



## *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.

<b>Today's services: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Theological Education Sunday</b>			
Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	Dean Andrew 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			

<b>Today's meetings and events:</b>	
07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers, Children's Church teacher/s and altar servers in the Chapter House.
± 08h45 & 10h45	<b>Cake sale</b> at the back of the Cathedral – see June Venn.

<i><b>THIS WEEK; for your diary</b></i>			<i><b>Contact:</b></i>
03 Sept	09h00	Holy Communion at Somerset Place	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
05 Sept	14h00	Altar servers (09h30 only) meet with Namso	Namso (073 351 8697)
05 Sept	15h00	Rehearsal for next week's confirmation service	
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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 candidates; for those being baptised; for our ministry and outreach to students, school pupils and children; the Ansoc chaplain, Revd Monwabisi Peter and Ansoc chair, Lazola Kati; for the CSM chaplain, Revd Claire Nye Hunter and CSM chair, Titi Morobi; our altar servers and choristers; our Sunday School; for our Mothers' Union, and their families; for preparations for the meeting of Provincial Standing Committee. May we all share and grow in the love of Christ.

**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY:** We pray for the College of the Transfiguration, Grahamstown; for the Rector, Revd Dr Vicentia Kgabe; staff, students, and their families.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We pray for matrics writing prelims over the next few weeks; for their families. May all know the peace and presence of Christ in times of stress.

**THE WORLD:** We pray for South and North Korea; for their leaders and armed forces; for Christians in those countries; for the 219 school girls kidnapped from Chibok, Nigeria, by Boko Haram, more than 500 days ago. May all find peace, freedom and a way forward into light and hope.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 30<sup>th</sup>: Tolu Adesina and David Greybe, 31<sup>st</sup>: Olwethu Hlabahlaba, Adrienne Whisson and Sally Mathews, 1<sup>st</sup>: Celeste Cowie, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Waldo Marcus and Pumla Lucas.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Andrew and Heather Tracey, Chenelle Tupiri, June Venn, June and Paul Walters, Marian, Chris and Gareth Walwyn, Crystal Warren and Anne Warring.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick or with long-term illnesses:** Isabel Bridger, Roger Embling, Jeanette Eve, Kerry Jane Gutridge, Heather Haggard, David Hodgson, Celia Jameson, Thelma Neville, Paul Pillay and Tim Williams.

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Bishop Charles and Bernice Albertyn (in Cape Town), Michael Alden, Steve Ashcroft, Ronnie Burger, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Lihle Njokweni, Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Angela Stuurman, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Graham Whitford.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from June Venn

**Services next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Prof Paul Walters	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB and Confirmation	Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali	Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali
19h00	Taizé service	Dr A-J Bethke	

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

Day	Day	Reading	Day	Day	Reading
Mon	31	Luke 4: 16-30	Thurs	03	Luke 5: 1-11
Tues	01	Luke 4: 31-37	Fri	04	Luke 5: 33-39
Weds	02	Luke 4: 38-44	Sat	05	Luke 6: 1-5
Sun	06	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Psalm 125	James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7: 24-37

## Dean's letter, Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

Today is Theological Education Sunday, when Anglicans throughout southern Africa are asked to give towards the College of the Transfiguration, in our ongoing efforts to make it sustainable. We are fortunate to have the College on our doorstep. A letter from the College Rector, Dr Vicentia Kgabe, is elsewhere in the pew leaflet. Today is also the occasion for baptism, when those who are to be confirmed next Sunday, are being baptised. It is an opportunity for us all to renew our baptismal vows and our commitment to Christ as Lord.

Last weekend was the occasion for our Diocesan Family Day service, held this year in East London. Two weeks ago was our Archdeaconry Family service, held at the same time as we were having the farewell for Paul Daniels. What is the point of these Archdeaconry and Diocesan Family Days and Family weekends? As I see it, there are at least three good reasons for such gatherings: to celebrate who we are in our life together as the body of Christ; to strengthen the mission of the church through fund-raising; to affirm, encourage, recognise and thank people for all that is being done and accomplished.

I know that for some, fund-raising is not a happy word or concept. Personally, I do believe that we should be covering our costs as parishes and as the church, through regular, dedicated giving, pledging, etc. I am thankful that many do give in this way. But for parishes and communities where this is not the norm, these communal, joyful fundraising gatherings, where people are challenged to meet a target and outdo one another with generosity, is both an exciting and an energising experience. I don't think it is less spiritual or less committed – the amounts given at the Diocesan Family Weekend are substantial – even though these annual gatherings and fund-raising don't really address the need to meet monthly costs and pay expenses, stipends, pensions, etc. That is part of the problem that we are facing as a diocese: we are constantly in deficit mode, waiting for promised funds to come in so that we can pay our expenses; and we don't have cash reserves to draw on. This is part of the crisis over unpaid pensions. I am very aware that for those who do give regularly and sacrificially, the extra requests for fund-raising can be very difficult. I ask that we do what we can to support.

We are surrounded by fund-raising appeals and requests from a number of quarters. It is "love that makes the world go round". We also know how money and generosity can open doors and make things possible, in the life of the church, an NGO, a school, a university. Donations, gifts and bequests can help to endow a project, erect a building, sustain a work of mercy, fund a vision, give life and extend the kingdom of God.

My love to you all,



## GENERAL NOTICES

**Dean Andrew & Revd Claire** are out of town this week, returning in time for the Confirmation service on Sunday.

**Many thanks to the Mothers' Union** for their gift of a stole to the Cathedral. It will be blessed and dedicated during the 09h30 service today.

**Theological Education Sunday:** we give our cash collection today to support the life and work of the College of the Transfiguration, Grahamstown. The Rector of the College, the Revd Canon Dr Vicentia Kgabe, writes: "We are a small but engaged and active community of committed academics and teachers striving towards the goal of offering the best theological education to students who will enter and impact Southern African communities at a grass roots level. We are the only Anglican residential theological College in Southern Africa that offers a holistic program of academic and spiritual formation including following the liturgical seasons of the year and morning and evening prayer, a rigorous routine designed to deepen and engrain timeless forms of worship. The College aims to support all our students as they enter higher education, often for the first time, equipping them with foundational academic skills. Our motto 'Form, Inform, Transform' expresses our commitment to develop informed citizens and moral leaders of Southern Africa and ministers of the Church that have been formed and transformed through a process of daily spiritual discipline, and communal engagement with cultural diversity.... We are confident that the graduates of the College will leave with a rich, profound education."

**Now is that time:** September is our annual stewardship, pledge and dedication month, culminating with our Patronal Festival on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015. What does this mean?

**Firstly, it is a time to thank and acknowledge** all of us who support the life of the church – the Cathedral, the Diocese, the Province, and beyond – with faithful, regular giving.

**Secondly, it is a time to ask** all Cathedral parishioners and members, all who worship here, to commit or recommit ourselves to faithful giving and pledging for the year ahead. We do expect all our members and parishioners to pledge and to give, so that the life and work of the church may continue. Pledge forms are available. **Thirdly, it is a time to offer and rededicate** ourselves, all that we are, to Christ as Lord – to offer our lives to God, to be embraced in God's love and grace, seeking and asking for God's perfect will to be done in and through us.

**St George's Fair** shares a date this year (31st October) with Halloween and Marian Jayes 046 622 8623 asks us all to diarise the former. Just for starters, Anne Stockwell has wool which she would like to offer to any knitters who are able to make articles for the Fair.

Some **help is needed**, if anyone is able to assist, in re-hanging the doors on a couple of wardrobes for Pasha and Michael Alden. Mike would normally do it but is bed- or wheelchair-ridden at the moment. Pasha's phone number is 072 587 6027.

**Bishop's Appeal:** Marked envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to make a monetary donation or commitment. And . . . **TODAY, after both morning services**, you'll be able to buy a range of good things to eat, also in aid of the Bishop's Appeal. June Venn (073 217 826), whose initiative this is, says there'll be sweet or savoury cupcakes; muffins, bread, koeksusters, cakes and samoosas.