

GENERAL NOTICES

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

Dean Andrew and **Revd Claire** will be away this week, returning on Friday.

The Big Sing: In preparation for the Big Sing this evening, we need to remove the nave altar rails and put them into the Chapter House, after the 09h30 a.m. service this morning. Could we please have a few able volunteers for this?

Seniors' Tea: Revd Claire and the Cathedral Student Ministry Core Team warmly invite our Seniors to tea as part of their 'Women's month' celebrations. Wear a hat and come and be spoilt! Please sign the list at the back of the church if you will be honouring us with your presence (men are welcome too!). Any offers of plates of tasty eats would be greatly appreciated – see the separate list. Date: Saturday 13 August Venue: St George's Hall; Time: 15h00.

The Diocesan Development Trust has been granted funds to assist graduates who need to do their internships. Possession of any degree, diploma as well as TVET Learners and NCV will suffice for entry. The grant is intended to help unemployed graduates gain work experience through placement with employers. All persons seeking to benefit from this internship must be unemployed and have obtained a qualification from a University or University of Technology. **A further grant** is aimed at placing unemployed learners from TVET colleges with employers to gain work experience in line with the qualifications towards which they are studying. Applicants must have completed N6 theory from a public TVET college and be in need of 18 months' workplace experience in order to graduate.

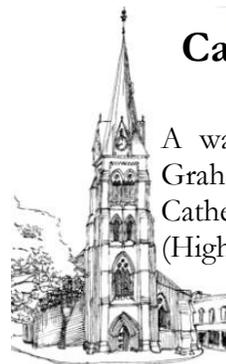
Altar Servers: There will be a training workshop conducted on the 30th of July at 10h00 for a few hours. The lady chapel door will be open from 09h45 and we start at 10h00. Please confirm your attendance on the whatsapp group? If you are not in the group (eg servers parents), please contact Lunga, Sally or Namso.

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.

Lost Property: Missing something? Try the lost property drawer at the Cathedral Parish office before everything in it is consigned to the next White Elephant!

Please see our web and FB pages for more information:

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.

24th July 2016. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Revd Canon Ezra Tisani
18h30	The Big Sing		

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.
09h30	Godly Play at Sunday school with Niels Vandereyken in the Chapter House.
18h30	Big Hymn Sing in the Cathedral.

Forthcoming events and THIS WEEK; for your diary

Contact:

26 July	16h30	PCC Executive meeting in the Cory Room	Sub Dean Mzinzi
27 July	17h30	Parish Council Meeting in the Cory Room	Sub Dean Mzinzi
30 July	10h00	Training workshop for 09h30 altar servers	Lunga Dongwana

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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 give thanks for our diocese, and pray for Bishop Ebenezer and his family.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all students and staff of Rhodes University.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for preparations for the local government elections; for all candidates; for the IEC officials

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict and violence, praying especially for all who lost loved ones in the attack in Nice, France, and those who were injured. We pray, too, for the people of Turkey; for all countries in the European Union and for Theresa May, new Prime Minister of the UK.

BIRTHDAYS: 24th Joy Tandy, 29th Melanie Appollis and Noncedo Reme-Mnandi.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Sally Matthews, Khanya Mazibuko, Andrew, Cathy, Ian & Matthew Meiklejohn, Wendy Mfazwe, Gaynor & Lewis Miles, Uyathandwa Mkokeli, Selokwane Morake, Tiisetso Morobi, Rosa Msweli, Asavela, Buyelwa, & Justice Mtuze.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Celeste Cowie, 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), Iviwe Tshabe.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Lynette Marais, in memory of her mother.

Services next Sunday, 31st July – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Canon Ezra Tisani	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Canon Ezra Tisani	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Eucharist with Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter: <i>If only I was prettier, smarter, wealthier will I ever be good enough? God's perspective on self-esteem.</i>		

Here are the Gospel readings for the 11th week after Pentecost

Mon	25	Matthew 13: 31-35	Thurs	28	Matthew 13: 47-52
Tues	26	Matthew 13: 36-43	Fri	29	Matthew 13: 53-58
Weds	27	Matthew 13: 44-46	Sat	30	Matthew 14: 1-12
Sun	31	Hosea: 11: 1-11	Psalms 107: 1-9,43	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21

Dean's letter, Sunday, 24th July 2016

Dear Cathedral family,

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 11:1-13) includes the words of the Lord's Prayer, that basis of all prayer that we know so well. It is found also in Matthew 6:7-13, but the context there is different. In Matthew's version, the words of the Lord's Prayer are bracketed by the emphasis on forgiveness – "if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matt 6:14-15). But in Luke's gospel (today's reading) the context is the longing of the disciples to know how to pray (Luke 11:1); persistency and perseverance in prayer (Luke 11:5-8) and the gift of the Holy Spirit, given by God to those who ask him (Luke 11:9-13).

John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, wrote "If you stop praying, you are done for!" Words directed at the clergy, but applicable to all of us. The Lord's Prayer is our model for our prayer, and provides a foundation for prayer. The Lord invites us into that place of silence and offering and longing and asking – when we hold those around us, and ourselves, before God. The agony and grief of the world. Our own struggles and sorrows. The contradictions and tragedies. Beauty and horror and despair and hope.

At times all we can do is pray – but that is a very big thing indeed. We bring ourselves, and others, into the presence of God.

Jesus showed us how to pray: he withdrew to pray (Mark 1:35); he spent the night in prayer before choosing his disciples (Luke 6:12-16); he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:29-32); he prayed on the cross (Luke 23:44-46). And he prayed for his disciples, and continues to pray for us (Matthew 14:22-27) – on the hillside, praying for his disciples in the boat – the image of the church – as they struggled against the storm and the wind. In due time he came to them across the water, in the midst of the storm, and invited them to trust and to join him.

When we pray, we are present to God. As John Ortberg put it, we turn aside to see the burning bush – we pay attention to the presence of God - and realise that we are on holy ground.

We are in a whirlwind of horror and fear, with the brutal truck attack on people in France last week, the attempted coup in Turkey, and fears of possible terror attacks here in SA. We bring to God all who have lost loved ones; all who are suffering; all the injured. All this as we approach our local government elections, and the challenges of university fees. Democracy and peace and stability are so fragile, so hard-won. It is easy to break down and destroy – to be the Pol Pots of our society – but so hard to build.

We pray, knowing that the kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:15) and that God *does* make a way through the Red Sea.

My love to you all.

Andrew Hunter