



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.

**Today's services: 29th November 2015.
The First Sunday of Advent.**

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist (SAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	Holy Communion (AAPB)	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Advent devotions Service		

There will be NO weekday services in the Cathedral from Monday 30 November to Friday 11 December due to the annual floor stripping and polishing.

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>
03 Dec	09h00	Weekly Communion Service at Somerset Place.	Revd Claire
03 Dec	16h30	Mothers' Union Prayer Meeting; Lady Chapel.	Thabisa Yili; 084 678 3970

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:

OUR CHURCH: During this season of Advent, we pray for the coming of the kingdom of God in our lives. May we be signs of hope and peace.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for those writing exams; for those travelling at this time.

OUR COUNTRY: During the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence, we pray for all victims of abuse and sexual violence; we pray for healthy and life-giving relationships between partners; for our boys and young men; for our daughters and young women. May we serve and care for one another.

THE WORLD: On this Sunday nearest World AIDS Day (1st December), we pray for all infected and affected by HIV-AIDS; and continue to pray for all victims of terror attacks, religious persecution; for all refugees. May we find a way forward for peace and healing.

BIRTHDAYS: 29th Leela Pienaar, 1st Tristyn Burger and Clive Whitford, 4th Bubele Mvula, 5th Sinaye Sijadu.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Matt and Zinzi Kellen, Noxolo Kheswa, Imkitha Konzani, Lydia & Lynn Kudya, Melanie Lancaster, Jo-Anne Laurence, Trevor Loots and Pumla Lucas.

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, 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 Breetzke, in memory of her parents.

Services next Sunday, 6th December – The second Sunday of Advent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion (SAPB)	Prof. Geoff Antrobus	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion (AAPB)	Prof. Geoff Antrobus	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
19h00	Taizé Service		

Here are the Gospel readings for the 1st week of Advent

Mon	30	John 1: 35-42	Thurs	03	Matthew 7: 21-27
Tues	01	Luke 10: 21-24	Fri	04	Matthew 9: 27-31
Weds	02	Matthew 15: 29-39	Sat	05	Matthew 9: 35-10: 1-5, 8
Sun	06	Baruch 5: 1-9	Luke 1: 68-79	Philippians 1: 3-11	Luke 3: 1-6

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

www.grahamstowncathedral.org and facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral

Dean's letter, Sunday, 29th November 2015

Dear Cathedral family,

I have asked Paul Daniels II, who was with us for two years as a YASCer from the USA, to contribute to this newsletter. He writes:

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35*

Dear Cathedral family,

I pray that you are well in God's grace, and uplifted by God's mercy. And I bring you greetings from the United States.

Can you believe that it has been three months since I left Grahamstown to return home to the US? And in that time so much has transpired in my life, in your life, in the life of the world. However, what is happening in my life seems completely insignificant compared to the struggle for peace that is happening all around us; exploding and erupting with fear and frustration are our sisters and brothers of every stripe. And so many others want things to return to business as usual. From terror-attacks to counter-attacks, to students protests. So many of us are looking for the light of Christ in what seems like a perpetual night.

But, look no further—“the Kingdom of God is within you.”

Thank you for being a community of radical welcome and understanding, of prayer and formation, of love and of hope. What poured out of your hearts to me, the stranger, is a sign that God's Church is alive in the world! The world is in urgent need of disciples of radical welcome and embrace. And I thank you for showing me what that looks like.

I ask for your prayers as I apply to seminary as a postulant to Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church. This is an exciting time in my life; a time for which I was shaped during my life in the cathedral. And so, I ask that you join me and my community here at home in asking that God's will be done as we move forward. And I look forward to feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, and welcoming the strangers with the same kind of love that you rendered onto me.

Please, feel free to email me! I look forward to hearing from you. And thank you, again, for being such a powerful role in my young adult life of exploring the wonders of God.

Thank You,

Paul Daniels, II

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GENERAL NOTICES

We welcome the visiting deacons at our 09h30 service this morning. They have been attending a Provincial Conference of Deacons, held at uMariya uMama weThemba Monastery, over the past few days. We also welcome Archdeacon Cynthia Webstock, who has been the link and liaison person for the conference, on behalf of the diocese.

Dean Andrew is celebrating and preaching at St John's Bathurst this morning.

Copies of **Bishop Michael Nuttall's latest book**, *A Voice within Church and Society – A personal anthology*, are available for sale at the Cathedral parish office. Twelve copies were sent through to us, so if you would like to buy one, do contact the office as soon as possible and make arrangements for payment. Bishop Michael has asked that we (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

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.

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 for 5000 Anglicans to give R600 each, either as a one-off, or as a pledge over a number of months. We appeal to all to support this, and to return forms and pledges to the parish office, or to the Cathedral, as soon as possible. The deadline is Sunday 29th November.

The Cathedral will be closed from Monday 30th November through to Friday 11th December, so that the floors can be stripped and polished. Sunday services will take place as usual. There will be NO weekday services in the Cathedral (services elsewhere continue as usual.).

Volunteers are needed to join the ranks of the altar servers (especially if you'd be available at the 07h30 services), and the readers' roster. If you'd like to extend your personal ministry to participate in either or both of these critical aspects of the cathedral's life, please contact the Head Server (Lunga Dongwana; 078 741 9164) or the Parish Secretary (readers) at 046 622 2455 or admin@grahamstowncathedral.org

Lady Chapel flowers: The roster for 2016 is on the glass cabinet near the West Door of the Cathedral. Please consider using this opportunity as an effective way of remembering important anniversaries and people in your lives. There are also a couple of slots still unfilled during December. See Peter and Ann Stockwell for more details.

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