

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: 8th November 2015 – Remembrance Sunday

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 (AAPB)	Revd Canon Lawrence Nzwana	Dean Andrew 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>
12 Nov	17h15	SpiritFest meeting in the Cory Room	Maggy Clarke
14 Nov	14h00	Quiet Afternoon at the Monastery (the last for this year).	The Dean

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 diocesan and archdeaconry meetings this week; for the life and witness of the Cathedral with the wider church during these times. May we be a sign of love and hope as we journey together.

OUR COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for all writing exams; for our university leadership; for all our students. We continue to pray for all who have been displaced by xenophobic attacks; for all who live in fear; for the SAPS in their work to maintain order; for the Makana civic and political leadership. May broken relationships be healed and restored.

OUR COUNTRY: We remember all who have died in war; we pray for all in the SANDF; for military chaplains; for the soldiers here with us in Grahamstown, and for their families. We pray for communities where there is conflict, protest and anger; for mediators and peace-makers.

THE WORLD: We pray for all places of violence, war and conflict; for national leaders; for victims of violence; for all refugees.

BIRTHDAYS: 9th Chris Walwyn, 11th Anne Stockwell, 12th Samuel Jack, 13th Roswitha Hobson, 14th Christopher Keeble.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Singathwa Gqoboka, David Greybe, Kerry.Jane Guttridge, Heather Haggard, Di Harvey, Olwethu Hlabahlaba, Roswitha Hobson, Jeanette Hodgson.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Roger Embling, Kerry Jane Guttridge, 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, Thembeke 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 Jenny Gon, in memory of her mother, Ruth Burkinshaw.

Services next Sunday, 15th November – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Here are the Gospel readings for the twenty-fifth week after Pentecost

Mon	09	Luke 17: 1-6	Thurs	12	Luke 17: 20-25
Tues	10	Luke 17: 7-10	Fri	13	Luke 17: 16-37
Weds	11	Luke 17: 11-19	Sat	14	Luke 18: 1-8
Sun	15	1 Samuel 1: 4-20	1 Samuel 2: 1-10	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25	Mark 13: 1-8

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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

Dean's letter, *Sunday, 8th November 2015*

Dear Cathedral family,

Today, the Sunday nearest November 11th, is observed as Remembrance Sunday, in memory of all who have died in war. The First World War ended in 1918, at 11^{a.m.}, on the 11th day of the 11th month. Ever since, this has been observed as a moment of quiet reflection and prayer. The military parade on Church Square taking place this morning is part of this long tradition. The scars left by war remain with us for generations afterwards.


We are involved in a battle now, a community at war within itself, with the attacks on foreigners and their families. Children have been taken out of their schools, in fear of their safety. Shops have been looted. There is suspicion, fear and hatred. In his statement of 26th October, the Bishop of Grahamstown said, "Law abiding citizens of foreign birth were forced to abandon their possessions and flee. We call upon those who incite others to acts of violence against foreigners to refrain from such acts. How do you sleep at night when you know you have caused harm to your brother or sister? We call upon our community leaders to expose these people. The law must take its course. Let there be peace in the City of Saints. We cannot allow the devil to take over this dear city of ours. We commend SANCO led by Mr Singata, the Executive Mayor, Col Nel of the Police, the business community, churches and students, for taking action to assist the displaced families and to restore order."

It has been good to hear that on the whole, universities have been able to complete the academic year and that most students are writing their final exams. We thank our Vice-Chancellors, university management, student leadership, and others, for making this possible. It is a great pity that there has been destruction of property on some campuses. Nothing is achieved by such action. And, even where no physical damage was done, the events over the last few weeks did serious damage to relationships of trust and mutual respect. When we cast aside the norms and ways of how we interact with one another, and resort to aggression, intimidation, and even violence, we do considerable damage to the entire community. Buildings can be repaired and restored. How do we repair and restore broken relationships? What can we do, as individuals, as the Cathedral, to keep talking, to keep listening, to rebuild bridges and to re-establish trust?

The stark alternative to seeking to build and to heal, is that we shall end up on opposite sides of the battle-field, with only misery and destruction ahead. Is there a better way forward? How can we keep talking, and hold together?

We as the Anglican Church fully support the call for tertiary education to be accessible for all. How can we ensure that no-one is prevented from further study for financial reasons? How best can we build on what we have, and not destroy it?

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

Sub Dean Mzinzi is on leave and will be back in the parish on Tuesday 17th November. On that day he will be licensed by the Bishop as **Archdeacon of Grahamstown**. He will continue 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.

A new **Media and Publications Officer** is sought by the Diocese of Grahamstown, from 1 January 2016. This post carries a negotiable honorarium and would suit someone able to work flexible hours from home, perhaps a retiree. The Diocesan Office is in Grahamstown, but the Media and Publications Officer can operate from anywhere in the Diocese. Contact the Diocesan Administrator at 046 636 1995 for further details or e-mail her at: diocese@grahamstowndiocese.org.za

Found: an original birth certificate, in the name of Zintle Veto. Please contact the parish office. Please provide proof of ID with you.

Copies of **Bishop Michael Nuttall's latest book**, *A Voice within Church and Society – A personal anthology*, have arrived and are available for sale at the Cathedral parish office. We have only 12 copies so if you would like to buy one, please do so as soon as possible and make arrangements with Anet Peter for payment. Bishop Michael has asked that the Dean and Cathedral act as distributors, so we suggest that people pay at the parish office, so that we can then do EFT. Price per copy: R150. Each copy has been autographed by Bishop Michael.

Confirmation: If you would like to be prepared for confirmation next year (Grade 10 or older) please speak to the 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. Please phone or email Anet if you are able to help with accommodation (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.

St George's Fair: As coordinator, I have received a lot of congratulatory messages regarding Saturday morning. I would like to pass them on to you, the parishioners, who do the hard work of preparing and running the stalls, without which there would be no St George's Fair. Thank you to all of you and well done. With a few outstanding additions and subtractions it seems that we'll end up with about R34 900! *Marian Jayes.*

The Spire: It has become an increasingly difficult task for Dr Claire Cordell to edit this publication and she has accepted the Dean's suggestion that she lay this down. No-one has come forward to take up the mantle as editor, and so for now we shall allow *The Spire* (the magazine, not the structure on top of the Cathedral!) to be in abeyance. Communication in the Cathedral is a challenge: there is no one single method that reaches everyone. For now, we shall continue to use the pew leaflet, the Dean's weekly letter, the Cathedral Facebook page, and the Cathedral webpage, as well as Whatsapp for quick messages and verbal notices on Sundays, to keep in touch with what is happening. We are immensely grateful to Claire Cordell for her labour of love as editor of *The Spire* over the past few years.