

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: 14th February 2016. First Sunday in Lent

Time	Service	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	Mr Lunga Dongwana
19h00	Student Service	Revd Claire Nye 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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St Luke's service, Thursday 18th February, 9.30 a.m

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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>
16 Feb	18h00	Student Core Group meeting in the Cory Room	Revd Claire
18 Feb	09h30	Communion service at St Luke's	Revd Claire

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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 Bishop-elect of the diocese of Pretoria, the Very Reverend Allan Kannameyer; for the Bishop-elect of the diocese of Zululand, the Very Reverend Monument Makhanya; for the Synod of Bishops meeting this week, chaired by the Archbishop; for the dioceses of Namibia and Niassa as their new bishops are elected and for the diocese of Umzimvubu. We pray also for preparations for the Cathedral Annual Vestry Meeting, to be held in March and for our Cathedral Student Ministry.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all Rhodes students as lectures begin this week; for all staff members; for first year students away from home for the first time.

OUR COUNTRY We pray for all members of Parliament; for the Cabinet; for President Jacob Zuma; for the Minister of Finance, Pravin Gordhan; for areas of our land ravaged by drought.

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

BIRTHDAYS: 16th Wilbert Kadye, Cathy Pringle & Nomfundo Mvula; 19th Liphwiwe Mxube & Howard Pote.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: , Nompumelelo Magwa-Bobotyani, Faith Magwenzi, Gugu Mahlangu, Axolile & Emihle Maliwa, Thelma Maloko, Esrate Mandimika, Zoleka & Hlumela Maqwili, Lynette Marais, Charlene Marcus.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Kerry Jane Gutridge, 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, Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister) Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen.

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

Services next Sunday, 21st February – The 2nd Sunday in Lent

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07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
19h00	Student Service	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	

Here are the Gospel readings for this week.

Mon	15	Matthew 25: 31-46	Thurs	18	Matthew 7: 7-12
Tues	16	Matthew 6: 7-15	Fri	19	Matthew 5: 20-26
Weds	17	Luke 11: 29-32	Sat	20	Matthew 25: 31-40
Sun	21	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3: 17-4: 1	Luke 13: 31-35

Dean's letter, Sunday, 14th February 2016

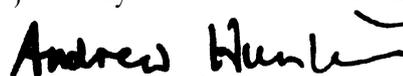
Dear Cathedral family,

There have been a number of Cathedral staff changes in recent weeks, and I write to update you all on these. Early in January, we welcomed Revd Luthando Madiba to the Cathedral. He is the new diocesan Media and Publicity officer, and is also attached to the Cathedral. He has joined us from the diocese of Mthatha. Revd Monwabisi Peter has been appointed to the full-time staff of St Andrew's Prep, where he is their school chaplain and is teaching Xhosa. He will continue to be with us at the Cathedral, but sadly in a reduced capacity, given his many commitments elsewhere. He will be licensed as chaplain by the Bishop on Sunday 6th March, in a service to be held at Prep. Revd Claire Nye Hunter is now full-time Senior Assistant Priest at the Cathedral, following many years in Cape Town and here in Grahamstown in a part-time capacity. As you know, our Sub Dean is now Archdeacon of Grahamstown. He also has the portfolio as Events Co-ordinator in our diocese. He has been carrying a very big load regarding the arrangements for today's march and service at Bhisho, and also forms part of our Synod Planning Committee. Dr Andrew-John Bethke continues as part-time Director of Music, and Revd Siphokazi Njokweni continues as self-supporting Deacon. Finally, following the resignation of Christopher Matya as verger towards the end of last year, we have appointed Mr Melikhaya Jacobs as our new Cathedral Verger and cleaner.

I continue as Dean of Grahamstown, which includes being Rector of the Cathedral, and Senior Priest in the diocese. I value these different hats – being rooted in the Cathedral community, and in Grahamstown as a place; and also having wider diocesan responsibilities and network of relationships. It is an interesting mixture of oversight; prayer and contemplation; pastoral care and support for all the people of God, both clergy and laity; governance; administration; planning and visioning. Trying to hear God's voice and be open to God's guidance and direction.

For me, one of the gifts of Grahamstown as a community is the intimacy and network of relationships. It is too small for anyone to be anonymous here. We need one another. We are aware of one another's problems and concerns, and struggles. We are five minutes away from most things, and 15 minutes away from everything else. We have such a concentration of giftedness, ability, wisdom, and faithfulness. Many have come to Grahamstown over the years in order to serve, to teach, to learn, and to grow. It is a good place to be. I hope that our students and learners, many of whom are from out of town, will find here at the Cathedral a wonderful place of belonging, a vibrant community of worship, and a warm welcome. With Ansoc (Anglican Students Society) on campus, and the Cathedral Student Ministry based here at the Cathedral, we do our best to reach out to all students and support and encourage them on their journey of life and faith and growth.

Have a happy Lent
My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

Dean Andrew, Sub Dean Mzi, and Revd Luthando Madiba are away today at the EC Anglicans Peace March to the site of the Bhisho Massacre, followed by a Eucharistic service led by the Archbishop of Cape Town. The service is being attended by Anglicans from all over the Eastern Cape, representing our six dioceses, as well as from the diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman.

Dean Andrew is away this week on five days of study leave (15th – 19th February), attending seminars at NMMU.

Student Camp: All Cathedral and ANSOC students are invited to a weekend away (fun and fellowship!) at Assegai Trails on March 5th and 6th. Cost is R220,00. Pick up a form from the back of the Church or speak with Revd Claire unto whom your RSVP should be directed as soon as possible.

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 time to pray and prepare for worship and occasionally to rehearse and learn a new hymn.

Lent course: *Jewels from John*: Revd Claire Nye Hunter is leading a journey of exploration of St John's "unique and extraordinary gospel" on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Based on her PhD thesis, she has entitled it "Jewels from John". Venue: Chapter House. Time: 18h30 – 19h30. Dates: 17th and 24th February and 2nd, 9th and 16th March.

Lenten Meditation Group: "The art of prayer" (a series based on insights from Richard Rohr). 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.

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.

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 for Anet Peter's attention, to: office@grahamstowncathedral.org

Readers' Roster: We invite volunteers to read the Scripture lessons at both the 07h30 and 09h30 Sunday services. Please add your name and details 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.

Bishop Michael Nuttall's latest book, *A Voice within Church and Society – A personal anthology*, is still available for sale at the Cathedral parish office at R150.00 This is your last chance to buy one! Contact Anet Peter in the office as soon as possible (046 622 2455).