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Ad Clerum Notices: Lent 2017

These notices and attachments are also to be found on the Diocesan Web Site.

1 Personal and Personnel

I am sad to tell you that **Jacky Machaba** resigned with immediate effect on Friday 3rd February. A number of issues led to her decision – particularly the ill health of her child, and that she would like to change direction in her career. We will miss Jacky and wish her well.

We still have to decide how to rearrange things in the office. In the meantime the various members of staff have taken over Jacky's duties. Walter Setshedi and Wendy Orange are looking after Reception.

2 Books and Resources

Special!

The Diocese has bought a large stock of **Venda** and **N Sotho Prayer Books**, which we are selling at the very reduced price of R70 each! If a parish buys in bulk (30 or more, then we will sell them at R50 each).

Please contact Wendy if you would like to buy some at this never-to-be-repeated low price!

We also have other books in stock which can be very useful for teaching and ministry:

- ✦ **Celebrating Sunday – Under African Skies:** R125

This is the start of the Anglican Prayer Book revision process, and contains experimental Eucharistic and Evening Prayer services for Sundays in the

various seasons of the church year. See the enclosed brochure.

- ✦ **Lectionaries for 2017** (Year A) are available for R25
- ✦ **Celebration of Faith** (John Suggitt) – teaching about the Anglican Prayer Book Eucharist: R35
- ✦ **Nothing for Mahala** – manual and workbook based on the movie, for teaching about money: R25
- ✦ **Preaching God's Big Story** – a valuable resource for personal study or group teaching. This book explains the whole flow of God's revelation from the beginning to the end of the Bible: R50
- ✦ **What is a Good Life?** An introduction to Christian ethics in the 21st Century: R50
- ✦ **Yes You Are Healed** (Theo Schmidt) – a Journey of healing with valuable insights for all, and practical training for those in the healing ministry: R50
- ✦ **DVDs @ R50 each:** Christ Church Cathedral (2011); Manche Masemola Pilgrimage (2010 and 2011).

Wendy also has other stocks like Anglican Prayer Books, Bibles, Rooted in Jesus, Communion wafers...

3 Training Around the Lord's Table – for Priests

At the recent Ordination Retreat we discovered that many of the candidates were very unsure and insecure about what to do at the Lord's Table – ie how to celebrate communion. Ven Alfred Malete has kindly

offered training for anyone who would like to some help or guidance. Please contact him on 015 296 1201 or 082 928 3968.

4 Bishop's Lent Teaching Series

1st March to 5th April

Please see the enclosed pamphlet for information about the Bishop's Teaching series for Lent, which will be based on Psalm 107: "They Cried Out to the Lord".

Do come to **Christ Church Cathedral** on **Wednesday evenings at 18:00** if you are in Polokwane, and bring your friends, especially those who do not go to church! Every week will include ministry to those needing prayer in different areas.

5 Resources for Lent

A number of useful resources have been prepared by various groups...

5.1 Archbishop's Lent Course

The Archbishop's 2017 Lent Course is now available to everyone on the web. You, your parishes - in fact, anyone who is online - can see and download the 34-page document from the links which are on the Archbishop's blog here:

<http://archbishop.anglicanchurchsa.org/2016/12/the-archbishops-lenten-course-2017.html>

5.2 Carbon Fast for Lent

Enclosed as a Lent Calendar which gives suggestions from Green Anglicans about how to decrease your carbon footprint during Lent. We all need to be more responsible in how we treat the earth!

5.3 Water Justice Meditations

A series of meditations is available – based on water. You can find an electronic copy with this Ad Clerum on the Diocesan Web Site, or you can get a printed copy at the Diocesan Office.

6 Life in the Spirit

Richard Fothergill is an Anglican Priest from the UK, who was formerly a Rector in Cape Town. He will be visiting **St John the Baptist Church in 24 Rivers** for the weekend of 11th-12th March. Richard will lead a seminar on the Saturday and will preach at their Sunday service.

His topics for this year are:

- ✦ What is the 5 fold ministry? (Eph 4.11)
- ✦ The four last things (sin/heaven/hell/judgement), and
- ✦ How to live a full Christian life in contrast with the 'world'.

If you are interested, please contact Shane Dowinton: horizonranch.shane@yahoo.co.uk
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7 Vacancy for an Intern

The Diocesan **Volunteer and Intern Programme** (VIP) has been a great success so far. With the departure of Rendani and Tebogo to COTT, we have one vacancy for an Intern at present. If you would like to know more, please contact Walter Setshedi at the Diocesan Office.

Have a good Lent and Easter.

Yours in the love of Christ,

+Martin

