

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We pray for the gathering of the Anglican Consultative Council meeting, in Lusaka, Zambia; for the ordinands of our diocese as they go on retreat later this week, and for **Revd Claire** as she leads them; for our confirmation candidates; for the Community of the Resurrection, giving thanks for their ministry and witness; for preparation for diocesan Synod.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for our schools and university; for all scholars, students, teachers and lecturers.

OUR COUNTRY: We give thanks for our Public Protector, Advocate Thuli Madonsela; and for the judges of the Constitutional Court, and we pray for them in their work.

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

BIRTHDAYS: 10th Ongamela Peter; 11th Audrey Holmes; 12th Warren Boggs; 13th Ziphon Ntlalai; 14th Kholeka Dyasi; 16th Saira Cobus and Val Buchner.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Sanelisiwe Shumane; Akhona, Miranda & Sinaye Sijadu; Anda Singanga; Jessica Smith; Asiphile & Neziswa Soxwya; Lynette Spain; Rose Spanneberg; Dodie Springer; Carolyn Stevenson-Milln; Ann & Peter Stockwell.

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.

LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS. These are from Peter and Elizabeth Breetzke this week, in memory of Beth Dickerson.

DECEASED: Roy Mtwa (Lusanda's uncle, in Bizana); Noluvuyo Jita (family member of Revd Siphokazi, in Tsolo)

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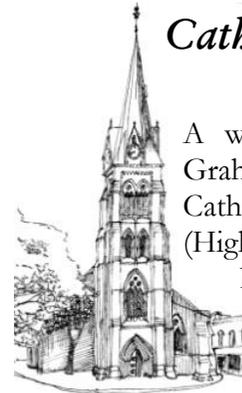
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Cathedral of St Michael and St George in the City and Diocese of Grahamstown

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: 10th April 2016. Third Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Eucharist AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
17h00	Choral Evensong		Mr Lunga Dongwana
19h00	Student Service: Resurrection; fact or fiction?		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.
11h45	Confirmation class in the Chapter House; see the Dean for further details

Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary

			Contact:
12 Apr	18h15	CSM Core Team meeting in the Cory Room	Revd Claire
13 Apr	13h00	Lunchtime concert featuring the Main Street Singers, a visiting choir of international repute, from California. In the Cathedral	

Here are the Gospel readings for the fourth week of Easter

Day	Time	Gospel	Other	Time	Gospel
Mon	11	John 6: 22-29	Thurs	14	John 6: 44-51
Tues	12	John 6: 30-35	Fri	15	John 6: 52-59
Weds	13	John 6: 35-40	Sat	16	John 6: 60-69
Sun	17	Acts 9: 36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7: 9-17	John 10: 22-30

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* •

GENERAL NOTICES

Revd Luthando Madiba is away today, attending the funeral of Lusanda’s uncle, Roy Mtwa, in Bizana. **Revd Claire** is celebrating and preaching at uMariya uMama weThemba, this morning.

Revd Claire is leading a retreat for the diocesan ordinands, from 14th – 16th April, in East London.

Baptism: Our next baptism is scheduled for Sunday 22nd May 2016, Trinity Sunday. Those wishing to be baptised, or to have their children baptised, are requested to speak to one of the clergy as soon as possible. There will be baptism preparation classes for baptismal candidates, parents and godparents.

Visiting Choir: The Main Street Singers, a world-class California-based choir, that has travelled internationally for the last 30 years will be presenting a lunchtime concert in the Cathedral on 13 April, from 13h00 until 14h00.

The **Anglican Consultative Council (ACC)** is one of four Instruments of Communion within the Anglican Communion, the other three being the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates’ Meeting, and the Lambeth Conference. It meets every two to three years, and is attended by all the Primates (including the Archbishop of Cape Town), as well as a priest and a lay person from each Province. The 16th gathering of ACC (ACC-16) is meeting in Lusaka, from 8th – 19th April 2016. The secretary general of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, asks “all our members in every Province, as well as our ecumenical partners, to join us in prayer as we prepare for the meeting of this Instrument of our Communion.”

The role of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) is to facilitate the co-operative work of the churches of the Anglican Communion, exchange information between the Provinces and churches, and help to co-ordinate common action. It advises on the organisation and structures of the Communion, and seeks to develop common policies with respect to the world mission of the Church, including ecumenical matters.

Services next Sunday, 17th April – the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	Revd Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Eucharist	Dean Andrew Hunter	

Dean’s letter, Sunday, 10th April 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

The encounter of the disciples with the Risen Lord, at the lakeside – today’s Gospel reading (John 21:1-19) is a story of restoration, forgiveness, new life, and hope. We last met Simon Peter on Maundy Thursday, when he denied, three times, knowing the Lord. He was also one of those to whom Jesus appeared on Easter Day (Luke 24:34). But now, as our Gospel reading unfolds, Simon Peter is simply “going fishing”, picking up where he was before Jesus had called him to be a disciple. It was a return to his old way of life, old paths, back to the time before he had met and come to know the Lord. “Gone fishing” is often a joke – a way to escape from the rat race, to get away from it all, to retreat into our own world. For Simon Peter, it was an escape from failure, disappointment, his denial of the Lord, his failure, the loss of hope. Good Friday was the end of a dream. And so he and the others decided to go fishing.

And, as had happened before (Luke 5:5) they worked all night, but caught nothing. Jesus met them on the lakeside, told them to “cast the net on the right side of the boat” (the similar story in Luke’s Gospel records Jesus as saying “cast your nets into the deep water”) and “now they were not able to haul in the net, for the quantity of fish.” It was then that the disciples realised that it was the Lord who was speaking to them.

The story continues, with a meal of fish and bread, the disciples being fed by the Lord just as He had fed them before (John 6:1-11), around a fire. It was around a fire at the house of the High Priest that Peter had stood, warming himself (John 18:18), the fire at which Peter was standing when he denied, three times, knowing the Lord. Now, around a fire, around the coals of his failure, that the Risen Christ asks Peter, three times, “Do you love me?” Three times, to eradicate and erase Peter’s three-fold denial. Three times, for Peter to say, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Three times, for the Lord to commission him, “Feed my sheep.” The place of Peter’s greatest failure and weakness – his pride – becomes the place and moment for Peter to know the Lord’s love and forgiveness, and to be charged and commissioned to feed the flock, the people of God. How wonderful that when Peter faced his greatest failures, his weaknesses, that he was able to receive the Lord’s love and forgiveness most profoundly.

At the top of many older churches, is a wind-vane, shaped like a rooster – a reminder of the cock that crowed after Peter had denied the Lord. But the rooster is close to the altar, the place of forgiveness, the sanctuary of love, the cross of Christ on which Jesus shed his blood for Peter, for you and me, to save and restore the world

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter