

GENERAL NOTICES

Dean Andrew and Revd Claire are away, returning on Tuesday.

Congratulations to Peter and Myra Baillie on the birth of their 2nd grandchild!

The sanctuary bell, which we use during the Eucharist, has disappeared. It was last seen on the Day of Pentecost. If anybody has spotted it, or knows where it is, please speak to one of the clergy.

Harvest Festival (see insert) The PCC has decided that the Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 19th June. See Cathy Euijen for details and to offer her much-needed help.

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.

Found: Two original certificates are still awaiting their owners, in the Parish office. One is a birth certificate, in the name of Zintle Veto and the other is a confirmation certificate in the name of Brenda van Deemter. If you are Zintle or Brenda or know the whereabouts of either, please let the Parish Secretary know at admin@grahamstowncathedral.org or 046 622 2445.

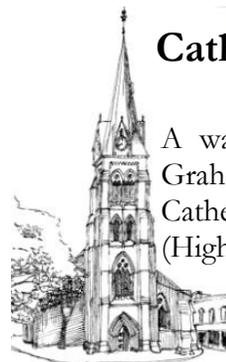
Here are the Gospel readings for the third week after Pentecost

Mon	30	Mark 12: 1-12	Thurs	02	Mark 12: 28-34
Tues	31	Mark 12: 13-17	Fri	03	Mark 12: 35-37
Weds	01	Mark 12: 18-27	Sat	04	Mark 12: 38-44
Sun	05	1 Kings: 17: 8-16, (17-24)	Psalm 146	Galatians 1: 11-24	Luke 7: 11-17

Services next Sunday, 5th June – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

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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.

29th May 2016. Second Sunday after Pentecost

AFRICA SUNDAY

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

Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary

			Contact:
2 June	09h00	Somerset Place communion	The Dean

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

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 newly consecrated bishops of Namibia (Luke Pato); Zululand (Monument Makhanya); Pretoria (Allan Kannemeyer); for preparations for the elective assembly to be held in the diocese of Christ the King (Gauteng).

OUR COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for Rhodes University: students, all staff, Vice-Chancellor Dr Sizwe Mabizela; for students as they prepare for mid-year exams; for the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation on campus. We pray also for all who face stress in their daily life, for all who struggle with depression; for all who live with mental illness. May the love and truth of Christ guide, strengthen and heal us.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for the University of Johannesburg (UJ), and the University of Fort Hare, following the arson attacks; for all Members of Parliament, leaders of our political parties; for the Minister of Finance, Pravin Gordhan; for all our universities and their Vice-Chancellors, Rectors, and Principals.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict, and for all refugees. We pray also for the African Union, and for all people who live on the continent of Africa; for those in authority.

BIRTHDAYS: 29th Joan Marcus and Rachel Hunter; 2nd Ayamnkele Dongwana; 3rd Andrew Hunter; 4th Bunono Matomane.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Margot and Richard Brooks; Rose and Val Buchner; Michelle, Ronaldo, Tristyn & Tyreece Burger; Jongikhaya Cetu; Blessings Chinganga and Sivuyile Citwa.

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).

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** on both 24 April and 22 May were offerings from Jeanette Eve, in memory (April) of her husband, Desmond and (May) her parents, Patricia and Herold van der Riet.

DECEASED: Moeketsi Daniels (Thabisa Yili's brother), Lindeka Njokweni, age 36, in Qumbu (Revd Siphokazi's niece) Nomkhosi Dyantyi (the Sub Dean's aunt).

Dean's letter, Sunday, 29th May 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

As you can see from the colours at the high altar, and the vestments of the celebrant at our Eucharist this morning, we are in the "green season" – the Sundays after Pentecost and Trinity, the season of discipleship, life and growth. What does it mean to follow Jesus? To find Jesus in our daily lives – the ups and downs, our struggles, joys, despair? To be a sign of Christ to those around us? In the midst of the chaos that threatens to overwhelm us at times?

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 7:1-10) is one of several accounts of the healing ministry of Jesus. We shall be reflecting on them over the next few Sundays. The healing miracles are signs of the love and power of Christ. The gospel of St Luke is fascinating: Luke, apart from being a doctor, was probably a gentile (i.e. not a Jew); his gospel - and the book of Acts, which he also wrote - shows Gentiles in their encounters with Jesus, and how the Gospel spread and jumped ethnic and racial barriers. The centurion who appealed to Jesus for help is an example of this. The story is one of healing, but also of God's grace and love, salvation, finding the presence of Christ during a time of need.

The centurion – whose name we don't know – clearly was a man of influence and power, used to being in command, giving orders, being in control. He represents anyone who knows power and responsibility, and enjoys exercising it. But at this moment, in his hour of great need with his ill slave, he realises that all he can do is trust – and he does so.

At times we are in control of our lives; things are going well, with our family, our work, our personal relationships. We are giving the orders, calling the shots. We have the resources to be friendly to strangers and do favours – like the centurion, who could help with building the synagogue. But then something happens and our secure world collapses: we lose our self-confidence, and can no longer presume to turn to others for help; we don't want anyone to come and see us as we are – like the centurion, with his message to Jesus via his friends: "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof..."

For the centurion, this experience of weakness became a time of grace – when he received the healing power and love of Christ in the life of his slave, and in his own life. And the same is true for us. We find healing, salvation, God's grace.

The words of the centurion have become a prayer that some of us pray as we come to receive Jesus in Communion: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but say only the word, and your servant shall be healed."

And let's be encouraged in the ministry of intercession: there are times when all we can do is bring people to Jesus – and that is a very big thing indeed.

My love to you all.

