

## *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: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist (AAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Service	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			

<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.
15h00	Festival of Music at St Paul's, Port Alfred. See notice board in Cathedral.

<i><b>THIS WEEK; for your diary</b></i>			<i><b>Contact:</b></i>
22 Sept	14h00	<b>Dr Thami Tisani</b> will be exploring the ideology of 'civilising mission' at the CotT.	CotT 046 622 3332. See page 4.
26 Sept	14h00	Altar servers (09h30 only) meet with Namso	Namso (073 351 8697)
Please see our web and FB pages for more information: <a href="http://www.grahamstowncathedral.org">www.grahamstowncathedral.org</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral">facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral</a>			

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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 Bishop as he celebrates the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his consecration to the episcopate; for preparations for the ordination service on Saturday, and those who will be ordained; for the Cathedral Choir School; for our Director of Music, Dr Andrew-John Bethke; for our choristers, senior choir members, and their families; for our life and witness as the Cathedral. May we know God's will and guidance in all that we do.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We pray for our church schools here in Grahamstown: DSG, St Andrew's, and Kingswood; for our matrics preparing for their final exams; for all at Rhodes University: Vice-Chancellor, Council, academic and support staff and the students. May all find a way forward together.

**OUR COUNTRY:** We continue to pray for the Public Protector, Thuli Madonsela, and those who work with her; for all victims of violence; for all addicted to drugs or alcohol; for their families. May all be given courage and strength.

**THE WORLD:** We continue to pray for all refugees, and for countries and communities who are receiving them.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 20<sup>th</sup>: Claire Nye Hunter, 21<sup>st</sup> Lisa Mxube, 25<sup>th</sup>, Noxolo Kheswa, 26<sup>th</sup> Nokulunga Peter.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Millicent Armitage, Peter Bailie, Buhle Bantu and Cwayita Bam, Eleanor Barker, Euline, Kaylyn, Lucien and Sadie Bartis, Liqhame Beja.

**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 and Paul Pillay.

**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.

***Services next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

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07h30	Holy Eucharist (AAPB)	Dean Andrew Hunter	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Dean Andrew Hunter	Dean Andrew Hunter
17h00	Choral Evensong and licensing of priests	Brother John OHC	Dean Andrew Hunter
19h00	Student Eucharist	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	

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

Mon	21	Luke 8: 16-18	Thurs	24	Luke 9: 7-9
Tues	22	Luke 8: 19-21	Fri	25	Luke 9: 18-22
Weds	23	Luke 9: 1-6	Sat	26	Luke 9: 43b-45
Sun	27	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22	Psalm 124	James 5: 13-20	Mark 9: 38-50

## Dean's letter, Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015

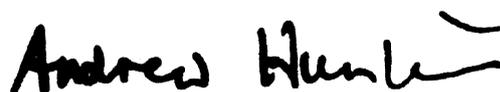
Dear Cathedral family,

Following the request from the churchwardens for us to respond to the Bishop's Appeal, including the worrying information that the diocese has not been able to pay pensions for a number of months, there have been a number of questions about the state of diocesan finances. What has led to this crisis? There are a number of factors that have resulted in where we are at this time.

1. An increase in the number of stipendiary clergy. While the majority of the clergy in the diocese are self-supporting, the intention is to have a stipendiary, full-time priest in every parish. We have a large number of self-supporting clergy in this diocese – as is happening in many dioceses – but due to day-time commitments, most are available in the evenings and weekends only, for ministry. Ideally, there should be a stipendiary, full-time priest in each parish, to be able to do the ministry, pastor and care for the community, and be able to give his or her full attention to the life and work of the church.
2. Medical Aid for stipendiary clergy, and lay diocesan staff, is a significant cost. All stipendiary clergy contribute to this from their stipends. The “employer's portion” is meant to come from parishes. A number of parishes have not supported this, resulting in a significant shortfall each year, which has been carried by the diocese.
3. Khahlamba – the diocese of Grahamstown decided, in 2007, to subdivide, and to subsidise the new diocese of Khahlamba for ten years. This subsidy was initially part of the diocesan budget, and then in an effort to get support from the parishes for this, each parish has been asked to contribute. Some have, many have not. Again, this is a significant budgetary shortfall each year.
4. Rising costs, including the increased costs of administration. All of us know how rising costs of food, fuel and other consumables have hit us.
5. Ways of giving – while a number of our parishes are in the habit of regular, monthly giving and tithing through pledges or planned giving, many others rely all too heavily on an annual patronal festival or fundraising effort to meet their monthly commitment to the diocese. This places huge strain on the diocesan cash flow, as expenses, stipends, etc., are all paid monthly. There is no financial cushion to close this gap.
6. Assessment deficits – some parishes are not up to date with their monthly diocesan assessment. This places huge strain on the diocesan budget and ability to pay clergy and cover monthly expenses. Some months there simply isn't enough money. How are we to bridge the gap?

The diocese receives occasional assistance from the Diocesan Trusts Board, just as a family might use savings or an inheritance to help with expenses. How much help can we expect, while being wise stewards of trust funds? How do we get ourselves out of this debt trap? Hence the Bishop's Appeal, in an effort to create an endowment and bring in new capital funds. Copies of the diocesan budget, done in a pie chart format, are at the back of the church. Let's help where we can.

My love to you all,



## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**We welcome** boys and staff from St Andrew's College (Graham and Mullins) to our 09h30 service this morning.

**Pledge forms:** Our churchwarden and treasurer has prepared pre-filled pledge forms for our existing pledge givers. These can be found on the glass cabinet near the West Door (main entrance). Blank pledge forms are also available for new pledgers.

**The Archbishop Thabo Makgoba Development Trust Annual Lecture** is being inaugurated by the Public Protector, Advocate Thuli Madonsela, at 18h30 on Friday 25th September. Entrance is free, but is by ticket only. To reserve your ticket (on a first-come-first serve basis), please contact Aviwe Petsha at [a.petsha@ru.ac.za](mailto:a.petsha@ru.ac.za). The Venue will be Barratt 1 on the University campus.

**Patronal Festival:** Next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>) both morning services will include an opportunity for testimony and thanksgiving (at the 09h30 service). Please bring completed pledge/dedication forms to morning service; these will be given up as we come up to receive Communion. It's also Heritage Day so feel free to come dressed in traditional and heritage costumes. Let's make it a celebration!

**Choral Evensong:** Our 'Patronal Choral Evensong' will be at 17h00 on Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>). Being the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time, it is an Ember Day, when we would normally pray for those in the ordained ministry. However, the September Embertide has as its focus those in the Religious Life, our monastic orders of men and women. Our preacher will be Bro. John OHC. At this service the Dean will also be licensing the following priests, on behalf of the Bishop: Revd Canon Dr Vicentia Kgabe; Revd Canon Ezra Tisani; Revd Dr Isaias Chachine; and Revd Vic Graham.

**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.

**Visiting:** A group comprising PCC members and Lay Ministers, together with the clergy, is attempting to visit everyone on the parish roll before the Patronal Festival on 27th September. The purpose of these visits is: to make contact with you; to hear how you are; to hear your concerns and to give you a printed invitation to the Patronal Festival. Given the size of the parish, and the size of the visiting team, you might not receive a visit as we had hoped. But the intention is there! The visiting program last year was very special and we hope that it will be the same this year.

**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.

**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](mailto:marian@jayes.org)

**Movie Night:** our Sunday school teachers hosted a very successful movie night last week which raised some R300 after expenses. Thanks are due to Patricia, Sharon and Rosa who hosted the event, to the parents for transporting those who attended and to Elizabeth for helping out during the movie.

**Youth meeting:-** Could all young people (excluding Sunday school children) worshipping at the Cathedral please meet with Busisiwe just below the pews closer to the Nave after the 09h30 service today for a brief meeting which will not take more than 10 minutes.

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