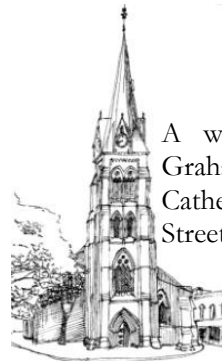


GENERAL NOTICES
Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi is on leave until Thursday 2 nd March 2017.
28 February is Shrove Tuesday , (Pancake Evening). We need donations of ingredients. Volunteers to help cook and serve, please write your name on list at back of Cathedral or contact Sally Terry on 046 6224470. We are also looking for hotboxes and trays for the evening.
Cathedral Lent Program: Tuesday 07:30pm: Archbishop's Lenten Course: "Reflecting, Praying and Acting Together"(six weeks course) From Tuesday 07 th March to Tuesday 04 th April, please contact Geoff Antrobus for further details: 046 622 9426 or 0834095567.
Thursdays 07:30pm Archbishop's Lenten Course at Jeanette Eve's home, Somerset Place. Contact Paul Walters at 083 758 5552
Wednesdays 09-10:15am; A time of directed prayer and Meditation at Deanery. Contact Revd Claire of Julia Skeen at 079 270 1450
Ash Wednesday: 06:00pm Eucharist with imposition of ashes
Wednesdays in Lent: 07:00pm Eucharist and sermon series "The day the revolution began"- Dean Andrew
Sundays in Lent: 07:30 & 09:30 am; Eucharist and sermon series: "Pearls from the Old Testament: The grace and mercy of God"
Student Service: Sundays at 07:00pm sermon series: "Good and the F ___ word"- Contact Revd Claire
Vestry: Please take a copy of Vestry reports to read at home, and bring them to the meeting on Sunday 12 th March. Note that all reports will be taken as " read ". There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Parish Council planning day on Saturday, 18 th March at the Monastery. The newly elected Parish Council will be inducted during the 09:30 service on Sunday, 19 th March.
Cathedral Students Sign up: We encourage all new and returning students to sign the "Student list" at the back of the church, so we can be in communication with you. Revd Claire is our Cathedral student chaplain. Evening Student services begin at 07:00pm tonight in Lady Chapel.
Volunteers needed: Book repairs. Many of our Songs of Fellowship (Green) books, and Prayer books are sadly in need of some TLC (tender loving care). Please come and join a sociable work party in the Cory Room on Tuesday 7 March at 11am. Tea and eats will be provided! RSVP to Revd Claire or Lou-Anne at the office.
Children's Church: We have two groups which meet during the 9.30am service. Find Rosa Msweli ,Lithemba Busakwe or Ayanda Dabengwa in the Choir Vestry for our English speaking group (more volunteer teachers needed to share this valuable ministry- speak to Revd Claire!). Find Revd Lunga, Noncedo Reme-Mnandi or Vuyokazi de Beer in St George's Hall for our isiXhosa speaking group. All children are welcome!
Hospitality Ministry- Tea Roster: Our wonderful team of volunteers who serve tea, eats and juice after 9.30am services is in need of helpers. If we can get 12 volunteers , then your duty will only be once every two months. Please consider serving in this practical way – it offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and getting to know new people after church on Sundays. Please sign the roster at the back of church or contact Revd Claire if you are willing to be involved.
Flowers Roster: Those that wish to donate flowers for the Lady Chapel either in memory of a loved one or thanksgiving must please fill in their names on roster in at back of church.
Found items: There are quite a few items that were found in the Cathedral after services such as keys, reading glasses and many more. Contact Chantel or Lou-Anne at parish office for lost items.

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.

26th February 2017 Transfiguration Sunday

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Monwabisi Peter
17h00	Choral Evensong	Prof Paul Walters	
19h00	Student Eucharist	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants	
09h00	Lay Ministers training on setting up the Altar	Lynette Marais

This Week

28 Feb	15h00	COTT Graduation at the College Chapel	
28 Feb	17h00	Shrove Tuesday(Pancake evening) at St George's Hall	
01Mar	11h00	Good Shepherd service at Cathedral with imposition of ashes.	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
01 Mar	18h00	Ash Wednesday in Cathedral	Dean Andrew Hunter
02 Mar	09h00	Communion Service at Somerset Place	Revd Dr Claire Nye 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@grahamstowncathedral.org <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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Dean's Letter - Sunday 26th February 2017

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We continue to pray for the process of appointing a new Director of Music; for Kapa, our choir intern; for Asakhe, our marimba intern; for our Altar Servers, led by Sally, Namso and Revd Lunga; for our Lenten journey with Jesus into the wilderness. May the church continue to be a community of joy and worship and encounter with God.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for the ongoing work of the National Convention on Higher Education; for all tertiary education institutions as we face the challenges of fees and accommodation; for staff and students at Rhodes University and Eastcape Midlands. May all be given wisdom and grace to find the way forward.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of violence and fear. May we find the path to peace and hope.

BIRTHDAYS: 28th Feb, Noncedo Ntlali; 2nd Mar, Heather Haqqard & Dawn Long; 4th Kaylyn Bartis

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Alulutho, Nomfuneko Ntapane; Rt Revd Ebenezer, Nocado, Aphiwe and Zipho Ntlali; Namso Nyamela; Andile, Nosipho, Pumela, Siphosethu Nyarashe

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

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster, Michael Gainsborough, Chris De Wet, David Barker.

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

The **LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** this week are from Siphokazi Njokweni in loving memory of her mother and uncle.

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	27	Mark 10:17-27	Thurs	02	Luke 9:18-25
Tues	28	Mark 10:28-31	Fri	03	Luke 9:18-25
Weds	01	Matt 6:1-6	Sat	04	Luke 5:27-32
Sun	05	Genesis 2:15-17	Psalms 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

Services next Sunday – 5th March – First Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
19h00	Student Service	Revd Dr. Claire Nye Hunter	

Dear Cathedral family

This coming Wednesday, 1st March, is the start of the season of Lent: the forty days (excluding Sundays) until Easter. It is our annual time of spiritual renewal. After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan, he went into the wilderness for forty days, where he prayed and fasted, in preparation for his ministry. The forty days of Lent are a time for us to go with Jesus into the wilderness. It is a retreat in daily life. We continue with our studies, our work, our daily activities. But let us at the same time be conscious, mindful, of the call of God on our lives.

The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21) speaks of the three-fold spiritual disciplines of giving, prayer, and fasting. We **fast** by eating less, or doing without certain luxuries such as sugar, chips, sweets, coffee, alcohol; the money we save by fasting, we **give** to someone in need (perhaps the Cathedral grocery basket, which feeds needy families each month, or a local charity such as the Raphael Centre, or sanitary towels for a school girl, or support for a struggling student); and we **pray** – perhaps by committing ourselves to a rhythm of daily prayer, or spending more time in prayer and silence, or attending the monthly Quiet Afternoon on Saturday 11th March. When we pray, we don't have to use lots of words. Rather, we ask the Holy Spirit to move in us and through us; we silence ourselves and offer our turmoil and anxieties to God, so that He may speak to us.

The ashes we receive in the form of a cross, marked on our foreheads during the Ash Wednesday service, are a symbol of repentance. Ash Wednesday and Lent is a good time to re-order our lives: to repent of sin; to turn from habits and patterns of life that have become destructive – like alien weeds that have taken root in our lives and that are stifling and crowding out what is good. The words that the priest says to us, as our foreheads are marked with ash, are: "Turn from sin and believe the good news." Lent is a time of good news: to come face to face with the grace and mercy and love of God. We shall explore something of this during our Sunday services, in our sermon focus on the Old Testament readings for each Sunday. They speak to us of our brokenness, but they also speak to us of God's invitation and call as He reaches out to us, to lead all people back to Himself.

And on Wednesday evenings, at our midweek Lenten Eucharist, and in our various house groups, Bible study groups, and meditation groups, there are wonderful opportunities to drink from the living water of the Spirit, as the Lord meets us in word and sacrament.

My love to you all

