

GENERAL NOTICES

Our **Sub Dean, Archdeacon Mzinzi**, is at St Clement's, Grahamstown, for the Admission of Church Officers; **Canon Claire** is at St Bart's, Grahamstown, conducting the service there. We welcome **Fr Idowu** back from his conference and time with family, and **Fr Luthando** back from a few days at home. Both our deacons, **Revd Lunga and Revd Siphokazi**, are in East London today for a deacon's retreat and the renewal of ordination vows

Musical Evening: Thanks to all who gave donations of cash, soups & breads as well as to all who helped in various ways. The amount of R4120 was raised.

The next **Anglicans Ablaze conference** takes place in Durban, KZN, 3rd – 6th 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.

Pastoral Visiting Team: All those who are willing and available to be part of the Cathedral visiting team, please speak to Revd Claire. A meeting to plan the way forward will follow shortly.

Pledges: A big thank you to everyone for their pledges. See insert of pledge breakdown.

Donations: The Youth Guild is required to make donations or help an organisation that is struggling as part of their outreach program and they have identified a place that is taking care of abandoned babies. Any donations whether it be in the form of baby food, toiletries, clothing and even nappies will be welcome. There will be a box at the back of the Cathedral where donations can be placed.

Youth Guild: A special service will be taking place on Saturday 16 June to commemorate our Youth of the country. At this service the Youth Guild will also be having a sanitary towel drive to support a school. For more information please contact Lou-Anne during office hours on 046 622 2445 from 08:00-12 noon. There is also a box at the back of the Cathedral where donations could be dropped off.

Thinking of a **thanks-giving offering** for a loved one? Please consider any of the following:

Easter Candle

Incense

Household Candles

Altar Candles

Contact June Venn on 0732178262.

Any ideas for fundraising please contact the **PCC representative** Mr Siphiso Ncaca at 082 734 1093/ ncacasiphiso29@gmail.com



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.

10th June 2018 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	SAPB Holy Communion	Dean Andrew Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
09h30	AAPB Sung Eucharist	Dean Andrew Hunter	
18h30	Big Hymn Sing	Kingswood College	

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
Children's Church in the Choir Vestry.	

This Week

Sat	16 Jun	10h00	Youth Day Service in the Cathedral
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 final preparations for Spiritfest; for Cameron Luke's visa application process and travel plans; for our Lay Ministers, especially those newly licensed; for St Clement's and St Bart's as Cathedral clergy minister there this morning; for Kingswood College and the Big Hymn Sing tonight. May the Lord bind us together in faith and love.

OUR WORLD: We pray for those in authority in our land and elsewhere; for school children and students writing exams at this time; for all places of conflict and violence. May God bring us all to live in peace.

BIRTHDAYS: 10th Jeanette Eve, Michael Whisson; 13th Axolile Maliwa; 14th June Venn, Lydia Kudye; 16th Sylvester Appollis.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Jongikhaya Cetu; Blessings Chinganga; Sivuyile Citwa; Maggy Clarke; Nicktash & Siara Cobus; Sr Carol; Audrey, Jayden & Stacey Conroy; Celeste & Trevor Cowie; Basil & Fiona Coyne.

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

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Kevin Riddin, Fr Eric Kelly.

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

DECEASED: Archbishop Khaya Mcekana (Presiding Archbishop, Ethiopian Episcopal Church)

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	11	Matthew 5:1-12	Thurs	14	Matthew 5:20-26
Tues	12	Matthew 5:13-16	Fri	15	Matthew 5:27-32
Weds	13	Matthew 5:17-19	Sat	16	Matthew 5:33-37
Sun	17	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Psalms 20	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Mark 4:26-34

Services next Sunday – 17th June – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Idowu Akinloye

Dean's Letter - Sunday 10th June 2018

Dear Cathedral family

We congratulate Revd Monwabisi Peter on his appointment as chaplain to Diocesan College (Bishop's), in Cape Town, starting in January 2019. We shall be very sorry to lose him, his wife Nokulunga and their daughters Ongamela and Onathi, from Grahamstown and the Cathedral! Let's hold them all in prayer in the months ahead; and also let's pray for the process of finding a new chaplain for St Andrew's Prep.

Our Old Testament reading for today, 1 Samuel 8, continues with the story of Samuel. Today we "fast-forward" to when he is now an old man, having judged the people of Israel all his life. They were good years.

At some point during this time, Samuel decides to make his two sons judges over Israel, but his sons "did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice" (1 Sam 8:2). Memories of Eli's sons? One commentary puts it like this: "Samuel's sons prove no better than Eli's – and that reinforces the warning from Chapter 2 against the hereditary principle" – against passing rule and authority down a single family line. Although this was the tradition and practice in many countries with monarchies, in world history, it was no guarantee of a wise ruler! Certainly the history of Israel, apart from a few exceptions, sees disaster and eventual defeat and destruction, caused by the misrule of their kings.

Deeply dissatisfied with Samuel's sons, the people now ask for a king to rule over them, like other nations. For Samuel and, we read, for God, this request is a rejection of God's rule over them. But God nevertheless instructs Samuel to set a king over them. Samuel finds and anoints Saul (1 Sam 9). And, years later, Samuel anoints David as king (1 Samuel 16). Why was this a problem? Were the people, in asking for a king, wanting the security of a known system of government and rule, rather than the uncertainty of the judges? Was it wrong for Samuel, or any other leader put in place by God, to listen to the voice of the people? What does this say about democracy and democratic government? Is the development of shared leadership in church and state, a bad thing? Who is to lead our community, and how is such a person to be chosen? Do we wait for God to raise someone up? Do we wait for hearts to be stirred and for the right person – or people – to emerge to take a particular project or ministry forward?

Is the will of God to be known through the voice of the people? In many ways, we believe that it is. That is why we as the church have vestries and synods, when we discuss matters of mission and ministry; we elect churchwardens and PCC; we have elective assemblies to choose our bishops; and we support a democratic system of government for our nation. And today we are reflecting together on the mission and life of the Cathedral, and we are asking each member to complete a short questionnaire. Let's see where all this takes us!

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter