

GENERAL NOTICES

Revd Claire is conducting the service at Trinity Presbyterian Church this morning.

CotT students: Today is the last Sunday that our CotT student team will be with us, prior to writing exams over the next two weeks, a Sunday together in worship, and closing for the June/July break on Friday 24th June. They will return to the Cathedral on Sunday 31st July. Our prayers are with all our students and school pupils during this demanding and stressful time as they write exams.

Harvest Festival: Please contact Cathy Euijen (c.euijen@kingswoodcollege.com) or 076 858 4688 or at if you can assist in any way and to submit names of families in need. She also seeks possible outlets willing to donate fresh produce or sell it at discounted prices and. this year, we are also collecting tins, bags of rice and maize meal. Cash donations will also be most welcome; there are envelopes at the back of the Cathedral.

Books and Cards: We are planning to sell some of our many beautiful cards and post cards and a few books about the Cathedral during Festival, from a table at the back of the Cathedral. Volunteers (two to three hour shifts between 09h00 and 15h00 daily) are sorely needed and asked to contact Cathy Pringle (082 843 1314) if you are able and willing to man the table.

Some **papers, sermons and presentations from Diocesan Synod** are available on the diocesan website, <http://www.grahamstowndiocese.org.za/>

Notice boards Have a look at our updated set of notice boards at the West door of the Cathedral! Many thanks to Cathy Pringle, Ann Warring, and our CSM (students) Core Team!

Lost Property: Missing something! Please come and have a look at our collection of lost property some time. It's in the Parish office during 08h00 and 13h00 on weekdays.

Here are the Gospel readings for the fifth week after Pentecost

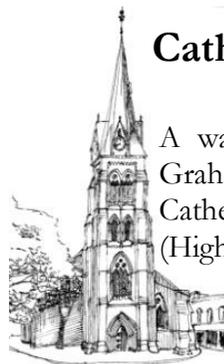
Mon	13	Matthew 5: 38-42	Thurs	16	Matthew 6: 7-15
Tues	14	Matthew 5: 43-48	Fri	17	Matthew 6: 19-23
Weds	15	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18	Sat	18	Luke 12: 4-12
Sun	19	1 Kings: 19: 1-4, 8-15a	Psalms 42 & 43	Galatians 3: 23-29	Luke 8: 26-39

Services next Sunday, 19th June – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dr A-J Bethke	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dr A-J Bethke	Dean Andrew Hunter

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



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.

12th June 2016. 4th Sunday after Pentecost

United Nations' WORLD DAY against CHILD LABOUR

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	Revd Percy Chinganga
17h00	Choral Evensong	Sub Dean Mzinzisi 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:*

15 June	09h00 – 10h15	Meditation group in the Deanery <i>Reflections on the "I am" sayings of John</i>	Revd Claire
16 June	09h30	St Luke's service – CR sisters	Clergy

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 diocese of Christ the King, following their elective assembly this past week, and for the Synod of Bishops as they prepare to elect a new bishop for that diocese; for preparations for Provincial Synod to be held in September; for those who work in the Provincial office and at Bishops court; for the staff at the diocesan office here in Grahamstown. May all be given strength and wisdom for what they do.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for preparations for the National Arts Festival, and for Spiritfest; for students and school pupils writing exams; for all who are part of Rhodes University.

OUR COUNTRY: We remember the events of June 16th, 1976; we pray for all candidates for the forthcoming local government elections.

OUR WORLD: We pray for all places of conflict.

BIRTHDAYS: 13th Axolile Maliwa; 14th Lydia Kudya; 16th Sylvester Appollis, and Lewis Miles; 18th Gaynor Miles, Blessings Chinganga and Zintle Mvula.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Siviwe & Voyokazi de Beer; Danielle, Ilse, Ivey, May & Terwin de Vos; Abongile, Ayamkele, Lunga, Onwaba & Yoliswa Dongwana.

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

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** this week are from Joy Tandy in loving memory of Paddy Tandy.

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

Dean's letter, Sunday, 12th June 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

This coming Thursday, June 16th, Youth Day, will be the 40th anniversary of the Soweto uprising: the great outpouring of anger and frustration that began on 16th June 1976. It was a turning point in the history of our country, and we have been shaped and marked by what happened then – the student protests, the anger, the deaths: 176, according to police; up to 700, according to other estimates. The events of those days significantly changed the political landscape of South Africa. Are we possibly facing another Soweto? Another explosion of frustration and anger? The ongoing service delivery protests are symptoms of an unhappy, unsustainable situation, which unless adequately addressed is going to escalate. How are we called by God to be part of the solution during this time of growing conflict and alienation?

Conflict is probably something we have all experienced – community, work, family, personal relationships, at times sadly in the life of the church. The history of our country has been and continues to be one of sharp conflict. We often experience conflict to be negative and destructive, with a winner and a loser. At the same time, there are times when conflict is inevitable and even essential. It contains the potential for life and growth, for us and others to change and be transformed. We are certainly shaped by conflict: it is the fire that burns us and moulds us, and is part of what makes us who and what we are. Over the years, I have come to see conflict as a normal and unavoidable part of life, with the potential for life and growth.

With the permission of the Bishop, and in consultation with the Cathedral leadership, I am planning to take three months sabbatical in the second half of this year. Sabbatical for clergy in this diocese is something that comes round every five years; I took some of it in 2010, while I was wrapping up my LLM thesis. This time I hope to devote time to reading, writing, reflection and research in the area of conflict!

The unnamed woman in today's Gospel story (Luke 7:36-50) is described as "living an immoral life" by the writer of the Gospel, and "a bad character", according to Simon the Pharisee, Jesus's host for the meal. What brought her to Jesus that day? Acceptance? Not being judged or condemned? Unconditional love? Conflict? Turmoil? There are times when we have to pick up the pieces for someone else – the results of poor choices, spur of the moment decisions, circumstances. And sometimes it is our lives that are in pieces, and we need help to put things together again. Where are we, in the Gospel story? How are our conflicts resolved? Are we like the woman, seeking forgiveness? Are we like Simon the Pharisee? Are we like Jesus, able to forgive?

How is God calling us to respond, in times of conflict – a time like this?

My love to you all.

