

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: 13th September 2015 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost			
Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Monwabisi Peter
17h00	Choral Evensong	Mr Lunga Dongwana	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
19h00	Student Eucharist	Revd Monwabisi Peter	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.

<i>THIS WEEK; for your diary</i>			<i>Contact:</i>
15 Sept	17h30	Meeting for sacristans in the Chapter House.	June Venn
17 Sept	09h30	Holy Communion at St Luke's.	Revd Claire
19 Sept	14h00	Altar servers (09h30 only) meet with Namso	Namso (073 351 8697)
19&20 9	15h00	Festival of Music at St Paul's, Port Alfred. See page 4	
Please see our web and FB pages for more information: www.grahamstowncathedral.org and facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral			

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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 the meeting of Provincial Standing Committee, this week; for the Archbishop as he chairs this; for our Cathedral month of dedication and stewardship; for our ministry to children and teenagers; for our Cathedral Choir and Director of Music. May we all be filled and strengthened with the Holy Spirit.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for our matrics writing prelims; for students back at university; for Rhodes leadership – Vice-Chancellor, Council, Senate, SRC, student organisations. May all know the guidance and presence of Christ.

THE WORLD: We pray for all refugees, and for the countries and communities receiving them; for Syria, Libya and areas occupied by Islamic State forces; for Christians facing danger and persecution. May all find strength and the hope of Christ in time of darkness.

BIRTHDAYS: 13th: Sally Terry, 14th: Nicola Hunter, 15th: Rudi Marx and Lunga Matomane, 17th: Kiara Fourie, 18th: Nomfuneko Ntapane.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Tolani, Tolu and Toyosi Adesina; Charles, Geoff and Margie Antrobus; Cairis, Christeice, Katie, Melanie, Siarra and Sylvester Appollis and Delia Arends.

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 Berenice 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 Claire Cordell, in memory of Mirri, and of her mother.

DECEASED: Mputhumi Tshazi (father of Theo, one of our COTT students)

Services next Sunday, 20th September – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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07h30	Holy Eucharist (AAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Service	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Claire Nye Hunter

Here are the Gospel Readings for the seventeenth week after Pentecost

Mon	14	Luke 7: 1-10	Thurs	17	Luke 7: 36-50
Tues	15	Luke 7: 11-17	Fri	18	Luke 8: 1-3
Weds	16	Luke 7: 31-35	Sat	19	Luke 4: 4-15
Sun	20	Proverbs 31: 10-31	Psalm 1	James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a	Mark 9: 30-37

Dean's letter, Sunday, 13th September 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

The month of September is traditionally our annual stewardship, pledge and dedication month, which culminates in our Patronal Festival on Sunday 27th September. What does this mean?

Firstly, it is a time to thank and acknowledge all who support the life of the church with involvement, with time, and with faithful, regular giving. The work of the church is multi-faceted. Amongst others, it includes the ministry and life - and maintenance - of the Cathedral; it is the life of the diocese, with our financial and prayer support for parishes and ministries beyond the Cathedral itself; and it is the life and witness of the Province of Southern Africa. The Cathedral has stipendiary clergy and lay staff; and we have a considerable number of volunteers who assist with various aspects of worship and our Sunday services, who assist with pastoral care, and who play a vital role in governance and administration. For many Cathedral parishioners, our witness and service is at our various places of work. There is much that is done in faith and love, by many in this city. *Thank you* to all who give their time to ensure that the Cathedral life and witness is ongoing; and *thank you* to all who pledge and give financial support so faithfully.

Secondly, it is a time to ask all Cathedral parishioners, all who worship here, to commit or recommit ourselves to faithful giving and pledging for the year ahead. We do expect and ask all our parishioners to pledge and to give, so that the life and work of the church may continue. Our churchwarden and treasurer, Wayne Jayes, has prepared pre-filled pledge forms for our existing pledged givers. These can be found on the glass cabinet near the West Door (main entrance). Blank pledge forms are also available, for new pledgers. We encourage regular dedicated giving, both as an offering to God out of what we each receive or earn, and also so that the Cathedral can meet its expenses and costs.

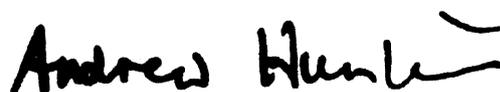
We have also been wonderfully blessed by some bequests, and occasional donations, in recent years, and we ask that you do consider leaving a bequest to the Cathedral, in your will.

Thirdly, our Patronal Festival 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.

On Sunday 27th September – our Patronal Festival – we are all asked to hand in our completed pledge and dedication forms at either of our morning services.

Let's not be ashamed or embarrassed to talk about money, costs, giving, bequests, etc., on occasions such as this. We do so out of love and faith in God, because we want to preserve, maintain and extend the life and witness of the church, the body of Christ.

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

The Dean will be at Provincial Standing Committee this week, 16th – 19th September, in Gauteng.

New Lay Minister: we welcome Nceba January to our lay ministers' team, as he is licensed this morning during the 09h30 service by the Dean, on behalf of the Bishop. Nceba grew up and was educated here in Grahamstown. He worshipped at St Philips for many years, and is now with us at the Cathedral. He is an executive member of the Diocesan Youth Guild (DYG).

Marian and Chris Walwyn: Today marks the end of Chris's 56 years of service as an Altar Server (since 1959), the last 17 years being here at the Cathedral. We give thanks for Chris's faithful and very loyal service as an Altar Server over all these years, and for the focused dedication and deep commitment that he has always brought to this. We thank God for him and for Marian, a former Cathedral churchwarden and a PCC member of several years' standing. We pray, too, for the Lord's blessing on them both in the months ahead, as they prepare to relocate to Bathurst.

Editor of *The Spire*: this task and responsibility has been wonderfully and faithfully carried out, over the last few years, by Dr Claire Cordell. She is, however, no longer able to continue as Editor and we seek someone willing to pick this up. Ideally, *The Spire* – our Cathedral newsletter – should come out once a month, or once every second month. It is a greatly-valued and important means of communication within the Cathedral and amongst many who over the years have been part of the Cathedral life and family. Is this something that you would like to explore? If so, please speak to the Dean, or leave a message for him at the Parish Office.

Don't miss a **Festival of Music** at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Port Alfred featuring Dr. Noël-Jean Creille (organ and piano) and Daniel Brodie (piano, flute and clarinet) next weekend (19th & 20th September at 15h00). A different programme will be played at each recital. Dr Creille was the resident organist at the DR Church in Calitzdorp for about ten years, presenting an organ recital every evening. Tickets cost R80,00 (from the Kowie News Agency) and include refreshments. Contact David Foulkes at 083 634 5478 for more.

Dr Thami Tisani will be exploring the ideology of 'civilising mission', which formed the bedrock of the education system offered to Africans by missionaries, at the CotT on 22 September, from 14h00 – 16h00.

St George's Fair is to be held on 31st October and if you are keen to run a stall please let Marian Jayes know on 072 342 2312 or marian@jayes.org

Public lecture: The Faculty of Law is holding a public lecture by Visiting Professor Wim Tregove entitled "The clash of equality and religion rights: De Lange v Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.". Date: Monday 14 September 2015; Time: 17h30; Venue: Eden Grove Blue Lecture Theatre. Advocate Wim Tregove is one of the top advocates in the country and a visiting professor of the Rhodes Law Faculty. The De Lange case, heard recently in the Constitutional Court, dealt with whether the Methodist Church had the power to discontinue the services of a lesbian minister who announced her plans to marry her female partner. All are welcome.

Bishop's Appeal: Marked envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to make a monetary donation or commitment.