

## *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.

### **7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Second Sunday after Pentecost – Harvest Festival**

#### **Today's services**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider/Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Revd Monwabisi Peter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi

Holy Communion is celebrated on weekdays, at 07h00, in our Lady Chapel.  
Evening Prayer is presented in the same venue at 16h30 on weekdays

#### **Today's meetings and events:**

07h20 & 09h20 Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers and altar servers in the Chapter House.

#### ***THIS WEEK; for your diary***

#### ***Contact:***

10 June	09h00	Meditation Group	Deanery	Revd Claire
11 June	17h00	Clergy meeting	St Luke's	Sub Dean
13 June	14h00	Quiet afternoon	Monastery	The Dean

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- *Committed to God's Mission* ●
- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit* ●

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**Services next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider / Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Mr Marlon Porter	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Mr Theo Tshazi	Revd Claire Nye-Hunter
17h00	Choral Evensong AAPB	Revd Terry Mitchell	Dean Andrew Hunter
18h30	Youth\student service at Trinity Presbyterian Church.		

**Please join with us this week as we pray for:**

**THE CHURCH:** for our witness and life in the public arena; for the ministry of the Archbishop and the Bishops of the Province; for our preparations as the Cathedral for Spiritfest.

**THE WORLD:** We pray for our Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela; for our response as civil society to Nkandla; for victims of violent crime; for soccer officials following the allegations of FIFA bribery

**OUR COMMUNITY:** For school learners and students facing exams; for our preparations for the National Arts Festival.

**BIRTH:** We join with Di and Brian Harvey in congratulating their daughter who has presented them with a new granddaughter and we welcome her to our Cathedral family. She was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 9<sup>th</sup>: Florence Pswarayi, 10<sup>th</sup>: Michael Whisson, Vivian Jeanette Eve and Namso Nyamela, 13<sup>th</sup>: Axolile Maliwa.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Daniel, Isabella and Javier Martin, Rudy and Kay Marx, Bongwiwe, Bunono, Lunga, Thembisa and Vusumzi Matomane, Sally Matthews and Khanya Maibuko.

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

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Ronnie Burger, Michael Cassidy, Canon James Hoyle, Celia Jameson, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Owen Pearce (Ernest Bridger's son-in-law), Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen, Gwendolyn Vincent (Thelma Neville's sister).

**DECEASED:** Cornelius Christian Heunis (Neels Jnr); son of Neels and Retha Heunis, in Pretoria.

**Here are the Gospel Readings for the third week after Pentecost**

Monday	08	Matthew 5: 1-12	Thursday	11	Matthew 5: 20-26
Tuesday	09	Matthew 5: 13-16	Friday	12	Matthew 5: 27-32
Wednesday	10	Matthew 5: 17-19	Saturday	13	Matthew 5: 33-37
Sunday	14	1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13	Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17	Mark 4: 26-34

**Dean's letter, Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Dear Cathedral family,

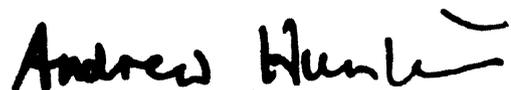
When you read this, Claire and I shall be in East London, at the parish of Holy Cross Mdantsane, for the Admission of their Church Officers. The rector of that parish is one of our archdeacons, and where possible, and by invitation, I admit the Church Officers of our archdeacons. This is part of the support for the archdeacons of our diocese that the Bishop has asked me to give them, and forms part of my role and ministry as Dean. This time, as I have been to this particular parish on occasion before, I have asked Claire to preach. I shall preside at the Eucharist and do the admissions. Holy Cross is a wonderfully vibrant and active parish in the midst of Mdantsane, which is a very large township, second in size to Soweto. The diocese has four parishes in Mdantsane: St Andrew's, St Francis, St Gregory's, and Holy Cross.

Some of you have been aware of my involvement in a number of other diocesan matters in recent months. Two of these involve addressing issues in parishes where there has been a fall-out of some sort. Conflict is never enjoyable. None of us look forward to it, and it is not something that we expect in the life of the church. However, as I remind people now and again, conflict is part of life; we live in a community and a country where there is a great deal of conflict and anger; we don't always see eye to eye, and there are times when there is serious disagreement. Anger and frustration, despair and resentment, alienation and division can become powerful forces in a community, including in the church. And disillusionment with the life of the church can follow. How do we respond? As far as possible, by speaking the truth in love; by responding to concerns as best we can; and at times by drawing a line in the sand and saying that this is as far as we are prepared to go. Rude, aggressive behaviour gets us nowhere. Sometimes people can be bullies, and one needs to stand up to that sort of behaviour. I am grateful for colleagues and those who pray; and for the scriptural and canonical processes that the church has, which help us to deal with matters as best we can.

At the same time, my experience of parish conflict over the years is that it is difficult to resolve matters to everyone's satisfaction; as hard as we try, there are those who feel they have lost out; at best we hope for a compromise so that life can continue. Is there space and the need for forgiveness? Repentance? Reconciliation? Most certainly. We hope and pray for this. But sometimes it takes a long time, if ever, for these to happen, for the hearts of stone to be replaced with hearts of flesh, and for the blind to see.

Please hold me, and those involved in these parish conflicts, in your prayers

My love to you all



## GENERAL NOTICES

**Dean Andrew & Revd Claire** are at Holy Cross, Mdantsane, this morning, for their service of the Admission of Church Officers.

**Rental Accommodation** sought urgently by Michael and Pasha Alden for themselves and Pasha's guide dog. Must be within  $\pm 10$  minutes' walk of the Library for the Blind and comprise a minimum of two bedrooms. A secure garage as well would be a blessing. Needed from 01 July. Contact Mike at 072 587 6027 or at [vanishaspice@vodamail.co.za](mailto:vanishaspice@vodamail.co.za).

**Many thanks** to all who contributed towards the Harvest Festival. The recipients will receive the goodies this afternoon and in the course of the week. Apart from individual recipients, the Cathedral Parish Council has identified the Mackaizer Old Age Home as a place to which we would like to give, where possible, from this year's Harvest Festival. And our very sincere thanks to Cathy Euijen, Revd Siphokazi and Revd Yili for their work on the arrangements for the Festival

**Lady Chapel Flowers:** The roster for the flowers in the lady chapel is open for your attention and use. This is a really rewarding way of remembering our own and various other personal anniversaries. See Peter and Ann Stockwell for more.

**Student services:** our 7 p.m. student services are on hold for the rest of the term and will recommence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Readers' roster:** We are trying a new system for Sunday readers. If you have not read before but would like to be on the roster, please give your name, email address and contact number to Rev Claire or Chris Walwyn at the Parish Office. We shall allocate readers by working our way systematically down the list of names, to ensure everyone gets a turn. You will be contacted in the week prior to reading on Sunday, via email or phone

**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); 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.