will become.

13.0 PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord, help me to express my love for you

By separating myself from anything that is not pleasing to you.

During this lent, help me to resist any temptation and live a life pleasing to you.

If tempted, give the courage to praise You, for praise invites your presence

I will not look to any person to be my saviour, for help from man is useless if not led by You.

Thank you Jesus for showing me the way by defeating the devil during your time of fasting in the desert. Amen

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