

GENERAL NOTICES

Weekly Meditation Group: "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him." (Ps 62:1). Join us every Wednesday morning at the Deanery from 09h00 to 10h20, for a time of guided meditation and quite prayerful reflection, starting from this Wednesday, 1 February.

Note: As Revd. Claire is away this week, we will meet at the home of Julia Mann 19 Francis Street (cell: 0792701450), thereafter at the Deanery. If you are interested in attending, contact either Revd. Claire or Julia.

Sub Dean Mzinisi Dyantyi will be on leave as from the 1st of February until the 1st of March 2017.

28 February is Shrove Tuesday, which we all know as Pancake Evening. We are looking for donations towards the ingredients, if there are any volunteers to assist that day please contact Sally Terry on 0466224470.

Confirmation applications for 2017: Those wishing to be confirmed this year, are invited to complete a Confirmation Application Form (found at the back of the church or in the parish office) and hand it in to the Dean or one of the clergy. Classes will start in February 2017.

Revd Claire is on 'Compassionate leave' from 27 January-3 February, in Cape Town to offer post-operative support and practical help for her sister, Judith Duk, following her mastectomy.

Young Adults Connect Group (20-30s): If you're looking to deepen your faith with an academic background and understanding we're looking at starting a small bible study type group (Connect Group) to connect people, ideas, debates, difficult questions, study, reality and opinion. The idea is to bring and share a meal and dig into the nitty gritty of God as a reality. A space to ask questions and have them answered by passionate, well-studied people. Please contact Anna if you'd like to be part of it (a.talbot@ru.ac.za), or speak to Revd Claire.

Readers for 2017: if you would like to be part of the reading roster at 9.30am services during 2017 (young and old alike, previous and new readers welcome), please sign the list at the back of the church, or speak to Revd Claire. There will be training available for new readers.

Children and communion: A number of our Cathedral children are now receiving communion. We suggest that children instinct their wafer, by dipping it into the chalice. This will make it easier for lay ministers, and the children. If parents have any questions about children and communion, please speak to one of the clergy.

Series on Corinthians- Part 1:

15 Jan – 1Cor 1:1-9, Interpreting the scriptures- The call to be Holy; - **Revd Claire**

22 Jan – 1Cor 1:10-17 & 3:1-9, 'Follow my leader! Divisions in the church; - **Revd Claire**

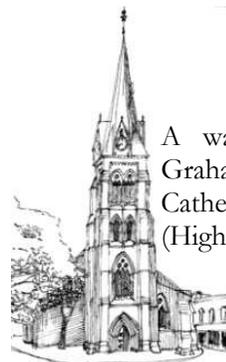
29 Jan – (07:30 only) 1Cor 1:18-31, Where is true wisdom to be found? ; - **Dean Andrew**

5 Feb – 1Cor 12:12-27, "But I'm just a baby toe!" - **Dean Andrew**
One body, many parts: where do I fit in?

12 Feb – 1Cor 8:1-13, "Have you eaten food sacrificed to idols?!" - **Revd Claire**
"No, so what has this got to do with me?"

19 Feb – 1Cor 14:26-40, 'Women be silent in the churches! ; - **Revd Claire**
'No place for women at worship?'

Part 2 of series will resume from 16 July with more exciting topics to follow!



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 sides people. Please turn off your cell phone and keep your valuables with you at all times.

29th January 2017 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Back to School Service	Revd. David Stansbury	Dean Andrew Hunter

Today's meetings and events:

Week 3 of our series from 1 Corinthians
Today's theme: "Where is true wisdom to be found?"

This Week

30 Jan Mon	18h30–20h00	Leading Choral Evensong: Training Seminar	Dr A-J Bethke
02 Feb Thurs	09h00	Somerset Place Monthly Communion	Dean Andrew Hunter

Evening Prayer	16h30	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Holy Eucharist	07h00	Thursdays

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

*Dean of Grahamstown Very Rev Andrew Hunter.	082 308 8654	046 622 3976	dean@grahamstowncathedral.org <i>(day off Friday)</i>
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*Senior Assistant Priest Rev Dr Claire Nye Hunter	046 622 2445	046 622 3976	claire@kingsleyemail.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).
*Members of the Clergy are available for confessions and interviews by appointment.

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- *Anchored in the love of Christ*
- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit*

Sunday 29th January 2017: Education Sunday

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We give thanks for Cathedral children and young people, and we pray for our Children’s Church, Altar Servers, Choristers, marimba players, and junior readers.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for all our universities at this time; for university leadership; the Department of Higher Education and Minister Blade Nzimande; for all staff and students. May we all be granted wisdom and courage for the days ahead.

OUR WORLD: We pray for places of conflict; for those who live in fear.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for our schools – teachers, pupils, governing bodies, parents; for Rhodes University and East Cape Midlands College – all staff and students. We pray also for all our retired people living in Grahamstown, giving thanks for their contribution and leadership over the years.

DECEASED: Dorrie Nuttall (in KZN on 2nd November 2016)

BIRTHDAYS: 30th Gillian Jacobs-Martin & Catherine Euijen, 2nd Ezra Tisani, 4th Carol Garnett.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Javier, Gillian, Daniel & Isabella Martin; Rudolf & Katherine Marx; Gift Masocha; Greversid Matiki; Sally, Noah & Lithalelanga Mathhews-Tabensky, Ian, Cathy, Andrew & Matthew Meiklejohn.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, or house bound: Isabel and Ernest Bridger & Thelma Neville.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster, Judith Duk (Rev Claire’s sister), Michael Gainsborough, Chris De Wet, David Barker.

These names will remain for a month, unless requested otherwise.

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	30	Mark 5:1-20	Thurs	02	Mark 6:7-13
Tues	3 1	Mark 5:21-43	Fri	03	Mark 6:14-29
Weds	01	Mark 6:1-6	Sat	04	Mark 6:30-34
Sun	05	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Psalm 112:1-10	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Matthew 5:13-20

Services next Sunday – 05th Feb – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba writes:

Our Anglican Board of Education (ABESA), the Anglican Students' Federation, the Synod of Bishops and other organisations within our Church have been consulting in recent months on how we can engage with the crisis on our campuses in South Africa and beyond. The South African Council of Churches has also been taking initiatives and a number of our bishops have been responding to developments on campuses in their dioceses, among them the bishops of Pretoria, Johannesburg, Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth and the Free State.

Good education is, as I have said before, at the heart of our capacity to realise our Provincial Vision, “Anglicans Act”. Although the South African matric pass rate has improved, the quality of our school-leavers' education still needs a lot of improvement. And it is critical both for fulfilment in the lives of young people, and for the health of our society, that the burgeoning growth in tertiary education is well managed, sustainably financed, and kept at the highest possible level of educational quality.

As in the 1976 generation, young people today are bypassing their parents and demanding to be treated as adults who can negotiate their own educational destinies. Meanwhile the Government triggered their anger last year by sidelining its own commission on higher education, and announcing a fee increase for 2017 unilaterally. No wonder young people feel abused, marginalised and degraded.

At the same time, many young people speak of their vulnerability when it feels as if their parents’ generation – families, teachers and the churches – seem to have left them exposed to abuse, violence and intimidation, unheard and unaccompanied in deep waters. We need to redress that by standing with our students, listening to them and shielding them from danger.

When church leaders went to pray at Parliament after a student march in Cape Town last year, there was a warm response as if somehow there was a dimension missing in the conflict – something spiritual which many students knew from their upbringing, and which they miss in secular dialogue.

So what can we do?

We already have the first Sunday in February each year designated as Education Sunday across the Province, a time to pray for educators, learners and institutions of learning at the beginning of the school year. We want to urge this year that we observe this day, SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2017* with special events not only at churches but ecumenically at schools and where possible on campuses where we have access through Anglican students, administrators or chaplaincy ministry.

This is a time to listen and to be close to people not only in the tertiary sector but as the crisis extends, as it will, to high schools and across society. Our presence, our prayers and where appropriate, our parenting are needed, alongside our prophecy where the powerful have also been absent and unapproachable, or simply overwhelmed.

We all know how disabled our education systems have been, especially in South Africa but also through the colonial histories of other countries which make up the subcontinent which ACSA seeks to serve. Building healthy education systems in all our nations is a critical priority to which ACSA has long been devoted. As we do so, there are people full of passion and potential for whom we have to care.

Please observe Education Sunday with special intent for universities and colleges in the tertiary education sector this year!

God bless you

++Thabo, Cape Town

*The Cathedral is having this today, 29 January 2017