



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ANGLICAN BISHOP DIOCESE OF JOHANNESBURG



Our Vision is: To Achieve the Practice of the Ministry of All Believers

21st January 2021

IMPORTANT COMMUNIQUE.

- The Rectors and Priests in Charge
- The Chapter of The Diocese
- The Clergy of The Diocese
- The Churchwardens of the Diocese
- The Treasurers of the Parishes.
- The Trustee Board.
- The Finance Board.

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Greetings in the name of the Lord who calls us to faithfully follow him,

GUIDELINES FOR VESTRY MEETINGS for 2021.

As we remain unsure of when parishes will once again be open, and the numbers of parishioners who will attend services even when they do, the Bishops of the Province have agreed to grant permission to all Parishes and Chapelries to postpone their Annual Vestry Meetings until further notice.

However, in terms of the Canons and Rules of the Diocese, The Annual Audited Financial Statement of the Parish is still required to be completed and sent to the Diocesan Office before the 15th March 2021.

Any Parish encountering difficulties with completing their AFS, is requested to be in touch with the Diocesan Executive Officer soonest.

I would also ask that Rectors/ Priest in Charge and Churchwarden Reports (together with any portfolio reports) are also submitted to the Diocesan Office, together with the AFS, to assist with our process of ongoing evaluation of ministry.

To allow for continuity, and to circumvent the challenges of nominating and appointing a 2021 Council, the Churchwardens and Councillors may remain in office until such time as it is conducive to hold a Vestry

Meeting, at which meeting the AFS and Reports will be formally accepted by the parish Vestry.

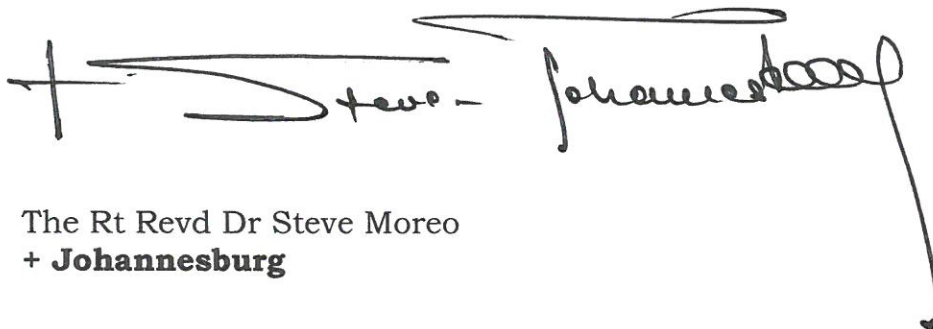
I would encourage office bearers, and especially the Wardens, to please remain in their positions for the time being, even those whose tenure may have expired.

Those Wardens who really feel unable to do so should formally submit in writing their resignation to me as per the Rules of the Diocese.

This matter will be discussed in further detail at the Parish Executive Zoom meeting I have invited you to this coming Saturday 23rd January at 9am.

With gratitude for your ministry and patience in these unusual times.

Grace and peace

A handwritten signature in black ink. It consists of a cross-like symbol on the left, followed by the word 'Steve' in a cursive script, and then 'Johannesburg' in a more stylized cursive script. A long, thin vertical line extends downwards from the end of the signature.

The Rt Revd Dr Steve Moreo
+ **Johannesburg**