



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: 7th February 2016.
Transfiguration Sunday**

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion (SAPB)	Prof Michael Whisson	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion (AAPB)	Prof Michael Whisson	Dean Andrew Hunter

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>
08 Feb	17h00	Student Core Group meeting in the Cory Room	Revd Claire
09 Feb	17h00	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes in St George's Hall	Sally Terry
10 Feb	18h00	Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	The Dean
11 Feb	12h00	FINAL DEADLINE for Vestry Reports	Anet Peter
	17h00	SpiritFest meeting in the Cory Room	Maggy Clarke
13 Feb	14h00	Quiet Afternoon at the Monastery	The Dean

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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 diocese of Pretoria following their Elective Assembly, and for the Bishop-elect; for our spiritual journey into the wilderness, as Lent begins on Ash Wednesday; for preparations for our Annual Vestry Meeting; for the diocese of Umzimvubu; for preparations for the meeting of the Synod of Bishops next week.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all Rhodes University students and parents in town for welcoming and Orientation Week; for the College of the Transfiguration staff and students as lectures begin this week; for our schools and all school pupils and teachers.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for all areas ravaged by drought; for farmers and all who work the land. We pray also for all in Parliament as they reopen this week, and as the State of the Nation address is delivered.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict.

BIRTHDAYS: 8th Ronaldo Burger, Khanya Mazibuko & Ernest Bridger; 9th Delia Arends, Buntu Bam & Carolyn Stevenson-Milln; 10th Isabella Martin; 12th Zoleka Maqwili; 13th Liyema Bobotyani.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Bishop Ebenezer, Aphiwe, Nocado & Zipho Ntlali; Namso Nyamela; Andile, Nosipho, Pumela & Siphosethu Nyarashe; Joyce Maarman, Owona Madlingozi and Yamkelani Magwa.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Kerry Jane Guttridge, Celia Jameson, Thelma Neville, and Paul Pillay.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Steve Ashcroft, Revd Ruth Brandt, Ronnie Burger, Shona Domeris, Natasha Esau, Canon James Hoyle, Peter Ingwersen (Roswitha Hobson's brother), Nolutho Mbolekwa, Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Mary-Claire Tracey-Craigen.

LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS this week are from Joy Tandy in memory of Paddy Tandy.

DECEASED: Martha Peters (Margaret Speckman's mother).

Services next Sunday, 14th February – The 1st Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
17h00	Choral Evensong	Prof Paul Walters	To be advised
19h00	Student Service	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	

Here are the Gospel readings for this week.

Mon	08	Mark 6: 53-56	Thurs	11	Luke 9: 18-25
Tues	09	Mark 7: 1-13	Fri	12	Matthew 9: 14-17
Weds	10	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21	Sat	13	Luke 5: 27-32
Sun	14	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11	Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16	Romans 10: 8b-13	Luke 4: 1-13

Dean's letter, Sunday, 7th February 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

One of the gifts that Claire and I savour, living in the Deanery, is the easy access to nature and beauty. The Botanical Gardens a short walk up High Street. The trees. Bird life. Jacarandas in bloom. Purple pavements in spring. Some years ago, when I was both younger and fitter than I am at present, there was nothing better than a long run along the top of Mountain Drive, or a bicycle ride; the sense of gliding, flying, soaring, the intense physical experience of simply “being”. Enjoying and savouring the moment. And returning, inevitably, down the mountain, to life, to all that awaits – but my whole perspective transformed and strengthened by the mountain-top experience.

Today is Transfiguration Sunday – moved, a few years back, from on the 2nd Sunday during Lent. The Gospel reading (Luke 9:28-36) is the story of Jesus and three of his disciples, their climb up the mountain, where Jesus is transfigured while he is praying. The appearance of his face changes, his clothes become dazzling white; Moses and Elijah appear and talk with him. Then comes the voice of the Father: “This is my Son, my Chosen. Listen to him!”

Transfiguration Sunday is the final Sunday before Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, this coming Wednesday. It also marks the end of the season of the Epiphany, which began with the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. We are surrounded by signs of the glory of God. And today's mountain top experience is a reminder of the love and grace of God for us, in the midst of turmoil and struggle. It helps to keep us going, when we see these signs of grace and hope and transformation. Sometimes the little things – the delight during last week's Back to School service; acts of worship; the scriptures read and proclaimed; music; the Eucharist; the love of a friend or family member; seeing our youngsters grow and emerge – these wonderful young people, given to us for a season; human encounters where we discover a person of gifts and ability; the potential in people. To be open to seeing these signs, discovering moments of transfiguration and hope and delight – to be mindful and aware of God's presence around us and in us – this is to live in a life of grace. Much of the bad news that we hear is only the one side of the picture. The other side, which is usually not reported on, is God's gift of grace in the midst of darkness and despair, the move of the Holy Spirit to bring repentance, to open a new way, the opportunity for renewal and transformation, a new beginning.

Returning to work after holidays is often not easy. We are swamped by demands, emails, crises. But the gift is one another, the people, you and me. I was reminded of that at our first Chapter meeting of the year, this past week. How good it is to be together again.

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

Dean Andrew will be on study leave this week (8th – 12th February) as well as next week (15th – 19th Feb), attending a series of post-grad seminars at NMMU.

Archdeaconry Council, Thursday 11th February, St Paul's Port Alfred, 17h00. Attended by clergy and churchwardens.

Gala Dinner and wine auction, on Saturday 13th February, at the Gonubie Hotel, East London, 18h30. Speakers: The Auditor General of SA, Mr Kimi Makwetha, and the Archbishop of Cape Town, The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba. This is an ACSA fundraising initiative for the College of the Transfiguration. Tickets are for sale @ R250 per person, and are available from the diocesan office.

There's to be a **Peace March** to the Bisho massacre site, the laying of a wreath and prayers, followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist – led by the Archbishop of Cape Town and the Bishops of ACSA, on Sunday 14th February. The march will start at 11h30 at the Good News church in King Williams Town. The service will be held in the Bisho Stadium. All are welcome. It is expected that all Anglican dioceses of the Eastern Cape will be represented.

Preparation for worship: we encourage all worshippers, especially those who attend our 09h30 Eucharist, to arrive a few minutes before the start of the service. This gives us time to pray and prepare for worship; and occasionally to rehearse and learn a new hymn.

Lent begins on Wednesday with the Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 18h00. Thereafter, our house groups will be having their own Lenten focus. In addition, there will be a Wednesday evening teaching series during Lent, conducted by the Revd Claire Nye Hunter. Her theme: Jewels from John. Venue: Chapter House. Time: 18h30 – 19h30.

We invite people to be part of our **Sunday School/Children's Church** ministry team for the months ahead. Please speak to one of the clergy if you are interested.

Weekly Meditation Group: "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10). You are invited to come to the Deanery (garden) for a peaceful time of guided meditation and silent prayer each Wednesday from 09h00 (sharp) to 10h15. Contact Revd. Claire for more details.

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday 13th March 2016, in St George's Hall, after a combined 08h30 service. Please could all Vestry reports be in at the office by noon on Thursday 11th February, preferably emailed to: office@grahamsgtowncathedral.org) for Anet Peter's attention.

Readers' Roster: We invite volunteers to read the Scripture lessons at both the 07h30 and 09h30 Sunday services. Please add your name, e-mail address and contact number to the 'sign up' list at the West Door or speak to Revd Claire. This is an opportunity for personal ministry in a form highly appreciated by the cathedral staff and congregants alike.

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

Don't forget the Pancakes! On sale from 17h00 on Shrove Tuesday from St George's Hall. Best take-away supper in town! That's the day after tomorrow; 9th February.

All Altar Servers: Anyone interested in joining the team please contact Sally Terry 083 413 0234. or Lunga Dongwana 078 741 9164. There will be training sessions during February.