

GENERAL NOTICES

Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi is on leave until Thursday 2nd 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 write your name on list at back of Cathedral or contact Sally Terry on 0466224470. We are also looking for hotboxes and trays for the evening.

Annual Vestry: The deadline to submit any reports is Monday 13th February at noon. Contact Chantel at 046 622 2445 or email her at office@grahamstowncathedral.org

Ash Wednesday is on the 1st March. Please return last year's palm crosses by the 19th February. June Venn will be collecting all returns.

Weekly Meditation Group: Join us every Wednesday morning at the Deanery from 09h00 to 10h20 for a time of guided meditation and quiet prayerful reflection. If you are interested in attending, contact either Revd Claire or Julia Mann.

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.

Charity Concert in the form of an evening of song will be held at the Cathedral on Friday 24th February at 18h00. It is a fundraising event in order to help underprivileged children. Donations in form of sanitary towels, school shoes or any form would be accepted at the door the evening of concert.

Organ Recital: Dr Andrew-John Bethke will give an organ recital at Commemoration Methodist Church on Thursday, 23 February at 18h00. A varied programme will be presented.

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.

Altar server training will be given in two sessions on Saturday, 18th February. All servers are encouraged to attend either at 10h30 or 14h30.

Children's Church: During our 9.30am services, we offer a programme for our children. Revd Lunga Dongwana and team facilitates the isiXhosa group in St George's Hall. A student, Rosa Msweli facilitates the English group in the Choir Vestry. We are appealing for volunteers to assist particularly with the English group. Rosa is only available during university terms (she returns 19th Feb), and would value a team to share the responsibility. Teaching material and support is available! If you are willing to assist in this vital ministry, please contact Rev Claire or 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?

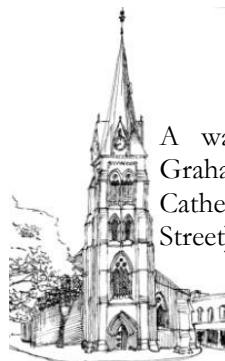
12 Feb – 1Cor 8:1-13, "Have you eaten food sacrificed to idols?"; - **Revd Claire**

"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.

12th February 2017 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Dr. Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Dr. Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Luthando Madiba
17h00	AAPB Choral Evensong	Revd Lunga Dongwana(Officiant)	

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
Week 4 of our series from 1 Corinthians	
Today's theme: "Have you eaten food sacrificed to idols?!" "No, so what has this got to do with me?"	

This Week

14 Feb	17h30	Sacristans Meeting in the Chapter House	Margot Brooks
16 Feb	09h00	CR Sisters' communion at St. Luke's	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>
*The Sub Dean 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@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.

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 the newly installed headmaster of St Andrew's Prep, Brendan Brady, and his wife Helen; for the staff and children of the school, and their families; for the ministry of the Prep Chaplain, Fr Monwabisi Peter, together with Fr Rob Penrith (DSG chaplain) and Fr David Stansbury (St Andrew's College chaplain). May our schools be places of love, care and Christian faith.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for President Jacob Zuma, Cabinet ministers, provincial Premiers, Members of Parliament, and all members of Provincial legislatures, following the State of the Nation address. May all who govern do so with wisdom, integrity and compassion.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of violence and terror; for people living in despair and on the margins of society. May we find the path to peace and hope.

BIRTHDAYS: 12th Zoleka Maqwili; 13th Liyema Bobotyani; 15th Gift Masocha; 16th Wilbert Kadye, Nomfundo Mvula, Cathy Pringle & Zanele Twaku.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Lungile, Lulama, Lisa, Liphwe and Hlumi Mxube; Dumakazi Myemane; Thembi, Simpiwe, Phila, Malusi and Qaqamba Myolwa

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

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.

Deceased: Alana Michaels passed away on Tuesday, 7th February. Condolences to the family.

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Lynette Marais in loving memory of her husband, Tony Johnson.

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	13	Mark 8:11-13	Thurs	16	Mark 8:27-33
Tues	14	Mark 8:14-21	Fri	17	Mark 8:34-9:1
Weds	15	Mark 8:22-26	Sat	18	Mark 9:2-13
Sun	19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	Matthew 5:38-48

Services next Sunday – 19th Feb – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Dr. Claire Nye Hunter	Dean Andrew Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Dr. Claire Nye Hunter	Dean Andrew Hunter
19h00	Taizé	Dr. AJ Bethke	

Deans' Letter - Sunday 12th February 2017

Dear Cathedral family

Over the past couple of weeks, I have enjoyed tackling a personal project of mine: getting rid of some of the alien vegetation in the deanery garden! The place is looking a bit bare as a result, but several new trees are being planted, existing indigenous trees and shrubs now have room to breathe and grow, and I hope that in time the place will be an oasis of bird life, water-wise (aliens are great consumers of ground water) and drought-resistant. We haven't taken out the jacarandas – aliens, but a real favourite of mine! Claire and I plan to replace some of the exotics with hardy, attractive local Eastern Cape shrubs and bushes. By the time St George's Fair arrives later in the year, I hope that the place will be looking lovely! This is part of my personal commitment to the environment, to God's creation, to saving water. Claire and I savour and delight in the garden and the beauty that is around us, and we enjoy sharing it with others – visitors, the weekly meditation group, friends, family.

Lent is just around the corner, with Ash Wednesday on 1st March. Services will be in the morning (with the Good Shepherd School) and then at 6 p.m. in the evening for us all, with the Imposition of Ashes in the context of the Eucharist. Ash Wednesday and Lent is our annual "retreat in daily life", a time to do that inward spiritual journey with Jesus, to the mountaintop of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), or the journey into the wilderness, the place of struggle and temptation and purification (Matthew 4:1-11). Lent is a time to get rid of the alien vegetation that has clogged up our lives, the things that drain us or dry us up – like the alien trees that use up our ground water. Like the alien plants that crowd out the plants that belong, our lives can be clogged up with behaviour or attitudes or priorities that crowd out the more important things, the things that bring life. What are the aliens in your life? What are the negative things – bitterness, anger, resentment, jealousy - that have grown and become rooted in our lives that prevent the good things from flourishing?

Lent is a time of simplicity and focus. We symbolise this in our worship by not having flowers in church during this time; by omitting the "Gloria" and "Alleluia"; and by the saying of the Ten Commandments. As part of our Lenten focus, our home groups will be having a variety of studies and programs; please contact the group leaders if you would like to join up during Lent (sign-up lists and contact details will be available). On Sundays, we shall be following the Old Testament readings in our sermons, with the (draft) series title "Old Testament Pearls". We shall also be having a Wednesday weeknight Eucharist, at 7 p.m., using the lectionary readings for each day, with the series title "The day the revolution began" (taken from the title of a book by Tom Wright). I hope that all this will give us food for the journey.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter