

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We pray for our ministry to all who are at Brookshaw, Fort England, Somerset Place, and St Luke's Frail Care.

OUR COMMUNITY: We give thanks for all our Rhodes University graduates, their families, and all who have supported them through their studies. We pray for schools and universities reopening this week.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for all in authority; for Members of Parliament; Cabinet; the President; Premier Phumulo Masualle of the Eastern Cape; local Makana municipal officials.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all refugees, and for all places of violent conflict.

BIRTHDAYS: 3rd Nompumelelo Magwa-Bobotyani; 4th Liniyah Mumbengegwi & Siphokazi Zama; 6th Theodore Duxbury, Lucien Bartis & Lulama Mvula, 7th Pat Terry.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Leela Pienaar; Dale, Felicia and Howard Pote; Cathy and Patrick Pringle; Florence Pswarayi; Noncedo Reme-Mnandi; Edward and Irene Riffel; Daphne Rink and Colleen Rippon.

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, Owen Pearce, Thembeke Peter, Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister), Mary-Clare Tracey-Craigen.

LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS

DECEASED: Nolutho Mbolekwa (Port Alfred), Spencer Venn (Harare).

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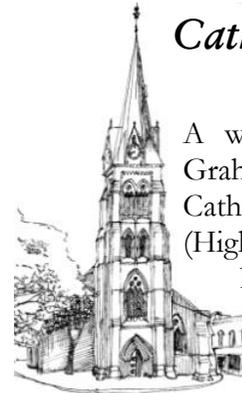
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*Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.

GENERAL NOTICES

The next **SpiritFest** meeting will be held in the Cory Room on 21 April at 17h00,

Rev Owen Franklin and his fellow presenter who are coming to Grahamstown to speak at SpiritFest in July ask if a member of the Cathedral is willing to offer them accommodation for several nights while they are in residence. They are happy to pay. Ideally they are looking for two single bedrooms, or a room with two single beds. Please contact Rev Franklin directly: fr.owen@gmail.com



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: 3rd April 2016. Second Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
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	

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.
11h15	Confirmation class in the Chapter House; see the Dean for further details

Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary

			Contact:
5 Apr	17h30	CSM Core Team meeting in the Cory Room	Revd Claire
9 Apr	09h00	Diocesan MU Lady Day service in the Indoor Sports Centre, Joza. The Bishop will celebrate.	Thabisa Yili
	noon	Community of the Resurrection Associates Day at St Peter's, Donkin Street.	Sr Carol CR
	14h00	Quiet Afternoon at uMariya uMama weThemba monastery. Led by one of the OHC brothers this month.	The Dean

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

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- *Committed to God's Mission* •
- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit* •

Dean's letter, Sunday, 3rd April 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

Many people are in town this weekend for the annual Rhodes University graduation ceremonies and celebrations. Our very warm congratulations to all our graduates, their families, and all who supported them through their studies. What a landmark and wonderful occasion this is! It is so special to see many Cathedral students graduate each year, and to know that we have been part of their journey. And how they have enriched our life during their years here in Grahamstown! Special congratulations also to all our "home-grown" students, those from Grahamstown and from the Cathedral who are graduating at this time.

I began writing this letter during Holy Week, a few days before Easter. The dreadful news of the bomb attacks in Brussels had just reached us, followed closely by other dreadful news of another slaughter in Nigeria by Boko Haram. A number of people have been killed, and there are many injured. Our hearts and prayers are with all the injured and their families, with those who have lost loved ones, and with all in government and law enforcement in Europe. We are a global village and what happens elsewhere does impact on us here in SA and in Grahamstown. Our world is broken, angry, hurting, deeply divided by race, politics, religion, ideology; people are driven by fear and hatred and anger and despair. A world that needs help, a world that needs to be saved from itself, from its sinful nature. It is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's solution, God's great act of liberation, that makes restoration and healing possible. We are transformed as we turn from sin, believe the good news of God's love for us in Jesus, and are made new – and in turn become part of God's saving love for others.

In his Good Friday message, broadcast on BBC4, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said the following: "For me one of the best and most challenging parts of Canterbury Cathedral is the number of memorials to past Archbishops. There are saints and, to be honest, villains; the brilliant and the dull. Some were heroes, doing the right thing for the right reason; others acted cruelly and brutally, or in T S Eliot's great sentence, put into Becket's mouth in his play *Murder in the Cathedral*, "They were tempted to the

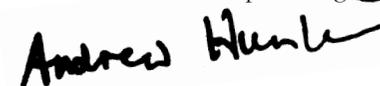
greatest treason: doing the right thing for the wrong reason." All had mixed motives and characters. Good Friday, the day on which Christians remember the death of Jesus on the Cross, challenges all our reasons for everything we do, all the motivations we claim for any action. Good Friday has that healthy and necessary aspect that is found in many faiths, of a time for self-examination.

"In the week of the attacks in Belgium - and of recalling the horrors and crimes of the Balkan Civil War, with the conviction of Radovan Karadžić - I am struck by the savagery and bitterness, the utterly perverted reasons, of the attackers and perpetrators, carrying out not right deeds but the most deeply wrong ones that could be imagined, and the contrast with the sacrifice of Jesus. He was the one person in history Christians believe to have had only pure motives for all he did, and for me he sets the standard for both actions and reasons. The nature of hatred is that it is infectious. Terror wins when it causes others to fear or hate. On Good Friday terror and oppression are met by love, with Jesus praying for the forgiveness of those who caused his death. Christians, considering the Cross, see God crucified because of human cruelty and sin.

"The mystery of the immense savagery of human beings, of our desire to use power to harm not heal, is one that confounds all attempts to explain it away. The depth of the grip on us held by lust for power and the desire to dominate others is judged by the Crucifixion. Before it, we are confronted with our wrong reasons and actions. But I find myself also confronted with the love of God that goes deeper than our cruelty, of God's reaching out to us that goes beyond our pride and power seeking. One of the messages chalked on a Brussels pavement this week was "hope is our resistance". It is compellingly true. Even on this day, even in this week, I find hope because for me at the end of all things God is over all.*"

Thank you to all our wonderful people who have been part of preparing for our services over Holy Week and Easter, and those who have shared in the preaching. What a gift you have been to us!

Easter greetings and my love to you all



* <http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2016/03/good-friday-thought-for-the-day-by-archbishop-justin-welby.aspx>

Here are the Gospel readings for the third week of Easter

Day	Date	Reading	Day	Date	Reading
Mon	04	John 3: 1-8	Thurs	07	John 3: 31-36
Tues	05	John 3: 7-15	Fri	08	John 6: 1-15
Weds	06	John 3: 16-21	Sat	09	John 6: 16-21
Sun	10	Acts 9: 1-6	Psalm 30	Revelation 5: 11-14	

Services next Sunday, 10th April – the Third Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Eucharist AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Luthando Madiba
17h00	Choral Evensong		Mr Lunga Dongwana
19h00	Student Service		Revd Claire Nye Hunter