

GENERAL NOTICES

We welcome Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali as our celebrant, and the Revd Canon Dr Bill Domeris as our preacher, at the 09h30 a.m. service today.

The Bowkers: We welcome members of the Bowker family, long established in the Albany district, to our 07h30 service this morning. They are taking time off from a weekend family reunion and in many cases revisiting our Cathedral at which they worshipped frequently while pupils in Grahamstown.

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

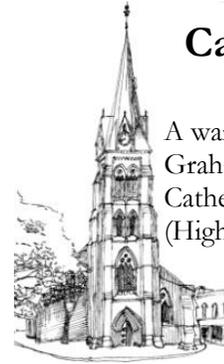
Volunteers for personal ministry: Our Cathedral is no different from other churches in that we are greatly dependent on the services of volunteers who offer, as a personal ministry, their time and talents. One has only to look around the Cathedral at beautiful flowers, well-maintained hymn- and prayer-books and the teams of altar servers and lay ministers, to mention a few, to see this selflessness at work. People move on, however, and are often difficult to replace. Right now our Cathedral and its congregation are seeking readers at both services; sacristans, tour guides willing to show visitors around and sponsors of flowers in the Lady Chapel. Should you wish to join any of these teams, please let the Parish Secretary or any member of the clergy know where to contact you. Your involvement will be highly valued.

The Lady Chapel flowers are "sponsored" each week, by one or more parishioners, usually in remembrance of a relative or loved person. Many find this to be a convenient and practical expression of personal ministry and it is greatly valued by the Cathedral family. There is a "flower book" on the table near the West Door in which you can "choose a date".

Joy Tandy is again up and about and has written: "thank you very much for your prayers and for the practical help which I have received while I have been ill."

Here are the Gospel readings for the week after Pentecost

Mon	16	James 3: 13-18	Thurs	19	James 5: 1-6
Tues	17	James 4: 1-12	Fri	20	James 5: 7-12
Weds	18	James 17: 13-17	Sat	21	James 5: 13-20
Sun	22	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16 12-15



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: 15th May 2016. The Day of Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Canon Dr Bill Domeris	Rt Revd Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali

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.
12h30	Pentecostal and celebratory (Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter) lunch

Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary

			Contact:
16 May	17h15	Lay Ministers' meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
19 May	09h30	St Luke's Communion service	
	15h00	Archdeaconry Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer at St Augustine's	Sub Dean

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: On the Day of Pentecost, we pray for the outpouring gift of the Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be empowered for our lives of worship, witness and service. We pray also for those preparing for baptism on Trinity Sunday; for our outreach and ministry to students and school boarders; for our Altar Servers and choristers.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all involved in preparations for our local elections.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for the province of Limpopo and for all affected by the burning of schools.

OUR WORLD: We pray for preparations in the USA for the election of their new President; for all places of conflict; for all refugees.

BIRTHDAYS: 17th: Siyanda Dyasi and Lungile Mxube; 18th: Rose Spanneberg; 20th: Peter Breetzke and Tylo Bridger; 21st: Penny Whitford and Steven Peter.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Sylvester Applollis; Delia Arends; Millicent Armitage; Peter Bailie; Buhle, Buntu & Cwayita Bam; Eleanor Barker; Euline, Kaylyn, Lucien & Sadie Bartis.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Thelma Neville, Andrew Tracey and Clive Whitford.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Steve Ashcroft, Revd Richard Martin, Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister) and Revd Theo Tshazi.

DECEASED: Zikhona Tshazi (nee Dywili).

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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, 22nd May – Trinity Sunday

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Sung Eucharist and Baptism AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	
17h00	Choral Evensong SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
19h00	Student Eucharist	Mr Tim Hamlin	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

Dean's letter, Sunday, 15th May 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

Our two daughters have always enjoyed their birthdays. While they were still at school, we had this family tradition of early morning (before school) singing, with candles and presents; the birthday girl would go to school with cake for her class; we would have a special meal together. I am sure that most families have their own special rituals. Why do we do this? To show and demonstrate our love.

The Day of Pentecost, which we celebrate today, is often called “the birthday of the church”. The New Testament church came to life on this day, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on those first disciples. They received power for worship, witness and service. Much is sometimes made of the experience of the day, and the Pentecostal experience – tongues, fire, flames, the rushing wind, the gift of the different languages. At Pentecost, we invite the Holy Spirit to come upon us, to fill us, to empower us, and to strengthen us. The inward gift of the Spirit is that we become children of God: the “spirit of adoption” (Romans 8:15). Through all this, God shows and demonstrates His love. We are filled with love, and with power. The Spirit of God lives in us.

It is when we are filled with the Spirit of God that we have the power to witness. Our reading from Acts 2:1-22 gives an account of Peter's sermon to the astonished crowd. Probably Peter was as astonished as any of them: to find this rapt crowd, hanging on his every word, and then responding with faith and repentance and belief! The church was born. The early Christians were known for their love, for the way they shared their lives, for their transformed relationships, for the fact that people of different nationalities and languages, both poor and rich, slave and free, belonged to the community of believers. They modelled a whole new way of life, an alternative to the antagonism and suspicion and deep divisions that marked the society of the time.

The Spirit of God continues to break down the walls that divide us, and bring us together in love and unity, transforming our relationships, transcending our differences, and giving us power for mission and ministry. And it begins with Pentecost – when God pours out the Spirit upon us. This gift is promised to us by Jesus: “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth... You know him, because he abides with you, and will be in you.” (Jn 14:16-17)

The Spirit comes at Pentecost to quench our thirst and longing for God. To open our hearts and lives to God is to open ourselves to mystery, to wonder, to discovery, to transformation, to love; and then with hearts filled with love, to be the hands and eyes and feet of Christ in the world. God gives his Spirit to dwell in our hearts. We have only to ask.

My love to you all.

