

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.

Today's services: 9th August 2015 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
17h00	Choral Evensong	Lunga Dongwana	Revd Monwabisi Peter
19h00	Student Eucharist	Dean Andrew Hunter	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	Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers, Children's Church teacher/s and altar servers in the Chapter House.
09h20	

THIS WEEK; for your diary

			<i>Contact:</i>
13 Aug	17h00	Archdeaconry Council Meeting at St Clements.	The Dean
14 Aug	14h15	CotT seminar; "The Sacrament of Creation: Baptism as Communion of Life" will be presented by the Revd Dr Anna Karin Hammar, from Sweden, <small>see page 4.</small>	CotT 046 622 3332
15 Aug	14h00	Altar servers (09h30 only) meet with Namso (073 351 8697)	Namso
15 Aug	14h00	Archdeaconry Family Weekend; programme of events at St Augustine's.	Sub Dean Mzi

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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: Our church: We pray for all the parishes in our archdeaconry; for our confirmation candidates; for the Archdeaconry Family Weekend; for our diocesan leadership. May we all be enfolded in the love of Christ.

OUR COMMUNITY: The Makana Municipality leadership, mayor, town council, city and municipality officials. May we all seek to serve one another.

THE WORLD: The people of Greece in this time of debt and financial crisis; for our Public Prosecutor, Thuli Madonsela. May all be given wisdom in time of crisis.

BIRTHDAYS: 9th: Eunice Nwadi and Ian Meiklejohn, 15th: Chenelle Tupiri.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Leela Pienaar; Dale, Felicia and Howard Pote; Cathy and Patrick Pringle; .Florence Pswarayi; Noncedo Reme-Mnandi; Jenny Reynolds; Edward and Irene Riffel, Daphne Rink, Colleen Rippon.

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

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Michael Alden, Steve Ashcroft, Ronnie Burger, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Hester Stander, Angela Stuurman, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Catherine Euijen, in loving memory of her beloved Pop, Tom Euijen.

DECEASED: Mrs Vuyiswa Mize, spouse of Revd Mluleki Mize.

Here are the Gospel Readings for the twelfth week after Pentecost

Mon	10	Matthew 17: 22-27	Thurs	13	Matthew 18: 21-19:2
Tues	11	Matthew 18: 1-5, 10-14	Fri	14	Matthew 19: 3-12
Weds	12	Matthew 18: 15-20	Sat	15	Matthew 19: 13-15
Sun	16	1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14	Psalm 111	Ephesians 5: 15-20	John 6: 51-58

Services next Sunday, 16th August – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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* Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.

Please feel free to contact us.

Dean's letter, Sunday, 9th August 2015

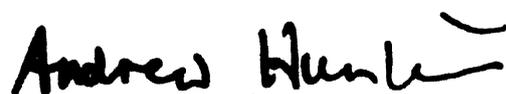
Dear Cathedral family,

At a recent meeting of the St Andrew's College Council, on being asked to open with prayer, I chose to read from Romans 8:35-39, and then spoke briefly about the reality of death and the Christian hope that we have and share. Any community, including a school community, faces death in various forms: farewells, failures, disappointments, the end of a relationship, the end of a dream – all these are “little deaths”, which many face and endure, and have to live through. But death – the end of our lives, the death of someone we know and love – is the ultimate loss, and something most of us dread: the death of a child or grandchild, the death of a beloved parent, the death of a spouse. The previous evening I had received a phone call from a colleague, distraught, at the hospital, at the bedside of his wife who had collapsed and died, without warning. Sitting round the table in the College Council meeting were a number of people who had experienced loss and death in recent times. As much as we might expect it, or prepare for it, death catches us and overwhelms us. And the tragic death of a loved one in an accident, or when violence strikes, or through sudden sickness, is shattering. What is our response? How do we cope? Where is God in times like that?

I know that for many, the Christian community, all those around us who pray and love and support and offer help, is an immense source of comfort. I was overwhelmed by people's love and encouragement when my parents died. But I also had to dig deep; I grieved and sorrowed, and continue to think about and miss my parents. And I return at almost every funeral to the words of St Paul, in his letter to the Romans: “nothing in all creation, not even death, can separate us from the love of God which is ours in Christ Jesus...” (Romans 8:35-39). Is that a cop-out or an escape from reality? I don't think so. It is an invitation to trust our loved ones, and ourselves, into the hands of God who knows us, who created us, who calls us to Himself. A friend and colleague, Bishop Christopher Gregorowski, once put it like this, in words that I return to again and again: “Death is not the end. Yes, it is the end of this life as we know it. But it is also the beginning: the beginning of the perfect life with God beyond the grave.”

And perhaps, in the end, death is not the worst that can happen to us. To be consumed by bitterness and anger and hatred and resentment – to be dead, while we appear to be alive – which is worse? May we seek the grace of God to be people who are alive.

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

Change of verger: Our new verger is Christopher Matya, following the resignation of Eunice Ncwadi. We thank Eunice for her work in the Cathedral, and welcome Christopher back – he was verger during the time of Dean Roy Barker. We ask all Cathedral members to respect the channels of communication as far as possible. The “face” of the Cathedral as employer is represented by the churchwardens. If you have any requests regarding our lay staff, please contact the parish office or speak to the churchwardens.

Archdeaconry Council meeting, Thursday 13th August, 17h00, at St Clement’s. Speaker: Kim Barker, organiser of the Silent Protest, 2013 and 2014.

Visiting: This year’s visiting programme will kick off at a meeting on Tuesday 18th August, at 17h30 in the Cory Room. Last year a team of cathedral members visited as many members of the congregation as they were able, to brief them on the life of the cathedral, to listen to any concerns which they may have had and to invite them to attend our patronal festival. The programme was well received, enjoyed by the visitors and visited alike, and is to be repeated. Parish Council invites people who may want to be part of the team doing the visiting to contact either Mr Lunga Dongwana (078 741 9164) or Ms Duma Myemane (072 158 9216) who will be coordinating the visiting programme this year.

Paul Daniels II, our resident YASCer, is returning to the United States, leaving us and South Africa on 18 August. Two days earlier, on Sunday, 16th, parishioners will be able to wish him ‘God Speed’ at a farewell tea after the 09h30 Eucharist. There’ll also be a gift for him; if you’d like to contribute please take a small marked envelope from the glass-topped cabinet, insert your contribution, and put it into the collection plate next time you are able.

The annual **Confirmation** service has been moved to Sunday 6th September at 09h30. We shall be joined by confirmation candidates from the archdeaconry.

Bishop’s Appeal¹: There will be a bring-and-buy **cake sale**, after both morning services on Sunday, 30 August. For further information and to assist please contact June Venn (073 217 4850)

Bishop’s Appeal²: Printed forms and marked envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to make a monetary donation or commitment.

Altar servers (the 09h30 variants) meet every Saturday at 14:00-15:00 to practise their duties. 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).

CotT open seminars: Friday’s (14 August) seminar is entitled “The Sacrament of Creation: Baptism as Communion of Life” and will be presented at 14h15 by the Revd Dr Anna Karin Hammar, from Sweden. Clergy and laity alike are welcome to attend; it’s at the College of the Transfiguration.

The **Archdeaconry Family Weekend** celebration service will be held on Sunday 16th August, at 09h30, at St Augustine’s. Theme: *Africa unite to the glory of God.*

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