

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We continue to pray for all at the Anglican Consultative Council, as it ends today; for Cathedral Confirmation candidates; for our churchwardens and PCC as they meet this week; for Fr Mvuleni Mvula as he begins his new ministry at St Clement's.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all who are part of the IEC as they prepare for the local government elections; for our health services as they address the scourge of TB; for all TB sufferers.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for all in authority; for Members of Parliament; for the Cabinet; for the President; for all judges at the High Court, the Supreme Court of Appeal, and the Constitutional Court.

OUR WORLD: As we remember the Chibok girls, kidnapped two years ago by Boko Haram, we continue to pray for them and for their families.

BIRTHDAYS: 19th Bishop Ebenezer; 21st Lunga Dongwana; 23rd Jane Bradshaw.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Lithalelanga & Noah Tabensky; Joy Tandy; Marié Tarr; Pat & Sally Terry; Ezra & Thami Tisani; Andrew & Heather Tracey; Chenelle Tupiri.

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, Revd Richard Martin, Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister).

DECEASED: Nomangese de Beer

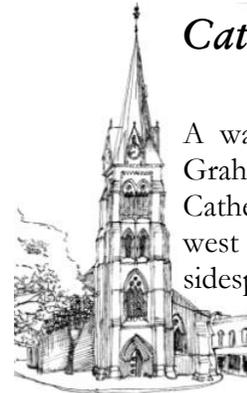
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Cathedral of St Michael and St George in the City and Diocese of Grahamstown

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: 17th April 2016.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	
09h30	Holy Eucharist AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	Revd Claire Hunter
19h00	Student Eucharist	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.
11h45	Confirmation class in the Cory Room; see the Dean for further details

Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary

Contact:

20 Apr	17h30	PCC meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
21 Apr	09h30	St Luke's Communion Service for the CR sisters	

Here are the Gospel readings for the fifth week of Easter

Mon	18	Matthew 5: 1-10	Thurs	21	John 13: 16-20
Tues	19	John 10: 22-30	Fri	22	John 14: 1-7
Weds	20	John 12: 44-50	Sat	23	John 14: 7-14
Sun	24	Acts 11: 1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21: 1-6	John 13: 31-35

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- *Anchored in the love of Christ* •
- *Committed to God's Mission* •
- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit* •

GENERAL NOTICES

Dean Andrew is at St Clement's, Grahamstown, this morning, to institute Fr Mvuleni Mvula as Rector, and to admit their church officers.

Mr Justice Richard Brooks is warmly congratulated by the whole Cathedral community on his appointment as a judge. He is our Diocesan Chancellor.

Dean Andrew & Revd Claire will be out of town this coming weekend, to attend Claire's graduation in Johannesburg.

Dean Andrew & Revd Claire warmly invite the Cathedral family to a Pentecost Celebration and Thanksgiving lunch for Claire's PhD graduation. Date: Sunday 15 May; Time: 12h30; Venue: St George's Hall; Dress code: wear something RED. **Please RSVP** by 8 May at the absolute latest, by signing the sheet at the back of the church or emailing either Lilitha Dyantyi (nsikampula@gmail.com) or Marian Jayes (marian@jayes.org). If you are willing and able to help with food contributions, please indicate and Marian or Lilitha will liaise directly with you. An opportunity will be given at the lunch for contributions to be made towards helping tertiary students in need of financial assistance. Hope to see you there!

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.

Services next Sunday, 24th April – the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
17h00	Choral Evensong SAPB	Revd Siphokazi Njokweni	
19h00	Student Service	Revd Dr Simon Tibbs	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi

Dean's letter, Sunday, 17th April 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

This past Friday, April 15th, was the 2nd anniversary of the kidnapping by Boko Haram of 276 girls from their school in the village of Chibok, in northern Nigeria. Some managed to escape; there are still 219 girls missing. We continue to hold them, and their families, in our love and prayers.

The 4th Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, with the Gospel reading traditionally from John 10, and the words of Jesus "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15). The image of God as the shepherd of his people Israel is found throughout the Old Testament. "The Lord is my shepherd... though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, your shepherd's staff and crook shall comfort me..." (Psalm 23); "I shall set over them one shepherd to take care of them... he will care for them and be their shepherd" Ezekiel 34:23). The shepherds are also, in one context, the leaders of the people, who stand judged by God for pushing aside the weak, and caring only for themselves (Ezekiel 34:1-6).

The Lord as our good shepherd is our daily experience of the Risen Christ, Jesus who is with us as our good shepherd, who knows us by name, who calls us out and leads us to find the green and safe pastures. In the midst of the storms that we face, the dangers, struggles, difficulties, we are assured that the Lord continues to watch over us and to care for us.

I spent much of my growing-up years on a small sheep farm, on the Klapmuts road outside Stellenbosch. I learned a great deal about sheep, their care, lambing, inoculations against diseases, sheep shearing, the never-ending work that shepherding demands. My father as the farmer was a model shepherd – wise, knowledgeable, hard working, hands-on with our sheep, protective – we had to deal with ravaging dogs, as well as stock theft - and everything that affected them. At his funeral just over three years ago, as part of my tribute to him, I said, "In his attention to detail, in his care for his sheep, in his hard work, in his thought and planning, in his knowledge, he was a wonderful model for any pastor, any priest. And the importance of not giving up. Keeping going in adversity. Both Bridget [my sister] and I remember with admiration how, during my parents' 25 years on the farm outside Stellenbosch, those 16 acres of renosterbos and pine, heat and clay and drought, were gradually transformed into a lovely, shady home, productive farm, and place of life. Building a farm, building a family, a community, a cathedral, the kingdom – I learned so much from him."

My love to you all

Andrew Hunt