

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: 4th October 2015 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	Prof Michael Whisson	Revd Monwabisi Peter
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Prof Michael Whisson	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Service	Topic: <i>Love, sex and dating</i>	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 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers, Children's Church teacher/s and altar servers in the Chapter House.
09h00	College of the Transfiguration Commissioning Service. Preacher: Dr Andrew-John Bethke.
09h30	Closing Eucharist for the Diocesan Youth Guild Conference, at St Augustine's. It is being attended by the Dean and the Sub Dean.

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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: The young people of our diocese; for the Diocesan Youth Guild leadership; the College of the Transfiguration students and staff.

OUR COMMUNITY: Our matrics and all students as the academic year draws to an end; for those preparing for final exams.

OUR COUNTRY: Political and business leaders; the Public Protector, Adv. Thuli Madonsela.

THE WORLD: All refugees, and for the communities receiving them; for Syria and other war-torn countries.

BIRTHDAYS: 4th: Nomakwezi Gabavana, 6th: Marian Walwyn, 8th: Samantha Niven, 9th: Basil Coyne, 10th: Kay Marx and Jonathan Jayes.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Davidean, Donovan, Ernest, Isabel, Kaede, Mandy, Rodney and Tylo Bridger; Richard and Margot Brooks; Rose and Val Buchner.

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, Paul Pillay and Marian Walwyn.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Bishop Charles and Berenice Albertyn (in Cape Town), Steve Ashcroft, Revd Ruth Brandt, 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, Mike and Sheila Walwyn.

DECEASED: Ekanem Ana Effiong (Elizabeth Adesina's mother, in Ibadan, Nigeria); Lawukazi Gixana (mother of Revd Noluthando Gixana)

Services next Sunday, 11th October – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Revd Monwabisi Peter
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
17h00	Choral Evensong AAPB	Revd Siphokazi Njokweni	Revd Monwabisi Peter
19h00	Student Eucharist	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	

Here are the Gospel Readings for the nineteenth week after Pentecost

Mon	05	Luke 10: 25-37	Thurs	08	Luke 11: 5-13
Tues	06	Luke 10: 38-42	Fri	09	Luke 11: 14-26
Weds	07	Luke 11: 1-4	Sat	10	Luke 11: 27-28
Sun	11	Job 23: 1-9, 16-17	Psalm 22: 1-15	Hebrews 4: 12-16	Mark 10: 17-31

Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK for your diary

			Contact:
8 Oct	17h15	SpiritFest meeting in the Cory Room.	Maggy Clarke
Friday 9 th – Saturday 10 th	Diocesan Council, at St Alban's, East London. The Dean and Sub-Dean will be attending.		
10 Oct	09h30	Altar servers (09h30 only) meet with Namso	Namso: (073 351 8697)
10 Oct	14h00	Quiet Afternoon at the Monastery, to be led by Revd Pen Schultz.	The Dean

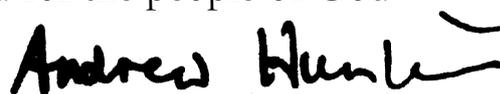
Dean's letter, Sunday, 4th October 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

Today, 4th October, is the feast-day of St Francis of Assisi, remembered and revered for his hymns of creation, including the *Canticle of the Sun*; his simplicity of life, his deep love for God and for God's people. The prayer attributed to St Francis (it is not certain whether or not he actually wrote it), "Lord, make us instruments of your peace...", which we often pray, and sing ("Make me a channel of your peace"), can be found in *An Anglican Prayer Book 1989*, on page 91, #27. The prayer acknowledges the many things that can so often overwhelm us and leave us battered and bruised, weighed down, at times quite desperate: hatred, injury, discord, doubt, despair, darkness, sadness. And then Francis prays, and we pray with him, that in those places of darkness and despair and hatred, we may, by God's grace, sow and plant love, pardon, union, faith, hope, light and joy. And the final words of the prayer are ones that remind us of the heart of the Gospel, the self-giving love of Christ: "grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

As a young man, St Francis heard God say to him, "Francis, go and repair my house which is falling into ruins." He took that literally, rebuilding and restoring the ruined church building in which he was praying at the time, gathering the stones and timber needed, and reconstructing the walls and roof. He preached and taught the Gospel, gathering a large company of like-minded men who joined him in his ministry and life of simple faith and poverty. He lived at the time of the Crusades, the series of attempts by the West to regain control of Jerusalem and the holy sites, to allow safe access for Christian pilgrims, and to safe-guard the Christian nations from attack. He visited the Sultan of Egypt in an effort to reach out to him with the message of the Gospel; and it is said that his attempt to build bridges with the Islamic world had an influence for good, long after his death. Towards the end of his life he received the stigmata, the five wounds of Christ, in his body. He is revered as the saint of ecology and the environment, for his deep commitment to a simple way of life, and to the needs of the poor; for his love of creation; for his life of prayer and humility. Even now, over 700 years after his death, he is a radical, challenging figure, questioning our materialism, calling us to simplicity, to care for creation, to conversion, to a deep love for Christ and for the people of God

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

The **Diocesan Youth Guild Conference:** The closing Eucharist is today and is being attended by the Dean and the Sub Dean.

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.

Students from the WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, USA are again to visit Grahamstown on Sunday 17th and Monday 18th January 2016. They need accommodation for their students for those two nights and, as before, have approached Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Cathedral. Could you please phone or email Anet (office@grahamstowncathedral.org) if you are able to help with accommodation. As before, Whitworth University will make a donation towards any costs you incur. The letter we received from Prof Gordon Jackson is on the notice board at the back of the church. The Cathedral is being asked to accommodate nine students & staff. The other nine will be hosted by Trinity. This is a link we need to encourage.

Confirmation 2016: if you have not been confirmed, and would like to be prepared for Confirmation next year, please speak to the Dean. If you are still at school, you need to be in Grade 10, or older, in 2016. Students and adults are also very warmly welcome. Classes will start towards the end of February. We meet regularly, once a week, during school and university term time, for an hour each a week. The Confirmation is normally at the end of August.

The **Amasango** documentary “Issues of faith” will be on TV2 at 09h00 on Sunday, Oct 11th.

A **Quiet Day** for Lay Ministers, Prayer Ministers, PCC and any others who would like to have a day of prayer and reflection will be held on Saturday 24th October, at the uMariya uMama weThemba monastery. We plan to start at 09h00 and end just before 17h00. The day will be conducted by Br John OHC. There will be two addresses, plenty of silence, teas, lunch, and a short discussion time towards the end of the day. The cost is R70 per person, payable to Anet at the Cathedral office, please. We need to let the monastery know our expected numbers, so please confirm your attendance by Monday 19th October.

The Annual General Meeting of Eluxolweni Child and Youth Care Centre will be held on Sat 10th Oct, at 14h00, in Eluxolweni’s Recreational Hall, off Anderson Street.

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.

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

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