

## *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: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider/Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	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	Theme: How can I be sure of God's forgiveness and mercy? with Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi.	
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.		
26 Sept	14h00	Altar servers (09h30 only) meet with Namso	Namso (073 351 8697)

<b>OFFICE and CLERGY staff contact details Cathedral Parish Office: (046 622 2445):</b>			
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To contact the Parish Office staff by email, use: office@grahamstowncathedral.org (Administrator -- Anet) and admin@grahamstowncathedral.org (Parish Secretary -- Chris). *Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.			

**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 give thanks for the recent Provincial Standing Committee meeting, for the work done on governance and mission; we pray for the Archbishop, his family, and those who support and facilitate his ministry in the Province and nationally. In the Cathedral, we continue to pray for the Makana Choir School, our choristers, Andrew-John Bethke (Director of Music), the Choir School Committee; for the Cathedral Student Ministry and for Revd Claire in her chaplaincy and oversight; for Ansoc and for Revd Monwabisi and his chaplaincy and oversight of that group.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We pray for all preparing for final exams; for our schools; for the Good Shepherd School as they celebrate their birthday.

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** 27<sup>th</sup>: Stacey Conroy and Dodie Springer, 3<sup>rd</sup> (Oct) Patricia Murowe and Cathy Meiklejohn.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Andrew-John Bethke, Liyema Bobotyani, Warren Boggs, Jane Bradshaw, Elizabeth and Peter Breetzke, Rosalie Breitenbach.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses:** Isabel Bridger, Roger Embling, 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), 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.

**DECEASED:** Michael Alden.

***Services next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

<b>Time</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider / Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	Prof Michael Whisson	Revd Monwabisi Peter
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Prof Michael Whisson	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Service	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	

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

Mon	28	Luke 8: 16-18	Thurs	01	Luke 9: 7-9
Tues	29	Luke 8: 19-21	Fri	02	Luke 9: 18-22
Weds	30	Luke 9: 1-6	Sat	03	Luke 9: 43b-45
Sun	04	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22	Psalm 124	James 5: 13-20	Mark 9: 38-50

## Dean's letter, Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

Today is our Patronal Festival, the Feast of St Michael and all the Angels. It is a time to celebrate our life as the Cathedral, a time to give thanks for all that we are, our life of worship, witness and service; a time to appreciate the wonderful people that make up the Cathedral family. I have had the privilege of doing a series of pastoral visits over recent weeks, as part of the Cathedral visiting program during our Dedication month. It has been so good to meet people, to get to know some a bit better, to hear their ideas and dreams, to engage with their questions. We have gold here amongst us. I thank God for giving us these wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ.

Last week was the annual meeting of the Provincial Standing Committee, part of the governance structure of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA). It is a gathering of all the bishops, together with one priest and one lay person from each diocese. We looked at governance and management issues, and reflected on our vision and mission as the church. How are we doing?

**Our vision as ACSA:** The Anglican community in Southern Africa seeks to be Anchored in the love of Christ; Committed to God's mission; Transformed by the Holy Spirit.

**Our Mission statement:** Across the diverse countries and cultures of our region, we seek to honour God in worship that feeds and empowers us for faithful witness and service; to embody and proclaim the message of God's redemptive hope and healing for people and creation; to grow communities of faith that form, inform and transform those who follow Christ.

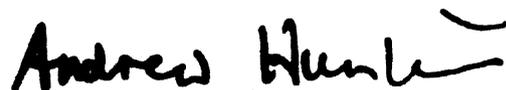
**Two further themes** run through all our life and work: holistic mission rooted in a full commitment to evangelism; and transformation of the legacies of apartheid.

**We have eight Priorities, as ACSA:** liturgical renewal for transformative worship; theological education and formation; leadership development; health, including HIV and AIDS, malaria and TB; the environment; women and gender; protection and nurture of children and young people; public advocacy.

Part of being church is recognising that we can do a lot as individuals; but we can do a great deal more when we work together. Here in Grahamstown, and nationally, we are faced with so much that needs our involvement and attention. We as the Cathedral, and as the diocese, have a particular role to play in this part of our country. Being a vibrant and faithful community of worship, witness and service is a big step forward. And being people of compassion and care, aware of our neighbours, seeing what we can do, going the extra mile and crossing the barriers that are there, is so vital.

May the Lord of the church bless and guide us in our life and journey together.

My love to you all,



## GENERAL NOTICES

**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.

**Patronal Festival:** Both morning services today will include an opportunity for testimony and thanksgiving (at the 09h30 service). Please give up your completed pledge/dedication forms as we come up to receive Communion.

**Choral Evensong:** This evening, during the Choral Evensong, the Dean will 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.

**Jeanette Eve** thanks God for her recovery, and cathedral folk for their loving concern and prayers.

**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)

**Readers:** Please consider joining our two teams of readers (07h30 and 09h30) as part of your personal ministry. Leave a note with your name, contact details and service preference for Chris Walwyn, on the glass cabinet at the West end of the Cathedral or email those details to him at: [admin@grahamstowncathedral.org](mailto:admin@grahamstowncathedral.org)

**Flowers in the Lady Chapel** are an excellent way of remembering events, anniversaries and departed friends and family members. There is a roster at the back of the Cathedral into which you are invited to write your name. Please see Peter and Ann Stockwell for further details.

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

<i>Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK.for your diary</i>			<i>Contact:</i>
30 Sept	15h00	Cot'I placement team meeting; Cory Room	The Sub Dean
30 Sept	17h30	Parish Council Meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
01 Oct	09h00	Holy Communion at Somerset Place	The Sub Dean
01 Oct	11h00	Good Shepherd School birthday service.	The Sub Dean
02 – 04 Oct		Diocesan Youth Guild Conference	The Sub Dean
03 Oct	17h00	Cot'I Leavers' Dinner at the Monument	

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

**[www.grahamstowncathedral.org](http://www.grahamstowncathedral.org) and [facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral](https://facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral)**