



Cathedral of St Michael and St George in the City and Diocese of Grahamstown

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

**Today's services: 24th January 2016.
The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion (SAPB)	Revd Dr Sarah Hills	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Holy Communion (AAPB)	Revd Dr Sarah Hills	Revd Monwabisi Peter

Weekday services are back on track! Morning Prayer at 07h00 on Mondays and Wednesdays.
Holy Eucharist: Thursdays and Fridays at 07h00. Evening Prayer: 16h30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. No Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and the Healing Eucharist, at 16h30, replaces Evening Prayer on Tuesdays.

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.
±11h00	Meet Revd Dr Sarah Hills, informally, after the 09h30 service
±11h00	Grade 10-12s who wish like to participate in the back-to-school service next week to meet Revd Claire immediately after the 09h30 service today

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OFFICE and CLERGY staff contact details Cathedral Parish Office: (046 622 2445):			
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To contact the Parish Office staff by email, use: office@grahamstowncathedral.org (Administrator -- Anet) and admin@grahamstowncathedral.org (Parish Secretary -- Chris).
*Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.

<i>Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary</i>			Contact:
27 Jan	17h30	Parish Council meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
29 Jan	15h00	Marimba practice in the Cathedral	Penny Whitford

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: We pray for the Church throughout the world; for the preparations for the Synod of Bishops in February; for our Cathedral community, for clergy, church wardens, parish councillors and supporting staff. In all we do may it be for the love of Christ and one another.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for Independent Electorate Commission and their stakeholders in the Sarah Baartman region as they prepare for the local government elections; for Makana local communication forum and all those around them.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for those who serve in public office of our government; for those unjustly deprived of liberty. May the love of Christ fill us, so that we may enjoy true freedom, security and peace.

OUR WORLD: We pray for all places of conflict and destruction; for those in captivity or enslavement; for those who suffer from hunger and disease. We pray for all involved in any way in outreach, reconciliation, peace and justice.

BIRTHDAYS: 24th Richard Brooks, Euline Bartis; 25th Kaede Bridger; 26th Anda Singanga; 27th Mathew Kellen, 28th Davidean Bridger; 30th Gillian Jacobs-Martin and Catherine Eujin.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Asavela, Buyelwa and Justice D. Mtuze; Lusanda and Zikhona Mtwa, Lorraine Mullins and Liniah Mumbengegwi.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Maggy Clarke, 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, Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen.

**Services next Sunday, 31st January – The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Back-to-School Sunday**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion (SAPB)		t.b.a
09h30	Back-to-School service (not Communion)	Dr Sizwe Mabizela	Dean Andrew Hunter

Here are the Gospel readings for this week.

Mon	25	Mark 3: 31-35	Thurs	28	Mark 4: 21-25
Tues	26	Mark 4: 1-9	Fri	29	Mark 4: 26-34
Weds	27	Mark 4: 10-20	Sat	30	Mark 4: 35-41
Sun	31	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Psalm 71: 1-6	1 Corinthians 12: 31b-13: 13	Luke 4: 21-40

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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

The Community of the Cross of Nails

The Coventry Cross of Nails is recognised around the world as a symbol of peace and reconciliation. Formed with three medieval nails from the destroyed St Michael's Cathedral, it embodied its ministry of hope and friendship with Germany in the years after 1945.

With the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral in 1962 the Cross of Nails, the original now embedded in the high altar cross, became the focal point of a growing international ministry of reconciliation.

Today the medieval ruins of Coventry Cathedral continue to remind us of our human capacity both to destroy and to reach out to our enemies in friendship and reconciliation. In 2011, the ruins were designated as a memorial to all civilians killed, injured or traumatised by war and violent conflict world-wide. In order to commemorate these civilians, the Cathedral chose six themes to guide its focus: aerial bombing, refugees, sexual violence as a result of war, land mines, child soldiers, and the environmental impact of war. The Coventry Cathedral Memorial Ruins project seeks to commemorate these six themes and to act as an advocate and platform in raising awareness of these issues through the use and implementation of art, education material, prayer and worship.

Coventry Cathedral's work for reconciliation has involved it in some of the world's most difficult and long-standing areas of conflict. Building on this experience the CCN is committed to develop its ministry as a centre for excellence to resource the church in the practical outworking of reconciliation as an integral part of Christian worship, witness and discipleship.

As the spiritual home of the Community of the Cross of Nails, St Michael's House has been launched as a dedicated space for skills-based learning and intellectual encounter alongside theological reflection and spiritual resources for reconciliation. St Michael's House is also a dedicated space for facilitating conversations around questions of identity, difference and conflict in the church and wider society.

In the mid 1970s those who had received a Cross of Nails were invited to come together in a common commitment to work and pray for peace, justice and reconciliation and the Community of the Cross of Nails was formed.

Today CCN Partners are to be found in many of the world's major conflict areas. They include churches and community groups, as well as peacebuilding and reconciliation agencies. Our Cathedral's Cross of Nails is in the Lady Chapel.

See <http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/ccn/> for further details

GENERAL NOTICES

Palm crosses, February 10th marks the start of Lent this year which means it's time to return your palm cross from a year ago so it may be turned into ash in good time for this year's Ash Wednesday services. Please bring the palm crosses to church with you next Sunday and place them in the receptacle provided at the West Door. Contact June Venn if you've any queries.

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

The **Back to School Service**, at 09h30 next Sunday will not be a Eucharist. All Grahamstown schools are invited to this annual service at which the preacher will be Dr. Sizwe Mabizela, Vice Chancellor of Rhodes University. Please invite your friends to come and join us. Please will all Grade 10-12s who would like to participate in this service meet Revd Claire after the 09h30 service on 24 January.

Choir practices recommence this week, on Wednesday 27 January at 17h00. Anyone wishing to join the choir should contact the Director of Music, Dr A-J Bethke, who will gladly explain how to go about it. Phone him at 074 457 3491 or send him an e-mail at: ajbethke@gmail.com

Meeting for all Sacristans on Tuesday 26 January, in the Chapter House at 17h30. Contact Margot Brooks for further details.

Niels & Charis Vandereyken, will be leaving the Community of the Resurrection after enjoying its hospitality for nearly a year. At the end of the month they are moving to a semi-furnished house. They seek one or two beds (or a bunk-bed), single and double beds, a table and chairs and a sofa. If you have something you no longer need, it could help them a lot. Contact Niels at 079 475 5850 or niels.vandereyken@gmail.com

Our annual Pancake Supper is on Shrove Tuesday (February 9th) and is a fun evening of fellowship which raises funds for the Bishops Lenten Appeal; everybody is encouraged to be part of this event. Please sign up (the list is at the back of the Cathedral) to help making pancake mix, cooking the fillers and cooking and serving on the day. Donations towards the cost of ingredients may be dropped, in a marked envelope, into the collection box or plate or at the parish office. On the evening, come and buy a pancake take-away supper!

A limited number of autographed copies of **Bishop Michael Nuttall's latest book**, *A Voice within Church and Society – A personal anthology*, are still available for sale at the Cathedral parish office at R150 each. If you would like to buy one, do contact Anet Peter in 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, which will allow us to make a single EFT payment.

All Altar Servers: Who is available this year? There's a list at the back of the cathedral, please check the details and sign if you are willing to serve again this year. Anyone interested in joining the team please add your details onto the list. There will be training sessions during February. Contacts: Sally Terry 083 413 0234. or Lunga Dongwana 078 741 9164.

Found: Two original 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 know the whereabouts of either, please let the Parish Secretary know at admin@grahamstowncathedral.org or 046 622 2445.