

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: Our church: we pray for our churchwardens and PCC in their work and ministry; for our Confirmation candidates; for our Children's Church and Sunday School.

OUR COMMUNITY: we pray for all Rhodes University students, and those at East Cape Midlands College; for academic and support staff; for university and college leadership and management, especially the Vice Chancellor, Dr Sizwe Mabizela, and those around him. We pray for all victims and survivors of rape and sexual violence; for their families; for all involved; for all our young men and young women at the Cathedral and here in Grahamstown.

OUR COUNTRY: we pray for Members of Parliament, cabinet; President Jacob Zuma; leaders of political parties.

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

BIRTHDAYS: 24th Jenny Reynolds and Siphokazi Njokweni; 25th Sally Kadye; 26th Nicolena Peters; 27th Donovan Bridger; 28th Rose Buchner and Luthando Madiba; 30th Fiona Coyne.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Florence, Lunga, Nqabisa, Phumelele, Qhama, Zama & Zanele Twaku; June Venn; June & Paul Walters; Chris, Gareth & Marian Walwyn; Crystal Warren.

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, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba; Revd Richard Martin, Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister).

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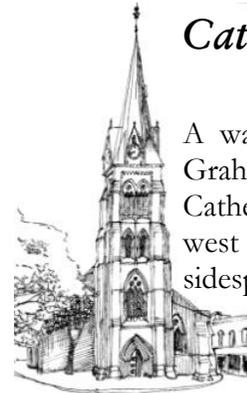
*Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.

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

Services next Sunday, 1st May – the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student service	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	



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: 24th April 2016. 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

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

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29 Apr	17h00	CSM movie evening in St George's Hall	Revd Claire

Here are the Gospel readings for the fifth week of Easter

Day	Date	Scripture	Day	Date	Scripture
Mon	25	Mark 1: 1-15	Thurs	28	John 15: 9-11
Tues	26	John 14: 27-31a	Fri	29	John 15: 12-17
Weds	27	John 15: 1-8	Sat	30	John 15: 18-21
Sun	01	Acts 16: 9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:56	John 14: 23-29

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

Dean's letter, Sunday, 17th April 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

Our Gospel reading for today is the new commandment – to love one another. “All will know that you are my disciples when you love one another” (Jn 13:34). What does it mean to love when there is disagreement and anger? When tensions enter into our relationships with one another? Do we simply walk around issues, not talk about them? Do we confront? How do we helpfully engage with one another?

As I write, the debate about the future of President Zuma continues. I consider his apology to be inadequate; and his and his followers’ disregard for the Constitution has, I believe, made him – and others – unfit to hold office. I join with those who have called for him to be recalled, or to resign.

Closer at home, Rhodes campus is in tumult around rape and rape culture. I am deeply concerned about what has been happening on campus, and our prayers are with all – students, staff, the Vice-Chancellor, parents. Everywhere we look and listen and talk, there is outrage, pain, anger, rage and hurt. Everyone has their experience – students who have been raped, staff who have had lectures disrupted, students who have been listed on the “Register”, support and admin staff who have been affected. There is no one story or narrative that sums it all up. At stake are the rights of all – those who have been raped or molested; those accused of rape; academics and university management; the wider community. How do we support victims of rape? How do we deal with those accused of rape? How do we engage with and transform behaviour and attitudes that support a “rape culture” on campus, in our society, in our country? What is a Christian sexual ethic, for how we are to conduct ourselves in our intimate relationships?

How do we love one another, within the Christian community? Bonnie Anderson, who is a former chair of the House of Deputies in the General Convention of The Episcopal Church [USA] (our equivalent in ACSA would be Provincial

Synod) wrote recently about the importance of speaking the truth in love in situations of conflict and distress. She reflected on the importance of having the courage to speak, had a word for the clergy, and then said, addressing the laity:

“Read the Catechism regarding the ministry of the laity. Find out what your job is. Look it up in the *Book of Common Prayer* [our SA equivalent would be AAPB page 433-435]. Know your gifts, know what your ministry is, and really commit to it. This is one of the most important things you will do in your life. When you say the baptismal covenant, mean it (after all it is a promise). If you can’t promise that you will respect the dignity of every human being, with God’s help, then don’t say those words when the baptismal covenant is renewed. Have generosity of spirit. Be kind. Love your neighbour and be in partnership with the clergy that God has given us. Have courage to speak the truth in love. Commit to being a loving and responsible member of your Christian community. If you have your baptism certificate, as a daily reminder of your primary vocation in life, hang it on the wall near where you get dressed in the morning. Most importantly, get over the fear. Take a deep breath and speak the truth in love. It will set you free.

“These suggestions may sound simplistic, but they can be life changing. We are Christ’s beloved. Know that we are called to community to do our work of reconciliation, and always keep in the forefront of your mind that we have promised to respect the dignity of every human being.

“Henri Nouwen reminds us ‘we are cast into communities of people that we would never, in all our life, choose for ourselves.’” *

Are there ideas here for us to think about?

My love to you all

* Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices, March 2016

GENERAL NOTICES

<p>Dean Andrew & Revd Claire are in Johannesburg attending Claire’s graduation ceremony. They will be back in the parish tomorrow.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Welcome to Cathedral newcomers 2016: will take place during the 09h30 service on Pentecost Sunday, when the Bishop will be with us.</p>	
<p>Dean Andrew & Revd Claire warmly invite the Cathedral family to a Pentecost Celebration and Thanksgiving lunch for Claire’s PhD graduation. <u>Date:</u> Sunday 15 May; <u>Time:</u> 12h30; <u>Venue:</u> St George’s Hall; <u>Dress code:</u> wear something RED. Please RSVP by 8 May at the absolute latest, (sign the sheet at the back of the church or email 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!</p>	