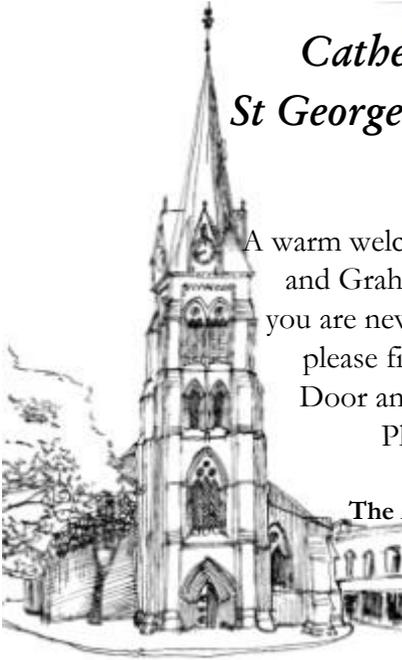


# *Cathedral of St Michael and St George in the City and Diocese of Grahamstown*



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.

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa seeks to be:

- *Anchored in the love of Christ* ●
- *Committed to God's Mission* ●
- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit* ●

## 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – The Second Sunday of Easter

### Today's services

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

There will be no 17h00 service 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.

## *SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Communion AAPB	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter
09h30	Communion AAPB	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
19h00	Student service	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter	Mr Paul Daniels II

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

**THE CHURCH:** We pray for our ministry and outreach to our students through the Cathedral Student Ministry and ANSOC; for the CSM chairperson, Titi Morobi; for the ANSOC chairperson and PCC member, Lazola Kati; for our sister parish of St Clement's as they have their Vestry today; for those exploring a vocation to the ordained ministry; for our Confirmation class; and for our Baptism preparation class.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We give thanks for those who have graduated from Rhodes University in recent days; for the many students who have been part of the life of the Cathedral during their time here in Grahamstown. We pray for our government schools – pupils, teachers, their families, support staff – as schools reopen this week; for all current Rhodes students and staff as the university reopens this week.

**OUR WORLD:** We pray for countries in turmoil; for Kenya, and the families of all who died in the al Shabaab terror attack on students at Garissa University; for places of conflict and destruction; for the Nigerian school-girls taken captive in April last year by Boko Haram, still in captivity and enslavement.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Warren Boggs and Beth Dickerson (12<sup>th</sup>); Zipho Ntlali (13<sup>th</sup>); Kholeka Dyasi (14<sup>th</sup>) and Val Buchner and Saira Cross (16<sup>th</sup>).

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Daniel, Isabella and Javier Martin; Kay and Rudi Marx; Bongwe, Bunono, Lunga, Thembisa and Vusumzi Matomane; Sally Mathews; Khanya Mazibuko; Andrew-Keith, Cathy, Ian and Andrew Meiklejohn.

**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, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen, Mark Walker.

**The LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** today are from Daphne Rink in memory of Edmund Rink.

**DECEASED:** Nompendolo Magquntulu, the daughter of the Verger's late niece.

My dear friends

We have received with great sadness the terrible news of the terror attack, during Holy Week, by Al Shabaab, at a university campus in Garissa, Kenya, with 148 students killed, shot, beheaded. The killers appeared to have been targeting non-Muslims – so there would have been many Christians among the dead. Our hearts go out to the families and communities of all who died and we hold them in our prayers and love.

We continue to remember and to pray for the more than 200 Nigerian school girls, Christians, kidnapped by Boko Haram in April last year, forced into sexual slavery, forced to convert to Islam, with no prospect of release. We pray for their families. We pray for the new President of Nigeria, elected last week.

On Good Friday the National Church Leaders Forum called all Christians to pray especially for all in our communities who are victims of rape and domestic violence; for abandoned families and children without care; for those (especially women and children) who are held hostage through crime and violence; for all who live in poverty and deprivation. And we pray for an end to corruption and dishonesty in government and business.

As the diocese of Grahamstown, we also have a particular focus on building up families. During Holy Week, and especially on Good Friday, we acknowledged the struggles that face many in the context of the most intimate relationships: the scourge of domestic violence; the effects of verbal abuse, rejection and betrayal – all this as we remember the betrayal and violent death of Jesus. During the foot-washing on Maundy Thursday, we remembered Christ's servanthood. We pray that pain and heartache that family members do face at times be transformed through the death and resurrection of Christ.

We are invited to see the crucified Christ amongst us; we are called to take up our cross and follow Jesus to Calvary. God enables us to share in the resurrection life, the new life, that Jesus came to bring – for “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not die, but have everlasting life” (Jn 3:16). As Jesus said to his disciples, “I came that they may have life, and life in all its fullness.” (Jn 10:10a).

Today is informally known as Graduation Sunday – the Sunday after the series of graduation ceremonies held at Rhodes University. It is a time of great celebration, some serious partying, reunions, families rejoicing, graduates exulting in all that they have achieved. A number of those graduating have been members of the Cathedral during their time at Rhodes University and in Grahamstown. We extend our very warm congratulations to them, to their families, to their lecturers, and to all who have encouraged and nurtured them on their way. A very big part of what Grahamstown does – in some ways central to its existence – is to welcome,

encourage and mentor young people, at school and university, during these immensely formative times in their lives; and then after a few short years, to send them out. That is certainly part of what we as the Cathedral have been doing over the past several years. Teenagers and students arrive here, are with us for a few years, and then leave. We have this incredible privilege and opportunity to be part of their lives, to sow seeds, to love and welcome and encourage them, to help them find their feet, to be there when they stumble and fall, to nurture them in their life of faith and trust, to demonstrate God's love for them – and then to send them on their way, knowing that we have invested in their lives and given them some of the tools that they will need.

Our ministry as the Cathedral to our students is one of the highlights of what we do. The work of Paul Daniels, our YASCer student worker, with the Cathedral Student Ministry (CSM), and the work of Revd Monwabisi Peter as ANSOC chaplain, is of immense value: we thank them very warmly indeed for all that they do in the lives of our students. We thank God for them, for all our students; for Titi Morobe, our CSM chair, and for Lazola Kati, ANSOC chairperson and a Parish Councillor.

We also have a significant number of pupils from local schools who are worshipping members of the Cathedral during their years in Grahamstown. A large number of them are boarders, and we certainly feel their absence during the holidays! I am so thankful that at least some are day girls or boys living here in Grahamstown. A number of our young people are active as Choristers, as members of the Altar Servers, in our various marimba bands and as readers. And they are wonderfully and faithfully supported and trained by Cathedral parishioners. Our Director of Music, Dr Andrew-John Bethke, our Altar Servers co-ordinators, Sally Terry, Lunga Dongwana and Lynette Marais, our readers' trainers, Jeanette Eve and Beth Dickerson, and our marimba team leader, Penny Whitford, all do an immense amount to teach, train and disciple our young people. So when we see and hear a superb choir, or appreciate a focused and on-the-ball servers' team, or hear the marimba players give it stick during our service, or listen to the scriptures being wonderfully read, often in a language that is not a reader's mother tongue, then we say a heart-felt thank you to those who have trained them and guided them.

There are so many signs of new life, signs of the resurrection, which we hold onto in the midst of darkness and evil. Let us not despair or give up.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunt

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**ANSOC Regional Committee Meeting:** Rhodes University ANSOC is to host a two-day meeting which will plan the May Regional Conference to be hosted by the Rhodes University ANSOC. We humbly request the Cathedral family to offer one night's accommodation to 12 students and the Regional Chaplain. The meeting is scheduled to start next Friday at 16h00 with a Eucharist service, followed by a planning session. If anyone is willing to take one or two students, please contact Revd Monwabisi Peter 082 517 9556 [revdmonwabisipeter@gmail.com](mailto:revdmonwabisipeter@gmail.com). Please help in any way possible to make this a success.

**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

**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 binding:** Wayne Jayes has offered to teach anyone who feels so inclined how to mend the several prayer- and hymn-books and bibles which need attention each month. While learning something about bookbinding, you'll both enjoy it and render a vital service to our Cathedral. Contact Wayne at: [warden@grahamstowncathedral.com](mailto:warden@grahamstowncathedral.com) or 078 348 9197. See: <https://www.facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral/photos/pcb.895803367105992/895802677106061/?type=1> for one of his well done 'fixits'.

**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.

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

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### Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers and altar servers in the Chapter House.
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### *THIS WEEK; for your diary*

15 Apr	15h00	Seniors' post-Easter tea	The Deanery	Revd Claire
16 Apr	17h15	SpiritFest meeting	Cory Room	Maggy Clarke
19 Apr	09h30	Baptisms during the service.	Cathedral	The Sub Dean

Please see <http://www.grahamstowncathedral.org/> for more info

### Here are the Gospel Readings for the second week of Easter:

Monday	13	John 3: 1-8	Thursday	16	John 3: 31-36
Tuesday	14	John 3: 7-15	Friday	17	John 6: 1-15
Wednesday	15	John 3: 16-21	Saturday	18	John 6: 16-20
Sunday	19	Acts 3: 11-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3: 1:7	Luke 24: 36b-48