

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**Sub Dean Mzinzi** is at St Philip's, Grahamstown, this morning, in his capacity as Archdeacon of Grahamstown, for the Admission of Church Officers.

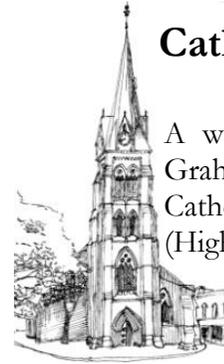
**Lost Property:** There's a small but growing collection of items in the Parish Office which have been found in and around the Cathedral. If you're missing an item now represented in our fast-diversifying collection, such as a bunch of keys, clothing, remote lock controller, spinning wheel flyer assembly, spectacles, an umbrella, old-fashioned 'safety' razor and other such fascinating artefacts, please come and have a look next time you're passing the parish office during working hours.

**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 and tour guides willing to show visitors. Should you wish to join any of these initiatives, 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; one which it is greatly valued by the Cathedral. There is a "flower book" on the table near the West Door in which you can select a date. Contact Elizabeth Breetzke or Cathy Pringle for more details.

**Here are the Gospel readings for the second week after Pentecost**

Mon	23	Mark 10: 17-27	Thurs	26	Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26
Tues	24	Mark 10: 28-31	Fri	27	Mark 11: 11-26
Weds	25	Mark 10: 32-45	Sat	28	Mark 11: 27-33
Sun	29	1 Kings: 18: 20-21, 22-29, 30-39	Psalm 96	Galatians 1: 1-12	Luke 7: 1-10



**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.

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016. Trinity Sunday**

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

**Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary**

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24 May	16h30	PCC Executive meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
25 May	17h30	PCC meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
26 May	17h15	SpiritFest meeting in the Cory Room	Maggy Clarke

**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 those being baptised this morning, and for their families.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for Rhodes University: students, all staff, Vice-Chancellor Dr Sizwe Mabizela. May the love and truth of Christ guide and strengthen all on campus.

**OUR COUNTRY:** We pray for preparations for the forthcoming local government elections; for the IEC; for all our political parties and their leaders.

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mzinzi Dyantyi; 24<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Effiong and Wendy Mfazwe; 28<sup>th</sup>: Dumikazi Myemane, Hlumi Mxube, Karen Oosthuizen and Claire Cordell.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Liqhame Beja; A-J Bethke; Liyema Bobotyani; Jane Bradshaw; Elizabeth and Peter Breetzke; Rosalie Breitenbach; Davidean, Donovan, Ernest, Isabel, Kaede, Mandy, Rodney and Tylo Bridger.

**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 (Mthatha Diocese).

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

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

**Services next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May – Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Prof Paul Walters	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Holy Communion	Prof Paul Walters	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
19h00	Student Eucharist		Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi

**Dean's letter, Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**

Dear Cathedral family,

Claire and I are immensely appreciative for all the love and support given to Claire, through her PhD studies, and the great celebration of last Sunday. Our particular thanks to Bishop Ebenezer and his family for his encouragement, affirmation and generosity throughout; Lilitha Dyantyi and Marian Jayes who co-ordinated the event, together with Sub Dean Mzinzi and Wayne Jayes; Revd Monwabisi (our MC); Revd Luthando Madiba and Peter Stockwell for the photographs; those who cooked, helped decorate the hall; Cathy Euijen for the cake; our wonderful waitrons and all who helped in the kitchen, our speakers – Bishop Ebenezer, Ian Meiklejohn, Jeanette Eve, and Wayne Jayes; Dr Bill Domeris for his sermon, our friends from the USA, Bill and Revd Lori Boehning. Claire has often said that her thesis would not have happened without the support of the Cathedral community. Thank you! And thank you to all who made donations towards a discretionary fund to help tertiary students in financial need. The money collected (R1714) will be administered by the Cathedral and will form part of the annual accounts.

Today is Trinity Sunday. We are halfway through our liturgical year (we won't start talking about Christmas just yet!) We spend six months telling and reflecting on our salvation history, the story of God in Christ who comes to save and redeem the world: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. Then on Trinity Sunday we stand back for a moment and reflect on the revelation of God to us as three Persons, one God, the mystery of God as Trinity.

The gospel passage for today (John 16:12-15) recounts Jesus speaking to the disciples of the Spirit and the Father. St Patrick of Ireland used the illustration of the three-leaved clover to describe the nature of God as the Trinity: three Persons, one God. The Nicene Creed summarises: "We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty... We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God... We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life..." (AAPB pg 108-9). Our Catechism tells us that to speak of God as Trinity means that we believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three Persons and yet one God. (AAPB pg 430).

Some theologians describe God as Community: that at the heart of God is the inter-relationship between the three Persons of the Trinity: and that this relationship is one of love: the love of the Father for the Son; the love of the Son for the Father; the Spirit as the dynamic, the power of love. For some, the Spirit is the feminine "side" of God's nature and the feminine Person of the Trinity.

Our belief in God as Trinity is a defining doctrine for Christians. We baptise and confirm and pray and live in the name of the Trinity

My love to you all.

*Andrew Hunter*