

## GENERAL NOTICES

Warm welcome to **The Ven Eduardo Bukutu**, Dean-designate of Niassa, Mosambique.

Today we welcome the **COTT Students** who are on placement with us for the year: Koena Mphoshi, Jonathan Bukutu, Zipho Mbambo, Tebogo Monyai, Tercia Meyer, Mlamuli Masondo, Enrico Heuvel, Balungile Ngubo and Luvuyo Mvaphantsi.

**Dean Andrew & Revd Claire** are away this week for a few days of study leave.

We are all invited to **the launch of IVIYO LOFAKAZI BAKAKRISTU** (for the renewal of our lives in Christ), at the parish of Bernard Mizeki, Scenery Park, East London, 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This is a spiritual renewal program, in line with New Wine, Rooted in Jesus, Alpha course, and Growing the Church. Details are in the letter from the Bishop on the notice board. Please speak to one of the clergy if you would like to attend.

The next **Anglicans Ablaze conference** takes place in Durban, KZN, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018. **SOME OF THE KEY TOPICS TO BE COVERED:** Evangelism in the 21st Century; Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making; Justice Now; Creation Care's global challenge. As with previous Anglicans Ablaze conferences, there will be a strong youth component. **AA 2018 Registration Fees and Deadlines:** Full Registration: R850, **Deadline: 31 August 2018.** Early Bird: R650, **Deadline: 31 May 2018.** Financially Assisted: R650, **Deadline: 31 August 2018.** Student/Youth - must be students currently & under 30 years of age R450, **Deadline: 31 August.** Please speak to one of the clergy if you are interested in attending. Further details are on the notice board.

**Our new Lay Ministers introduce themselves: Ayanda Mpofo** writes: I am studying towards my LLB degree at Rhodes University and I have been part of the Cathedral Family for the past 3 years and it has been my home away from home. The Anglican Church has been a part of my life since birth and has grown my love of God this point in my life. I am excited for this new journey and the challenges it will bring as well as being able to serve my Lord and my Cathedral family as a lay minister.

**Servers Training:** There will be training for all servers on Friday, 18 May at 3:30 p.m in the Cathedral. Please contact Sally Terry for more information on 083 413 0234.

**Cathedral Youth Group** meets every Friday at 4 p.m in the Cory Room. If you wish to be part of the Cathedral Youth Group, please contact Tandiwe Gabavana on 065 902 2236.

Do explore **the Discovering Prayer** website, available at [www.discoveringprayer.com](http://www.discoveringprayer.com), which has teamed up with the Archbishop of Canterbury to create eleven new 5-minute audio prayer times. Particularly as are in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, this is a really valuable commitment to make and journey on which to embark. How about trying it in your own quiet space, or as a start for your weekly house group or Bible study?



## 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.

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	SAPB Holy Communion	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Dean Andrew Hunter
17h00	AAPB Choral Evensong	Revd Lunga Dongwana	
18h30	Student Service – “Where is Jesus?”	Canon Melany Adonis Jesus is with us in our work/studies!	

### Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
Children's Church in the Choir Vestry.	
<i>Lady Chapel flowers today are from Jeanette Eve in memory of her husband, Des.</i>	

### This Week

17 May	09h30	St Luke's Communion	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
17 May	17h00	Archdeaconry Council Meeting	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi

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. Mzinzi 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.			

### Vision of the Diocese of Grahamstown:

*That all people in the Diocese should know God's love in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.*

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!**

**Please join in prayer this week for:**

**OUR CHURCH:** We pray for those being licensed as Lay Ministers; for our new PCC; for our College of the Transfiguration placement team with us; and for the dean-designate of Niassa, Ven Eduardo Bukutu; we give thanks for the Grahamstown for Jesus mission week, and for all involved. During this week of prayer for Christian Unity: we pray for our sister churches in Grahamstown; for the various Ministers Fraternal that gather; for our shared witness. May the Lord bind us together in faith and love.

**OUR COUNTRY:** We pray for our church schools in Grahamstown: St Andrew's College, DSG, Kingswood, Good Shepherd School; for chaplains, teaching staff, families, and pupils. May the Lord bless and protect our young people. We continue to pray for all affected by the bus drivers strike.

**OUR WORLD:** We continue to pray for regions engulfed in violence and conflict. May God bring us all to live in peace.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 15<sup>th</sup> Mary Godlonton; 17<sup>th</sup> Lungile Mxube, Siyanda Dyasi; 18<sup>th</sup> Rose Spanneberg.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Thabisa & Amila Yili; Siphokazi Zama; Geoff, Margie & Charles Antrobus; Sylvester, Katie, Christeice, Melanie, Cairis, Siarra and Arabella Appollis.

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

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Jackie Shipster; Kevin Riddin, Judith Duk (Rev Claire's sister)

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

**DECEASED:** Bishop Sigisbert Ndwandwe, retired Suffragan-Bishop, diocese of Johannesburg.

**Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:**

Mon	14	John 16:29-33	Thurs	17	John 17:20-26
Tues	15	John 17:1-11a	Fri	18	John 21:15-19
Weds	16	John 17:11b-19	Sat	19	John 16:23b-28
Sun	20	Acts 1:15-17	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 21:20-25

**Services next Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost Sunday**

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07h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
18h30	Student Eucharist - "Where is Jesus"	Revd Boitumelo Gabarone	

**Dean's Letter - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Dear Cathedral family**

A very warm welcome to our new lay ministers, being licensed today: Sylvester Appollis, Siyabulela Fobosi, Tendai Goto, and Ayanda Mpofu. We also welcome The Venerable Eduardo Bukutu, the Dean-designate of Niassa, who is with us for the month of May; and our College of the Transfiguration placement team, who joined us last week. Also in town is Noel Murphy, who has come to visit our bells and our bell ringers. We have also had the "Grahamstown for Jesus" mission with African Enterprise (AE), the closing rally for that being last Sunday; a diocesan conference of Altar Servers from all over the diocese, last weekend; a number of governance meetings this past week, some very special pastoral encounters; and (yesterday) a training session in East London on the Pastoral Standards of ACSA. Personally speaking, it has been fun, busy, challenging, exciting, disturbing at times... and very worthwhile. It is good to be back in the Cathedral this morning for Sunday worship!

There has been anger and hurt at the remarks made by an AE speaker at St Andrew's College, during the mission week, and we as the Cathedral have received some harsh criticism on social media for hosting Theuns Pauw from AE as our preacher two weeks ago. The St Andrew's chaplain, Fr David Stansbury, is engaging with boys and staff, and he and the school have our full support in the way they have responded to concerns. As I stated in my pew leaflet last week, we as the Cathedral are seeking to be fully inclusive and affirming in our welcome of all, particularly in relation to sexuality. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who we worship, invites you and me into a place of deep love and healing, reconciliation, and repentance. He came "that we may have life, and life in all its fullness" (John 10:10a).

Ascension Day this past Thursday marked the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May, from Ascension to Pentecost. For many, the experience of the recent mission was of greater unity between a number of the churches here in Grahamstown. We don't necessarily agree on everything, and we do things differently in our styles of worship and other things; but we can and should stand together on the essentials of the Christian faith and our shared witness, what CS Lewis called "Mere Christianity". Let's see where the next few weeks and months take us with this. At our recent PCC meeting, we discussed the "Nehemiah Project" which is one of the outcomes of the mission: a shared project of all the churches in Grahamstown to strengthen our town with prayer networks, each based on the municipal wards. We see this as something valuable and want to give it our support.

Our Gospel reading for today, John 17:6-19, is part of the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus. He prays that we might be protected; and that we, as his followers, would be one – united; and that we might be "sanctified [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy] in the truth; your word is truth" (Jn 17:17, NRSV). One of the key themes of the mission week was the call to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, or to recommit and rededicate one's life to Christ. I know from my own experience just how important this has been, and is, for me. It was good to hear that a number of our youngsters responded to that call. As Anglicans we do this each year, though we call it by another name: we renew our baptismal vows (at Easter). We recommit and rededicate ourselves to the Lord. And then we continue on the journey of becoming faithful followers, disciples, of Christ.

Happy Mothers' Day!

**My love to you all**

*Andrew Hunter*