

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.

12th July 2015 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Today's services

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Rob Penrith	Revd Rob Penrith
09h30	Festival Eucharist AAPB	Revd Rob Penrith	Revd Claire Nye Hunter

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, Children's Church teacher/s and altar servers in the Chapter House.
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THIS WEEK; for your diary

Contact:

16 July	09h30	St Luke's Communion	Clergy
17 July	noon	Deadline for contributions to <i>The Spire</i>	Claire Cordell

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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* ●

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

THE CHURCH: We pray for church leaders, in particular for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba. We give thanks for the election of Bishop Michael Curry as the new Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church (USA). We pray for all in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. May we draw closer to God and be filled with God's love.

OUR COMMUNITY: We give thanks for the National Arts Festival and for Spiritfest; we pray for safety for those returning home. We pray for all in our community who are retired, living on their own, those in old age homes or retirement units; those who are widowed. May the love and light of Christ strengthen and enfold us.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for civil servants in Makana and the Eastern Cape, especially nurses and doctors in our health services. May the care and compassion of Christ be known through them.

OUR WORLD: We pray for victims of terror attacks, for their families and communities; for the people of Africa and the Middle East. May the Lord strengthen and comfort all who live in fear.

BIRTHDAYS: 13th: Kerry Jane Gutridge, 14th: Buhle Bam, 15th: Charles Antrobus, 16th: Lilitha Dyantyi, 17th: Christeice Appollis, 18th: Sivuyile Citwa and Uyathandwa Mkokeli.

LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS this week are from Daphne Rink, in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Janssens, and her niece, Lynne Ritchie.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Eunice Ncwadi; Nomawethu Ndukwana; Thelma Neville; Samantha Niven; Siphokazi Njokweni; Alulutho and Nomfuneko Ntapane.

PARISHIONERS who are sick or with long-term illnesses: Millicent Armitage, Isabel Bridger, Kerry Jane Gutridge, Celia Jameson, Jeanette Hodgson and Paul Pillay.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Ronnie Burger, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Owen Pearce (Ernest Bridger's son-in-law), Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen.

Here are the Gospel Readings for the seventh week after Pentecost

Mon	13	Matthew 10: 34-11: 1	Thurs	16	Matthew 11: 28-30
Tues	14	Matthew 11: 20-24	Fri	17	Matthew 12: 1-8
Weds	15	Matthew 11: 25-27	Sat	18	Matthew 12: 14-21
Sun	19	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a	Psalm 89: 20-37	Ephesians 2: 11-22	Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Services next Sunday, 19th July – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Mr Paul Daniels II	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Mr Paul Daniels II	Revd Monwabisi Peter

Dean's letter, Sunday, 12th July 2015

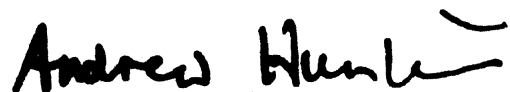
Dear Cathedral family,

Today marks the end of yet another Festival! The town begins the big clean-up tomorrow, as life returns to normal. Our Director of Music, Dr Andrew-John Bethke, will be away for a few days of well-earned leave; Cathedral weekday services recommence tomorrow; government schools and Rhodes University have one more week of holiday. And the National Schools Festival starts today!

I wonder what your Festival highlights were. Perhaps it was a piece of drama, or inspiring music, or a concert that captured your heart. For me, the underlying word and message I was most longing for, during this year's Festival, was one of hope. Much of the comedy and humour these days is dark, cynical, mocking the status quo, calling out leaders and authority figures, exposing the absurdity and tragedy of much that is happening. We laugh, but underneath the laughter is rage, despair and disillusionment. We are in many ways living in a time of despair and fear. Terrorist attacks by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria, atrocities, rape and murder in South Sudan, the growing crisis in Lesotho, corruption and mismanagement and abuse of power in our own country, our own individual work issues, personal sorrows and struggles, all threaten to overwhelm and crush us. Everywhere we turn, it seems, is darkness, brick walls. But we carry on, fight the daily battles, hold the line, do what we can. I salute our many unsung heroes who pray and love and work and serve, and in so doing save the day and keep the ship afloat. How much we need and long for signs of hope, the assurance that we are not alone in our struggles, the promise that what we are doing is of value and will bear fruit, the occasional glimpses of light, the sense that we are getting somewhere.

What do our scripture readings for today say to us? The story of the capture of the ark of God by the enemy (1 Sam 4 and 5) is followed, finally, by the arrival of the ark, after many years, in Jerusalem (2 Sam 6). What a celebration it was, as the presence of God was returned to the heart of the nation! There are times when the ark of God is lost, when the vision and dream die, when hope fails us, when the soul of the church is captured, due in part to our own failures and shortcomings. But God's grace and love surrounds us, as our 2nd reading from Ephesians reminds us. We have been chosen, adopted, redeemed, forgiven, "according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will" - all "to the praise of his glory" (Eph 1:11, 14). Even the beheading of John the Baptist (Mark 6:14-29), tragic and sordid as it was, is not the end - though for a while it seems that cruelty and lust and weakness and pride have won the day. Instead, God invites us to rediscover his love, bring back and restore the ark of God to the centre of our lives

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

The Dean and Churchwardens are most grateful to every single person on our Cathedral staff, clergy and laity, who dug so deep in order to make Festival visitors to the Cathedral welcome. Those problems which inevitably occurred were overcome by our staff, colleagues and parishioners who rose to the occasion and went way “above and beyond” to make our beloved Cathedral beautiful and welcoming throughout the Festival. All those who were involved are complimented, sincerely thanked and congratulated. The SpiritFest programme deserves special mention; its events were entertaining, informative and meaningful. The committee, its members and all who either volunteered to help them (or were persuaded to do so!), are also to be congratulated.

National Schools’ Festival. Spare a thought for all those folk, especially up at the Monument, who are already hard at work preparing for today’s influx of matrics attending the National Schools Festival. For them, ‘Festival’ is by no means over, with five busy days ahead. We wish all participants and those who make it happen every success during this week.

Student services: our 19h00 student services will recommence on 2nd 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 Revd 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.

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 information.

Mary Godlonton and her family have written to the Cathedral family to express their appreciation “for all spiritual gifts received from worshipping at the Cathedral with you all”.

Notice of Annual General Meeting: the AGM of the Makana Choir School will take place on Sunday, 26 July 2015, after the 09h30 Eucharist, in the Cathedral.

Beth Dickerson’s two cats. Siki and Tigger (mother and daughter) still need a loving home or two! Their inoculations are up to date and both have been spayed. Contact Elizabeth Breetzke 046 622 6356 or 076 091 2715

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.