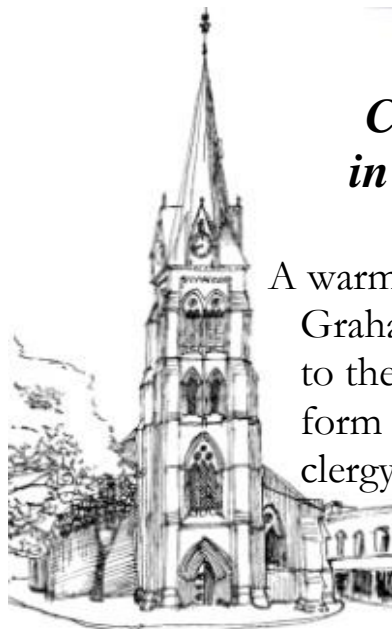


Cathedral of St Michael and St George in the City and Diocese of Grahamstown



A warm welcome to those who are visiting the Cathedral and Grahamstown. Please introduce yourself to us! If you are new to the Cathedral and would like follow up, please fill in the pink form at the west (High Street) door and give it to one of the clergy or sidespeople.

Please turn off your cell phone and keep your valuables with you at all times.

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Easter Day – 5th April 2015 – The Resurrection of our Lord

Today's services

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
06h00	Holy Communion with the Blessing of the Fire and the Lighting of the Easter Candle	Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali	Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali
09h30	Holy Communion and renewal of Baptismal vows	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	Dean Andrew Hunter

There will be no 17h00 and 19h00 services today

Holy Communion is celebrated on weekdays, at 07h00, in our Lady Chapel.

Evening Prayer is presented in the same venue at 16h30 on weekdays

None of the above daily services will be presented during the week after Easter Day.

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* Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews **by appointment – please feel free to contact us**

Please see our web page: www.grahamstowncathedral.org — or our FB page: [facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral](https://www.facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral)

Here are the Gospel Readings for the first week of Easter:

Monday	06	Matthew 28: 8-15	Thursday	09	Luke 24: 36-48
Tuesday	07	John 20: 11-18	Friday	10	John 21: 1-14
Wednesday	08	Luke 24: 13-35	Saturday	11	Mark 16: 9-15
Sunday	12	Acts 4: 32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1—2:2	John 20: 19-31

Please join us in our intercessions this week as we pray for:

THE CHURCH: We pray for Christians throughout the world as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and His victory over sin and evil and death. We pray especially for those who are under the power of forces of evil and oppression. May the light and love of the Risen Christ be very real to us all.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all our students and school children on holiday at this time; for safety, rest and restoration; for parents, teachers and academics. We pray for the Good Shepherd School, for the principal, Cecile Mager, the School Governing Body, and the Trustees, as they appoint a new member of staff.

THE WORLD: We pray for all who lost loved ones in the Germanwings aircraft disaster in France; for those investigating the crash; for all aircraft pilots and crew; for all who travel by air.

BIRTHDAYS: Theodore Duxbury , Lucien Bartis and Lulama Mvula (6th); Pat Terry (7th); Ongamela Peter(10th) and Audrey Holmes (11th).

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Gugu Mahlangu, Axolile and Emihle Maliwa, Thelma Moloko, Zoleka and Hlumela Maqwili, Lynette Marais; Charlene, Joan, Melissa, Peter, Veronique and Waldo Marcus.

PARISHIONERS who are sick or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Fiona Coyne, Beth Dickerson, Sr Dorianne and Paul Pillay.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Ronnie Burger, Michael Cassidy, Shona Domeris, Di Harvey, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen, Mark Walker.

The **Easter Candle FLOWERS** are from Joyce Tandy in memory of her husband Paddy.

Today's meetings and events:

05h30 & 09h20 Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers and altar servers in the Chapter House.

The Dean writes...

My dear friends

I am writing this in the middle of Holy Week, these few intense and focused days from Palm Sunday through to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Liturgically I am still in the build-up, with the profound events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday still ahead of me, but by the time you read this, we shall have arrived at Easter and the great celebration of the resurrection of Christ, and the victory that He won over sin and evil and death. The death and resurrection of Christ is at the heart of the Christian faith and gospel. Without these two central events, we would not have the Christian faith. The birth of Jesus, important as it is, would simply be the birth of another interesting religious teacher. As St Paul writes, "This gospel God announced beforehand in sacred scriptures through his prophets. It is about his Son: on the human level he was a descendant of David, but on the level of the spirit – the Holy Spirit – he was proclaimed Son of God by an act of power that raised him from the dead: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 1:2-4).

Sometimes we want to rush through to the celebration and the bright lights without going through the hard work and the hidden preparation. We want to live in party mode. And I am a keen supporter of "prayer and parties" as I said at our Vestry! But the betrayal and trial of Jesus on Maundy Thursday, followed by his crucifixion on Good Friday, all remind us that death comes before the resurrection. One writer put it like this: "Our hero wins in the end, but his triumph comes on the other side of this terrible night, when everything he built unravelled and the people he loved let him down." We catch glimpses of the resurrection life in the midst of struggle and despair. For me, the Easter Cantata, and *Masicule*, were signs and tastes of the resurrection – thanksgiving, joy, a community working together, a glimpse of what we can be. There is also much darkness. Many miles away from us, communities are grieving following the tragic Germanwings aircraft crash, with allegations that the co-pilot may have deliberately flown the aircraft into the mountain, killing himself and all 150 people on board. Families and communities experiencing the worst of horror and sadness and sin. Good Friday. No resurrection. But is that the whole picture? If we stop at Good Friday, we are locked forever into despair and grief and loss and sorrow. Easter Day and the resurrection of Christ tells us that death is not the end. Yes, it is the end of this life as we know it. But it is also the beginning of the perfect life with God beyond the grave. From the Prayer Book: "This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith. Amen.

Alleluia." May God bless you, and us all, this Easter.

Happy Easter!

Andrew Hunt

GENERAL NOTICES

Revd Monwabisi Peter is on leave from Cathedral duties until 12th April.

The Dean and the Sub-Dean, and their families, are away this week.

Post-Easter Tea: All our 'Seniors' are warmly invited to tea on Wednesday, 15 April at 15h00 in the Deanery Garden (weather permitting). Please collect an invitation at the back of the church and RSVP by signing the list provided. Any offers of plates of food would also be most welcome- see the separate sign-up sheet. Queries to Revd Claire

Youth Readers are asked please to collect your rosters from the glass cabinet at the West Door.

Children's Church is one of the formal ways in which one can minister to God's church. Our children's church is in desperate need of teachers who can lead Sunday school in isiXhosa. Support in preparation for lessons can be provided and so previous experience in leading Sunday School is not a necessity, but an advantage that can be. For further details, please contact Revds Monwabisi Peter or Claire Nye Hunter.

Book repairing – Wayne Jayes

Folding tables: Seven of our blue metal folding tables are still missing! They normally reside in St George's Hall. If anyone knows anything at all about their current whereabouts, please advise the Office Administrator, Anet Peter. We have been offered transport, if it is needed to fetch them.

The **Readers'** and **Lady Chapel Flower Rosters** may be found near the West Door to the cathedral and we would welcome the inclusion of your name on either or both.

If you are a newcomer to the Cathedral, please fill in a pink form and an application to be placed on the parish roll (to be found near the west door) and hand them to one of the clergy or drop them off at the parish office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue	More details
15 Apr	15h00	Seniors' post-Easter tea	The Deanery	Revd Claire
16 Apr	17h15	SpiritFest meeting	Cory Room	Maggy Clarke
Please see http://www.grahamstowncathedral.org/ for more info				

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 12th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Mr Paul Daniels II	The Revd Monwabisi Peter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Mr Paul Daniels II	The Revd Monwabisi Peter
19h00	Easter Lucernarium		Dr Andrew-John Bethke