

GENERAL NOTICES

Cathedral Student Camp: A very big **THANK YOU** from Revd Claire and the 12 happy campers who had a wonderful time at Assegai Trails. The support from our Church family was absolutely wonderful. To those who gave sponsorships, donations and food items, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MY ANGLICAN PARISH ROLL: You might have received an email or message to confirm your details or to register on the **My Anglican Parish Roll**. Please do take note that this is **not** a scam. Many of you have been added to the new Parish roll. If you are not added or you have any queries, please contact Chantel at the office on 046 622 2445 who will be able to assist you further.

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 classes. Closing date for applications has been extended until Easter. 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.

Cathedral Choir: The Cathedral Choir is looking for bass singers. If you are interested or know of someone, please contact Kutlwano Kepadisa (Kepa)

Various clothing and umbrellas were found in the Cathedral. If you have lost any item, please pop in at the parish office to collect items.

Lady Chapel Flowers: Those that wish to arrange flowers in the Lady Chapel either in memory of a loved one or thanksgiving must please fill in their names on roster in at back of church.

Word and Worship: Extra copies available. R190 each. Contact Chantel Riddin



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. Keep valuables with you at all times.

11th March 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
08h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
17h00	AAPB Choral Evensong	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	
18h30	Student Service	Dean Andrew Hunter	

Today's meetings and events:

08h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
	Children's Church in Chapter House.
Annual Vestry Meeting in St George's Hall after service.	

This Week

Tues	13	15h00	Graduation Ceremony of COTT in the Cathedral	
Thurs	15	17h15	SpiritFest Meeting	Mrs 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 and Archdeacon of Grahamstown The Ven. Mzinzisi Dyantyi	073 604 5232	046 622 5633	subdean@grahamstowncathedral.org <i>(day off: Monday)</i>
*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>

Clergy Assisting at Cathedral

Revd Luthando Madiba (Diocesan Media officer); Revd Idowu Akinloye; Revd Lunga Dongwana (Deacon); Revd Siphokazi Njokweni (Deacon); Revd Monwabisi Peter (Prep Chaplain); Revd Percy Chinganga (COTT)

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!

Dean's Letter - Sunday 11th March 2018

Please join in prayer this week for:

OUR CHURCH: We pray that we may keep Lent faithfully; for deepened repentance; and for God's love and grace to be upon us during this inner journey of conversion and transformation; for our Annual Vestry Meeting; for those elected or re-elected as churchwardens, alternate churchwarden, and parish councillors. May the Lord bind us together in faith, hope and love.

OUR COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for our Makana Mayor, Nomhle Gaga; for the acting municipal Manager, Ted Pillay; for our ward councillors; for all our schools, and for Rhodes University. May our communities be places of life, peace and hope.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for all in authority and positions of leadership and responsibility; and for rain in the drought-stricken areas of our country.

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

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Thembi Myolwa, Thembisa Matomane; 12th Yarren Marcus; 15th Rosalind Embling; 16th Tarendra Naidoo; 17th Timothy Williams

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Qaqamba, Khanya,, Thembi, Simpiwe, Imkhitha, Phila & Malusi Myolwa; Eunice Ncwadi; Nomawethu, Emihle & Axolile Ndukwana-Maliwa; Revd Siphokazi, Lisakazi & Mhlahli Njokweni.

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

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Kevin Riddin; (baby) James Keating.
These names will remain here for a month, unless requested otherwise.

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	12	John 4:43-54	Thurs	15	John 5:31-47
Tues	13	John 5:1-18	Fri	16	John 7:4-30
Weds	14	John 5:19-30	Sat	17	John 7:40-52
Sun	18	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33

Services next Sunday – 18th March – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Revd Idowu Ankinloye
17h00	SAPB Choral Evensong	Revd Lunga Dongwana	
18h30	Student Service	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Dear Cathedral family

Dr Billy Graham, that well-known evangelist who died recently, described John 3:16 as the heart of the Gospel. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Indeed, it is difficult to find another verse that says so much in just a few words: God's all-embracing love; the gift of his Son; belief; being saved from death; the gift of eternal or everlasting life. There is a wealth of truth and wonder in this verse. The initiative of God in reaching out to our broken world. The gift of life through his Son. Faith. Trust. Assurance. Peace. Of course, it doesn't end with this verse. We take God's love wherever we go, into our struggles for justice, for human dignity, into the question of land expropriation without compensation which is engulfing our nation at the present time, into all the turmoil and pain of our communities.

We are called to love God fiercely, passionately, with all that we are – the invitation on Transfiguration Sunday, a few weeks ago, to find our centre in God. We encounter light and darkness in the wilderness – our own struggles, doubts, failings, times of brokenness, sorrow, needing forgiveness and a fresh start, longing again for the grace and mercy of God; and angels who minister to us and strengthen us. Richard Rohr likens our experience to that of Jesus on the cross between the two thieves. The one thief hurls abuse at him; the other asks to be remembered. You and I represent both those thieves. We can be filled with grace and love; we can be raging with fury and hatred; we can be icons of reconciliation; and we can be the polar opposite. We live here in Grahamstown and in South Africa with much that is beautiful, and life-giving, and joy-bringing – music, wonderful people, opportunities, great servants of God; but we also live with people who are cruel and selfish and corrupt and dishonest. And sometimes it is you and I who reflect both the best and the worst.

So, we are always people of humility and honesty. Humility, because we know we don't always get it right; honesty because we admit it when we have blundered. Humility because we depend not on our own strength but on God; honesty because we know that we need help. People of grace. We have received the grace of God. And in turn we extend God's grace to one another. We receive healing; and we reach out with God's love and healing.

May we be people of grace in our life together - as we go into our Annual Vestry Meeting; and in the days and months ahead.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter