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## Weekly Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011

### Message from the Bishop

Recently a parishioner in one of our parishes was hospitalised after another member of the parish attempted to perform an exorcism. May I remind you that the Anglican Church has always treated exorcism as a very serious matter. In each suspected case of possession the Rector of the parish must contact the Bishop and give a full report about the situation and why it is believed that exorcism is necessary. If the Bishop, after a thorough investigation, believes that an exorcist should be appointed, the Bishop will himself appoint a person with the necessary gifts, skills and experience to take the matter forward. Under no circumstances should people not skilled in these matters seek to intervene without having gone through the process. People who are not gifted with the charism of discernment of spirits more often than not make serious errors of judgement that are enormously damaging to the persons being ministered to. It is also extremely dangerous for people to meddle in a spirit world that they do not understand.

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A number of Bishop's Prayer Book and his blue NIV reference bible have gone missing on recent pastoral visits. His name is written in these books. Please would all parishes who have hosted bishop in recent months check to see whether you have any of these books and return them either to Bishop House or the Diocesan Office as soon as possible.

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### 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (COP 17)

COP is a conference that facilitates the annual discussions by the nations of the world in trying to solve the issues of climate change and global warming. COP 17 will be taking place from the 29<sup>th</sup> of November to the 9<sup>th</sup> of December in Durban.

Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts Ch 2 v45 & 47

JAEI, together with other environmental initiatives throughout the world have been arranging prayer rally's, meetings and liturgy around issues of the environment and the importance of nations making a real commitment to take real steps to tackle climate change at COP17. We would encourage each parish and institution / school to make use of the opportunity that hosting COP17 presents to really teach, discuss and pray about the environment and our stewardship of it. A few opportunities / resources are mentioned below with documents attached:-

The next **Eco Breakfast** which will take place at the Parish of St Francis, Parkview on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November from 07h00, will take the form of a Eucharist for Climate Change with special prayers for COP17. Please rsvp to [timgray@global.co.za](mailto:timgray@global.co.za) for catering purposes. A donation to cover the cost of breakfast is requested.

Please find attached to this newsletter some suggested **Collects** for the period up to and during the COP17 meeting in Durban November 2011.

JAEI request that each parish creates a **Prayer Tree** for Climate Change. This can either be a branch of a tree on which prayers are hung, (like leaves) or a tree drawn onto a piece of paper to which pieces of paper with prayers are pasted. Please see the attached document for more information.

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### **Diocesan Notices**

The Parish of Christ the King, Sophiatown requires the services of an **Organist** to assume duties as soon as possible. Preference will be given to practising Anglicans. Comprehensive C/V's can be posted or hand delivered to 49 Ray Street, Sophiatown or [secretary01@telkomsa.net](mailto:secretary01@telkomsa.net) . The closing date is the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2011.

The **Diocesan HIV and AIDS Ministry** will be holding its Quarterly Parish Representatives meeting at Saint Paul, Jabavu Ipelegeng (Sports Hall) on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November at 10h00. Dr. Liz Floyd, Director of the Gauteng Multi sectoral AIDS Unit will be the guest speaker.

The Parish of Holy Cross, Orlando will be hosting the next **Preaching Course** on the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 and the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2012. Should you be interested in attending please contact the parish office on [holycross@hac@telkomsa.net](mailto:holycross@hac@telkomsa.net) or 011 936 1394.

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### **Provincial News**

**Canon Roy Barker** passed away on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October in the United Kingdom. Please keep his wife Margaret and their family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Please find attached the 2012 program for **St Benedict's**. We would encourage as many of you as possible to attend one or other of these retreats. Please note that

Bishop will be conducting his last retreat at Bishop at St Benedict's from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of March.

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### Prayer Requests

**Nancy Tshabalala's** uncle Eric Nahlelela (a retired priest not of this Diocese) passed away on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Mashikane Montjane** was admitted to Union Hospital, Alberton on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Please keep Mashikane and the Montjane family in your prayers at this time.

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### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please remember the following people who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Date	November
12	Nicholas & Primrose Seku(33) Dan & Malerato Molwantwa(34)
13	Theo Simpson
14	Tim Gray
15	Jenny MAbin Wilhelm Kligenbberg
18	Steve & Liziwe Moreo(29) Royce & Yvonne Meyers(44)

Should your birthday not appear on this list please contact Noxolo at the Diocesan office so that we can update our records.

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### The Week Ahead

The **Archdeaconry Region 2** meeting on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November will take place at the Parish of at Saint John, Houghton starting at 12h30.

NOVEMBER		Parish	Diocesan	Bishop
Saturday	12		JDCF Spiritual Formation / Confirmation Region 5 / Region 2 Archdeaconry Meeting / Anglicare	Anglicare / Confirmation Region 5
Sunday	13			Pastoral Visit: Kensington St Mary Board and Staff cocktail party
Tuesday	15			
Wednesday	16		Archdeacons Meeting	Archdeacons Meeting
Saturday	19		Transformers /AWF Christmas Cheers / Archdeaconry Region 1 Council Meeting / Confirmation Region 6 / Independent Verifier Workshop	Confirmation Region 6

Sunday	20		Pastoral Visit: Malvern / 15h00 Institution of Rector at St Bartholomew, Kagiso
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