

GENERAL NOTICES

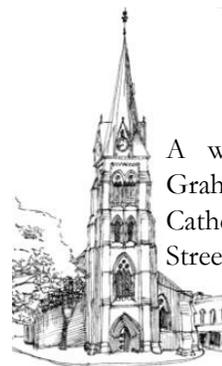
Sub Dean Mzinzi is available on email now. He can be contacted on the following address: subdean@grahamstowncathedral.org

Bishop Geoff Quinlan writes about his wife Ros, who has cancer of the throat:
 When I last wrote she had been rushed into hospital after what seemed like a series of seizures. She was quickly stabilized there but spent three days in a ward for further observation and tests. Since then she has been at home, spending quite a lot of time resting and sleeping. She has decided not to have the full programme of chemo and radiation and would have preferred, if possible, to be left to go peacefully. However, because of the nature of the cancer, some treatment was essential to prevent the throat closing up completely. She was therefore advised to undergo two weeks of palliative radiation as an out-patient which is aimed at shrinking the tumor and allowing her to swallow more easily. This began a week ago and, at the time of writing, she has had 6 out of a possible 10 treatments. These leave her very tired and sometimes nauseous, and for several days now she has only been taking in fluids. She has no appetite for food and the attempt to eat makes her very tired but also triggers bouts of coughing which has, on occasion, led to fainting and dizziness. The radiation treatment will not remove the tumor but we are praying that Ros will not suffer excessively and will die peacefully and without trauma. Only a miracle of God can change this prognosis. Some days are better than others and she enjoys having friends and family around her. Visitors cheer her up considerably though we obviously have to avoid too many in any one day so she does not get too exhausted. Thank you again for so many emails and phone calls expressing love, concern and the promise of prayers. (letter written 5th September 2017)

Hackers: There are various voice messages being sent to people from the following email address: vm@grahamstowncathedral.org **Please ignore** these voice messages as syndicates will track all your personal information.

Jumble sale: We would like to host a jumble sale and are asking all to please contribute to this fundraising attempt. All donated items must be clean and in a reasonable condition. Contact Chantel Riddin (Tesnar) at the office on 046 622 2445.

Choir robes: Sally Terry and Marian Jayes have done wonderful work for the choir over the years in making robes for junior choristers and keeping them in good order. Marian left last year and Sally's family commitments have meant she is not always around. Many thanks to Roswitha Hobson who has kindly agreed to assist with sewing for the choir.



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.

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
10th September 2017**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB and Confirmation	The Rt Revd Ebenezer Ntlali	

Today's meetings and events:

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

Thurs	14	17h00	Deanery Meeting at St Luke's	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
Thurs	14	17h15	SpiritFest Meeting in Cory Room	Maggy Clarke

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 The 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	subdean@grahamstowncathedral.org <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 – Lou-Anne).
 *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 in prayer this week for:

OUR CHURCH: We pray for all confirmed today: Simtha Citwa, Ethan de Vos, Arryn Michaels, Lwando Mtwa, Dale Pote, Lithemba & Phumeza Busakwe, Nikki Kretzmann, Kutlwano Kepadisa and Lou-Anne Liebenberg; for the Selection Conference interviews; for our newly inducted Head Chorister, Avile Sonyambe; for our newly inducted junior choristers; Ambesa Cagwe, Khazimla Gedze, Sixolile Mafani, Siyolisa Sandi, Alizwa Tom.

OUR COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for all our matric students as they head for prelims and final matric exams; for all our schools and our teachers.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for all victims of abuse and violence, and for a change of heart and repentance for all who perpetrate violence and abuse on others. We pray for Michaelhouse school (in KZN) following a bus accident in which one boy died, Themba Dloti (16yrs) and 45 were injured, some seriously; for the chaplain, Fr Alan Smedley, as he ministers to the school community – boys, staff, families.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict and violence.

BIRTHDAYS: 12th Maré; 13th Sally Terry; 14th Nicola Hunter; 15th Rudi Marx, Peter Bailie, Lunga Matomane & Mvume Mdidimba.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Bishop Ebenezer, Noncedo, Aphiwe & Zipho Ntlali; Namso Nyamela; Andile, Nosipho, Lynette, Pumela and Siphosethu Nyarashe.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, or house bound: Isabel and Ernest Bridger, Thelma Neville, Thembi Myolwa; Meghan von Wildemann.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Michelle Granger; Fiona Erskine; Rosalind Quinlan, Anne Stevens.

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

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	11	Luke 6:6-11	Thurs	14	Luke 6:27-38
Tues	12	Luke 6:12-19	Fri	15	Luke 6:39-42
Weds	13	Luke 6:20-26	Sat	16	Luke 6:43-49
Sun	17	Exodus 14:19-31	Psalms 114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35

Services next Sunday – 17th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Bertha Gowera	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Bertha Gowera	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
19h00	Student Service	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Dean's Letter - Sunday 10th September 2017

Dear Cathedral family

We welcome Bishop Ebenezer to our 9.30 a.m. service today, where he will celebrate, and preach, and confirm our confirmation candidates. The annual Confirmation service is always a special occasion and event, certainly for the candidates, and their families and godparents, but also for the Christian community. We surround in our love and prayers all those being confirmed; we support them as they take this step of trust and faith; we pray that the Holy Spirit would rest on them, bless them, and strengthen them and fill them with the love and power of God.

Jesus promised that the heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him (Luke 11:15). What a gift. Simply to ask, and to receive. Throughout our lives. Every day. In moments of crisis and conflict and challenge. As we go into a meeting or gathering. In times of prayer for others. Asking for wisdom and insight and discernment. As we enter worship. In times of great trial, rage, distress. We ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon us.

Confirmation is that special moment and focus for the work of God in our lives through the Holy Spirit. It is entirely appropriate that we prepare thoroughly for this great event and moment: through the weekly classes of discussion, reflection, Bible study, prayer; through our own asking and longing; through simply being open to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I greatly enjoy leading Confirmation preparation classes! It is probably one of the highlights for me, each week. And I have learned so much from the groups and our discussions, over the years, in our various parish communities. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage and reflect together, to share faith and life stories, to grapple with what we believe, and why, in our troubled and upside-down world. The syllabus for Confirmation preparation consists of six parts: the Creed; the Lord's Prayer; the Ten Commandments; the law of Christian life; the two Sacraments of the Gospel; and the short Catechism. Another way of putting it is: what we believe (the Creed and the Catechism); how we are to pray (the Lord's Prayer); how we are to live (the Ten Commandments and the law of Christian life); how God meets us (the two Sacraments of the Gospel). Obviously this is just the bare bones, the beginning, a general outline which we then flesh out. And the way we engage with these issues changes from year to year. But I constantly refer to it.

Some may know Bishop Geoff Quinlan (former warden for the CR Sisters here, some years back) and his wife Ros (Rosalind). Sad news is that Ros has severe cancer of the throat. An extract from a recent letter, from Bishop Geoff, is elsewhere in the pew leaflet. Let's hold them in our love and prayer.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter