

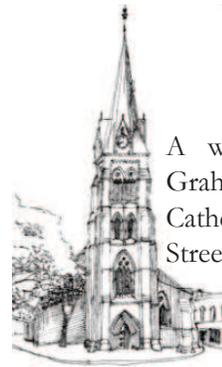
GENERAL NOTICES

Lent 2018: we plan to offer a number of Lenten weekly groups, and encourage all who are not part of groups, to join for these five weeks. Topics and sign-up lists will be made available soon.

Confirmation 2018: Young people in Grade 9 (in 2018) or older, as well as adults who are not yet confirmed, are encouraged to join our confirmation preparation class early next year. Closing date for applications: Ash Wednesday (14th February). Please complete and hand in a Confirmation form (available at the back of the church, or at the parish office) or speak to one of the clergy.

Lady Chapel: The flower roster for 2018 is available at the back of the Cathedral.

Cathedral weekday services will resume on Monday, 22 January 2018.



**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 January 2018
Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
08h30	Holy Communion AAPB		Revd Monwabis Peter

Today's meetings and events:

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

Thurs	18	17h15	SpiritFest meeting in Cory Room	Maggy Clarke
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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 Rev 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.

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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 the Christian community throughout the world, particularly the Anglican church of Southern Africa as we start a new year, for our diocesan clergy and their families. Help all in their own vocation to do your work more faithfully.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for all people in their daily life and work in our local community, for the young and elderly, for families, and all who are alone. We pray for your grace that we may serve Christ and love one another as he loves us.

OUR COUNTRY: We pray for responsible and creative leadership particularly in all of our government departments. For the leaders of our land to promote social justice, true freedom and Peace for all people.

OUR WORLD: We pray for areas of unrest and conflict around the world, that you direct the nations of the world in the way of justice and peace.

BIRTHDAYS: 15th Helen Keeble; 16th Nosipho Nyarashe, Cairis Appollis; 18th Sanelisiwe Shumane; 19th Lisakazi Njokweni; 20th Millicent Armitage, Jessica Smith.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Rose, Sally & Wilbert Kadye; Christopher, Helen & Robert Keeble; Imkhitha Konzani; Lydia & Lynn Kudya.

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

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

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

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	15	Mark 2:18-22	Thurs	18	Mark 3:7-12
Tues	16	Mark 2;23-28	Fri	19	Mark 3:13-9a
Weds	17	Mark 3:1-6	Sat	20	Mark 3:9b-30
Sun	21	Jonah: 3:1-5,10	Psalm	1 Corinthians	Mark 1:14-20
			62:5-12	7:29-31	

Services next Sunday – 21st January – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Revd Luthando Madiba	

Letter from Fr Monwabisi - Sunday 14 January 2018

Dear people of God

2017 has come and gone. If we were to remember what we did on this day in 2017 many of us would recall some of the issues that made us think 2017 would indeed be a horrible year. Many would rightfully suggest that 2017 has been a year of mixed fortunes and yet, we have made it with God's help.

On this second Sunday after Epiphany, we continue to celebrate the birth of the "One born to be King." In our celebrations we are encouraged to acknowledge the presence of Christ in our joy, disappointments and plans at the dawn of 2018. Today's appointed Psalm (Ps 139) offers comfort to all those yearning to make the new-born baby a centre of everything they will be doing from today onward. The Psalmist says in verse two "You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away." This is undoubtedly an assurance of God's knowledge of every person.

As we start 2018, let us not look back to all that holds us back from trusting God's presence in our lives. Let us start anew and prepare ourselves to face the challenges ahead of us with our heads held up high unto the One that knows our respective journeys' long before we embark on our ventures.

As a nation, we are undoubtedly faced with a lot of uncertainty, with leadership being one of the heavily debated issues confronting our beloved country. As we lament in awe, the well-publicised concerns around our ailing economy, we should take comfort in what the Psalmist says in verse five of today's appointed psalm; "The Lord goes before us and He follows us."

Let us go forth knowledgeable of His blessing hand on our heads. With God as our leader, we must live and lead our lives under His guiding hand. We will have an amazing year if we trust in Him because the Magi were given a new root on their way home.

In conclusion, God is our strength. Let Him be the strong foundation of life so that we may not stumble when things go wrong.

Happy New Year

Fr Monwabisi Peter