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***Ad Clerum***  
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Dear People of God

Lenten greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**BISHOPSBOURNE**

We, the family at Bishopsbourne, are well and we are praying for the entire diocesan family. We call upon all of you to pray for the end of the present pandemic as it affects all in the world.

**LENTEN CONTRIBUTIONS**

We have two projects for which we are appealing during this Lent. The first one is St Andrew's, Ginsberg who has done tremendous work under the able leadership of Archdeacon Prof Mtuze. They have built a church which cost them R2.9 million. They have paid R2.5 million cash. Their funds have dried up. They are left with a balance of R400 000.00 which will go towards the erection of toilets. We will be pleased if you could donate generously towards this course in whatever kind.

The second project is St Peter's a branch of St Bartholomew parish in Alice which is about to collapse on God's people. Could you kindly donate to this project in whatever kind?

Donations could be deposited into the Diocesan Revenue Account number: 5232 1144 702. Branch Code 210717. Reference: Lent/name of parish/which project.

We have another special request from the Archbishop who has asked all Dioceses to donate towards the projects in the Diocese of Lebombo in Mozambique. For purposes of accountability also deposit the monies into the Diocesan Revenue Account. Reference: Lent/ACSA/name of parish.

Remember that we are reading the scriptures, fasting and praying with you during this Lenten period.

**EASTER OFFERING**

As I sit here at Bishopsbourne in the Chapel I am reminded that what would happen to the Easter Offering of our Rectors during this time of lockdown and challenges in our country. I have a humble request to make. Could churchwardens look at what they gave the Rectors in 2019 and be generous and do the same or

even better in 2020. I know with the stipendiary clergy this is one of the items which they depend on. Remember what Jesus Christ said. "If you have done this to the little ones you have done it to me". May God bless you and uphold your Rectors in prayer and apply the advice of our Archbishop let all parishioners use digital means to connect with their churches. Let us carry one another's burdens in order that we may fulfil the law of Christ.

#### DIOCESAN MONIES

We are informed by the Diocesan Finance Manager parishes are doing well. We congratulate all those parishes. Keep up the good work especially during these challenging economic times.

#### CLERGY MOVES

The following moves and transfers took place since the beginning of the year:-

Archdeacon Cynthia Webstock has retired at the end of January 2020. The Revd Jacques Pieterse from the Diocese of Natal has succeeded her as the Rector of St Paul's Port Alfred. She was licenced as an Honorary Canon by the Cathedral Chapter.

Revd Canon Randall Gallant has taken up a position in the Diocese of False Bay and Revd Canon Dr Sam Beja has succeeded him as the Acting Rector (in the interregnum) of St John, East London. Canon Randall has also been licenced as an Honorary Canon by the Cathedral Chapter.

Revd Siyabulela Bam has been moved from St John & St Chad to Holy Trinity Dimbaza as Acting Priest-in-Charge. He will be later joined by Revd Penrose Mpumlwana at Holy Trinity who will be transferred from St Mooiplaas.

Revd Sinje Dlokweni has been transferred from St Paul Port Alfred to Holy Trinity, King William's Town as Senior Assistant. Deacon Steven Magaga will also join Holy Trinity in the near future.

Revd Brian Mona will leave St Phillip's, Gompo at the end of April to start his ministry as a Senior Assistant at St Paul's, Port Alfred

Revd Luvuyo Mpangeva will be moved from Holy Trinity Dimbaza to the Church of Resurrection in Fort Beaufort under the leadership of Revd Phumzile Guzana

We will continue to visit Archdeaconries with a view to do more transfers.

#### BEREAVEMENTS

Kindly uphold the Sokopo and the Janneker families in your prayer as they mourn the loss of their father and mother respectively.

The LAMBETH CONFERENCE which was supposed to happen from 12 July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 has been postponed to (presumably) the same time next year.

Diocesan Council and Trust Board postponed until further notice.

Grace and peace

*+ Wesley Grahamstown*

BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

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**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)**