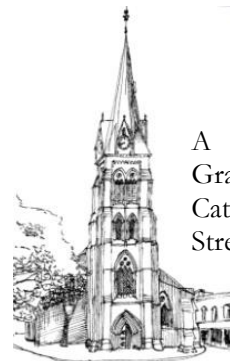


GENERAL NOTICES
Revd Claire is preaching at Christ Church and the Sub Dean and Revd Luthando are at St Augustine's today.
Cathedral Lent Program: Tuesday 7:30pm: Archbishop's Lenten Course: "Reflecting, Praying and Acting Together" (six weeks course) From Tuesday 07 th March to Tuesday 04 th April, please contact Geoff Antrobus for further details: 046 622 9426 or 0834095567.
Thursdays 7:30pm Archbishop's Lenten Course at Jeanette Eve's home, Somerset Place. Contact Paul Walters at 083 758 5552
Wednesdays 9-10:15am; A time of directed prayer and Meditation at Deanery. Contact Revd Claire of Julia Skeen at 079 270 1450
Wednesdays in Lent: 7:00pm Eucharist and sermon series "The day the revolution began"- Dean Andrew
Sundays in Lent: 7:30 & 9:30 am; Eucharist and sermon series: "Pearls from the Old Testament: The grace and mercy of God"
Student Service: Sundays at 7:00pm sermon series: "God and the F___ word"- Contact Revd Claire
Vestry: Our Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday 12 th March 2017, in St George's Hall, High Street, starting after a combined Sunday morning service at 8.30 a.m. Please take a copy of the Vestry report and financials home with you to read, and bring them to the meeting. We shall take all reports as "read". There will be an opportunity for questions. Nomination forms for churchwardens, alternate churchwarden, and parish councillors are on the "Madiba" table at the back of the church, together with a copy of the Parish Roll. Please note that you must be on the parish roll, and a regular communicant, to have a vote at Vestry, or to nominate or second a candidate for election to office. If your name is not on the parish roll, please fill in a Parish Roll form (on the glass cabinet) and hand it in at the office ASAP, early this week. The newly elected Parish Council will be having a planning day on Saturday 18 th March, at uMariya uMama weThemba Monastery, and will be inducted into office during the 9.30 a.m. 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. .
Confirmation: Adult confirmation classes will commence on Sunday, 19 th March at 11h30 in the Dean's office.
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.
AJ's Farewell: A series of events are planned. More details after Vestry. He leaves us after Easter.
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.
Lady Chapel Flowers: Those that wish to arrange flowers in 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.



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.

05th March 2017 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: <u>God and the F___ word</u> ; <u>Faith</u> for a time like this: rooted in Jesus		Revd David Stansbury

Today's meetings and events:

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

08 Mar	19h00	Lent Eucharist	Dean Andrew Hunter
09 Mar	17h00	Deanery Meeting at St Luke's	
09 Mar	17h00	Confirmation Classes for teens and Students in Cory Room.	
11 Mar	14h00	Quiet Afternoon at Monastery	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 (day off Friday)
*The Sub Dean Ven. Mzinzi Dyantyi	073 604 5232	046 622 5633	angaavile@live.co.za (day off: Monday)
*Senior Assistant Priest Rev Dr. Claire Nye Hunter	046 622 2445	046 622 3976	claire@grahamstowncathedral.org (day off: Friday)

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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- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit*

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Dean's Letter - Sunday 05th March 2017

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We pray for the newly consecrated Bishops in our Province: Bishop William Mostert (diocese of Christ the King) and Bishop Vicente Msosa (diocese of Niassa, northern Mozambique); we continue to pray for the process of appointing a new Director of Music at the Cathedral; for our Annual Vestry Meeting. May the church continue to be a community of joy and worship and encounter with God.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for Rhodes University, East Cape Midlands College; for all staff, students and pupils. May all our universities and schools be communities of learning, creativity, light and truth.

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

BIRTHDAYS: 06th Yolanda Mutesasira; 07th Matthew Meiklejohn; 08th Lynette Spain; 11th Thembi P. Myolwa & Thembisa Matomane.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Karen Oosthuizen; Esona & Sandisa Pantshwa; Zintle Panyaza; Gugulethu, Lungile & Yivani Penza; Revd. Monwabisi, Nokulunga, Ongamela & Onathi Peter.

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, David Barker.

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

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	06	Matthew 25:31-46	Thurs	09	Matthew 7:7-12
Tues	07	Matthew 6:7-15	Fri	10	Matthew 5:20-26
Weds	08	Luke 11:29-32	Sat	11	Matthew 543-48
Sun	12	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	John 3:1-17

Services next Sunday – 12th March – Second Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
08h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
17h00	Choral Evensong	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	
19h00	Student Eucharist	Revd Monwabisi Peter	

Dear Cathedral family

Our preparation each year for our Annual Vestry Meeting involves a great deal of behind the scenes work. Reports have been written. The Cathedral finances for 2016 have been audited. The budget for 2017 has been drawn up. The two booklets that are now available for us to read through, in preparation for Vestry, place before us the fruits of this work. Our Cathedral PCC has spent a great deal of time going through the finances and the budget, and the churchwardens are presenting the finances on behalf of PCC. The reports make for fascinating reading: so much is happening in the life of the Cathedral. 2016 was an intense and creative year! Thank you to all involved, for what you have done and continue to do.

We begin the Lenten sermon series today, **Pearls from the Old Testament: the mercy and grace of God.** Although the key Sunday reading and theme is normally found in the Gospel reading, and our Old Testament readings sometimes fit in with that theme, we seldom spend time with the Old Testament. Yet it is for us the foundation of the New Testament, it is part of the original revelation of God, and there is much of value and importance. It continues to be part of God's word to us today. Our OT reading for today is Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7. It is the story of the temptation in the Garden of Eden, and the fall into sin – the breaking of the relationship between God and human beings, between the man and the woman, and between human beings and creation. All the evil and struggle and heartache and destruction that we experience goes back to people's rebellion against God and God's perfect will for us. It is a story of despair and sadness, but it is also a story of mercy and grace: Adam and Eve are driven out of the Garden of Eden, but God clothes them; later on, Cain is banished for the murder of his brother Abel, but he is protected; the world is destroyed by the Flood, but life is preserved through Noah and his family.

And in due time – as we shall see next week and in the weeks to come – God calls Abraham into a covenant relationship, to follow him; the Holy Spirit is poured out onto the valley of dry bones to bring life, and after King Saul's failures, new possibilities emerge when David is anointed as king. All of this points us to God's love for us: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you." (Jeremiah 31:3) and for the whole world, which embraces us all: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

My love to you all

