

GENERAL NOTICES

We welcome our CotT placement team to the Cathedral: Nobuhle Hlatshwayo; Sipokazi Matini; Nomkhosi Zulu; Siphesihle Sibeko; Apiwe Flatela; Thamsamqa Makwasa; Lindokuhle Khanyile; Lethwayinkosi Ndwandwe and Revd Freeman Khomo.

Sub Dean Mzinzi, in his capacity as Archdeacon of Grahamstown, is at St Bart's this morning, to admit their church officers.

Today is the last day for RSVPs if you would like to attend the Pentecost lunch next Sunday! Please write your name on the list at the West Door, or contact the parish office first thing tomorrow morning.

Sacristans: If anyone wishes to join the team and volunteer for this valuable and greatly appreciated ministry, please come and join our meeting this evening, in the Chapter House at 17h30.

Masicule; a celebration of singing: is back for a third time with two performances, both in the Guy Butler auditorium at the Monument. One is this afternoon, at 16h00 and the other is tomorrow at 19h00. You'll be able to get tickets at the door.

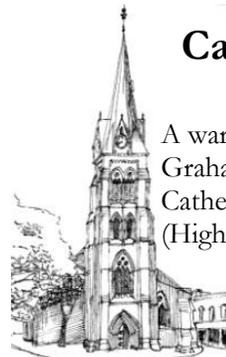
Our **Welcome to Cathedral newcomers 2016:** will take place during the 09h30 service on Pentecost Sunday (15 May), when the Bishop will be with us.

Baptism: Our next baptism is scheduled for Sunday 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. Baptism application forms are at the back of the Cathedral.

Readers are needed at all services, but especially the 07h30. Should you wish to join our team of volunteers, please contact Revd Claire or the Parish Secretary. This is a vital and greatly valued form of personal ministry.

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

Rhodes University Chamber Choir presents *Luminosity in Darkness* on Friday 13 May at Rhodes Chapel. Tickets free, donations at the door.



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: 8th May 2016. 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	

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.
16h00	Masicule in the Guy Butler Theatre.
11h45	Confirmation class in the Cory Room; see the Dean for further details

<i>Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary</i>			<i>Contact:</i>
09 May	19h00	Masicule in the Guy Butler Theatre.	
10 May	17h30	Sacristans meeting in the Chapter House	Margot Brooks
12 May	09h00	Archdeaconry Council meeting at St Clement's, (clergy and churchwardens).	Sub Dean Mzinzi
14 May	14h00 - 17h00	Quiet Afternoon at uMariya uMama weThemba monastery, led by Archdeacon Cynthia Webbstock	

Here are the Gospel readings for the seventh week of Easter

Mon	09	John 16: 29-33	Thurs	12	John 17: 20-26
Tues	10	John 17: 1-11a	Fri	13	John 21: 15-19
Weds	11	John 17: 11b-19	Sat	14	John 21: 20-25
Sun	15	Acts 2: 1-21	Psalm 104: 26-35	Romans 8: 14-17	John 14: 8-17

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 give thanks for Diocesan Synod this past week: for worship, discussion and decisions; we pray for our diocese, that we may be filled and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for our life of worship, witness and service. During the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for all our sister churches in Grahamstown. May we be one as the Father and the Son are one.

OUR COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for all at Rhodes University: staff, students, the Vice Chancellor and senior management team.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for farmers and for all who produce the food we eat.

OUR WORLD: We pray for all places of conflict; for the work of the United Nations in building international harmony.

BIRTHDAYS: 8th: A-J Bethke, Simphiwe Myolwa, Anet Peter and Asavela Mtuze; 9th: Hlu, mela Maqwili and Zinzile Kellen; 10th: Audrey Conroy; 11th: Kutala Gabavana; 12th Emihle Maliwa and Phila Myolwa.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Siphokazi Zama; Tolani, Tolu, & Toyosi Adesina; Charles, Geoff & Margie Antrobus; Caris, Christeice, Katie, Melanie, Sierra & Sylvester Appollis.

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).

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Revd Siphokazi Njokweni, in memory of her aunt, Sr Monica Ntombentle Njokweni CR.

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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 and **facebook.com/grahamstown.cathedral**

Services next Sunday, 15th May – the Day of Pentecost

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07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	
19h00	Student Eucharist	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Dean's letter, Sunday, 8th May 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

Last Sunday we welcomed our parish placement team from the College of the Transfiguration (CofT), Grahamstown. They will be with us for most of the Sundays during the CofT term, sharing in our liturgy, getting to know us, and experiencing something of our life and witness as the Cathedral. They have a packed schedule at CofT, so we won't see them during the week, but the intention is that they get a taste of the Cathedral. Please help them feel welcome amongst us.

This week, Claire and I are hosting Revd Lori and Bill Boehning, from the USA. Claire and Lori studied together at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. Lori is an ordained Presbyterian minister and is in this country on sabbatical, to explore some of the changes that have taken place in SA since 1994. She and Bill were able to meet with a number of people in Cape Town, including Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane; and conversations will continue here in Grahamstown. I was struck by the relevance of some of the questions she has been asking people. In an introductory letter, earlier this year, she wrote:

“we are hoping to learn more about the changes that have taken place in South Africa since the dismantling of apartheid almost 25 years ago.... We would be eager to hear your perspective on the following questions: What changes have occurred at the cultural, economic, and social levels in South Africa over the last 25 years? What changes still need to take place? What have been the greatest roadblocks to change? How has the church helped to move these changes forward? How has the church hindered change from taking place? What changes do you hope will take place in the next 25 years? What have been the greatest challenges for you, personally, in creating or responding to these changes?”

“Our visit to South Africa takes place as part of a sabbatical from my position as Associate Pastor of Congregational Care at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Medford, Oregon, USA. The theme of my sabbatical is **change**. My hope for this time away is to learn how I can prepare for and manage change better in my personal life, plus ways I can encourage our congregation to prepare for and manage change. I come to your country as a student, ready to listen and learn. As I listen to how the people of South Africa have experienced and responded to tremendous change, I expect that I will be changed in the process.”

Change is often uncomfortable, but an essential and unavoidable part of life. The High Priestly prayer of Jesus in today's Gospel (John 17:20-26), that we may be one, is God's gift to us as we face change and transformation, and the conflict that at times is part of the process. May we be given God's grace, and much love and compassion for one another, through these stormy times

My love to you all.

