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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

BISHOPSBOURNE

Greetings from us +Ebenezer, Mama Noncedo and Bishopsbourne family. Thank you for your prayers, love and generosity especially during Synod and for being there for us.

ORDINATIONS

There will be another Ordination service of priests and deacons at St Philip, Gompo at 10h00 on 8th June 2019.

The following will be ordained and we request you to uphold them in prayer as they start their new spiritual journey:-

Priests:

Geoff Antrobus	St Peter, Sidbury
Isaac Hardnick	All Saints, East London
Zukisa Mabuya	St Luke, Nxarhuni;
Stevenson Mndi	St Peter, Peddie
Phumelele Mvubu	St Peter, Peddie
Weziwe Williams	St Peter, Peddie

Transitional Deacons

Geoffrey Antrobus	St Peter, Sidbury
Primrose Beja	Holy Trinity, Dimbaza
Ndomelele Madyibi	St Saviour, East London
Ntombizine Madyibi	St Saviour, East London
Noluthando Makasi	St James, Peddie
Nosipho Ngewu	St Saviour, East London
Sipho Jamela	St Francis, Mdantsane

Permanent Deacons

Muriel Belu	St James, Peddie
Beverley Gamiet	Good Shepherd, East London
Elaine McKenzie	St Clement, Grahamstown
Mandisile Mqoji	St Peter, Zozo
Tamsanqa Ncaphayi	St Philip, Gompo

Immanuel Ngubu
Alec Revell

St Philip, Gompo
Good Shepherd, East London

Also pray for the Very Revd Dr Andrew Hunter who will conduct the pre-ordination retreat and preach at the ordination service.

GRADUATIONS

Be informed that the Very Revd Andrew Hunter has obtained his Ph.D and graduated at the NMU on 5 April 2019. We also congratulate the Revd Percy Chinganga who has obtained his Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy) at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. Could you join us as we rejoice with and congratulate the Hunter and Chinganga families with their achievements.

CHRISM EUCHARIST

This was very well attended by nearly all the Clergy of the Diocese. We thank everyone for their effort in attending. We had a blessed time of fellowship together.

AWF – ST JOSEPH DAY

This took place on 1st May 2019 and was well attended. The amount raised will be announced in due course. We thank God for the generosity of His people.

The following office bearers were elected on this day:-

Ms Weziwe Busakwe	President
Ms Nombuzo Nyosi	Deputy President
Ms Nonkoliso Tamba	Alternate Deputy President
Ms Vathiswa Njoli	Secretary
Ms Noxolo Tshalane	Treasurer

Additional Members

Ms Nomavaba Nomdlabhu
Ms Ndileka Mali
Ms Sindiswa Gule

DIOCESAN SYNOD – 15 – 18 MAY 2019

We thank God for a successful Synod. The Diocesan Synod Planning Committee highlighted the following:

Advantages

- The planning committee found the Synod for 2019, with the separation of duties and contributions from Archdeaconries around East London and various Church Guilds, a success.
- Planning for the Synod earlier in the year was a good suggestion.
- Ballot paper packs made counting easier for the administration team.
- It was suggested that the Synod Education sessions be repeated because of their success.

Disadvantages

- A number of clergy and laity did not arrive due to financial restraints of Parishes or not receiving summons.

- People were not electing at Synod. Reasons could be because of where the lists were placed, or other reasons. Attention needs to be given to this going forward.
- Secretariat was placed far from the speakers during the days.

Proposal to improve disadvantages

- Fundraising methods should take place to contribute towards the Synod budget. A suggestion to this was a percentage of the Patronal Festival offerings. A Provisional payment system should be implemented. It has also been requested that Archdeaconries be responsible for parish payments.
- A timeline frame should be drawn to prepare for deadlines of the next synod.
- Archdeaconries should assist with recommending name nominations.
- The Order of the day should start with Daily worship at 08h00, and also that Synod representatives eat breakfast at their various accommodations.
- The Dutch Reformed Church (opposite St Albans) should be asked for assistance with their venue space.
- During the Opening Eucharist, Chapter members should be seated amongst the Synod representatives in the pews.
- The secretariat should sit closer to the speakers during daily business.

REMINDER

We wish to remind you of the following events which will take place later in the year. You are requested to diarise these dates:-

Order of St Vincent Conference	21 to 23 June
Youth Guild 30 th Anniversary	28 to 30 June
Clergy Retreat	16 to 19 July. More details to follow.
Mary Magdalene Commemoration Service	28 July
Diocesan Family Weekend	24 to 25 August hosted by the Archdeaconry of Alice

The inaugural lecture on Bishop John Armstrong will be postponed until sometime in October 2019.

UMJIKELO OF THE DIOCESE

This has been postponed from Sunday, 2nd June 2019 to Saturday, 29 June 2019 at Bernard Mizeki, Scenery Park, East London. The liturgical colour for the day will be RED.

We call upon on all our Guilds, Orders and Ibutho Lwabavuseleleli members to contribute R100.00 each and umkumezelo. We suggest an amount of R50.00 for those members of Youth and St Agnes who are not working. Those who are the friends of the Diocese are free to contribute more as they know our Diocesan financial position and any other parishioner or member of those whom we have mentioned who want to do more can do so.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD

We call upon you to pray for the Synod of Bishops which will take place at Kopanong Conference Centre, Johannesburg from 23rd September until 12h00 on the 24th September 2019. The Provincial Synod will continue at the same venue from 14h00 on 24th to 27th September 2019.

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the bereaved families of Mr Hugo Yako, Mrs Laura Mpahlwa and Bishop Patrick Matolengwe.

We pray for those who have been and are struggling with ill health: Ms Kokela Siqendu, Archdeacon Cynthia Webbstock, Revd Queen Laxa and Revd Bukhosi Mabandla.

Grace and peace



BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

**Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out;
ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and ours are the hands with
which He is to bless us now. (St Teresa de Avila)**