

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: 28th February 2016.
Third Sunday in Lent**

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion (SAPB)	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion (AAPB)	Revd Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Luthando Madiba
17h00	Choral Evensong	Revd Luthando Madiba	Dean Andrew Hunter
19h00	Student Eucharist	Dean Andrew Hunter Theme: "FOCUS: Run with a purpose"	

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>
02 Mar	18h30	"Jewels from John" Lent course (Chapter House)	Revd Claire
03 Mar	09h00	Communion Service at Somerset Place	Revd Claire
04 Mar	15h00	Marimba practice	Penny Whitford
09 Mar	17h30	PCC meeting (financial reports for Vestry)	The Dean

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

www.grahamstowncathedral.org and [facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral](https://www.facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral)

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: Our church: We pray for our forthcoming Annual Vestry Meeting; for nominations for churchwardens and parish councillors; for our time to reflect on our life together.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for our schools; for East Cape Midlands College; for Rhodes University staff and students; for Rhodes Ansoc, for the Cathedral Student Ministry; for plans for our student camp.

OUR COUNTRY We continue to pray for areas ravaged by drought; for the missing mine workers, and their families, at the Lily mine near Barberton: Yvonne Mnisi, Pretty Mazibuko and Solomon Nyarenda.

OUR WORLD: We pray for all places of conflict.

BIRTHDAYS: 28th Noncedo Ntlali, 2nd Heather Haggard, 4th Kaylin Bartiss.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Sally Matthews; Khanya Mazibuko; Andrew, Cathy, Ian & Matthew Meiklejohn; Wendy Mfazwe, Gaynor & Miles Lewis, Uyathandwa Mkokeli.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Thelma Neville, Paul Pillay, Jenny Reynolds and Joy Tandy.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Steve Ashcroft, Ronnie Burger, 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.

Services next Sunday, 6th March – The 4th Sunday in Lent

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09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	

Here are the Gospel readings for this week (29 February to 06 March).

Mon	29	Luke 4: 24-30	Thurs	03	Luke 11: 14-23
Tues	01	Matthew 18: 21-35	Fri	04	Mark 12: 28-34
Weds	02	Matthew 5: 17-20	Sat	05	Luke 18: 9-14
Sun	06	Joshua 5: 9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5: 16-21	Luke 15: 1-3, 3b-32

Thank you to all of you who have reported to the Parish Office that the clock atop the spire seems to have forgotten the time! It hasn't, really, and this has nothing to do with the fact that it is a leap year either.

The Churchwarden is aware of the problem and awaits the delivery of parts which are needed – the clock will be back on track again as soon as possible.

Dean's letter, *Sunday, 28th February 2016*

Dear Cathedral family,

We are two weeks away from our Annual Vestry Meeting, which we plan to hold on Sunday 13th March 2016. There will be a single combined act of worship that morning, starting at 08h30. (our student service will be at 7 p.m. as usual), and the Vestry meeting itself will be held in St George's Hall, starting soon after the service. I shall deliver the Dean's Vestry Report in the context of the Eucharist. All reports, apart from the financial report, will be in the Vestry report booklet available at the back of the church, as from this Sunday. The financial report will be available in the Cathedral from next Sunday, 6th March.

Please attend the Vestry meeting. This is a crucial event in the life of the Cathedral, as we look back over the past year, and elect lay leadership – churchwardens and parish councillors - for the year ahead. Vestry will also be electing Synod representatives, for our Diocesan Synod to be held in East London, 4th – 7th May 2016.

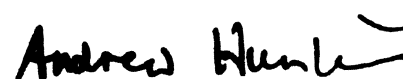
The Archbishop has issued one of his regular “To the Laos” letters, following the recent Synod of Bishops, copies of which have been inserted into this week's pew leaflet. In essence, the Bishops have affirmed that gay and lesbian Anglicans are welcomed and acknowledged as full members of our church; but that we continue to stand with the Anglican Communion in not blessing same-sex unions and in not ordaining as clergy those who are in same-sex unions. In doing so, our Bishops are affirming the traditional understanding of marriage as being between one man and one woman. The matter will be debated at Provincial Synod in September this year. This is not a matter about which there is consensus; while some will welcome this statement from the Bishops, others will be disappointed. The question, and the pastoral realities, continue to engage us.

The full Statement from the Synod of Bishops is available on the Diocesan webpage; and the Archbishop's Letters can be found on his blog.

We hold all our students, academic staff, administrative and support staff, in our prayers. The events this past week, at UCT, Pretoria, and the University of the Free State, are deeply worrying. A source of hope is the circle of students in Pretoria, of all races and languages, who are praying on the campus each day, surrounding the university in prayer and lifting all involved, to God. I know that many are praying here for Rhodes, and our other universities. Let's surround our universities in prayer during this time.

Some words from Martin Luther King Jr: “Violence as a way of achieving social justice is both impractical and immoral. It is impractical because it is a descending spiral ending in destruction for all. It is immoral because it seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than to win his/her understanding; it seeks to annihilate rather than to convert. Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love.”

My love to you all,



GENERAL NOTICES

Sub Dean Mzinzisi is on leave until 7th March.

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday 13th March 2016, in St George's Hall, after a combined 08h30 service. Please remember that you may not vote at the meeting unless you are on the parish roll. Remember, too, that because you may have once been on the roll it does not necessarily mean that you still are. Contact Wayne Jayes (046 622 8623) or the parish secretary (046 622 2445) with any queries.

Nominations at Vestry: Those who wish to propose or second a candidate for the positions of churchwarden, alternate churchwarden and Parish Councillors must be Cathedral members in good standing, in line with the requirements of Canon 27.2 and Article XXIV (10) of the ACSA Constitution. Anyone being nominated for any of these offices must also be a Cathedral member in good standing. Those being nominated for PCC must be 18 and older (Canon 29.3); those being nominated for churchwarden or alternate churchwarden must be 21 or older - Canon 29.1. The incumbent (in our case, the Dean) has the right of veto over the election of a churchwarden - Canon 29.2. As has been done previously, those nominating will be asked at Vestry to say briefly why they are nominating a particular candidate

Student Camp: Today is your *very last chance* to sign up and pay for the camp which is next weekend, 5-6 March. Forms available if you haven't got one with you! Don't miss out on an opportunity for **"Fellowship, friendship and fun"**. Speak to Revd Claire asap. Because of the camp, there will be no student service on the evening of 06 March

Donations for Student Camp: We are trying to keep the cost to a minimum. Any offers of home baked muffins or tea-time snacks (2 tea-times for 30 students) would be greatly appreciated. Also any financial contributions, or gifts in kind such as fresh Salad items from your veggie garden, potatoes, eggs, tea/coffee/sugar/juice would be most welcome. Sign up on the list provided today! Contributions can be delivered to the Parish office by latest Friday morning. (We will shop on Friday). THANK YOU!

The **Lent course: *Jewels from John***, a journey of exploration of St John's "unique and extraordinary gospel", continues in the Chapter House on Wednesday evenings during Lent It is led by Revd Claire Nye Hunter. Time: 18h30 – 19h30. Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March.

Lenten Meditation Group: "The art of prayer". 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.

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.

Name Labels: So that the clergy can administer Communion to you by name, and to help us get to know one another, please can everyone wear your name labels every Sunday! If you are new to the Cathedral, or do not have a name label, please **MAKE YOUR OWN** (Revd Claire has labels and koki at the back of the church) and place it on the board when you leave. Write your **name** and the **year** you started worshipping at the Cathedral, e.g. Claire Hunter 2008.

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