

GENERAL NOTICES

Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi will be preaching at COTT today.

A reminder about AJ Bethke's farewell luncheon in St. George's Hall, on Sunday, 2 April from 12.30-3.00pm. Please remember to bring along your food as well as your drinks, plus a little extra to share in keeping with the bring and share theme. We look forward to an afternoon of good food, fellowship and fun. If anyone is able to come a little earlier to help with the final setting up as well as help to tidy up after the event, it would be greatly appreciated. See you all later.

Palm Sunday preparations: Friday 7th April @ 3pm. Come and **make Palm Crosses** in the Choir vestry. All ages welcome and no experience needed! Bring a pair of scissors and your enthusiasm and let's enjoy a time of fun and fellowship (with hot cross buns). Contact Revd Claire.

Sat 8th April @ 2.30pm Choral reading practice for 7.30am service
3pm Choral reading practice for 9.30am service
4pm Lay ministers and servers practice for 9.30am service
4.30pm Lay ministers and servers practice for Maundy Thursday
5pm Decorate the Church with palm branches

Readers and Holy week roster: We are still in need of the following:
Palm Sunday @ 7:30am – three readers and **@ 9:30am** – seven readers
Maundy Thursday: (*Footwashing names*) – nine people

Prayer Vigil: - four names
Easter Vigil @6:00am – one reader
Easter Day @ 9:30am – two readers

Those who wish to participate please write your details on the roster at the back of the Cathedral or Contact Reverend Claire.

Children's Church Recess: Please note that there will be no "Children's Church" on 9th, 16th and 23rd April, due to our students being on vac. Children are most welcome to be part of the services during these weeks.

Baptism service: Our next parish Baptism service will be at 9.30am on Sunday 30 April. For Baptism applications, please speak to one of the Clergy.

The Rhodes Vocal Department together with acclaimed organist and accompanist Arno Jones from Stellenbosch presents an Easter Concert on Thursday, 06th April at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George @ 7:30pm. Entrance fee for Adults @R90; Pensioners @R50 and Students @R25.

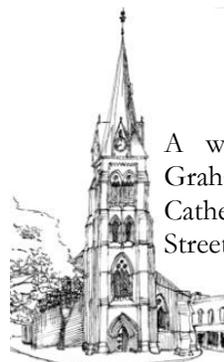
The Department of Environmental Science at Rhodes University and the Adaptation Network is hosting a Think Tank relating to Climate Change and extreme events on 30-31 May. The event will discuss "*Linking disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) to reduce social vulnerability and build resilience*". Please also complete the Google Docs form below **before 14 April** to reserve your place. The event is limited to a strict maximum of 50 people, so please respond early to ensure your place is reserved!
<https://goo.gl/forms/ZHpzxNL3EzcTQc2c2>

The Lady Chapel flowers: We would like to extend an apology and vote of thanks to Revd Siphokazi for the flowers last week in the Lady Chapel, in memory of her aunt Noxolo Njokweni

FAREWELL EVENTS FOR DR ANDREW-JOHN BETHKE

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU GIFT: envelopes are available, labelled "farewell gift for AJ". We are all encouraged to contribute. Please return with the plate collection, or hand envelopes in at the parish office. Deadline will be Thursday, 10th April.

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY 16th APRIL – AJ'S LAST SERVICE – final thank you presentation of gift, prayers and anointing at the end of the 9.30 a.m. service (**Word of thanks: The Dean**).



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.

02nd April 2017 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Eucharist SAPB	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	Dean Andrew Hunter
17h00	Choral Evensong with Quartet	Dr AJ Bethke	
19h00	Student Service: <u>God and the F word: Friendships and Fomo</u> – Developing healthy relationships	Red Bertha Gowera	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
12h30-15h00	Lunch at the Deanery
<i>The Lady Chapel flowers are from Lynette Marais in loving memory of her father.</i>	

This Week

03 Apr	17h15	Lay Minister's Meeting
04 & 05 Apr	19h00	Easter Cantata
06 Apr	19h30	Rhodes presents Easter Concert. (<i>see pg. 4 for details</i>)
08 Apr	14h00	Quiet Afternoon at Monastery
		Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi

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. Mzinzisi 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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- *Anchored in the love of Christ*
- *Committed to God's Mission*
- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit*

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We continue to pray for Andrew-John Bethke, and our choir; for Cameron Luke, our incoming Director of Music, and the process of his visa application; for the dioceses of Mthatha and Khahlamba as they prepare for elective assemblies and new leadership; for the diocese of Umzimvubu and their Vicar-General, Bishop Sithembile Mzamane; for our preparations for Holy Week and Easter. May the church continue to be a community of light, love and hope.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for school children on holiday; for our university students and staff; for all in authority during this time of upheaval; for those who guard our constitution and our economy. May all who govern, do so with justice and integrity.

OUR WORLD: We pray for places of conflict and violence; for all refugees. May we find the path to peace.

BIRTHDAYS: 3rd Nimpumelelo Magwa; 4th Lwanqa Sokuyeka, Liniah Mumbenqeqwi, Siphokazi Zama; 6th Theodore Duxbury, Lucien Bartis, Lulama Mvula; 7th Patrick Terry

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Dodie Springer; Carolyn Stevenson-Milln; Ann & Peter Stockwell; Lazer Sunil; Lithalelanqa & Noah Tabensky; Joy Tandy; Marié Tarr; Patrick & Sally Terry.

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

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster, David Barker.

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

DECEASED: Molly Thorndyke, sister in law of Thelma Neville, passed away in East London on Tuesday, 28th March. Condolences to the family.

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	03	John 7:53-8:11	Thurs	06	John 8:51-59
Tues	04	John 8:21-30	Fri	07	John 10:31-42
Weds	05	John 8:31-47	Sat	08	John 11:45-57
Sun	09	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm	Philippians	Matthew 26:14-27
			31:9-18	2:5-11	

Services next Sunday – 09th April – Palm Sunday

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07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
19h00	Student Eucharist	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Dean's Letter - Sunday 19th March 2017

Dear Cathedral family

Thank you so much to Andrew Tracey (co-ordinator) and all who were part of the farewell concert for AJ, this past Monday. What a celebration it was! In the midst of our sadness at AJ's imminent departure, it was good to say thank you. The bring and share lunch today will be a further opportunity to do so. Thank you, Cathy Euijen, for arranging this on behalf of us all!

This has been a difficult week. Further #RURReferencelist protests on campus following allegations of an assault; simmering anger on social media over racist behaviour, attitudes, prejudice, our colonial past; fears of an impending cabinet shuffle and the removal of Pravin Gordhan as minister of Finance; and the death of Ahmed Kathrada. For many, Kathrada was an icon of integrity. One person described him as "principled, resolute, embodying the spirit of self-sacrifice, civility, non-racialism." Others described him as a nation-builder, a supporter of human rights, and a patriot. In 2016 he took the courageous step of writing to Jacob Zuma and called on him to resign as President. We give thanks for his life, his courage, and his contribution to our country.

PCC is very concerned over our shortfall in monthly pledges, which has meant that, for the second month in a row, we have struggled to pay salaries, and have had to postpone essential maintenance. We are so appreciative of all who pledge and give regularly to the work and life of the Cathedral, but the fact is that the actual amount received is about R12, 000 less than the amount promised, each month. This is unsustainable. I make an earnest request to us all: please support the ministry of the Cathedral. If you have missed a pledge offering, we appeal to you to make it up.

Our Gospel reading for today – the raising of Lazarus from the dead – invites us to put our faith in Christ who is able to bring life out of death. At the heart of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. With faith and trust in Christ, we are able to face the worst that the world can throw at us – death in all its forms – knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is ours in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39). When my dear father died, four years ago, it was the first time I experienced the death of someone in my immediate family. And so that experience of loss and grief was also something of an unknown journey. I had walked that path with others in their times of bereavement, and I had often thought about and tried to prepare myself for my dad's death. When it finally came, it was overwhelming. And yet, the words of Jesus and the faith of the Church – that death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the perfect life with God beyond the grave – did sustain me. In the words of Jesus from the Gospel reading for today: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:26)

But death is not only the death of a loved one, or – ultimately – our own death. We experience death in many ways: grief, shame, illness, suffering, despair, disappointment, defeat, betrayal. We have all been in the valley of dry bones (the image in our Old Testament reading, Ezekiel 37). God promises the gift of the Spirit, resurrection life, to bring new life and hope and new beginnings.

My love to you all

