

## *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 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.

**Sunday services: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**  
**The Feast of Christ the King**

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	Revd Monwabisi Peter	
09h30	Holy Communion (AAPB)	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
19h00	Service of Carols and Lessons		

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.
±10h45	Planning meeting for Back-to-School Sunday – <i>see back page.</i>

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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>
23 Nov	17h15	Lay Ministers' meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
24 Nov	19h00	Rotary Carols by Candlelight; Cathedral & Church Square	Sally Terry
25 Nov	17h30	PCC meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
26 Nov	15h00	Memorial service for Revd Canon Nancy Charton, Celebrant and preacher: Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali.	The Dean

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- *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:**

**OUR CHURCH:** We continue to pray for the diocese of Umzimvubu, and for the Vicar-General, Bishop Sithembile Mzamane (Bishop of Mthatha); for the Makana/Grahamstown Ministers Fraternal in their work in uniting the community; for the Deacons' Conference taking place at the end of this week and for Sub Dean Mzinzi in his new ministry as Archdeacon of Grahamstown. May we all be given grace and strength for the time ahead.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for all matrics and students as they write exams; for those displaced by recent xenophobic attacks. May we find a way to live together in peace.

**OUR COUNTRY:** We continue to pray for drought-stricken areas in our country, praying for rain and for God's blessing to be poured out on them; for all who are travelling and on the roads at this time; for all prisoners, prison staff, and their families.

**THE WORLD:** We continue to pray for all refugees; for all places of conflict, violence and terror; for the nation and people of France, especially all who lost loved ones in the recent terror attack.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Gustav Mutesasira, 26<sup>th</sup> Malusi Myolwa, 27<sup>th</sup>, Denis Mutesasira.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Jonathan, Marian and Wayne Jayes; Matthew Jennings; Wilbert, Rose and Sally Kadye; Bob, Helen and Christopher Keeble.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses:** Isabel Bridger, 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, Shona Domeris, Canon James Hoyle, Peter Ingwersen (Roswitha Hobson's brother), Nolutho Mbolekwa, Lihle Njokweni, Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Bishop Eric Pike, Marguerite Poland, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen, and Graham Whitford.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Elizabeth Effiong, in appreciation of God's love for her mother.

**DECEASED:** Pat Oosthuizen; all who died in terror attacks in Paris and in Beirut

*Services next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November – The first Sunday of Advent*

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07h30	Holy Communion (SAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	Holy Communion (AAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Advent devotions service		

**Here are the Gospel readings for the week before Advent**

Mon	23	Luke 21: 1-4	Thurs	26	Luke 21: 20-28
Tues	24	Luke 21: 5-9	Fri	27	Luke 21: 29-33
Weds	25	Luke 21: 10-19	Sat	28	Luke 21: 34-36
Sun	29	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	Psalm 25: 1-10	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	Luke 21: 25-36

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)**

## Dean's letter, Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

We are reeling from the shocking news, just over a week ago now, of the terror attack on civilians in Paris, France, on the night of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. It is about eight months since the Charlie Hebdo attack, also in Paris. And, elsewhere, people are dying through terror, suicide bombs, shootings, assaults, and hunger and starvation. We are part of an angry, seething, hurting world. Our hearts go out to all who have lost loved ones; the injured; their families; law enforcement officials; those in authority. We pray for grieving communities, and for the church in France, for pastors and priests, as they comfort and console, and try to bind up shattered lives and angry communities, and bury the dead.

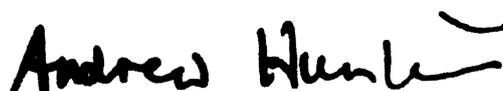
At Evening Prayer last Sunday, Carole Vicent, who is from France and currently living and working in Grahamstown, said the following: "I woke up on Saturday morning and I discovered the horror of what happened in France the night before. Seven simultaneous terrorist attacks in Paris left 129 innocent people dead, 352 injured, 99 of them critically. This is the worst terrorist attack in France's history. In the name of who? In the name of what? Nothing can justify the inhumanity of these killers. The terrorists not only wanted to kill people but once again they wanted to destroy what represents France and our culture. In January, with the massacre at the satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo*, it's our freedom of expression which was attacked. On Friday, they attacked the French way of life. France is the country of Freedom, the country of Human Rights and nothing will take that away from us. Now, it's time to be united. That will be our strength. But today I am not only thinking of French people, I'm thinking of Lebanon where 43 people died after two terrorist bomb attacks on Thursday. I'm thinking of Syria and the war, I'm thinking about all of the refugees who flee the horror. I'm thinking about all of the atrocities in our world and I'm worried... I'm worried for the future of humanity, I'm worried for the future of our children..."

Brother Alois, Prior of the Taizé monastic community in France, wrote the following prayer soon after the attacks in Paris and Beirut:

*Eternal God, we want our thoughts and acts to be based on your presence which is the source of our hope. We entrust to you the victims of the attacks in Paris and in Beirut, and their families and friends as they mourn. With believers of all backgrounds we call upon your name and pray: may your peace come to our world.*

Tonight is our annual Carol Service, with the ancient words of hope and love and peace. We need these now, to put everything into this bigger, eternal perspective of God's enduring love in the midst of the darkness and savagery of our world. Our sincere thanks to our choir, with our Director of Music, Dr Andrew-John Bethke, for their hard work in preparing for this evening.

My love to you all,



## *GENERAL NOTICES*

**Dean Andrew** is celebrating and preaching at St Paul's Port Alfred this morning, for their Dedication Sunday.

**Deans' Conference:** I had the privilege, a couple of weeks ago, of attending the annual Deans' Conference, held this year in Swaziland. The programme included regular daily worship; and presentations on the following: sharing on Cathedral ministry (presentations from Swaziland and Grahamstown); Church and Politics – between a rock and a hard place (presented by Dr Joyce Vilakati, from the University of Swaziland); plans for a new prayer book; an update on current Canon Law issues; a report from the Anglican Board of Education for SA, presented by the Revd Roger Cameron; and a paper, *Cathedrals as Institutions of Education*, presented by the Archbishop of Cape Town – that seminar included a discussion on the #feesmustfall protests and the future of our universities. While our days were full, from 07h00. until supper at 19h00, the evenings were free, giving us time for informal discussions, and some rest. My very sincere thanks to the Cathedral for making my attendance possible. *Dean Andrew Hunter*

**Seniors Christmas Tea:** Dean Andrew and Revd Claire warmly invite all Senior parishioners to Christmas tea in the Deanery Garden (or Hall) on Thursday 10 December from 10h00 – 11h30. RSVP to Claire direct or by signing the list at the back of the church. Any offers of plates of eats or help by young waitrons, will be greatly appreciated – please sign the appropriate list.

The **Provincial Deacons' Conference**, will be held from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November, at uMariya uMama weThemba Monastery. The deacons will attend our 09h30 service next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**Confirmation:** If you would like to be prepared for confirmation next year (Grade 10 or older) please speak to the Dean.

Many thanks to all who took forms for the **Bishop's Appeal**. In our effort as a diocese to raise R3 million, we are asking 5000 Anglicans to give R600 each, either a one-off, or pledged over a number of months. Please support this appeal, and return forms and pledges to the parish office, or to the Cathedral, as soon as possible. The deadline is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**Back to School Sunday**, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016: As usual, we are planning something special for this annual service, held just after the start of the new school year. We invite next year's Grade 11s and 12s to plan and lead it, with support from the Cathedral clergy. Please meet briefly with Revd Claire after our 09h30 service today, for an initial discussion.

**Temporary closure:** We regret to advise that our Cathedral will be closed, in order for us to strip, seal and polish our beautiful floors, from 30 November until 11 December. Sunday services will not be affected during this period.

**Found:** Two original and, no doubt, valuable certificates are in the Parish office awaiting their owners. One is a birth certificate, in the name of Zintle Veto and the other is a confirmation certificate in the name of Brenda van Deemter. If you are Zintle or Brenda or have knowledge of the whereabouts of either, please let the Parish Secretary \* know. Proof of identity will be required. \* admin@grahamstowncathedral.org or 046 622 2445.

**American Students** from the Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington, USA are to visit Grahamstown again, 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). Thus far we have been offered places for six; we seek another 12 beds.