



## *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: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Easter Day**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
06h00	Holy Communion Pascal Vigil AAPB	Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali	
09h30	Holy Eucharist AAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	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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#### *Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary*

		<i>Contact:</i>
31 Mar - 2 Apr	Rhodes University Graduation ceremonies	RU
There will not be weekday services at the Cathedral this week (Easter Week).		

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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 give thanks for the Great Festival of Easter, and the celebration of victory over sin, evil and death that Jesus Christ has won for us. We pray for all gathering for worship at this time, that we may be renewed and strengthened in our walk with Christ.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We pray for students and school pupils on holiday; for safety and rest; for safety on our roads for all who are travelling at this time.

**OUR COUNTRY:** We pray for all in authority, for good and wise governance, for a renewed commitment to honesty and a spirit of service.

**OUR WORLD:** We pray for the USA in the run-up to their presidential election; for all places of violence and conflict; for those injured or killed in the bomb attack in Brussels.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 28<sup>th</sup> Ziyanda Gabavana and Nceba January; 30<sup>th</sup> Miranda Sijadu; April 1<sup>st</sup> Selokwane Morake and Thelma Maloko.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Karen Oosthuizen; Esona and Sandisa Pantshwa; Gugulethu, Lungile and Yivani Penxa; Anet & Steven Peter; Monwabisi, Nokulunga, Onathi & Ongamela Peter; Giselle, Nicolena, Preston and Sergio Peters.

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

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Steve Ashcroft, Canon James Hoyle, Peter Ingwersen (Roswitha Hobson's brother), Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister) Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen.

**DECEASED:** Nolutho Mbolekwa (wife of Revd Godukile Mbolekwa, Port Alfred)

*Services next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April – the Second Sunday of Easter.*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Presider / Officiant</b>
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Eucharist AAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	
19h00	Easter Taizé Service	Dr A-J Bethke	

**Here are the Gospel readings for Easter Week**

Mon	28	Matthew 28: 8-15	Thurs	31	Luke 24: 36-48
Tues	29	John 20: 11-18	Fri	01	John 21: 1-14
Weds	30	Luke 24: 13-35	Sat	02	Mark 16: 9-15
Sun	03	Acts 5: 27-32	Psalm 118: 14-29	Revelation 1: 4-8	John 20: 19-31

**Dean's letter, Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Easter Day**

Dear Cathedral family,

On Easter Day, we give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, for his victory over sin, evil and death; for the salvation won for us; for the hope of eternal life that we have received. These past few days of Holy Week have been, as always, a profound and intense journey from the hype and excitement of Palm Sunday, through to the solemn meal, the foot-washing, symbolic stripping of the altars and quiet watch and vigil on Maundy Thursday; and the pain and suffering and desolation of Good Friday. As our preacher, Dr Mary-Ellen Ashcroft, reminded us on Palm Sunday: Jesus has been there – in our desolation, in our joys and sorrows, in our times of wonder and in our times of great darkness. There is nowhere we can go and not find that Jesus has been there also.

There are times when we seem to be in an extended Good Friday – times, seasons, days, years of heartache and darkness. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from death is God's promise to us that darkness and sin and evil do not have the last word; that good will triumph, that love and hope does win through, that there is life after death. As Christians we experience this on a very personal level, the gift of salvation that we receive when we move from darkness to light, through repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4).

Personal conversion and transformation is essential for any significant and lasting change in our community, our country, the world. An environmental scientist put it so well: "I used to think that the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought that with thirty years of good science, we could address those problems. But I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy... and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation... and we scientists don't know how to do that." (Gus Speth.)

God through Jesus Christ invites us into a relationship of love, of hope, of life, of new birth. Our hearts are changed and we are born again. Easter is the great celebration of that new birth, and our journey from darkness into light.

We pray for the leadership of the ANC, and our government, during these days of crisis. We had hoped that the recent meeting of the NEC would address the issues we are facing as a country, particularly the apparent capture of our democratic processes by a family and undue influence over cabinet appointments. In a recent public appeal to the ANC, Archbishop Thabo wrote: "please be bold, be courageous, tell the truth because the truth will set you free. This is not witch-hunting but it is to elevate the country and our democracy to a place where constitutional values matter, where transparency, openness and confession when we have failed should characterise us as South Africans."

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been injured in the bomb attacks, on Tuesday of Holy Week, in Brussels, Belgium; those who have lost loved ones; with the perpetrators; with law enforcement agencies in Europe; with all who are in authority.

My love to you all,

*Andrew Hunt*

## GENERAL NOTICES

We welcome **Bishop Ebenezer** and mama **Noncedo** to the Easter Vigil this morning. The Bishop is presiding and preaching.

The **Dean and Revd Claire** will be away this week, returning on Friday in time for Rhodes University graduations.

**The Sub Dean** is conducting the Easter service at Trinity Presbyterian Church this morning. He has been conducting services every day this past week at St Augustine's, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, baptisms yesterday (Holy Saturday) and the Easter Vigil last night. He will be away for this week, having a well-deserved break with his family.

**CR Associates Day:** The Community of the Resurrection's Easter Fellowship Meeting is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon, at St Peter's Donkin Street.

