18th Edition

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11th – 17th September 2013

Diocesan News

 Chennai Day
There will be no clergy day for the month of November.

 Medshield Medical Aid Annual Presentation and Wellness day

Date: 5th November 2013
Venue: St. Joseph’s Diocesan Centre
Time: 09h30 for 10h00

 Bishop meets Churchwardens workshop

Date: 16 November 2016
Time: 09h00
Venue: St. Joseph’s Diocesan Centre
Topic:
Vigour, Vitality, and Virtue: How to stay awake in church
Breathing new life into the Christian Faith

Facilitator: Revd Dr. Jeremy Jacobs

Please advise the churchwardens in your parishes of this workshop.

This week’s Confirmations

Region 2
Date: 12 October 2013
Venue 1: Cathedral of St. Mary the Virgin
Time: 11h00
Venue 2: St. Stephen’s Wedela
Time: 15h00
Music at St. Francis, Parkview
“A French Affair”

The experienced chamber music ensemble of pianist Anneke Lamont, cellist Jessica Bailey and flautist Merryl Monard will be performing exciting and unusual works by French composers including Debussy, Roussel, Gaubert and Ravel. Join us on Saturday 19th October 2013 at 16:30 at St Francis Anglican Church, Parkview, 46 Tyrone Avenue, Parkview. Tickets are for sale from Bart Cox, please contact him on 011 447 1139 or at the door and cost is R85.

St. Francis Newclare is having a Gala Dinner on the 29th November 2013. For more details please click on this link.

The parish of St. Monnica’s is hosting a Gala dinner on the 8th November 2013 Please find the invitation on the link below.

St Martin’s Rosebank is having a Christmas Market on the 27th October 2013. Please find the all details on the link below.


Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Georges Parktown invites you to an evening with ADV. PAUL HOFFMAN at 18h30 on Friday 18th October 2013. Get the inside story on the Arms Deal and the potential for free and fair elections in South Africa from a person who is at the forefront of constitutional issues in South Africa, come and listen to Advocate Paul Hoffman as he discusses these and other matters at St George’s Church in Sherborne Road, Parktown. Tickets can be obtained from the secretary at St George’s. You can book by e-mail at secretary@stgeorges.org.za or telephone (011) 482-1606. Please send proof of payment with your booking. Booking is essential. The cost is R150.00 and includes drinks and snacks before the presentation.

A WEEK-END OF HEALING AND RE-AWAKENING AT ST PAUL’S PARKHURST

Venue: St. Paul’s 58 12th Street, Parkhurst
Date: Saturday 19 OCTOBER 2013
Time: 9 am until 1 pm

There will be 3 Speakers on Restoring Your Vigour and Vitality
No charge: donations box!

- Claire Holden “An Attitude of Mind”
- Ashley Galliard “Peak Performance Living”
- Jennifer Sinclair David “Learning to Relax”

To Book phone 011 880 8570
Email: saintpauls@mweb.co.za or see our website www.stpaulsparkhurst.org

Healing Service

Date: Sunday 20 OCTOBER 2013
Time: 9am
Venue: St Paul’s 58 12th Street, Parkhurst
Invited Guests: Worship Team from ST PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH, MULBARTON

Retreats and Quiet days at St. Benedict’s
Please find attached the updated schedule and new exciting sessions now available at St. Benedict’s. Bookings can be done directly with St Benedicts 011 435 3662 or by email office@stben.co.za.
For queries, Revd Kathy on 082 8049128
Environmental Corner

As you read this, there are plants advancing across the South African countryside and transforming our urban environment. They creep and slither over our walls, assault our indigenous heritage, choke our rivers, and smother everything in their path – but these are scary plants! .... they are the ALIENS!!

An indigenous plant is one which occurs naturally in the place in which it is currently found, and has not been assisted in its travels by people. A species which does not occur naturally in an area (i.e. is not indigenous), but which has been introduced there by people, is referred to as “exotic” (from another country) and most are beautiful and nicely controlled. However ... a few alien species reproduce and spread, unassisted by man, into areas where they are not wanted - these invasive aliens pose a serious threat to nature conservation. Expensive and drastic measures are required to control invaders.

There are several reasons why some aliens become invasive, but most important is that aliens find themselves in an environment different from that in which they evolved. Usually such a drastic change in environment is fatal to an alien, but occasionally conditions are superior to those in the native land. In particular the alien plant is normally free of the diseases, parasites and predators which keep its numbers in check in its natural environment. Under these conditions populations can explode with the invaders overwhelming the indigenous fauna and flora, usually by crowding it out.

In South Africa, plant invaders are plentiful, especially in the southwestern Cape, KwaZulu/Natal and Mpumalanga – but the Highveld has not been spared.

Bug weed, lantana, queen of the night cactus, seringa and triffid weed, but to name a few, are very prevalent in the Metropol.

Many alien plants have been declared undesirable and may not be grown on any public or private property. These alien plants were originally introduced as commercial plants or as ornamental garden plants. Many rivers and dams are clogged with water hyacinth, Kariba weed or parrot's feather, also escaped ornamentals.

The Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act of 1983 which lists the Declared Weeds and Invader Plants may be found on the JAEI website – www.jaei.org.za.

OUR RESPONSE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

- List and map all the invaders in your area and find out how to control each invader.
- Check all gardens and nurseries to ensure that none are cultivating invaders - bring offenders to the attention of your local conservation authority.
- Abide by the regulations regarding the importation of plant and animal material when returning from abroad, and encourage friends to do so.
- Join or organise a hacking group in your Community to eradicate alien plants

Quick tip!

Help your garden to hatch out

Just boiled an egg? Don't chuck the water away: simply wait for it to cool and then pour it on plant beds - it'll be rich in calcium from the egg and help your plants to be blooming marvellous!
Prayer Request

- It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Professor Cecil Wele Manona (77 years), father of Mrs Lungi Makgoba. He died in Hospital on Monday 7th October 2013. He has been ill for some time. Please pray for Mrs Nobantu Manona (Lungi’s mother) and the Archbishop and Lungi and their families.

- The funeral will take place on the 19th October 2013 at 09h00 in the Community Hall, Peddie, Eastern Cape.

- Let us continue to pray for the confirmation candidates especially Region 2 as they will be confirmed tomorrow 12-10-2013 at the Cathedral and St. Stephen’s Wedela.

- Thank you for all your prayers for Olga Raphoto, her operation went well and she is recovering. Let us continue to keep her and her family in our prayers.

- Please keep Fr. Nicholas Seku in your prayers. His mother passed away on the 4th October 2013. She will be buried on the 26th October 2013 at St. Barnabas Parish in Libode, Eastern Cape.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 Alice Mugglestone / Tsepo & Nosipho Matubatuba
02 Gail Prince
04 Vicentia Kgabe
06 Bongiwe Kortjass
08 Trevor & Gail Prince
09 Sharmain James / Peter & Gayle Wilson
13 Ian & Beatrice Stevens
15 Manelisi Zeka
17 Daniel Molwantwa / Alan Keartland / Frits Hank

Diocesan October Diary

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