

## *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.

Today is All Saints Day. This evening's service is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls).

Please turn off your cell phone and keep your valuables with you at all times.

### **Today's services: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 – All Saints' Day**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider/Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	
19h00	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Revd Vic Graham	Revd Claire Nye Hunter

Holy Communion or Morning Prayer is celebrated on weekdays (excluding Tuesdays), at 07h00, in our Lady Chapel. Evening Prayer (Eucharist on Tuesdays) 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.
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*Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.			

<i>Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary</i>			<i>Contact:</i>
05 Nov	09h00	Holy Communion at Somerset Place	Revd Claire

**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 saints of God who surround us with love and prayer; all who have gone before us in the way of Christ and whom we remember at this time. We pray for our Sub Dean Mzinzisi in his new ministry as Archdeacon of Grahamstown; for his wife Lilitha and their daughter Sambesiwe.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for our matrics as they write their finals; for all our students as exams begin; for the Rhodes University leadership, Vice-Chancellor, Council, academic and support staff; for the East Cape Midlands College staff and students; all our university campuses at this time; security and law enforcement officers; the Minister of Higher Education, Blade Nzimande.

**OUR COUNTRY:** We pray for all who are unemployed; all who are homeless; all victims of violence and abuse; for displaced people here in Grahamstown following the xenophobic attacks.

**THE WORLD:** We continue to pray for all refugees; for places of conflict, especially Syria, and Israel/Palestine.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Javier Martin, 5<sup>th</sup> Vusumzi Matomane, 6<sup>th</sup> Lusanda Mtwana, Jeanette Hodgson and Heather Tracey, 7<sup>th</sup> Di Harvey.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Kiah and Kiara Fourie, Akona, Kutala, Nikilitha, Nomakwezi, Tandiwe and Ziyanda Gabavana, Sr Carol CR, Tendai Goto.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses:** Isabel Bridger, Roger Embling, Kerry Jane Gutridge, Celia Jameson, Thelma Neville, Paul Pillay and Colleen Rippon.

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Steve Ashcroft, Revd Ruth Brandt, Ronnie Burger, Canon James Hoyle, Nolutho Mbolekwa, Lihle Njokweni, Owen Pearce, David Peter, Thembeka Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Angela Stuurman, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and Graham Whitford.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Margie Antrobus to commemorate all the family anniversaries and birthdays.

*Services next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday*

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion (SAPB)	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Sung Eucharist (AAPB)	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Monwabisi Peter
17h00	Choral Evensong (AAPB)	Revd Canon Lawrence Nzwana	Revd Claire Nye Hunter

**Here are the Gospel readings for the twenty-third week after Pentecost**

Mon	02	Romans 11: 25-36	Thurs	05	Romans 14: 7-12
Tues	03	Romans 12: 1-16	Fri	06	Romans 15: 14-21
Weds	04	Romans 13: 8-10	Sat	07	Romans 16: 16-27
Sun	08	Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9: 23-28	Mark 12: 38-44

## Dean's letter, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

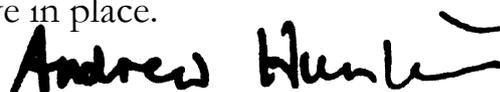
Today, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is All Saints Day, or All Hallows – and many of us are aware that yesterday, apart from being the Rugby World Cup final match, was Halloween – All Hallows Eve. October 31<sup>st</sup> has been a difficult day for some communities in recent years, with rumours causing chaos and terror. Given the fragile state of our community, we don't need any encouragement to go that route. All Saints Day, and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day, which we celebrate this evening) is the gospel proclamation that in the face of evil and sin, the light of Christ shines. The love of God overcomes all hatred and death. During these difficult and fragile days, we affirm and hold on to this message of hope.

We congratulate our Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi on his appointment as Archdeacon of Grahamstown. He will be licensed by the Bishop at the next meeting of the Diocesan Chapter, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The office of Archdeacon of Grahamstown has been traditionally held by successive Deans, over a number of years, and I have continued with this. However, given the work and responsibilities I increasingly carry in the life of the diocese, particularly as “archdeacon to the archdeacons”, it has been agreed that I be allowed to step down from this particular office. Archdeacon Mzi continues as Sub Dean, but will now take responsibility for the oversight of parishes in Grahamstown (apart from the Cathedral – the Dean exercises archi-diaconal responsibilities in the Cathedral parish), and leadership of the archdeaconry and all that this entails. Our prayers are with him and Lilitha, and Sambe, as he takes up this load. I am very grateful for my time as Archdeacon of Grahamstown, following in the footsteps of Archdeacon (later Bishop) Merriman, ancestor to my godmother, Nola Houston, who was born and continues to live on the farm outside Stellenbosch once owned by John X Merriman, one-time prime minister of the Cape Colony, and son of Bishop Merriman. The office of archdeacon has given me direct contact with our various communities that make up Grahamstown, and the many wonderful people who live here, the scars of our history, and the issues that we all face. I thank all in the archdeaconry for their love, friendship and support.

We have given help this past week – mainly food - to those displaced by the xenophobic attacks. The situation may be clearer by the time you read this. Items can be given, and details are available on request. Let's help as much as we can.

We continue to appeal for a smooth and trouble-free exam period, for our students and our matrics. I believe it would be very counter-productive if exams were not written, and the year's academic work and fees wasted. We need to find a way forward that builds on what we already have in place.

My love to you all,



## *GENERAL NOTICES*

**Dean Andrew** is away this week, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November, attending the annual Deans' Conference being held this year in Swaziland.

We congratulate **Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi** on his appointment as Archdeacon of Grahamstown. He be licensed by the Bishop at the Chapter meeting to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015. He continues here at the Cathedral in his capacity as Sub Dean, but has now been given this added responsibility of oversight over and leadership of the archdeaconry.

**Sub Dean Mzinzi** will be on leave, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November, and back in the parish on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**St George's Fair:** Our very sincere thank you to all for your support of yesterday's Fete. People were wonderfully generous with contributions, hard work, creativity, and time. We say a particular thank you to Marian Jayes who co-ordinated the event, and all who worked with her, for your care, dedication and hard work.

**Morning services:** In the absence of both the Dean and the Sub Dean, the Cathedral weekday morning services, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November, will be Morning Prayer, led by Christopher Matya (Monday and Wednesday), June Venn (Thursday), Maggy Clarke (Friday). The Healing service on Tuesday afternoon will be led by Revd Siphokazi. Other services as normal.

The **CotT student team** is spending its final Sunday with us today. We thank God for them, and pray for the Lord's blessing on them in all that lies ahead. They are heading for ordination and their first parish as assistant curates. Marlon Porter (diocese of False Bay, to be ordained deacon, 13<sup>th</sup> December, parish TBA); Revd Bruce Woolley (diocese of Natal, St Martin in the Field, Durban North, to be priested at a later stage); Qabuka Theo Tshazi (diocese of Mthatha, ordination date and parish TBA), Olebile James Galebotswe (diocese of Botswana in the Province of Central Africa, to be ordained deacon, 6<sup>th</sup> December; curacy at St Peter's Mmadinare), Zinzile Mdululwa (diocese of the Highveld), Deon Manuel (diocese of George, to be ordained deacon, 12<sup>th</sup> December, to be placed in the parish of St Paul's, Conville).

**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 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016. They need accommodation for their students for those two nights. Please phone or email Anet if you are able to help with accommodation ([office@grahamstowncathedral.org](mailto:office@grahamstowncathedral.org)). 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.

**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.

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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