

GENERAL NOTICES

Revd Luthando is with the Bishop today, attending a Youth Sunday service in King Williamstown.

Spiritfest and the National Arts Festival: The Long Table will, as in previous years, be making use of St George's Hall for the duration of the Festival. The Cory Room is once again being used by Spiritfest for the "40 Stones in the Wall" art space and place of interaction and Christian witness. Both these venues will therefore be occupied and unavailable for meetings, etc., w.e.f. Monday 27th June, until after the Festival. Please also note that parking in Deanery Lane, outside St George's Hall, will be limited. We normally allocate the space between the yellowwood tree and the gate into the Deanery, for the Long Table – mostly afternoon and evening. The cathedral office staff and the diocesan office staff park in the grounds of the deanery. Unfortunately we are not able to provide parking for anyone else! It all gets a bit cramped. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. This is a time of year to give a warm welcome to all our visitors, and all who come into the Cathedral and St George's Hall, as our guests.

Harvest Festival: Many thanks to all who have contributed towards our Harvest Festival; those who have donated cash or foodstuffs; and in particular to Cathy Euijen, Rodney Bridger, Jane Bradshaw and Revd Siphokazi for their hard work.

Books and Cards: We are planning to sell some of our 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.

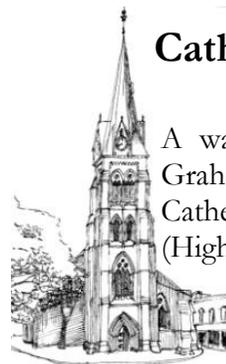
Brother John OHC is returning to the USA on July 1st. There will be a farewell service for him on Sunday 26th June, at uMariya uMama weThemba, at 10h00.

Here are the Gospel readings for the sixth week after Pentecost

Mon	20	Matthew 7: 1-5	Thurs	23	Matthew 7: 21-29
Tues	21	Matthew 7: 6-14	Fri	24	Luke 1: 57-66, 80
Weds	22	Matthew 7: 15-20	Sat	25	Matthew 8: 5-17
Sun	26	2 Kings: 2: 1-2, 6-14	Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9: 51-62

Services next Sunday, 26th June – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	
19h00	Taizé service	Dr A-J Bethke	



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.

19th June 2016. 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Festival – Fathers' Day

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dr A-J Bethke	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dr A-J Bethke	Dean Andrew 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.
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Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary

			Contact:
21 June	16h30	PCC Executive meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
22 June	09h00 – 10h15	Meditation group in the Deanery <i>Reflections on the "I am" sayings of John</i>	Revd Claire
	17h30	PCC meeting in the Cory Room	The Dean
23 June	17h15	SpiritFest meeting in the Cory Room	Maggy Clarke
25 June	From 14h30	Bell ringing 'strike back against blood cancer'. (https://www.facebook.com/allstand2gether)	Catherine Letcher 073 613 9114

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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

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 Brother John OHC as he prepares to return to the USA; for the Order of the Holy Cross amongst us here in Grahamstown; for their witness and ministry; for the meetings of PCC and Exec this week; for the process of appointing a new Director of Music and marimba leader for the Cathedral; we pray also for all our preparations for Spiritfest and the National Arts Festival.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all students and school pupils writing exams, and for those travelling home for the holidays; for safety on the roads and for a peaceful holiday time with their families. On Fathers' Day, we pray for all our fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, god-fathers, and all who have a fathering or parenting role in our community.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for preparations for the local government elections.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict and violence

BIRTHDAYS: 19th Dale Pote; 20th Lithalelanga Tabensky and Ivey de Vos; 21st Yamkelani Magwa.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Thodore Duxbury; Lilitha, Mzinzisi & Sambesiwe Dyantyi; Kholeka, Siyanda & Vuyani Dyasi; Elizabeth Effiong; Roger & Ros Embling; Catherine Euijen and Jeannete Eve.

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, and Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister).

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Joy Tandy in loving memory of Paddy Tandy.

DECEASED: We remember all who died in the massacre in Orlando, Florida (USA); we pray for their families, and for all who were injured.

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

Dean's letter, Sunday, 19th June 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

We say "Happy Father's Day!" to all our fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, god-fathers and all who have a "fathering" role in the lives of others. To be a father is one of the greatest privileges, and gifts, that I have ever had. I have learned – and continue to learn – so much about myself and our darling children, in the context of our family. It has been said that it is easy to be a father, but it takes a special kind of person to be a dad. Cliché, but true, I think. And something for all of us who are fathers, to live up to!

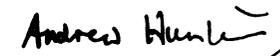
The image of fathers and fatherhood – including the image of God as Father - is a difficult one, for many, given the high rate of absentee fathers, abuse and neglect. For some, it is too painful to call God "Father", as there are so many negative connotations. Tragic! We as Christians need to examine our own faith tradition, and understanding, to see in what ways we can be part of the solution, part of the healing. And ask questions! In what ways can we encourage and support healthy family life? Happy marriages? Stable partnerships? How do we help our boys and our girls as they grow through teenage years? Support boys as they go into circumcision school? Welcome and affirm and guide the young men who emerge? How do we help our young adults – students in particular – as they explore relationships, are courting, dating? Learn about parenting in a changing world?

Our Gospel reading for this morning (Luke 8:26-39) is a story of deliverance, liberation, and freedom from the demons, the forces of evil, which had inhabited and enslaved the man. His encounter with Jesus changed his life! Jesus drove out the demons, and the man went away, "proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:39). Some experience these demonic forces as evil spirits, which control their lives. The church uses ministry of exorcism in such cases. Others experience evil, deep oppression, in the way others treat them, or in their experience of life.

Our prayers are with the families of those gunned down and killed in the terrible massacre in the shooting in Orlando, Florida (USA) last Sunday, with the injured, with the LGBT community, and with those who are picking up the pieces, trying to find ways to bring healing and hope.

A thoughtful quote from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "Forgiveness doesn't mean pretending things aren't as they really are. Forgiveness is the recognition that a ghastliness has happened. And forgiveness doesn't mean trying to paper over the cracks, which is what people do when they say, 'Let bygones be bygones.' Because they will not. They have an incredible capacity for always returning to haunt you... forgiving means actually giving the opportunity of a new beginning."*

My love to you all.



*Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, on Facebook, accessed 13th June 2016