

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.

26th July 2015 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's services			
Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
18h30	The Big Sing – in our Cathedral; an initiative of Kingswood College. See p.4. or contact Alke Bradfield at Kingswood for more details (a.Bradfield@kingswoodcollege.com).		
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.
± 10h45	Annual General Meeting of the Makana Choir School

<i>THIS WEEK; for your diary</i>			<i>Contact:</i>
27 July	17h00	Confirmation class in the Cory Room	The Dean
29 July	09h00	Meditation Group	Revd Claire
29 July	13h30	Meeting <i>Trading Live for Mandela Week</i> prayer service (Cathedral). Officiant: The Sub Dean. Preacher: Mr Paul Daniels II.	Paul Daniels II
29 July	17h30	Parish Council meeting	Churchwardens
01 Aug	14h00	09h30 Altar servers to meet with Namso (073 351 8697)	Namso
01-02 August		Archdeaconry Family Weekend at St Augustine's.	Sub Dean

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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 Makana Choir School, for Dr Andrew-John Bethke, Director of Music and Cathedral Organist; for the Choir School Committee; for the Chaplains' Conference taking place in Grahamstown this week; for the various governance meetings this week: Diocesan Trusts Board, Diocesan Finance Committee, Cathedral Executive and PCC; for preparations for the Archdeaconry Family Weekend; for Bishop Dino Gabriel, Bishop-elect of Natal; for the diocese of Namibia as they hold their Elective Assembly this week.

OUR COMMUNITY: For matrics writing prelims; for the Mandela Trading Live program being held this week.

OUR WORLD: We pray for the people and leaders of Greece, with their financial crisis.

BIRTHDAYS: 29th: Melanie Appollis and Noncedo Reme-Mnandi, 31st: Sergio Peters and Peter Stockwell.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Karen and Patricia Oosthuizen; Esona and Sandisa Pantshwa; Anet and Stephen Peter; .Monwabisi, Nokulunga, Onathu and Ongamela Peter; Giselle, Nicolena, Preston and Sergio Peters.

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, Steve Ashcroft, Ronnie Burger, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Lynette Marais, in memory of her mother.

DECEASED: Gladys Kalilana (Dinah Flani's sister).

Here are the Gospel Readings for the eighth week after Pentecost

Mon	27	Matthew 13: 31-35	Thurs	30	Matthew 13: 47-52
Tues	28	Matthew 13: 36-43	Fri	31	Matthew 13: 53-58
Weds	29	Matthew 13: 44-46	Sat	01	Matthew 14: 1-12
Sun	02	2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a	Psalm 51: 1-12	Ephesians 4: 1-16	John 6: 24-35

Services next Sunday, 2nd August – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Revd Monwabisi Peter
19h00	Student Service	Mr Paul Daniels II	

Dean's letter, Sunday, 26th July 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

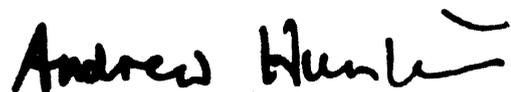
One of the exciting things we have been exploring at our 09h30 service during the first half of this year is the use of language. We have used a wide variety of our southern African languages for the Greeting, the Peace and the Dismissal: isiZulu, isiXhosa, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Shona, and Setswana, as well as English. People have responded with enthusiasm and eagerness, and it has been good to recognise the diversity of languages that we have in the Cathedral, especially during term time when our students are here. We have been helped with pronunciation by students from CotT, as well as people from the different language groups, who we have invited to come to the front to lead parts of the service, particularly at the Peace. Today, at the 9.30 a.m. service, we shall be doing an informal survey, to see what are the languages represented, with the view to include as many as possible over the next few months. We are a Cathedral not only of the Eastern Cape, but also of South and southern Africa, and part of a global family.

Today we say farewell to Revd Ndzondelelo Yili, who returns to St Augustine's after three months here with us. Due to a big family bereavement, and ill health, he has not been around as much as he and we had hoped, so he may well return for another two months later this year.

I spent an immensely worthwhile day, a week ago, with senior staff members from St Andrew's College, led by their headmaster, Alan Thompson. The day began with the Eucharist, and readings for The Guidance of the Holy Spirit. How much we long to know what to do, in times of crisis or danger, or when facing life choices! How do we hear and discern what God is calling us to?

The readings that the church gives us with the theme of the guidance of the Holy Spirit certainly helped. Jeremiah 31:31-34 reminded us that the work of the Spirit is to place the law in our hearts, that what we are looking for is deep inner transformation, not merely outward rules. 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 reminded us that God's perfect will is often found in shared wisdom. John 14:15-26 gave us the promise of "another Counsellor, the Spirit of truth." I asked the group to consider what the quality of our debate is; whether some voices dominate and others are silent; and quoted Archbishop Desmond Tutu who would often say "don't raise your voice; improve your argument." At the end of the day, I said, to discern the will of God is quite simple (I hope I was not being simplistic): invite the Holy Spirit; listen to one another; expect the unexpected. Like the Berg River canoeists this past weekend, who needed to keep in the current to get anywhere, we are part of a great river of faith and trust, or, as Eugene Peterson puts it, a long obedience in the same direction.

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. Watch this space for further details.

Feeding Friday starts up again on Friday. A good way to celebrate the night of a blue moon! Contact Paul Daniels (078 300 6061) or Titi Morobi (072 682 2346) for further information on how you can help.

Student services: our 19h00 student services will recommence next week, on 2nd August.

Xhosa Sunday School starts again today and continues weekly in St George's Hall. Many thanks to Lunga Dongwana who has volunteered to lead this group.

Bishop's Appeal: following last week's notice from one of our churchwardens, Jane Bradshaw, about the Bishop's Appeal, printed material is now available at the back of the church.

Altar servers (the 09h30 variants) will be meeting every Saturday at 14:00-15:00 to practise their duties, starting on August 1st (next week). This one may take longer than an hour due to admin. All 09h30 altar servers are expected to attend every practise. Anyone who is interested to join the team is welcome. Please contact Namso (073 351 8697).

The **Big hymn sing** takes place tonight at 18h30 and will feature the Cathedral Choir as well as the SAC/DSG Chamber Choir, the SAC/DSG Chapel Choir, Kingswood College's Senior and Junior Choirs and the Victoria Primary Choir. Each will each sing an item interspersed by hymns sung by the congregation and accompanied by the Kingswood College Concert Band. Amongst the music on offer will be: *As the deer pants for the water* (Music and words by Martin Nystrom), *To God be the glory* (tune: *To God be the glory* by W H Doane), *Who will save our land and people* (tune: *Nkos'yam*), *In Christ alone my hope is found* (Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend) and *Thou hidden source of calm repose* (tune: *Melita* by J B Dykes). Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection in favour of the Cathedral. ***Please remember to bring a torch in case of load-shedding!***

Archdeaconry Family Weekend: 1st – 2nd August, at St Augustine's. Programme: Saturday 1st August; Cultural Day, with items. Sunday 2nd August, Archdeaconry family service, 09h30 at St Augustine's. The Dean will celebrate and preach.

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.