

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.

19th July 2015 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's services

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Mr Paul Daniels II	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Mr Paul Daniels II	Revd Monwabisi Peter

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:

20 July	17h00	Confirmation class in the Cory Room	The Dean
22 July	09h00	Meditation group	Revd Claire
23 July	16h00	Mothers' Union Prayer Meeting	Thabisa Yili

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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 our Confirmation Class, and for all preparing for baptism and confirmation; for our Sunday School; for our Eluxolweni boys and their staff. May all grow in the love and knowledge of Christ.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for students and school pupils, and our CotT students, as the third academic term begins; for boarders and all who are away from home during this time; for teachers and academic staff; for the staff at the Department of Education; for matrics as they write prelims. May all be given wisdom and energy for the weeks ahead.

OUR WORLD: We pray for all countries facing drought and famine.

BIRTHDAYS: 22nd: Thelma Neville, 24th: Joy Tandy.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Bishop Ebenezer, Nocendo, Aphiwe and Zipho Ntlali; Namso Nyamela; Andele, Nosipho, Pumela and Siphosethu Nyarashe.

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: Michael Alden, Ronnie Burger, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Owen Pearce (Ernest Bridger's son-in-law), Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Claire Tracey-Craigen, Gareth Walwyn (ophthalmic surgery tomorrow).

DECEASED: Dr Lois Wylde.

Here are the Gospel Readings for the eighth week after Pentecost

Mon	20	Matthew 12: 38-42	Thurs	23	Matthew 13: 10-17
Tues	21	Matthew 12: 46-50	Fri	24	Matthew 13: 18-23
Weds	22	Matthew 3: 1-9	Sat	25	Matthew 13: 24-30
Sun	26	2 Samuel 11: 1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3: 14-21	John 6: 1-21

Services next Sunday, 26th July – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
18h30	The Big Sing – in our Cathedral; an initiative of Kingswood College. Contact Alke Bradfield at Kingswood for more details (a.Bradfield@kingswoodcollege.com).		

Dean's letter, Sunday, 19th July 2015

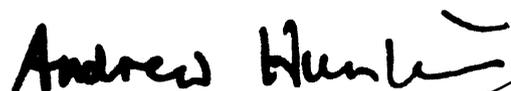
Dear Cathedral family,

Many of our educational institutions in Grahamstown re-open this week at the start of the 3rd term: Rhodes University, the College of the Transfiguration, and all our state schools. It will be good to have our students back in town and in the Cathedral, and to see our youngsters again. Our ministry to them is transient: most of them are here only for a season, a couple of years at most, before they leave school or graduate. As the Cathedral we provide a sacred space of worship, an experience of Cathedral preaching and ministry, a time of discipleship and learning and growth, a place to belong. A number of our young servers, and our choristers, are boarders or students, with us during term time only. Thankfully we do have a number of local families and youngsters, who are with us throughout the year because this is their home. It is a huge delight and a privilege to watch our young people grow up and in some way to be part of their formation. And I appreciate, immensely, the way in which our Cathedral parishioners continue to embrace and welcome all who come to the Cathedral, and help them to feel at home.

As much as we focus on ministry to and with young people, it would not be possible without the support of our long-standing parishioners. They carry a great deal in terms of sustaining ministry, keeping things going, financial support and contributions, being there, providing a base for our life of worship, holding things in prayer. There is a solidity and strength that we receive through regular worship, simply being here week by week, sharing in the Eucharist, receiving spiritual food for the journey, being there for one another through consolation and desolation, and facing the ups and downs together. Thank you to our senior Cathedral parishioners, those who are retired, all who have been part of the life of the Cathedral for years and decades. We thank God for you.

Today (Sunday 19th July) was originally planned to be the Annual Vestry Meeting for St Francis Mdantsane. However, as some may have seen from the *Daily Dispatch* earlier this week, the parish is nowhere near being able to move forward. My concern in any conflict is that there should be fair play on all sides; that people's rights are acknowledged; and that we follow due process. It is difficult, and unfortunate, when groups or individuals are not prepared to do so, and resort to bullying tactics, or outside pressure, or invite media attention for their cause. It is a sad day when that happens. Incidentally, I thought that the newspaper article was well written and a fair reflection of what is happening. Please let's continue to hold that parish in our prayers, and also our own Cathedral leadership as we deal with various issues here as well.

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

Paul Daniels II, our resident YASCer, is returning to the United States, leaving us and South Africa on 18 August. The Episcopal Church wants him back before he becomes an irreversible part of our Cathedral's fabric! His absence will be felt by many, across the board. Watch this space for further details.

Bishop's Appeal: One of our churchwardens, Jane Bradshaw, will be giving us details of the Bishop's Appeal during our services today. Printed material will hopefully be available next Sunday.

Feeding Friday starts up again on Friday, 31 July. A good way to celebrate the night of a blue moon! Contact Paul Daniels 078 300 6061) or Titi Morobi (073 913 1653) for further information on how you can help.

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.

In common with millions internationally, we continue in prayer for Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and his family as (at the time of going to print) he undergoes treatment for what his family has described as "a persistent infection".

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. Please see the agenda on the notice board near the West Door

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.