

Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist – 12th Synod
16th-19th August 2018



Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life

Bishop's Charge: †Martin Breytenbach

1. Introduction

1) My Last Charge!

2) Thank You

- Everyone here
- Diocesan Staff & Interns
- Dean Luke & Chapter
- Diocesan Trustees & Finance Board
- Many Leaders
- Christ Church Cathedral



Then



Now

- Diocesan Chancellor, Registrar, Administrator & Bursar
- Past servants of God in this Diocese
- Caterers, Intercessors, Security Guards...



Our God



2. Our God

1) Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life

- Know God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit
- Transformed into the likeness of Jesus (*2 Cor 3:18*)
- Share this life with others (*2 Cor 5:14-15*)
- Season of Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making
Anglican Communion



2. Our God

1) Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life

Almighty God,

You have called us to live and share

Jesus-shaped life

in a Jesus-shaped church

for a Jesus-shaped world.

Empower us with your Holy Spirit

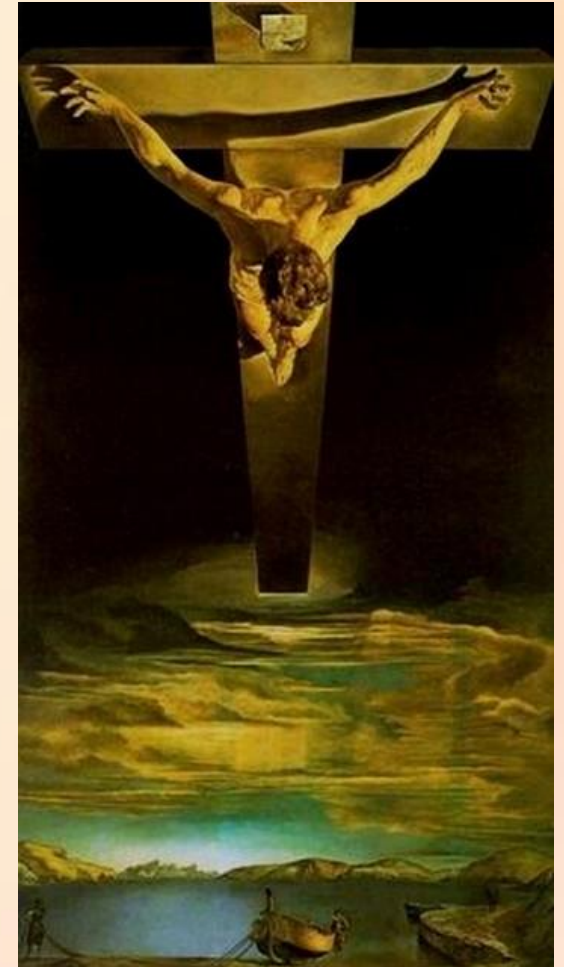
to live as disciples who make disciples

of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,

Amen.



JESUS
SHAPED LIFE
ANGLICAN DISCIPLESHIP



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2) God Comes First!

Learning from Joshua 24:14-24

- If †Philip was Moses, I have done my best to be Joshua
- Serve God with all your heart (14)
- Get rid of false gods (23)
- Joshua's Personal example (15)
 - “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!”
- The people said, “We will serve the Lord” (18)
- “You can't!” Except in the power of the Holy Spirit (19)



2. Our God



3) The World Need's God's People

- Pray for those in authority (*1 Tim 2:1-4*)
- “Your kingdom come, on earth as in heaven” (*Matt 6:10*)
- Challenge those in leadership (*Mark 1:15*)
- Whether they want to hear it or not (*2 Tim 4:2*)
- Lead by example

Congratulations to our Diocesan Financial Team – “Clean” audits every year once again!



Our Purpose

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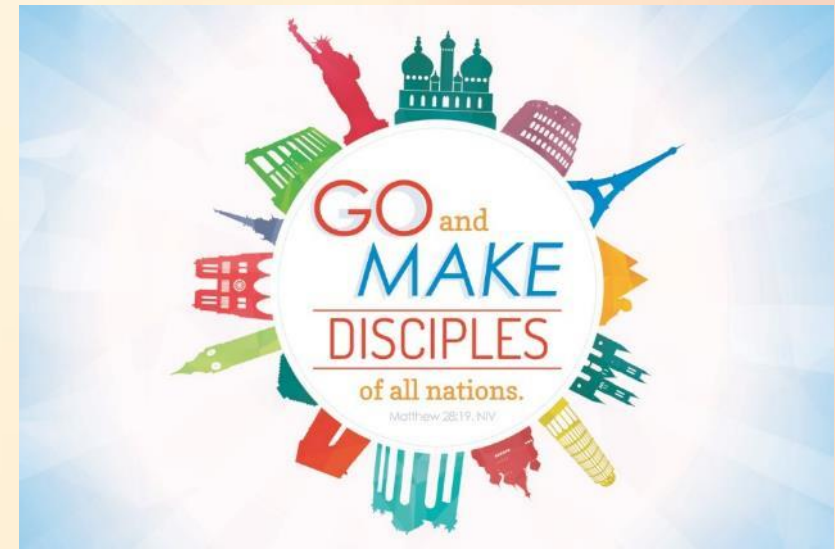
1. The Great Commission

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Diocesan vision is built on this commission

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(See also Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21-23)



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1) The Great Commission

According to this:

- 1) We have the ***right*** to proclaim the Gospel (18)
- 2) We have the ***duty*** to be disciples who make disciples (19)

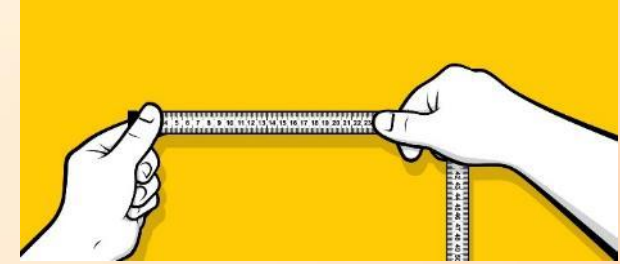
- Disciples ***tell***
- Disciples ***teach***
- Disciples ***tend***
- Disciples ***transform***
- Disciples ***treasure***

- 3) We have the ***tools*** that Jesus gave us (19b-20)



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2) Diocesan Vision, Goals & Priorities



Our ***Vision***: What we are aiming at in the long term

To make disciples in vibrant, self-sufficient congregations established and linked to each other by sharing in:

- Resources
- Ministry & Service
- Outreach & Evangelism.

Everything we do must be measured against this vision

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Our **Goals** for each parish – to make the vision come true

- 1) A **Stipendiary Rector**
- 2) A team of **Self-Supporting Clergy**
- 3) A **Youth Pastor**
- 4) Many trained **Lay Leaders**
- 5) All members **sharing in ministry**
- 6) Using our land & building to **serve the community**



What plans to you have to do these things?

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2) Diocesan Vision, Goals & Priorities

Our *Priorities* over the last five years

- 1) *Practical discipleship* – following Jesus in everyday life
- 2) *Multiply parishes* – Sekhukhuneland next!
- 3) *Youth and child development* – VIP, Licensed Youth Leaders
- 4) *Leadership training* – Lay and ordained, students at COTT
- 5) *Information technology* – My Anglican, computer literate
- 6) *Jane Furse Memorial Village and St Mark's College* – using these resources to serve God

First things
first!



Our Strength

4. Our Strength

1) Receive the Holy Spirit!

(Acts 1:4-8)

- Jesus said ***wait*** for the promise of the Father (4)
- We ***all*** need to be filled with the Holy Spirit (5)
There is no other way to accomplish the task
- This is ***not*** a political power (6-7)
- But it ***changes our lives!***
- And it is power to ***change the world!*** (8) *(Acts 17:6)*



4. Our Strength

1) Preparing for a New Bishop

Time for me to move on... Farewell on 23rd February

Have a godly, Spirit-filled process of electing a new Bishop

More about the process at DSC in November

- Wait upon the Lord
- Seek his will
- Pray
- Be obedient

And God will lead you to the right person

