



**Christ Church Cathedral  
Polokwane**

**Annual Vestry Meeting**

**24 February 2019**

**Agenda and Dean's Report**

*Christ Church Cathedral strives to be a Church of excellence and resource to the Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist, providing kingdom ministry and sanctuary to the city through active participation of all parishioners*

**Agenda**  
**Annual Vestry Meeting - Christ Church Cathedral**  
**24<sup>th</sup> February 2019, after the Combined 08h00 Eucharist Service**

- 1. Welcome & Opening Prayer**
- 2. Appointment of Minute Secretary**
- 3. Roll & Apologies**
- 4. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**
- 5. Voting for Office Bearers**
- 6. Matters Arising**
- 7. Presentation of Reports**
  - 7.1 Dean's Report
  - 7.2 Warden's Report
  - 7.3 Treasurer – Audited Financial Statements for 2018
- 8. Election of Office Bearers** (*voting conducted at beginning of Vestry*)
  - 8.1 Wardens (*2 plus 1 Alternate*)
  - 8.2 Councillors (*maximum 8. At least one licensed lay minister*)
  - 8.3 Synod, DSC, Elective Assembly and Archdeaconry Council (*2 laity plus 1 lay alternate*)
- 9. Appointment of Auditor for 2019 – DZB**
- 10. Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Council and Prayer for New Council**
- 11. Date of next Meeting** – Council Orientation 26<sup>th</sup> February; Admission of Councillors 03<sup>rd</sup> March; Exco 07<sup>th</sup> March; Council 19<sup>th</sup> March
- 12. Close of Vestry**

**Annual Vestry Report**  
**2019**  
**Dean of Christ Church Cathedral**

I greet you all in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we always remember and take faith in the truth that our Lord is lord of all. He is in control and nothing happens in the world without him knowing about it.

This truth is important as we progress rapidly into this New Year. This is a sombre reminder for me too as my own start to the year has been exceedingly busy and rather stressful. I have been away from the office for three weeks already, and this in a period of about six weeks in these first two months.

My apologies for missing this Annual Vestry Meeting. It was not planned or meant to be like this, but unfortunately severe illness and death do not follow a neat schedule. My Mom's brain tumour was a shock to us all, and her imminent demise at this time has necessitated my urgent travel to Durban to say my goodbyes.

Let us therefore step out in the faith that our Lord Jesus will always be with us, and that he is in control.

We bade farewell to Thabo Maruma as he left to begin his theological studies at the College of the Transfiguration. We welcomed onto the staff Moruti Thabang Bengani as a newly ordained Priest, and Moruti Kwezi Bengani as a newly ordained Deacon. We also welcomed Mr Khomotjo Matlou as our new Youth Worker and Ms Karen Bokaba as our new Administrator.

It is good to see our Cathedral Pastoral Staff growing.

The year that was 2018

2018 proved to be a very tumultuous year. We experienced the sudden resignations of both Sheena Pereira and Piera Bent. The extra workload was admirably picked up by the rest of our staff. In this regard Thabo and Willie were champions and heroes in the extra work they accomplished with such aplomb. I thank them and all the staff for helping us not only survive the year, but to in fact prosper and grow. A remarkable achievement.

We have successfully completed the move into the new Parish Centre, and which is proving to be not only pertinent to our working as a team but also in making us significantly more professional and accomplished. There is more to be done in making the offices complete, but we have accomplished a lot.

We were blessed to receive an anonymous donation of tiling and curtaining throughout the Parish Centre and the Church. This was a remarkable gesture and for this we are deeply thankful. We were also able to paint the Parish Centre with another anonymous donation. Thank you to these two incredible people.

The new toilets have been completed and have helped tremendously. We were also donated a microwave oven to replace that which was stolen. Thank you to all who were involved in accomplished these long sought-after wishes.

For all this growth and development, I am pleased, and I thank all of you for making this a reality. I pray that we will continue to grow and impact the Diocese and our community for Christ.

### Going Forward

We must continue to improve the overall security around the property. We experience a lot of petty theft from the cathedral precinct and we must mitigate against this. We are seen to be an easy target and people come specifically to exploit our vulnerabilities.

With regard the overall improvement of our security, we have begun to improve the boundary walls between us and our neighbours. Mr. Maurice Mamabolo from Mamonde Construction, our neighbour on our Devenish Street side, has half-completed a new and sturdy brick wall between us. We are in discussion with our Biccard Street neighbour to improve that wall too.

We are again offering ALPHA this year and continuing with our programme of Discipleship Training and a chronological study on the life of Christ in the Wednesday Evening Teaching services.

The Cathedral Council and Wardens continue to drive and support our growth and ministry, for which I am deeply grateful. We also acknowledge the leadership and ministry role played by our organisations. I received a report from the Anglican Women's Fellowship which gave details of their involvement in, for example, HIV and AIDS screening and in poverty eradication. They generously donated clothing to families in Extension 44 and purchased 50 chairs for the Church of the Good Shepherd, as well as donating sorely needed coffee mugs to the Cathedral. They continue to meet weekly for fellowship and prayer, with some 16 Affiliated Members and 4 Observers.

We are planning to install a projector and sound system into the Hall for Children and Youth Ministry and for the teaching we so often host. We will also be performing maintenance on the church sound system.

I am personally excited by the vision and mission unfolding before us. I believe it is Holy Spirit inspired and achievable. I believe we are more than capable of making this happen. I thank all of you for helping make this a reality.

### My Appreciation

I thank all those who have strived to fulfil the mandate of God by offering to stand for Council, those who volunteer their time and talents in our ministries, and who support the staff and clergy in a myriad of different ways.

Your love and support are hugely appreciated. Thank you.

### In Conclusion

I once again thank my beloved wife Jenny for her support, encouragement and assistance. She is an incredible support and encouragement to me.

I also thank the Cathedral staff for their work; they make us a successful church.

I thank my Wardens and Council for their support and advice; their ministry is immensely valuable in facilitating our growth and impact in our community.

Should I have inadvertently not mentioned or thanked anyone for work done, I apologise and take responsibility for my oversight.

Finally, we thank our Lord Jesus for being with us and guiding us. We are his and he is our redeemer.

Thank you for allowing me to be your minister and for your support.

May God bless and guide us all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Pretorius". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Luke Pretorius  
Dean, Christ Church Cathedral