



CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF JOHANNESBURG

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DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION LETTER 6/2025

SPRING AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear Diocesan Family

It is that time of year when we look to encourage some 'Spring Cleaning' and getting our 'houses' in order!

- ✓ I've always found it's a great time to tidy up vestries, including the music and choir robes in the Choir vestry, and sacristies and bring to the fore the special things needed to prepare for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.
- ✓ A good time also to check the inventory in vestries and kitchens in readiness for the Vestry asset register - and to advise the Finance Team if you have to replace anything, so it can be budgeted for.
- ✓ Property wise - check roofs and gutters - the recent rains should continue, and blocked gutters (and drains) can cause havoc. Good time to also have the garden equipment checked out too.
- ✓ I am attaching a copy of the Property Checklist to help with a review of what may still require attention from last year – or to assist with the 2026 Budget of items that need attention.
- ✓ Financially:
 - a) it is a good time for you to engage with your verifiers for a 9-month audit, if you haven't already. This ensures that not everything is left to the last minute in January/February when a number of these volunteers have time constraints of their own – especially if working in the accounting field.
 - b) ASH WED IS 18th FEBRUARY and the last day for VESTRY is Sunday 15th MARCH. Let us not burden our new Bishop with requests for extensions so early in his ministry. PLEASE START PLANNING NOW!
 - c) Please ensure your Council Monthly Financials and Minutes are up to date to the end of AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER and available for your Verifier.
 - d) There are 9/10 parishes now without Verifiers as two have had to withdraw for health reasons, and a couple of others because of changes in their work environment.
 - e) You will note from the attached list, the parishes needing a Verifier but also that only 11 out of 71 are participating in this sterling work – so come on you other 60 parishes



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.... we need 10 financially astute volunteers urgently, to enable them to get quickly up to speed and to prevent those parishes in need from falling too far behind.

- f) Please do all you can to source help through your social, work, school, parent body, church and archdeaconry networks and advise Nico of your successes!
- g) We are working on data to present at the upcoming Executive Leadership meeting on 1st November – clergy stipends/ med aid/ PRMA /insurance etc for the 2026 Draft budgets.
- h) The Diocesan Administrator - Revd Sibusiso Mkhize - will shortly send out the 2025 Vestry packs and MOU's for 2026.

Warm regards,

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