

## GENERAL NOTICES

We welcome our preacher for today, **Fr Gary Griffith-Smith**, who is in his 12<sup>th</sup> year as School Chaplain at St Andrew's College, here in Grahamstown. He leaves for New Zealand towards the end of October, to take up the post as rector of the parish of Holy Trinity in Gore, the diocese of Dunedin, NZ. We are very glad to have Fr Gary with us here at the Cathedral for our services today, both to appreciate and enjoy having him here, but also to thank him very warmly indeed for his significant ministry at the school over the past decade or so. He has been instrumental in a number of key changes in the life of the school, including his firm stance on bullying and initiation, and is greatly appreciated for his creative, wise preaching, and outstanding pastoral care for the College community over all these years. And his music! Under his leadership, the ministry of the College chapel has grown and deepened.

**Dean Andrew** will be away in East London this week, conducting the ordination retreat. The ordination itself is at St Saviour's, East London, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10h00. Those being ordained to the priesthood are: The Revd Gwen Mvula (St Augustine's, Grahamstown); The Revd Etienne Maree (St Michael's, Nahoon); The Revd Mxoli Sizani (Diocesan office) and The Revd Dr Alice Barlow-Zambodia (All Saints', Greenfields)

The **Cathedral weekday services** recommence this week from tomorrow, 11 July.

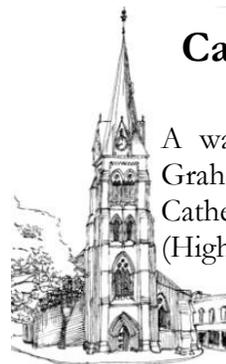
**Situation Vacant:** The Cathedral of St Michael and St George has a vacancy for an office administrator/bookkeeper (this is a half-day job). **Requirements:** Skilled at Pastel and MS Office, Matric with a bookkeeping or Pastel qualification. Five years relevant experience.

**Qualities:** Christian, preferably an Anglican; methodical with an eye for detail; Fluent in written and spoken English; Good interpersonal skills and telephone manner; ability to work independently in a busy office.

**Tasks** will include but may not be limited to: Bookkeeping using Pastel; Banking including internet banking and deposits; SARS eFiling of VAT and employees' tax; Salaries and wages; Invoicing and placing of orders on suppliers; Managing petty cash; Filing and administrative duties.

Your **written application** should be addressed to the Churchwarden, and must be accompanied by your CV and **current** contact details of at least two referees. It must be received **before 12h00** on Monday, 18 July by email to admin@grahamstowncathedral.org and dean@grahamstowncathedral.org or hand-delivered to the Cathedral Parish Office at 108 High Street, Grahamstown. If you have not heard from us by 12 noon **on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016**, then your application has been unsuccessful. The Cathedral reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Please support the **Cathedral Coffee Shop**, run by Thuleka Bless, in the Chapter House during Festival. Tea, coffee and snacks will be for sale after the 9.30 a.m. service today. Also, do have a look at the book and card table at the back of the Cathedral (next to the font) – some very special items are for sale there.



## 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.

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2016. 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**2<sup>nd</sup> National Arts Festival Sunday**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Gary Griffith-Smith	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Gary Griffith-Smith	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:

13 July	all day	Diocesan meetings in the Cory Room: Diocesan Trusts Board; Diocesan Finance Committee	
16 July	10h00	Diocesan ordination service in East London	The Dean

### Here are the Gospel readings for the ninth week after Pentecost

Mon	11	Isaiah 1: 10-17	Thurs	14	Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12-19
Tues	12	Isaiah 7: 1-9	Fri	15	Isaiah 38: 1-6, 21
Weds	13	Isaiah 10: 5-17, 13-16	Sat	16	Micah 2: 1-5
Sun	17	Amos 8: 1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10: 38-42

### 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* •

Dean's letter, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Please join with us this week as we pray for:**

**OUR CHURCH:** We give thanks for Spiritfest here at the Cathedral; for our Anglican church schools in Grahamstown, praying for their chaplains, Fr Rob Penrith at DSG, Fr Gary Griffith-Smith at St Andrew's College and Fr Monwabisi Peter at St Andrew's Prep.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We pray for students returning to school and university in the next few weeks; for all university vice-chancellors, school principals, academic and teaching staff, admin and grounds staff.

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

**OUR WORLD:** We pray for all places of conflict and violence; for the families of those killed in the car bomb in Baghdad last Sunday.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 12<sup>th</sup> Edward Riffel, 13<sup>th</sup> Kerry Jane Guttridge, 14<sup>th</sup> Buhle Bam, 15<sup>th</sup> Charles Antrobus, 16<sup>th</sup> Lilitha Dyantyi.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Axolile & Emihle Maliwa; Esrate Mandimika; Hlumela & Zoleka Maqwili; Lynette Marais; Charlene, Joan, Melissa, Peter, Veronique & Waldo Marcus.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses:** Peter Breetzke, Isabel Bridger, Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali, Thelma Neville.

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Steve Ashcroft, Pierre Nye (Revd Claire's brother) and Jackie Shipster (Chris Mann's sister).

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To contact the Parish Office staff by email, use: office@grahamstowncathedral.org (Administrator -- Anet) and admin@grahamstowncathedral.org (Parish Secretary -- Chris).

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

**Services next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Monwabisi Peter

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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

Dear Cathedral family,

Today marks the end of another Festival, another Spiritfest. Thank you to all who have worked so hard for these 11 amazing days in the life of the Cathedral and the wider community. It is also very special to welcome all our visitors to Grahamstown and to the Cathedral: thank you for being part of our lives during this time. We pray for you in your own journey of faith and life, as you return home.

This past week has, as always, been something of a sensory overload – a bit like too much coffee for the soul! I value, so much, the daily and random interactions, conversations, chance meetings with people, the rich mix of humanity and culture that is Grahamstown, and even more so during the Festival. Each encounter has the potential for God's grace: to see the person behind the mask, to hear something of their stories, what brought them to this point in their lives, this moment in our shared existence. Not always easy, these chance meetings: there can sometimes be anger and aggression, rudeness and hostility, never pleasant or easy to deal with. But each of them is my neighbour and yours: the man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho in the parable of the Good Samaritan, who was attacked by robbers and left for dead. Loving my neighbour – caring for anyone in need or distress, across barriers or differences of race, language, religion, tribe, sexuality, culture.

The two Great Commandments in our Gospel reading – to love God, and love our neighbour as we love ourselves – are at the heart of all Christian ethics, and at the heart of most of the world religions. Love is easy, for most of us, when we like the other person, or are good friends, or are in love! We get confused, I think, by what is meant here by "love" of God, or our neighbour. This type of "agape" love is not romantic or erotic love; nor is it the love between friends; nor is it the desire that wishes to possess or own something (as in "I love that Mercedes!"). Rather, agape love is an action or an attitude which honours or welcomes others, shows devotion towards others for their sake, for their good and for their well-being. What would our community, our world, look like, if we lived according to that standard? Do any of us? What does this command to love say about suicide bombers who claim to operate in the name of a religion? Or about the Orlando attack on people who are part of the LGBTI+ community? Or school bullies?

My love to you all.

