

GENERAL NOTICES

Sub Dean Mzi is at St Augustine's during the 9.30 am. service, with Rev Lunga, who will be preaching.

The Bishop has confirmed that the Cathedral Chancellor, by virtue of her office, is a **Canon of the Cathedral**. So, our Senior Assistant Priest is now **The Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter!**

Dean Andrew, Revd Canon Dr Claire and Sub Dean Mzi will be in Mtatha for the enthronement of the Bishop Nkosinathi Ndwandwe from Friday, 08th December and returning on Sunday, 10th December.

Sisa Skweyiya from St Phillip's will be assisting us as a stand in verger for a while, so the Cathedral will be open as per the normal days and hours. He started on the 29th of November and will be assisting up until the 23rd of December.

Grand Cathedral Clean! They say that **"Cleanliness is next to Godliness"**! Our beloved Cathedral is in need of a thorough pre-Christmas spring clean. Please come and help! We need a large team of eager volunteers – men and women, young and old, boys and girls - to lend a hand. There is **LOTS** to do – come with a cloth, broom, duster, brasso, furniture polish or whatever you have – and let's chase the dirt away and make the Cathedral shine! Join us on **Saturday 9 December from 9am**. The more the merrier. RSVP to Lou-Anne at the office if you can assist. **SEE YOU THERE!**

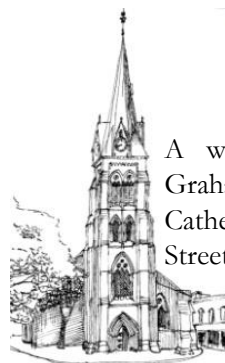
Pledge Forms: To date we received 67 pledge forms back and 43 are still outstanding. We urge parishioners to please hand deliver their forms to the parish office or contact Chantel at office@grahamstowncathedral.org / 046 622 2445.

Readers sign up: With many people being away over the holidays, it's hard to know who is here! If you are willing and available to read at any of our services in December, please help us by signing the Roster at the back of the church (on the glass cabinet). Revd Claire will show you exactly what to do if you have never read before! Many thanks.

Plant Sale: Jane Bradshaw will be selling plants at the back of the church after both morning services. Proceeds will be added to St George's Fair income.

1 Corinthians Sermon Series: Booklets containing all sermons preached in Part 1 and Part 2 of our sermon series. Copies are available at the office. Cost R20.

Christmas Grocery Basket: Every year, we make up special Christmas parcels for those who benefit from our monthly Grocery Basket. Lists of required items are available in your pew leaflet or at the back of the Cathedral on the glass cabinet. Lets' bring some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves. Contributions can either be brought to church on Sunday and placed in the basket or delivered to the office weekday mornings. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the grocery basket. Final date is the 11th December 2017.



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.

3rd December 2017 – First Sunday of Advent AIDS Awareness Sunday

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
19h00	Advent Taizé Service	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Today's meetings and events:	
07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants

This Week				
Mon	04	17h15	Lay Minister Meeting	Dean Andrew Hunter
Thurs	07	09h00	Somerset Place	Revd Canon 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 The Very Rev Andrew Hunter.	082 308 8654	046 622 3976	dean@grahamstowncathedral.org <i>(day off Friday)</i>
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*Senior Assistant Priest and Cathedral Chancellor The Revd Canon 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 in prayer this week for:

OUR CHURCH: During this season of Advent, we look with longing for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives once again. We continue to pray for a wholehearted and generous response by all, in our Cathedral pledged giving and financial support for the ministry of the church. We pray for the diocese of Khahlamba with their Elective Assembly this week, and for those who have been nominated; and for Bishop Nkosinathi Ndwandwe as he is enthroned and installed as Bishop of Mthatha, on Saturday. May the Lord bind us together in faith, hope and love.

OUR COMMUNITY: During the 16 days of activism against gender based violence, we continue to pray for all victims of rape and sexual abuse. We pray also for our boys who are in circumcision school. May our families and communities be places of life, peace and hope.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for all who are unemployed; for victims of violent crime; for the ANC conference in December which will elect their new leader; for all going on holiday; for those on the roads over this holiday season. May our country be filled with a spirit of peace.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict and violence, and for all refugees. We pray especially for Zimbabwe at this time.

BIRTHDAYS: 04th Bubele Mvula; 05th Sinaye Sijadu; 08th Thabisa Yili; 09th Katie Appollis, Pumela Nyarashe, Neziswa Soxywa; 11th Danielle De Vos.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Toyosi, Tolani, Tolu & Elizabeth Effiong; Roger & Ros Embling; Cathy and Matthew Euijen; Jeanette Eve; Jeremy Fogg; Saul, Lesley-Anne, Kiah, Kiara, Torris, Travis & Tyler Fourie.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, or house bound: Isabel and Ernest Bridger, Thelma Neville, Mandy Bridger, Kerry-Jane Gutridge.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Anne Stevens, Kevin Riddin, Virginia Parkes, Ronnie Wilmot, Michael Gainsborough.

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

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	04	Matthew 8:5-13	Thurs	07	Matthew 7:21-27
Tues	05	Luke 10:21-24	Fri	08	Matthew 9:27-31
Weds	06	Matthew 15:29-39	Sat	09	Matthew 9: 35-10:1,5-8
Sun	10	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85:1-2,8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8

Services next Sunday – 10th December – Second Sunday of Advent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	
09h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Monwabisi Peter	
19h00	Lucenarium	Kutlwano Kepadisa	

Dean's Letter - Sunday 03rd December 2017

Dear Cathedral Family

Today is Advent Sunday. With World AIDS Day being December 1st, today is also AIDS Awareness Sunday, when we acknowledge all who are infected and affected by HIV-AIDS. And we are in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. I joined the Mothers Union march in King Williams Town at the start of the 16 days, last week. A very helpful statement was drawn up – a copy is on the notice board – and presented to a senior representative of the SAPS, calling for a partnership to ensure support for victims of gender based violence. I was impressed by the response of the SAPS with a clear commitment to partnership, and by their efforts to make reporting these attacks, somewhat easier. At the same time, as we know, we have a long way to go, with very few sexual assaults actually being reported – it is estimated that only 1 out of 9 rapes that take place, are reported to the police, and there is an extremely low conviction rate. This was one of the cries and concerns raised by student protesters during last year's Reference List protests at Rhodes University.

The Elective Assembly for the next bishop of the diocese of Khahlamba is scheduled for this week, 6th – 8th December, in Queenstown. The names of the candidates are: Revd Siphwo Bam; Archdeacon (and current Vicar General) Moses Madywabe; and Bishop Tsietsi Seleokane, Suffragan-Bishop, diocese of Natal. Let's hold that diocese, and all who are part of the elective assembly - all licensed clergy of the diocese, and elected lay representatives from each parish – in our prayers, as they seek to discern under God who the next bishop of the diocese is to be. May the Holy Spirit guide them! Sometimes I think that elective assemblies bring out both the best and the worst in people. Power, ambition, longing for status; but also humble service, great love for God and for the church as the body of Christ, a life of faithful witness, ministry, the call into apostolic leadership. And this coming Saturday is the installation and enthronement of the new Bishop of Mthatha, Bishop Nkosinathi Ndwandwe. He has been suffragan-bishop in the diocese of Natal for a number of years.

Today, Advent Sunday, is the start of the church's new year: our season of preparation for the coming of Christ in his birth at Bethlehem, and in his return as king and Lord and judge. It is a season which gives expression to our longings and hopes for new beginnings, change, transformation, justice, peace, reconciliation, a new world – and when our longings and dreams are matched and answered by God's promises and by the coming of Christ and His kingdom. While the town quiets down as schools close and students leave, this is a season of quiet hope and waiting, in expectation. Let's savour the moment.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter