

## *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: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Time	Service	Preacher	Presider/Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	

### Today's meetings and events:

All day	Student Christian Ministry camp at Assegai Trails
07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for readers, prayer ministers, Children's Church teacher/s and altar servers in the Chapter House.
±11h00	Sally Terry is holding a meeting for current altar servers and any who wish to join the team. Meet her straight after the 09h30 service.

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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>
07 Mar	noon	Final deadline for submission of motions to Vestry. <i>See page 4 for details</i>	
07 Mar	17h30	Confirmation class in the Cory Room	The Dean
08 Mar	15h00	CotT graduation ceremony in the Cathedral	CotT
09 Mar	17h30	Parish Council meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
10 Mar	14h00	Synod Planning meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
	17h00	Deanery meeting (clergy of Grahamstown & Albany), at St Luke's, Donkin Street.	The Dean
12 Mar	14h00	Quiet afternoon at the Monastery	The Dean

**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 our students attending the CSM/Ansoc camp ending today; for our ministry to all our young people; for the Cathedral Choir; for our Director of Music, Dr A-J Bethke; for our forthcoming Vestry meeting; for nominations for churchwardens and parish councillors.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We pray for Rhodes University, the Vice-Chancellor Dr Sizwe Mabizela, staff and students; for all our university campuses, VCs, staff, students, student organisations; for the minister of Higher Education, Dr Blade Nzimande; for those who administer the NFSAS funding scheme.

**OUR COUNTRY** We continue to pray for the miners trapped at the Lily gold mine near Barberton: Yvonne Mnisi, Pretty Mazibuko and Solomon Nyarenda.

**OUR WORLD:** We continue to pray for all places of conflict; and for the USA as their presidential election campaign speeds up.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 6<sup>th</sup> Yolanda Mutesasira, 7<sup>th</sup> Matthew Meiklejohn, 8<sup>th</sup> Lynette Spain, 11<sup>th</sup> Thembi P. Myolwa and Thembisa Matomane.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Lusanda Madiba, Selokwane Morake; Tiisetso Morobi; Rosa Msweli; Asavela, Buyelwa & Justice Mtuze; Zikhona Mtwá; Lorraine Mullins.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses:** Isabel Bridger, Thelma Neville, 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, 13<sup>th</sup> March – The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider / Officiant</b>
08h30	Holy Eucharist	Dean Andrew Hunter	
19h00	Student Eucharist	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	

**Here are the Gospel readings for this week.**

Mon	07	Matthew 24: 9-14	Thurs	10	John 5: 31-47
Tues	08	John 5: 1-18	Fri	11	John 7: 14-30
Weds	09	Matthew 5: 10-12	Sat	12	John 7: 40-52
Sun	13	Isaiah 43: 16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3: 4b-14	John 12: 1-8

The **College of the Transfiguration's** graduation service and ceremony will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 15h00 in our Cathedral. The Dean is the preacher. There will not be our normal Healing Eucharist on Tuesday, due to the graduation. There will also be a rehearsal for the graduation, on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, from 14h30 until 16h30.

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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

## Dean's letter, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

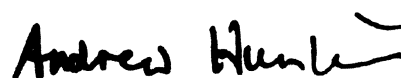
A very sincere thank you to all who responded so generously to Revd Claire's appeal for help with the CSM/Ansoc student camp, which is on the go this weekend (they return later this morning). At the time of writing, we have just under 30 students who signed up, and we are hopeful that this will have risen to 30 by the weekend. What a privilege it is to be connected to these young lives and by God's grace to nurture and encourage their life and growth in Christ during these crucial years at university. We continue to hold all our universities in prayer during these volatile times. So much is at stake. The "fallism" movement which is emerging, and which seeks the downfall of all and any structures which are deemed to be in any way oppressive, has its merits, but also its dangers of violence, destruction, and extremist attitudes and behaviour.

A Marxist analysis of society sees conflict and revolution as an essential step in the process that will lead to the ideal, class-less society; experiences of revolution in other parts of the world suggest otherwise. The Christian world view sees all our work and our efforts as part of the kingdom or rule of God. God in Christ came to set us free from sin and evil and death, and to empower us to live lives of love and service, joy and worship – and to witness by word and deed to the reign and rule of Christ. This certainly includes engaging with issues of economic inequality, poverty, unemployment, historic and structural injustice, racism, prejudice, power, oppression – but from a deep knowledge of God's love for all people, and the invitation and challenge to "throw off every encumbrance and the sin that all too readily restricts us, and run with resolution the race which lies ahead of us, our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1). And let's not forget the two Great Commandments: to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, minds and strength; and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, is our Annual Vestry Meeting. There will be a single combined act of worship that morning, starting at 08h30 (our student service will be at 19h00 as usual) and the Vestry meeting itself will be held in St George's Hall, starting soon after the morning service. I shall deliver the Dean's Vestry Report in the context of the Eucharist. All reports, including the financial report and the churchwardens' report, should be available at the back of the church, today, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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, from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 *(Please note that these dates have changed).*

My love to you all,



## *GENERAL NOTICES*

**Sub Dean Mzinzi** returns from leave on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. • **Revd Claire** is away, leading the CSM/Ansoc camp which ends today. • **Revd Monwabisi Peter** is being licensed as Chaplain to St Andrew's Prep, this morning, by the Bishop. **Revd Luthando** is attending that service to represent the Cathedral. • **The Dean** will be in Johannesburg, on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March, attending a meeting of the Canon Law steering committee.

**Our Annual Vestry Meeting** will be held next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, in St George's Hall, after a combined 08h30 service. Please remember that you may not vote at the meeting unless you are at least 18 years old and a communicant member 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. Should you be unable to attend the meeting you are welcome to tender your apologies in advance; there is a form on a clipboard for this purpose on the glass cabinet.

**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. Nomination forms are on the glass cabinet. **Draft motions** for the Vestry meeting must reach the parish office by 12 noon on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, and will need the approval of the Dean and PCC, in line with Canon 27 (7), before they can be included in the agenda.

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: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

The usual service of Choral Evensong on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (13<sup>th</sup> March) has been cancelled, due to the **Easter Cantate** being planned for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at 19h00, in the Cathedral. Our choir, together with the choirs of SAC and DSG, will be participating in the Cantate.

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