

St. Michael and All Angels

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The Diocese of Saldanha Bay



Our Mission

To honour God by proclaiming His Word in a spirit filled church, nurturing leadership, holistic growth, missions and care groups in a Discipling Environment

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TO: ALL THE MEMBERS OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, EDGEMOED

A PASTORAL LETTER – ADVENT 2017

Dear Friends,

Greetings in our Lord's wonderful Name. Jesus our Lord came to earth to be one of us, to be born, to live, die and rise from death and ascend to the glory of Heaven.

This is a brief note, to advise you of a number of important services and the details thereof. These can be seen as part of the Christmas Poster which our office will be sending out with the Pew News later today, Friday 1st December 2017.

Our Parish Strategic Planning for 2018

We will have pleasure in sharing a ***Power Point presentation*** at the combined Holy Communion service on Sunday 3rd December, ***by way of reporting on our recently held Strategic Planning Workshop for 2018.***

Please make every effort to attend this service, at which Certificates will also be handed to our Sunday School children, after which they will enjoy the Sunday School Christmas Party in the hall.

Ongoing need for prayers for rain in the Western Cape

I reiterate, if I may, a section from a previous Pastoral Letter, regarding prayers for rain in our region.

We have been praying earnestly for rain in our region of South Africa for a long time now – we praise and thank God for the rains which have begun to fall. This has made a small difference at the time of writing to the dam levels in our region – please keep praying for rain.

A comment has been made in that, insofar as we pray for rain and these prayers are certainly needed, we also need to recognise that part of the reason for the drought is Global Warming which has affected weather patterns throughout the world.

We need therefore to repent of the actions of humanity which have both polluted and impacted our environment in so many ways. The prayer which follows attempts to reflect these truths while, at the same time, giving us a means of articulating our longing for rain and prayer to Almighty God to enable these to fall.

Please use this prayer on a daily basis – my suggestion so that, at 12h00 each day, we all pause wherever we are and whatever we are doing, to pray this prayer:

***Almighty God, creator of all;
You have shaped our world and made
each person fearfully and wonderfully.
Forgive us for polluting the Earth and
impacting its climate which has
led to drought.
In your mercy grant good rains for all,
especially your people in this region
of our Country;
In confidence and humility we pray this
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.***

May you and yours know the power and enabling gifts of the Holy Spirit of God, day by day.

God bless you all in this special season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate once again the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revd Canon David Mills
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