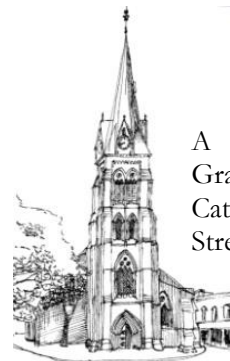


GENERAL NOTICES	
<p>Revd Luthando Madiba is at St Paul's Port Alfred, this Sunday, 12th March attending the institution of Archdeacon Cynthia Webbstock.</p>	
<p>Cathedral Lent Program: Tuesday 7:30pm: Archbishop's Lenten Course: "Reflecting, Praying and Acting Together" (six weeks course) From Tuesday 7th March to Tuesday 4th April, please contact Geoff Antrobus for further details: 046 622 9426 or 0834095567.</p>	
<p>Thursdays 7:30pm Archbishop's Lenten Course at Jeanette Eve's home, Somerset Place. Contact Paul Walters at 083 758 5552</p>	
<p>Wednesdays 9-10:15am; A time of directed prayer and Meditation at Deanery. Contact Revd Claire of Julia Skeen at 079 270 1450</p>	
<p>Wednesdays in Lent: 7:00pm Eucharist and sermon series "The day the revolution began"- Dean Andrew</p>	
<p>Sundays in Lent: 7:30 & 9:30 am; Eucharist and sermon series: "Pearls from the Old Testament: The grace and mercy of God"</p>	
<p>Student Service: Sundays at 7:00pm sermon series: "God and the F ___ word"- Contact Revd Claire</p>	
<p>Vestry: The newly elected Parish Council will be having a planning day on Saturday 18th March, at uMariya uMama weThemba Monastery, and will be inducted into office during the 9.30 a.m. service on Sunday 19th March</p>	
<p>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. .</p>	
<p>Confirmation: Adult confirmation classes will commence on Sunday, 19th March at 11h30 in the Dean's office.</p>	
<p>AJ's Farewell: A series of events are planned. More details after Vestry. He leaves us after Easter.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Priscilla Hall would like to borrow or hire a three-wheeler walker to assist with walking, preferably with a basket or bag for carrying things. Please contact Priscilla on phall@imaginet.co.za or phone 046 622 2663 if you are able to help or know where to source such a device.</p>	
<p>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening: Sally Terry would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity in their donations, time and talents and sheer hard work to make the evening such a success and such fun. The total donations almost covered the costs so the record number of 840 pancakes cooked, filled and sold raised a wonderful R7931.00 for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. THANK YOU!</p>	



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 March 2017 Second Sunday in Lent (Ember Day)

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
08h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
17h00	Choral Evensong	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
19h00	Student Service: <u>God and the F</u> word: Finding yourself; who am I really?	Revd Monwabisi Peter	

Today's meetings and events:	
07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
10h00	Annual Vestry Meeting in St George's Hall

This Week			
14 Mar	18h00	Student Bible Study - Cory Room	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
15 Mar	19h00	Lent Eucharist	Dean Andrew Hunter
16 Mar	09h30	Communion Service at St Luke's	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 12th March 2017

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: During this season of Lent, we ask for a deepening love for God; we continue to pray for the process of appointing a new Director of Music; for our Annual Vestry Meeting; for those elected as churchwardens and parish councillors. 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; Good Shepherd School; all our Grahamstown schools – for staff, students, pupils. May our schools and universities be communities of learning, creativity, life and growth.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of violence and fear; for the people of Israel, Palestine/Gaza, and the Middle East; for the United Nations; for the African Union. May we find the path to peace and hope.

BIRTHDAYS: 15th Roslind Anne Embling; 16th Tarendra Naidoo; 17th Timothy Williams.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Giselle, Nicolena, Preston & Sergio Peters; Leela Pienaar; Dale, Felicia & Howard Pote; Patrick & Cathy Pringle; Florence Pswarayi.

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	13	Luke 6:36-38	Thurs	16	Luke 16:19-31
Tues	14	Matthew 23:1-12	Fri	17	Matthew 21:33-46
Weds	15	Matthew 20:17-28	Sat	18	Luke 15:1-3,11-32
Sun	19	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalms 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42

Services next Sunday – 19th March – Third Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	Revd Luthando Madiba
19h00	Student Service	Dr AJ Bethke	

Dear Cathedral family

Today (being the occasion of our Annual Vestry), together with the Sundays between Christmas and the start of the new school year in mid-January, are the few occasions when we worship together as the Cathedral community. I am always struck by our richness of experience, our diversity; our sense of belonging; the friendships that are there; the grace and wisdom of our senior members; the energy and life of our youngsters; the poise of our students.

At the end of our services, I stand at the West Door to greet people as you all leave to head out into the rest of the day, and the week that lies ahead – and it is for me a great privilege and a highlight of my day, to be able to greet you all, and ask after you, and wish you well! There is often such a wonderful “buzz” after our services; people chatting, catching up, teenagers laughing and talking, children rushing up and down, an informal meeting of our mothers, sides-people diligently packing away the books and tidying up, teasing and joking, a lively gathering at the tea table... a happy space. May we continue to be a community of joy and worship and encounter with God.

One of our churchwardens, thinking about our preparation for the financial report to Vestry, observed, “a clean audit has a spiritual dimension: it symbolises good accountable stewardship of the Body of Christ’s giving for the needs of all. It shines like a light in the general darkness of corruption and qualified audits which surround us; it raises Christ’s standards of ‘be ye perfect’ in the field of governance, so thank you to our treasurer, Ronaldo Burger, for all the after-hours work that has gone into this year’s accounts. We are truly blessed to have him as this key member of our leadership team.” I echo this, and add my very sincere thanks to the entire exec, and all members of the PCC, for their work and dedication.

Some interesting discussions have followed on from my sermon last Sunday, on the book Genesis. I repeat one of the points:

Genesis 1 and 2 describes the beginning of all things. For many years, the Church saw these chapters as an historical and scientific description of the beginning and origin of the world; but we no longer understand these chapters in that way. It used to be believed, based on evidence in the Bible, that the world was created about 6,000 years ago. Now, using other, scientific evidence, we know that the world goes back millions and millions of years, perhaps back to a “big bang”. Genesis 1 & 2 are not intended to be a historical or scientific description of *how* or *when* the world began, or for a debate on evolution; but rather to show us *why* and *who* and *where*: *why* are we here; *who* is behind it all; *where* do we come from. It is a story of origin and meaning. As Genesis 1:1 tells us, “In the beginning, God...”

God is the Source and Ground of our being.

My love to you all

