

## GENERAL NOTICES

**St Andrew's College** We welcome boys and staff from St Andrew's College (Merriman and Upper) to our 09h30 service today.

**Sub Dean Mzinzi** is at St Augustine's, Grahamstown, this morning, to admit their newly elected church officers, and to licence lay ministers.

**Revd Luthando Madiba** is away this weekend attending a family ritual.

**Synod:** The clergy and our two Cathedral lay representatives, Mr Wayne Jayes and Dr Rose Spanneberg, are attending Diocesan Synod in East London this week, 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Weekday morning services:** Due to Synod, there will not be any 07h00 services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

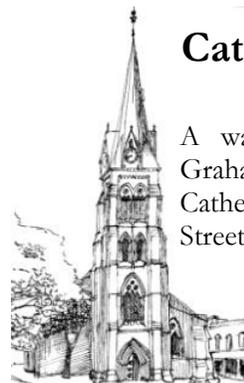
**Dean Andrew & Revd Claire** warmly invite the Cathedral family to a Pentecost Celebration and Thanksgiving lunch for Claire's PhD graduation next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> May) at 12h30 in St George's Hall. Dress code: wear something RED. **Please RSVP** no later than today; (sign the sheet at the back of the church or email Lilitha Dyantyi (nsikampula@gmail.com) or Marian Jayes (marian@javes.org). If you are willing and able to help with food contributions, please let Marian or Lilitha know today. An opportunity will be given at the lunch for contributions to be made towards helping tertiary students in need of financial assistance. The Hunters hope to see you there!

**Welcome to Cathedral newcomers 2016:** will take place during the 09h30 service on Pentecost Sunday (15 May), when the Bishop will be with us.

**Baptism:** Our next baptism is scheduled for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Baptism application forms are at the back of the Cathedral.

There'll be a **SpiritFest meeting** in the Cory Room from 17h15 on 26 May.

**Masicule; a celebration of singing:** is back for a third time with two performances, both in the Guy Butler auditorium at the Monument. They are on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 16h00 and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 19h30. Tickets are on sale at Grahamstown Publicity and at the Monument booking office.



## 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: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB; St Andrew's College attending.	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Service	Revd Gina Gcebile	

### 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:
05 May	09h00	Somerset Place Communion Service led by Canon	James Hoyle.
05 May	18h00	Holy Eucharist AAPB (Ascension Day). Revd Dr Simon Tibbs will be celebrating and preaching	Sub Dean

### Here are the Gospel readings for the sixth week of Easter

Mon	02	John 15: 26-16: 4a	Thurs	05 – Ascension Day	Luke 24: 44-53
Tues	03	John 16: 4b-11	Fri	06	John 16: 20-24
Weds	04	John 16: 12-20	Sat	07	John 16: 23b-28
Sun	08	Acts 16: 16-34	Psalms 97	Revelation 22: 12-21	John 17: 20-26

### 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 pray for the 67<sup>th</sup> session of Diocesan Synod, meeting in East London this week; for Bishop Ebenezer as he chairs and leads Synod; for the newly consecrated Bishop of Zululand, Monument Makhanya; for the Bishop-elect of Pretoria, Allan Kannemeyer. May we be signs of the light and love of Christ.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for Rhodes University: Vice-Chancellor, staff, students; for all survivors and victims of rape and sexual violence. May we find the way to bring healing and hope.

**OUR COUNTRY:** We continue to pray for all in authority. May we all be people of integrity and truth.

**OUR WORLD:** We pray for all places of violence and conflict. May the light of Christ shine.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Isabel Bridger, May de Vos & Akona Gabavana; 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Walters; 3<sup>rd</sup> Daphne Rink; 5<sup>th</sup> Imkhitha Konzani and Andrew Tracey; 7<sup>th</sup>. Abongile and Onwaba Dongwana.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Anne Warring; Ann Watkins; Michael and Adrienne Whisson; Clive and Penny Whitford; Timothy Williams, Thabisa and Amila Yili.

**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:** Mrs Julia Prince.

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

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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

**Services next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May – the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	
19h00	Student Service	Revd Gary Griffith-Smith	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

**Dean's letter, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

Dear Cathedral family,

In the midst of the turmoil and anguish on Rhodes campus over these past couple of weeks, it has been good to be on campus, and see and interact with a number of our Cathedral community who have been involved or impacted in various ways: academic staff, students, admin and maintenance staff. I was also able to join a peace walk, and participated in one of the daily prayer meetings arranged by Christians@Rhodes over this time. When people ask “where is the church?” or “where is Jesus in all this?” I reply – look around, and see the church, the body of Christ, present amongst us. As students protest the rape culture that is prevalent in our society, and as they protest against their experience of this on campus, we stand with all who have been victims of rape or sexual abuse. The legal processes do not make it easy for a rape victim to report an assault. We hear from those who have reported a rape to the authorities that they have been met with disbelief. And there are many who do not report at all, for fear of the humiliation and stigma – but then find themselves in almost daily contact with their rapist, at lectures, in the community, in their home. We hold in prayer all on our campuses and community who are victims of rape; we pray for the perpetrators; we pray for university leadership and the SAPS in their role of protecting and upholding the rights of all concerned. We pray particularly for those who have been further traumatised by the recent protests.

The recent meeting of Bishop and Chapter issued the following statement: “We, the Diocese of Grahamstown, unequivocally condemn the abuse perpetrated against women in our land. We affirm our solidarity with the protest taken by students of Rhodes University in addressing the scourge of rape at the institutions of higher learning or in any other context. We support the university’s management and the student body as they try to seek a harmonious solution to the problem. We express our resolute belief that the law should take its course in the light of due process. We discourage any attempt by anyone to take the law into his or her hands.”

Our commitment to address gender violence is part of our belief that the kingdom of God is amongst us wherever we pray “your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.” The image of Jerusalem, the Holy City, in our reading this morning from the book of Revelation, is a picture of the church as it will be: a poetic image of wonder and holiness and delight and joy and peace, the world that we long for, the kingdom of God for which we pray and work. And what a picture it is: the river of the water of life; the tree of life, with the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations; the light of the Lord God; the throne of God and of the Lamb (Revelation 22:1-5)

The gift of God’s peace, and the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus gives us (John 14:25-27), is our strength during this time. We are not left alone and helpless. God does give us the grace and strength we need. God’s peace does not mean an escape from trouble. It means peace in the midst of the storms and the dangers. It means realising that God loves us deeply, and holds us in His love, no matter what happens to us.

My love to you all.

*Andrew Hunter*