



**Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary**  
**Anglican Diocese of George**



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*“Once a Server, always a Server”*

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**ALTAR SERVERS GUILD FESTIVAL – 2026:**

**Dear Bishop Edwin, Altar Servers of the Sanctuary, Rector’s and Priests-in-Charge in the Diocese of George.**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirit.

Firstly, humble apologies for the delay with info regarding the Festival.

Secondly, due to logistic reasons we will not have our weekend Festival any more.

Therefore, we hereby wish to remind and invite all Servers Guild members of each Parish and Chapelry in the Diocese of George to our annual Servers Guild Festival celebrations that will take place on:

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2026.

Venue: St. Mark’s Cathedral, George.

Program for the day:

Procession	08:30
Holy Mass	09:00
Tea break	10:30
Ice breaker/ Games / Fellowship & Training	11:30
Lunch	13:00
Diocesan Service Guild Executive election	14:00
Notices	15:00
Catering costs for the day (Tea & Lunch)	R80.00 p/p

Dress Code for the day: **“Red Cassock & White Cotta”**.

The theme for this year is, **“At the Cross of Jesus Christ”**.

All Altar Servers Guild members are asked to bring along their Banner and create a poster/ banner/ placard for the procession, in order to highlight the importance of being at the Cross of Jesus Christ in the Church of God and in the world.

Each Parish is also asked to pay their yearly levy of R400.00 per group before the Festival into the Altar Servers account at the Diocesan Office.

Banking details provided below:

Bank	Standard Bank
Name of Account	Diocesan Board of Trustees
Account number	082 873 488
Branch Code	050214
Type of Account	Current
Reference	Your Parish Name

Kindly see that all Servers Guild members in your Parish receive this letter in due time in order to do proper planning.

As we try our best to create meaningful space for fellowship, structured workshops, spiritual formation, and a deeper sense of community among us as Altar Servers across the Diocese, I kindly appeal to each parish to indicate no later than 31 August 2026 by sending an email to the Chaplain Revd. Charlton Daries or the Head Server to confirm your attendance or to table your apology.

It is very important that you confirm your presence or not, only for catering purposes.


Any other important information regarding the programme for the day will be send through to you in due time.

Your cooperation and continued commitment to the life and ministry of the Guild are deeply appreciated. May we continue to serve faithfully at the Lord's altar, united in purpose and devotion.

My prayers and well wishes accompany this email.

From the desk of the Chaplain.

Kind Regards

  
Revd. C.J. Daries