

GENERAL NOTICES

Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi will be away in Butterworth from Wednesday, 24 May until Monday, 29 May.

We welcome to our 9.30 a.m. service today, representatives of the **St Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild (BMG)**: Revd Dumile Monakali (who is the President of the Grahamstown Archdeaconry St Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild); the with Archdeaconry Chaplain Rev Mabona, and the Secretary, Mr Christopher Matya. They will be inviting men who are interested in membership of the BMG to meet with them after the service, with the intention of forming a branch of the Guild here at the Cathedral. The St Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild is a lively and energetic guild with branches all over the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA), and in most of the parishes in our diocese. It is an evangelistic organisation, and provides a place of fellowship and discipleship, worship and prayer, for many men. We encourage its life and growth here at the Cathedral.

CSM Camp: A very big THANK YOU to the many wonderfully generous parishioners who so kindly gave financial and food donations (tasty treats) towards our camp. Without you, our time away at Assegai Trails would not have been possible. Several students – including three from COTT- received either full or partial sponsorships to enable them to attend. We had an absolutely wonderful weekend – filled with “Fun, food, fellowship, friendship, faith” and so much more. Our programme included games - such as “Who’s who?”, Bible quiz, a musical challenge, ‘Heads up’; a hike that turned into a marathon with the last 1 ½ hours in the dark; a Bible Study, a Sunday morning outdoor Eucharist with guided Meditation and praying for one another; and many worthwhile group and private conversations. From Revd Claire, Mama Jane (our driver and kitchen manager) and the group of Cathedral and COTT Student campers – THANK YOU to our wider Cathedral family for your love and generous support.

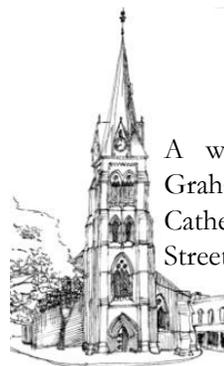
Celebration Time! Pentecost Sunday (4 June) is known as the ‘Birthday of the Christian Church’. This year, it coincides with **Dean Andrew’s 60th Birthday** (3 June). So we have double reason to celebrate! Come and join us for a “Birthday Bash” in St George’s Hall from 12pm on 4 June. All are invited but it is essential that you “sign up” in advance – lists will be available from next Sunday 21 May. More details to follow. Mark it in your diary and let’s come together as the Cathedral family to make this a very special celebration. Hope to see you there.

Lenten survey show of hands: over the last few years, we have had a number of different themes and/or events during **Lent**. It would appear that some things are more popular, and others less so. We ask for a show of hands to indicate your support for or request for the following options:

1. A fellowship/Bible study group just for Lent
2. Midweek Eucharist with a sermon series and specific theme
3. Midweek teaching series (informal, in the hall or Cory Room)
4. “Stories in the wilderness” (personal testimonies, different addresses around a common theme)
5. Something creative...
6. Other - please give your suggestions

Altar Servers trainings Friday 2 June, 3 to 5pm and Saturday am 9.30 to 11. Please try to attend at least one. Please confirm attendance with Sally Terry 0834130234.

Cathedral website is now part of Growing the Church. It has a new fresh look. Please visit www.grahamstowncathedral.org Please take note the web address is still the same.



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.

21st May 2017 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Eucharist	Linda Mchunu	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
<i>Lady Chapel flowers are from Revd Siphokazi Njokweni in memory of her aunt, Sr Monica Njokweni</i>	

This Week

18h00	25 May	Ascension Day	Revd Rob Penrith
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Stipendiary clergy contact details and Cathedral Parish Office (046 622 2445):

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*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 – Lou-Anne).
*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 TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

Please join with us this week as we pray for:

OUR CHURCH: We pray for Bishop Ebenezer as he travels to Germany this week; we give thanks for the 500th anniversary celebrations of the Reformation; we pray for the church's ministry of preaching and teaching. As we approach Ascensiontide and the Day of Pentecost, we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us all. May we shine with the light of Christ.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for all in authority in our land, that they may govern wisely and with justice and compassion. May we find the way forward together.

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

BIRTHDAYS: 21st Stephen Peter, Penny Whitford; 22nd Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi; 24th Elizabeth Effiong, Hayley Jackson, Wendy Mfazwe; 25th Gail Jackson.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Jane Bradshaw; Elizabeth & Peter Breetzke; Rosalie Breitenbach; Davidean, Donovan, Ernest, Isabel, Kaede, Mandy, Rodney & Tylo Bridger.

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

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

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

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	22	John 15: 26-16:4a	Thurs	25	Luke 24: 44-53
Tues	23	John 16: 4b-11	Fri	26	John 16: 20-24
Weds	24	John 16: 12-20	Sat	27	John 16: 23b-28
Sun	28	Acts 1: 6-14	Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35	1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17: 1-11

Services next Sunday – 28th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
17h00	SAPB Choral Evensong	Namso Nyamela (Officiant)	
19h00	Student Service	Revd Vuyokazi May	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

¹ *The Conversation*. May 16th, 2017

Dean's Letter - Sunday 21st May 2017

Dear Cathedral family

This coming week, Bishop Ebenezer will be travelling to Wittenberg, Germany, to represent ACSA at an event to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The event is being organised by the World Council of Churches, and Bishop Ebenezer is the ACSA representative on this body. The Reformation began in 1517, with Martin Luther's posting of his "95 Theses" on the church door at Wittenberg, on October 31st, 1517.

In a recent article on the Reformation, Richard Gunderman, who is the Chancellor's Professor of Medicine, Liberal Arts, and Philanthropy, Indiana University (USA), writes:

"The 95 Theses critiqued the church's sale of indulgences, which Luther regarded as a form of corruption. By Luther's time, indulgences had evolved into payments that were said to reduce punishment for sins. Luther believed that such practices only interfered with genuine repentance and discouraged people from giving to the poor. One of Luther's most important theological contributions was the 'priesthood of all believers' ... So powerfully did Luther's influence reverberate down through the ages that, during a visit to Germany in 1934, Rev. Michael King Sr. chose to change both his and his son's name to Martin Luther King, MLK Jr., namesake of the great German reformer, would make full use of the power of free speech in catalyzing the American civil rights movement.... In posting his 95 Theses, Luther was encouraging a vigorous exchange of ideas. The best community is not the one that suppresses dissent but one that challenges ideas it finds objectionable through rigorous argumentation."¹

The Reformation marked the beginning of the division of Western Christianity into the Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church. As Anglicans, we stand in the middle of this divide: we embrace both Catholic and Reformed (Protestant) theological thought; we see our roots as going back to the early church of the apostles, and to the pre-Reformation Roman Catholic Church; we acknowledge the place of reason and tradition, together with scripture, in hearing and discerning the will of God and the mind of Christ; as the Anglican Communion we are a fellowship of self-governing independent ecclesiastical Provinces, without a central figure such as the Pope, as our source of authority and doctrine. Holding together in unity in the midst of diversity as the Anglican Communion is not always easy. The Archbishop of Canterbury (and each bishop in his/her diocese) is a focus of unity for all Anglicans. Bishops are called "to further the unity of the church, to banish error, to proclaim the demands of justice and to lead God's people in their mission to the world."²

One of the sad consequences of the Reformation was the splintering of the body of Christ into different churches and numerous denominations, a splintering that continues today with the many churches that spring up all around us. How do we hold it all together? Is there room for diversity within one church? Are there better ways of doing church? Do any have the perfect answer?

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter

² The Charge to the Bishop-elect, *An Anglican Prayer Book 1989*, pg 597-8, #66