

<b>Please join us in our intercessions this week as we pray for:</b>			
<b>THE CHURCH:</b> Today we pray for all of the members of our church family; and especially for all of our scholars and student leaders – particularly in CSM, and ANSOC – that they will allow their faith to speak through them. We also pray for our seniors and all of those who have passed down the faith to younger generations.			
<b>OUR COMMUNITY</b> Pray for healing and reconciliation in our community; we pray especially for victims of racist and/or xenophobic attacks all over South Africa. We pray that our hearts of stone will be transformed into hearts of love.			
<b>OUR WORLD:</b> We continue to pray for peace in all places of conflict in the world; we pray, especially, for families of victims killed in the attack on Garissa University in Kenya. We also pray for the safety and health of the 200 Nigerian schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram, last year, in Nigeria.			
<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b> Our Bishop, Ebenezer Ntlali (today, 19 <sup>th</sup> ) Lunga Dongwana (21 <sup>st</sup> ); Margaret Bradshaw (23 <sup>rd</sup> ) Jenny Reynolds and Siphokazi Njokweni (24 <sup>th</sup> ) and Sally Kadye (25 <sup>th</sup> ).			
<b>PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:</b> Matthew Meiklejohn, Wendy Mfawze, Gaynor and Lewis Miles, Uyathandwa Mkokeli, Tlistso Morobi, and Rosa Msweli.			
<b>PARISHIONERS who are sick or with long-term illnesses:</b> Isabel Bridger, Fiona Coyne, Beth Dickerson, Sr Dorianne and Paul Pillay.			
<b>FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:</b> Ronnie Burger, Michael Cassidy, Shona Domeris, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Thembeka Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craiggen, Mark Walker, Helen Wilson.			
<b>The LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS</b> today are from Daphne Rink in memory of Edmund Rink.			

<i>Services next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – St George’s Day</i>			
Time	Service	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Communion SAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Revd Monwabisi Peter
09h30	Communion AAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
17h00	Choral Evensong	Mr Lunga Dongwana	Revd Siphokazi Njokweni
19h00	Student Eucharist	Mr Paul Daniels II	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi

### Dean’s letter *Sunday, 19 April 2015*

My dear friends,

This past week (14<sup>th</sup> April) was the anniversary of the kidnapping, in 2014, of the more than 200 Nigerian school girls from their school in Chibok village, by Boko Haram. While a few have managed to escape, the majority of these Christian girls are still in captivity. Reports indicate that they are used as sex slaves, being trained as fighters, given in marriage, forced to convert to Islam. The terror attack during Holy Week by Al Shabaab, on the university at Garissa, Kenya, with 148 students being killed, is more recent, a dreadful event that ended many young lives, devastated families and cast a country into mourning. What a contrast with the Rhodes University graduation celebrations of last weekend, with the achievements of our young people being celebrated. And especially our young women, who have the opportunity to be educated, to choose who and when to marry, to live independent, free lives – so different from the constraints and restrictions placed on women and girls in other contexts.

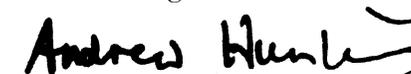
As Christians, our primary identity is that we are children of God, “children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” (Jn 1:13). To be a child of God changes everything: our priorities, the way we live our lives, our relationships; we are part of a new family; we discover a whole new set of brothers and sisters; we speak a new language of peace, reconciliation, love, forgiveness, new birth. We create a new community, a new society. And when trouble strikes, it is from this place and identity as children of God, as brothers and sisters, that we respond and speak and act. Responding to the recent removal from UCT of the statue of Cecil John Rhodes, Archbishop Thabo wrote: “The campaign against symbols of the injustice of our past, along with service delivery protests and public outrage over corruption, reflect the anger of South Africans at the inequalities that continue

to plague us. From students to unemployed youth on the streets, from the middle-classes to women struggling to make ends meet in township homes, South Africans are tired of our collective failure to improve all our people’s lives for the better. We must harness the energy being poured into protest into rigorous self-examination and action to expand the current campaigns into a creative, society-wide drive for real transformation. The churches, along with government, business and educational institutions, must all join this, the new struggle for equality of opportunity.”

I treasure and value immensely the relationships that we share, in our diverse and wonderful Cathedral. Let’s use these, let’s reach out to one another, let’s listen to one another, let’s pray for one another, and for the Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, Dr Sizwe Mabizela, the university leadership, staff and students, in the days ahead.

Please pray also for me and for Claire. My name has gone forward for an Elective Assembly to be held for the diocese of the Highveld. A bit of background: the diocese had an Elective Assembly earlier this year, to elect a bishop to succeed Bishop David Bannerman, who retired recently. However, the assembly failed to elect a bishop and, as allowed by the Canons, the assembly decided to give the matter to the Synod of Bishops. The Bishops were, in turn, asked by the Archbishop to send in the names of possible candidates. I was approached a few weeks back about whether I would allow my name to go forward, to be considered for this, and I agreed to this. The Bishops meet this coming Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, for the purposes of this election. We shall probably know the outcome by next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. I have no idea how this is all going to turn out. Please pray for all involved: Claire and our daughters; the Bishops as they meet to elect; all who are being considered for this position and ministry; our Cathedral community; the diocese of the Highveld; and for me.

My love to you all



**GENERAL NOTICES**

**Celebration of St George’s Day, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April:** as part of our “prayer and parties” motto for 2015, we shall have an opportunity, during both morning services on that day, for testimonies and sharing. It will be a time to give thanks for God’s goodness to us, to celebrate God’s blessings, to thank God for all that is happening around us, to acknowledge the presence of God in our midst, to testify to all that God has done in our lives and in the life of the Cathedral, for all that is unfolding and taking shape, for signs of new life and hope. It will be a time to celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ. We did this last year on our Patronal Festival, the feast of St Michael & All Angels; the feast of St George is our “other” Patronal Festival, which we want to acknowledge and celebrate as well. The testimony and sharing time will follow the sermon, and will take the place of the Creed and the Prayers of the Church.

**Dean Andrew** is celebrating and preaching at the parish church of St Mary & St Andrew, Kidds Beach, this morning (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April) for the Admission of Church Officers, in his capacity as archdeacon to the archdeacons. **Dean Andrew & Revd Claire** will be out of town this week, taking Nicola to have a look at Pretoria University, and returning on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. In Andrew’s absence, there will not be Morning Prayer on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, nor Eucharist on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Bible Study continuation:** Revd Claire will continue this teaching series, *How do we interpret the Scriptures- studies in 1 Corinthians*, at a weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays **from 6<sup>th</sup> May**, from 19h00 – 20h15 in the Cory Room. Together we will carry on exploring more of those ‘challenging passages’ found in this epistle. 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 078 348 9197 or by e-mail to: warden@grahamstowncathedral.com.

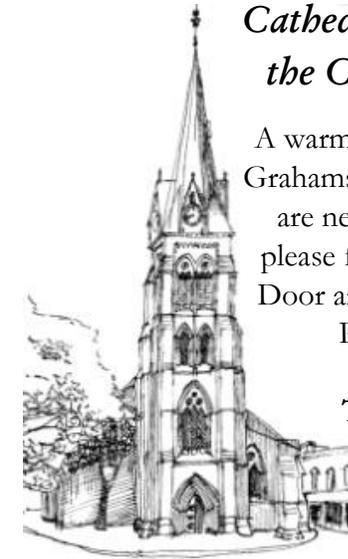
**If you are a newcomer to the Cathedral**, please fill in a pink form and an application to be placed on the parish roll (to be found near the west door) and hand them to one of the clergy or drop them off at the parish office.

**Feeding Friday:** The Cathedral Student Ministry has started a feeding programme called “Feeding Friday” (FF). On FF the CSM students pass out sandwiches to whomever might be hungry and living on the streets here in Grahamstown. The students prepare sandwiches every Friday, and would love for the larger Cathedral community to take part. If you are willing and able to sacrifice your time and/or resources, we meet at 14h00 every Friday at the Cathedral Parish Office, and we are in need of brown bread, polony loaf, and spread. Any donation of time or resources would come as a huge blessing!

<i>THIS WEEK; for your diary</i>				<i>Contact:</i>
22 April	17h15	Sidespeople’s meeting	Cory Room	Rodney Bridger
01 May	09h00	Mothers’ Union bazaar	Church Square	The verger – Eunice Newadi
Please see <a href="http://www.grahamstowncathedral.org/">http://www.grahamstowncathedral.org/</a> for more info				

<b>Here are the Gospel Readings for the third week of Easter:</b>					
Monday	20	John 6: 22-29	Thursday	23	John 6: 44-51
Tuesday	21	John 6: 30-35	Friday	24	John 6: 52-59
Wednesday	22	John 6: 35-40	Saturday	25	John 6: 60-69
Sunday	26	Acts 4: 5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3: 16:24	John 10: 11-18

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

A warm welcome to those 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* ●

<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – The Third Sunday of Easter and Service of Baptism</b>			
<b>Today’s services</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider/Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB and Baptism	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
19h00	Student Service	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter	Mr Paul Daniels II
Holy Communion is celebrated on weekdays at 07h00, in our Lady Chapel. Evening Prayer is presented in the same venue at 16h30 on weekdays.			

<b>Today’s meetings and events:</b>	
07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers and altar servers in the Chapter House.