



## ***Ad Clerum***

**Trinity 2024**

**Number 6.24**

Dear brothers and sisters of the Traditional Anglican Church

Thank you all for your patience in the matters of the past months. I believe that the recent communications have been clear and to the point.

This Ad Clerum will be long, but it will show you that we will always remain a Church on the Move!

### **The Appointment of Canons:**

Three good men and true have been appointed to the office of Canon in the Church. We currently have only one person, Rev Canon Lionel Kuiper, in that esteemed position at present, recognised for his outstanding contribution to the Church. If you remember, between 2018 – 2021 we lost both Canon Willie Meyers and Canon Martin Magoleng to Covid-19. Rev Canon Lionel Kuiper will now be joined by Rev Canon Isaiah Molemi (St. Mary Magdalene, Ga Rankuwa), Rev Canon Angelo Ericksen (All Saints, Beaconsfield, Kimberley and Regional Dean for Northern Cape Region) and Rev Canon Mziwonke Mandla (St Thomas, Mtentu and Regional Dean for Eastern Cape). All have offered loyal and faithful service to the Church. These appointments are with immediate effect, and we congratulate them most heartily.



*Rev Canon Isaiah Molemi*



*Rev Canon Mziwonke Mandla*



*Rev Canon Angelo Ericksen*

Other changes have also taken place in the leadership of the Church.

In order to replace the gap left by Fr Stephen Smuts (Ad Clerum 3.24) due to his becoming our Bishop-Elect, we have appointed the Very Rev Godfrey Mathibe (St Peter's Parish, Mathibestad) as the **Vicar General of the Diocese of Pretoria and Southern Africa**.

Fr Godfrey proved to be a very capable Regional Dean for Gauteng and Limpopo, and his mature approach to matters of discipline and order in the church was commendable. He will bring a vigorous, strong and organized approach to the role of Vicar General. He becomes the Senior Priest of the Diocese and will work closely with Archbishop Michael and Bishop-Elect Stephen. Fr Godfrey will assume the role of Vicar General of the Diocese with immediate effect. Fr Godfrey deserves our congratulation and prayers as he embarks on this new leadership role.



*The Very Rev Godfrey Mathibe – Vicar General of the Diocese of Pretoria and Southern Africa*

Fr Godfrey Mathibe's role as Regional Dean for Gauteng and Limpopo will be taken over by The Rev Fr Mmbofheni Pasha, Holy Trinity Parish, Mamelodi, Tshwane, a mature and deeply spiritual man of God. Fr Mmbofheni has been functioning as Secretary to the Gauteng/Limpopo Region for some time and will have Fr Godfrey to mentor him in his new appointment. This should be a seamless transition for the Region. He begins his duties with immediate effect, and we congratulate him on this leadership appointment.



**These then are our Regional Deans:**



*The Rev Barnad Lesenyeho  
Free State Region*



*The Rev Mmbofheni Phasha  
Gauteng and Limpopo Regions*



*The Rev Canon Angelo Ericksen  
Northern Cape Region*



*The Rev John Selolo  
Mpumalanga Region*



*The Rev Canon Mziwonke Mandla  
Eastern Cape Region*



*Bishop-Elect Stephen Smuts  
Western Cape Region*

As you can see, all our leaders are well-grounded and tested in the field of ministry. They are exceptional men of faith, discipline and loyalty to the Traditional Anglican Church and are deeply spiritual and devoted to the service of the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. They are also ‘reasonably’ young and vigorous, which gives us longevity in the future of the church, something which is of vital importance.

Please pray for these men of God mentioned in this Ad Clerum, and for all our faithful clergy, that the Holy Spirit may continue to inspire the service they render to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ and His church.

## Confirmation at All Saint's Parish, Seshego, Limpopo.

The Bishop and Fr Godfrey Mathibe travelled to the parish of All Saint's, Seshego, Polokwane for a parish visitation and Confirmation. They were ably assisted by Deacon Glen Sekele and Deacon Dingaan Mothiba who had prepared the candidates for Confirmation. It was a beautiful service.



*The Bishop spoke to the people about recent developments in the TAC.*



*Fr Godfrey and the Bishop with the Deacon Glen Sekele and Deacon Dingaan Mothiba*



*The Candidates profess their Faith as Christians*



*The wonderful, sacred moment of First Holy Communion*



*The Confirmation*



*The Blessing*



*Fr Godfrey leads the Dismissal*



*Those who were Confirmed at All Saints, Seshego – May our Lord richly bless their lives!*

## **Parish of St Cyprian the Martyr, Atteridgeville.**

### **Blessing of the new church building and Confirmation.**

The renewed structure of St Cyprians has been some years in the making. Begun by Canon Martin Magoleng, the work progressed well until Covid-19 caused everything to slow down. A good while after the death of Fr Martin things began to move again, and on the Feast of the Epiphany we were able to Consecrate the new building. It is a magnificent church building and the parish can be very proud!

It was a most excellent Consecration service, and included the Confirmation of a good number of candidates from the Parish.

Fr Shadrack Maila and his Parish Executive are to be heartily congratulated on a fine work that will stand as a testimony of God's love to the people of Atteridgeville.



*The impressive entrance*



*The Bishop explains the Canons*



*Dressing the Altar after it has been consecrated*



*Blessing the entrance to the church*



*Blessing the Font*



*Blessing the beautiful Altar*

Bishop Michael was joined for the ceremony by the Regional Dean (now Vicar General), Fr Godfrey Mathibe and Mr Mike Moeletsi, member of the Diocesan Standing Committee. The Parish Executive (seen in the top left picture) were an integral part of the actual Consecration of their new building. Those Confirmed were well-prepared and beautifully presented. Their families were made a part of the proceedings and joined them at the altar-step.





*The dedicated clergy team, led by Fr Maila*



*The large and exuberant congregation enjoying a hymn*

### **Eastern Cape Mothers Union Meeting**

On Ash Wednesday, a meeting of the Mothers Union was held at the Parish of St Thomas, Mtentu. Our thanks go to Fr Nama who led this most productive gathering and to Mr Mapoyi for hosting the meeting.



### **Blessing of the Holy Oils and Renewal of Priestly Vows – Holy Cross Parish**

The Blessing of the Holy Oils and Renewal of Priestly Vows is one of the most profound events of the Christian Year and takes place on Maundy Thursday Morning. Holy Oil is used by every clergyman in the anointing of the sick and of the dying. Holy Oils are also used at Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. Each clergyman is supplied with the Oil of Unction to support his pastoral work, and each parish has Oil of Chrism for use at Baptisms and other blessings. The service was held at Holy Cross, Pretoria, and was well attended by the clergy of the Gauteng Region. At this service the appointments of Canons and the Vicar General were announced.



*Renewal of Priestly Vows before the Altar*



*The Bishop's exhortation*



*Gathering for the Blessing of the Holy Oils*



The clergy of the Traditional Anglican Church in Southern Africa, which includes our brothers in Zimbabwe and Zambia, are a close-knit band, linked by a common purpose and bound together in our deep devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ to serve Him with all that is in within us. We care deeply about each other and uphold each other in prayer, offering what support we can to brothers who are in any kind of need and rejoicing with them when they excel. We are a true band of spiritual brothers, and that is why betrayal, such as we have recently experienced, is so contrary to all we believe and hold dear. We see ourselves as an integral part of the wider TAC and play our part to the best of our ability. Loyalty, Discipline, Obedience, Holiness and brotherly Love are the pillars upon which our relationships are built. I humbly request your prayers for your clergy – they are wonderful men of God! I especially ask your prayers for Bishop-Elect Stephen as he prepares himself for episcopal ministry. He needs our prayers for strength, courage and protection against the assaults of the devil.

### **Adding to our number – Ordination and Confirmation at St Paul’s, Phuthaditjhaba**

On the Feast of Pentecost, several of the clergy travelled to the beautiful mountains of Phuthaditjhaba, for the Ordination of two godly men, Tumelo Khanye (St Paul’s Parish, Phuthaditjhaba and St Mark’s Parish, Witsieshoek, high in the mountains) and Mcebisi Habe (St Andrew’s Parish, Mondeor, Johannesburg). Both men had met each other at the Deacons training in Kimberley in December 2023 where they had been interviewed by the church leadership.



*The visiting clergy are introduced to the congregation*

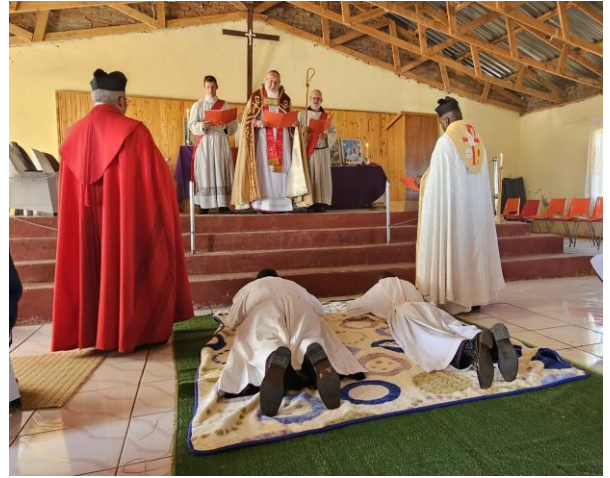


*The men for Ordination are introduced by the Bishop*





*The Prayers of Preparation*



*The Deacons prostrate during the Litany*



*Regional Dean Fr Barnad Lesenyeho and Canon Angelo Erciksen present the Deacons to the Bishop*



*The newly-Ordained Deacons are presented with the Holy Scriptures*



*The Ordination of Deacon Tumelo and Deacon Mcebisi, and below, they are presented to the congregation*



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Following the Ordination of the two Deacons, the service moved on to the Confirmation of the candidates from St Mark's, Witsieshoek and St Paul's, Phuthaditjhaba. It has been some time since there were any people from these parishes who were Confirmed and their families came forward to be close to their loved ones.



*This was a joyous event for all concerned, and there was much enthusiasm amongst the people of the congregation*



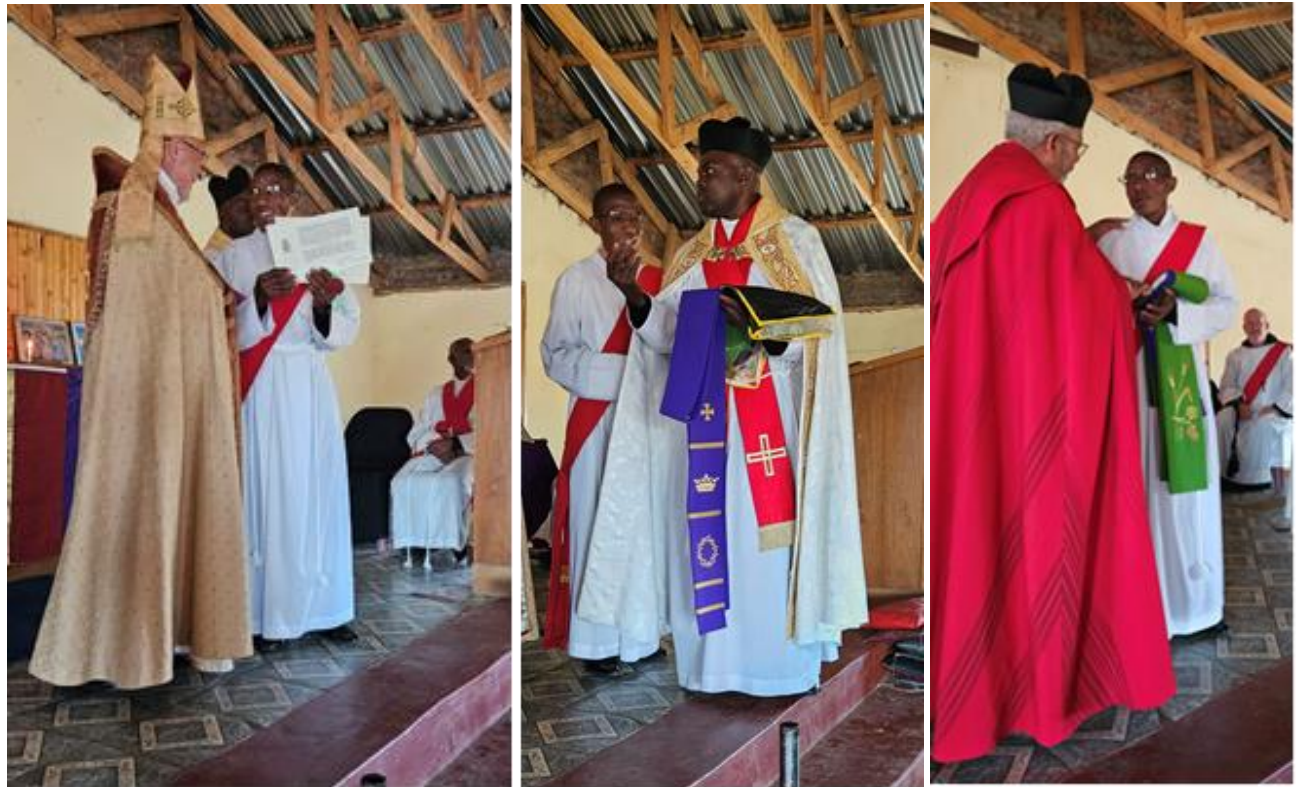
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Here is a pictorial record of the events surrounding this wonderful Ordination and Confirmation.



*Deacon Mcebisi receives his Licence and Stoles from Fr Barnad Lesenyeho*



*Deacon Tumelo receives his Licence and stoles from the Bishop and Fr Barnad.*



*The faithful Mothers Union members*



*The excellent Servers*



*Dn Tumelo and his wife receive gifts*



*Combating the cold in Qwa Qwa, and Fr Barnad Lesenyeho, the excellent orgaizer of this event*



Thank you for taking the time to read this Ad Clerum. It shows that the TAC in Southern Africa is alive and vibrant. The events in this Ad Clerum were all special celebrations, but Sunday after Sunday, our faithful people and clergy gather for deep and holy worship, and to bring the Good News of Salvation to the people of the areas in which they are situated and serve. We are blessed with wonderful people!

Now, we begin to prepare ourselves for the Consecration of a new Bishop (a very exciting event in the life of the Church) and for steady and sustained growth and development of our communitites throughout the whole of Southern Africa, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Please pray for the church, and most especially for Bishop-Elect Stephen as he prepares for Consecration to the sacred Office as a Bishop in God's holy Church.

In Christ Jesus our Saviour

+ Michael  
Pretoria and Southern Africa