

GENERAL NOTICES

Revd Claire is at St Michael's in Nahoon this morning. Yesterday she participated in the wedding of her PhD supervisor, Revd Canon Dr. Bill Domeris, to Mrs Gill Leslie (widow of the late Canon Colin Leslie).

Dean Andrew is on sabbatical leave, until mid-November.

Parish Quiet Day: All PCC members, lay ministers, Prayer Ministers, and parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to participate in our parish Quiet Day to be held on 12 November from 09h00-16h30 at the Monastery. Cost R70 per person (includes teas and lunch). This will be conducted by Revd Claire. RSVP and book by 03 November at the latest, by handing in your name and money to Chantel at the Parish office – or speak to Revd Claire.

All Souls' Day: This service: this will be held on Sunday 30 October, at 18h00. This is a time when we remember loved ones who have died. If you would like someone remembered by name at the service, please send their name and surname to the parish office (or add the name/s to the list at the Western end of the nave), *before noon on Wednesday 26th October*. This is a very special service and time of remembering, and we encourage people to attend. The service will be a Sung Eucharist, in the chancel, using the High Altar.

All Saints' Day will be celebrated in the Cathedral on 06 November this year.

St George's Fair: Please remember to diarise this important annual event in our parish life (20 October). Contact Marian Jayes (046 622 8623) for further details and to offer assistance.

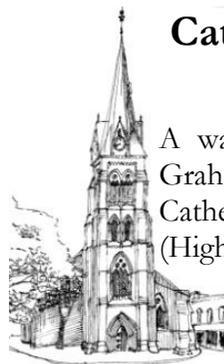
Volunteers needed please! Our Parish Secretary will be away convalescing after surgery for six weeks from 02 November. Volunteers, singly or by roster (hourly, daily or weekly; **weekday mornings only**), are sought to look after the reception desk, answer the telephone and so on. Please advise Revds Claire or Mzi if you are able to assist during this period.

Anxiety and Grace, Julia and Chris Mann's innovative exploration of the inner life is to be put on in our Chapter House, on Tuesday (18 October) at 19h00. All are welcome

Forthcoming events

18h00	28 Oct	Year end concert by the Cathedral Choir in the Cathedral. Donations at the door.	Contact Dr A-J Bethke
18h00	30 Oct	All Souls' Eucharist.	See page 4

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.

16th October 2016. 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	Revd Luthando Madiba
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Percy Chinganga	
17h00	Student Eucharist: <i>Balancing Faith and Action</i> with Revd Gina Gcebile		Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants.
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This Week

17h30	17 Oct	Lay Ministers' meeting in the Cory Room	Revd Claire
19h00	18 Oct	Anxiety and Grace with Julia and Chris Mann in the Chapter House.	
17h00	20 Oct	SpiritFest meeting in the Cory Room	Maggy Clarke

Stipendiary clergy contact details and Cathedral Parish Office (046 622 2445):

*Dean of Grahamstown The Very Rev Andrew Hunter.	082 308 8654	046 622 3976	dean@grahamstowncathedral.org <i>(on sabbatical)</i>
*The Sub Dean The Ven Mzinzi Dyantyi	073 604 5232	046 622 5633	angaavile@live.co.za <i>(day off: Monday)</i>
*Senior Assistant Priest Rev Dr Claire Nye Hunter	046 622 2445	046 622 3976	claire@kingsleymail.co.za <i>(day off: Friday)</i>

To contact the Parish Office staff by email, use: office@grahamstowncathedral.org (Administrator -- Chantel) and admin@grahamstowncathedral.org (Parish Secretary -- Chris).
 *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 WORLD: Continue to pray that the escalating tension between the United States and Russia may be defused diplomatically. Pray for countries whose economies have been battered over the past few years and are struggling to recover.

OUR COUNTRY: Pray for a creative way forward to be found to address real needs and resolve tensions on our university campuses across the country. Pray for mediators and all those who work for peace. Pray for a spirit of genuine negotiation and an end to the escalating display of violence and vandalism. Pray for those who have been traumatised by recent violence and intimidation at university campuses.

COMMUNITY: Pray for staff and matric students at schools and at Rhodes who are preparing for final examinations

BIRTHDAYS: 15th Siviwe de Beer; 17th Sandisa Pantshwa and Jayden Conroy; 20th Phumelele Twaku; 21st Melissa Marcus, Buyelwa Mtuze and Zikhona Mtwa.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER Liyema Bobotyani; Jane Bradshaw; Peter & Elizabeth Breetzke: Rosalie Breitenbach: Davidean, Donovan, Ernest, Isabel, Kaede, Mandy, Rodney and Tylo Bridger.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, convalescing, or with long-term illnesses: Isabel Bridger, Val Buchner, Celia Jameson, Kerry-Jane Guttridge, Thelma Neville and Paul Pillay.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Steve Ashcroft, May Bradshaw & unborn baby, Cebisa, Michael Gainsborough, Revd Jill Mowbray (UK), Jackie Shipster Canon John Tibbs, Iviwe Tshabe, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

Services next Sunday – 23rd October – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
17h00	Choral Evensong and vesting of new choristers		Dr A-J Bethke
19h00	Final student service: with The Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter		

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	10	Luke 11: 29-32	Thurs	13	Luke 11: 37-54
Tues	11	Luke 11: 37-41	Fri	14	Luke 12: 1-7
Weds	12	Luke 11: 42-46	Sat	15	Luke 12: 8-12
Sun	16	Jeremiah 31: 27-34	Psalm 119: 97-104	2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:5	Luke 17: 11-19

Archdeacon's letter, Sunday, 16th October 2016

My dear brothers and sisters,

I am writing to you after reading the October 1st statement by our Archbishop, Most Revd Thabo, which he made subsequent to debate at the recent Synod. While addressing the issue of pastoral care to people of gay and lesbian orientation who are in committed same-sex relationships, he commented that he was “deeply pained by the outcome of the debate”. “I was glad”, he added, “that I wear glasses or the Synod would have seen the tears. I wanted to be anywhere but in the Synod.”

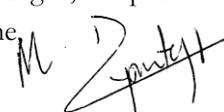
The Archbishop went on to state that if any one of his church members, is in pain, “then I am in pain too”. This concerns me and, probably, all of us.

The two proposals which came before the Synod and about which there has already been considerable public attention and media comment were firstly, that bishops should be allowed to license clergy who identify as LGBTI, and are in legal same-sex civil unions under South African law, to minister in parishes. This proposal was withdrawn before debate began. Secondly, it was proposed that a Bishop may “provide for prayers of blessing to be offered for those in same sex civil unions.”

The motion before the Synod did **not** propose that clergy should be able to marry same-sex couples under Church law and it seems to me that this subtle distinction in His Grace's comments has been missed. The motion, as is now known, failed to achieve a simple majority in any of our three Houses. The bishops voted 16 to six against the motion, the laity 41 to 25 against and the clergy 42 to 34 against. I urge you to read the full text of the statement, which you will find at: goo.gl/TTXNd4

My own thoughts, which I share with you, reflect the fact that I strongly identify with the Archbishop's sentiments and with the pain which he bears. He said “You are loved by God and all baptised, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ. We recognise that many baptised and confirmed members of the Church seek pastoral care, moral direction of the Church and God's transforming power for the living of your lives and the ordering of your relationships”.

This debate is far from over. But, in the interim, I find that my own prayers and the response to these indicate to me a clear direction. As a result, I implore you, too, to give support to any and all fellow parishioners who are disturbed and anxious about our Church's stance on these pressing issues. I urge you to avoid being misguided by the media. Please join me in showing our lesbian and gay sisters and brothers – to all people of LGBTI orientation – that they will not be abandoned by this Church of ours. We shall continue with dialogue, to open doors and to pray with and for you all.

In His Name,  Venerable Mzinzisi Dyantyi
Archdeacon of Grahamstown