



# *St Francis of Assisi*

*Anglican Church, Alberton*

February 2015

## *Vision 2020*



In 2015 we celebrate 25 years as the Diocese of the Highveld  
with the slogan: **Forward with Christ**

At the **Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Alberton**, we are looking  
forward to the year 2020, praying that God will give us a  
clearer understanding of him, so that we may see him more  
clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly,  
day by day.

### **We want to be a People Empowered for Life and Ministry**

*To this end, with God's help, St Francis of Assisi, Alberton, will become*

- a "Green Parish".
- a garden where people can meet with Christ and be ministered to and taught by him
- a place of vibrant worship and ministry
- a centre from which people graduate to service in the wider community

*We will provide*

- an attractive place of worship set in a beautiful garden
- at least four ordained priests and deacons
- an effective team of lay ministers caring for the congregants
- a vibrant junior church
- worship services that will cater for various needs, ages and church traditions.

**Year by year, month by month we need to listen for God's voice as we follow his way to achieving this Vision. For 2015 we, with God's help, have determined to take the following first steps:**

## **2015** *Anchored in the Love of Christ*

The overall **Aims of our 2015 Programme** are



- to make sure that every parishioner knows of God's deep love for them and to encourage them to respond to that love
- to help parishioners to make a commitment to Christ while helping those who already have done so, to continue their walk with him
- to have regular altar calls to bring people to Christ and then help them to grow in his love [by using a Lent Course and an Alpha Course later in year]
- to encourage personal prayer and corporate worship [by offering prayer guidance and a Guided Prayer Week later in November]
- to encourage the personal reading of the Scriptures [by increasing the distribution of Bible reading aids and resources].

### **Key People / Groups in the Programme**

- Clergy
- Lay Ministers
- Worship and Evangelism portfolios and their constituent Groups and ministries (e.g. Music Team, Sidespersons and Welcoming Team, Refreshments Teams, etc.)
- All the above will be supported by the Parish Council and the rest of the Portfolio teams.

### **Actions and Dates**

17 January, Cleansing of past and Church (Rev Ivan Nurick), 14:30

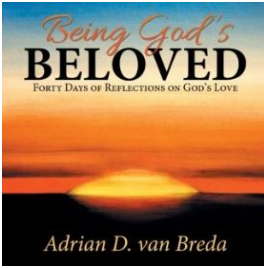
15 February, 18:00 ***Rhythms of Grace Concert***

During the Concert sign up for  
**Lent 2015 Journey**



17 February, *Shrove Tuesday*, **Pancake Evening**, 18:00

18 February, **Ash Wednesday**, 19:00 [Dr Adrian van Breda to introduce the Lent Course – ***Being God's Beloved***]



### Sundays in Lent

The talks during Lent will take place on Sunday evenings at 18:00 as follows:

1. 22 February - *Who is your God?*
2. 1 March - *God's Old Testament Love*
3. 8 March - *Sin, Love and Wrath*
4. 15 March - *Jesus Christ: The Embodiment of Divine Love*
5. 22 March - *God's Love Revealed through the Cross*

### Holy Week: 29 March – 5 April

29 March, **Palm Sunday**, Services, 07:00 and 09:15

30 March, Monday **Stations of the Cross**, 19:00

31 March, Tuesday **Tenebrae Service**, 19:00

1 April, Wednesday **Stations of the Cross**, 09:30

**Passover Meal**, (led by *Jews for Jesus*), 18:00

2 April, Thursday **Eucharist with Foot-washing**, 19:00

3 April, **Good Friday: Children's Service**, 10:00

**Three Hour Service**, 12:00 – 15:00

4 April, Holy Saturday **Penitential Service**, 09:00

**Cleaning and Decorating of Church**, 10:00

**Service of Light** and lighting of the Easter candle, 19:00.

5 April, **Easter Sunday: Said Eucharist**, 07:00

**Sung Eucharist with Baptism**, 09:15

### Later in 2015

Establishing of **Home Groups** and the formation of **Pastoral Care Groups**

**New Members Training**

Parish membership and growth

**Alpha Course**

Prayer guidance and a formal **Guided Prayer Week**

Getting geared up for *Growing in the love of Christ* in **2016**

Please take this journey with us over the coming years and let's discover together how we can all move into the future with God's blessing and his approval.

*Reggie*

## Themes for the years following

2016 *Growing in the love of Christ*

2017 *Committed to God's Mission*

2018 *Reaching out in the Community*

2019 *Transformed by the Holy Spirit*

2020 *Growing in the Holy Spirit*



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Almighty God, consuming fire of love

You gave us the vision to be

**A**NCORED in the love of Christ

**C**OMMITTED to God's mission

**T**RANSFORMED by the Holy Spirit

**We seek**

to honour you in living worship

to embody and proclaim the Good News

and to grow communities of faith.

**Set us ablaze with your love and power**

to build up your church

and to serve you in the world

to your praise and glory

In Jesus' Name

**Amen**

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