



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for WEDNESDAY 14th JULY 2021

Mission of the Diocese of the Highveld

To be a unified Diocese where the spiritual growth of an increasing number of people is fulfilled through experiencing the fullness of God

BISHOP'S DIARY

Day	Date	Time	Venue
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Gazette:

- **Lay Ministers Training:** The Bishop has decided to only begin the **Lay Ministers Training in August.** The date will be communicated in due course. Please make sure all the applicants in your parish are informed of this decision.
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- **Grants for education of clergy's children –** Applications are invited for this year's educational grants for children of clergy from the Robert Selby Taylor Will Trust. The deadline for this year's applications is August 31, 2021.

Under the rules of the trust, grants are limited to the children of stipendiary clergy only. Applications, endorsed by the Bishop of the Diocese in which the cleric applying for a grant is licensed, should be submitted to BishopsCourt at the following email address: archreception@anglicanchurchsa.org.za

The grants do not cover the costs of clergy studies or pre-school and preparatory education. The Robert Selby Taylor Will Trust Fund should be regarded as "last resort" rather than first port of call for funding.

See attached forms

- **Green Anglican: ONLINE RESOURCES**

We would like to share with you some creation themed hymns/songs that you might find useful for your online services during lockdown and beyond

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkTM3la1bXdDUVoDG9KTZNTVLJYA CKCMf>

SEASON OF CREATION A reminder that Season of Creation runs from 1st of September to 4th of October.

There are some international resources online at www.seasonofcreation.org

We are currently working on this year's Season of Creation booklet for ACSA which will be ready by the 1st of August.

GREENING OF THE CANONS

ACSA has been through a process of updating the Canons in line with Gender, environment and other resolutions passed at Synod. We have an online workshop which we can offer to your Diocese, to look at the updated canons and how that can be implemented. We will also be sending them out on social media to raise awareness

#BIRTHDAYTREES If you or a loved one is having a birthday, why not plant a tree and post a picture on social media with the hashtags #birthdaytrees #4thefuture

- **Diocesan Food Bank:** This is a special appeal to all parishes, guilds and individuals to consider donating non-perishable food items to the Diocesan food bank. We are very aware that many are struggling but we are called upon so often for donations of food and with winter now upon us we would like to be able to help as many people as we can.
- **Note to Clergy: Police clearance certificates:** Please make sure that the Bishop's office has a copy of your police clearance certificate as a matter of urgency.
- **Note from the Administrator:**

Unidentified payments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
14/06/2021	R 200.00	LINDIWE MBAKAZA

DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UNDER

ALERT LEVEL 4 FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF

1. Access will be by appointment **ONLY** so please call in advance to arrange suitable times for your visit and to arrange access. A record **WILL** be kept of the names and contact details of anyone entering the premises. If a visitor presents with any flu-like symptoms they will not be granted access and will be asked to leave the property immediately.
2. Please make prior arrangements when you need to collect items from the offices so that we can avoid crowding. We would like to have your things ready for you to help make the transaction safe and efficient.
3. No Group or Guild Meetings allowed on the premises until further notice as we cannot accommodate large groups.

THE DIOCESAN STAFF WILL BE WORKING FROM HOME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- **Birthdays:** A very happy birthday to:

14 th	Myra Jones	17 th	Fr Joe Thompson
18 th	Deacon Emily Hlanyane	19 th	Bishop David Bannerman