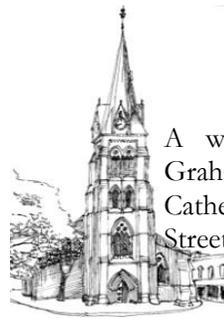


GENERAL NOTICES	
<p>The Poet and Priest George Herbert (1593 - 1633) will be commemorated at a special service of Choral Evensong in the Cathedral of St Michael & St George, Grahamstown, on Sunday 11 February at 5 pm. A number of poems by George Herbert have been set to music over the years. Some have become well-loved hymns, such as 'Let all the world in every corner sing'. Others are sung as anthems, and on this occasion the Cathedral Choir, the majority of whose members are learners at Graeme College and VGHS, will be singing two such settings by past Grahamstown Cathedral Directors of Music. The homily will be given by Professor Paul Walters, a retired Professor of English at Rhodes University who has made an extensive study of George Herbert's poetry.</p>	
<p>Shrove Tuesday 13 February: Thank you to all the generous parishioners who have donated money towards the ingredients. Thank you for all the offers to cook the fillings, mix the batter and make the pancakes, the preparation of the Hall and serving and cleaning up. (A few more volunteers would be appreciated). We still would like to borrow two more hot trays, some hot boxes and gas burners for cooking. Please could you bring them to the hall on Tuesday (clearly marked with your name)? There will be lists at the back of the Cathedral also the ingredients for the batter. Most importantly see you all at St Georges Hall, 5pm to 7pm, to eat the pancakes and their tasty fillings and have fun together. Bring your friends. Let's make it a bumper Year. Sally Terry 083 413 0234</p>	
<p>Inviting all Tertiary Students: returning and new students are invited to our annual camp at Assegai Trails on 3-4 March. Cost: R250 per person. More details to follow! Application forms will be available from 18 February. Any queries, contact Revd Claire.</p>	
<p>Cathedral Student Ministry (CSM) camp-: Once again, Revd Claire will be taking a group of Cathedral students (returning and new) to Assegai Trails on the weekend of 3-4 March. We are hoping to keep the cost the same as last year at R250 per person (accommodation and food). We hope very much that no one will be prevented from coming for financial reasons. Once again, we are humbly appealing to parishioners to sponsor a student or make a donation towards subsidising a student. Nearer the time, we will make an appeal for offers of food and eats/tea-time treats. Any queries, contact Revd Claire.</p>	
<p>Meditation Group will meet 11:15-12:30 pm, Tuesdays at the Deanery (and other homes.) Lent: Meditations on "The Kingdom of Jesus" based on a book by Roger Forster. All welcome. Contact Revd Claire or Julia Skeen on 079 270 1450 if you would like to participate so material can be prepared for you.</p>	
<p>Lent 2018: we are offering a number of Lenten weekly groups, and encourage all who are not part of groups, to join for these five weeks. Sign up lists are available at the back of the Cathedral. For further details regarding topics, venues, times etc see insert.</p>	
<p>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: 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.</p>	
<p>Readers 2018: A new year has begun, many have left Grahamstown and others have arrived! We are recruiting READERS for our Sunday morning acts of worship. This is an important ministry open to scholars, students and adults. If you have been on the roster previously, or would like to join the reading team, please sign the list at the back of the church or speak to Revd Claire.</p>	
<p>Children's Church (English) will resume on Sunday 18 February. If you love God, love children and are willing to serve in this way, please contact one of the clergy.</p>	
<p>Word and Worship: Extra copies available. R190 each. Contact Chantel Riddin</p>	



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.

**11th February 2018
Transfiguration Sunday**

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Luthando Madiba
17h00	Choral Evensong AAPB	Prof Paul Walters	Revd Siphokazi Njokweni

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

This Week			
Tues	13	17h00	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at St George's Hall
Wed	14	18h00	Ash Wednesday Service Dean Andrew Hunter
Thurs	15	09h30	St Luke's Communion Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter
Thurs	15	17h15	SpiritFest meeting in Cory Room 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.			

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- *Transformed by the Holy Spirit*

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU!

Please join in prayer this week for:

OUR CHURCH: We pray for faithful preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent, deepened repentance, and God's love and grace to be upon us during this inner journey of conversion and transformation; for the Bishop-elect of Khahlamba diocese, Archdeacon Moses Madywabe, during his pre-consecration retreat this week, and for Revd Claire as she conducts the retreat; for ordinands at the College of the Transfiguration. We continue to pray for our Director-designate of Music, Cameron Luke. May the Lord bind us together in faith, hope and love.

OUR COMMUNITY: We pray for staff and students of Rhodes University as the academic year begins. May our schools and universities be places of life, peace and hope.

OUR COUNTRY: We continue to pray for all in authority and positions of leadership and responsibility; for areas suffering from drought; we pray for rain.

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

BIRTHDAYS: 12th Zoleka Maqwili; 13th Liyema Bobotyani; 15th Gift Masocha; 16th Zanele Twaku, Cathy Pringle, Nomfundo Mvula, Wilbert Kadye

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Rudy & Kay Marx; Gift Masocha; Greversid Matiki; Bongwiwe, Bunono, Lunga, Thembisa & Vusumzi Matomane; Sally, Noah & Lithalelanga Matthews-Tabensky; Khanya Mazibuko.

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

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Kevin Riddin; Timothy Stephen.
These names will remain here for a month, unless requested otherwise.

DECEASED: Thelma Neville; Nontsikelelo Dyantyi (Sub Dean Mzinzi's aunt, in Butterworth); Siziwe Ntwanambi (Nceba January's aunt).

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	12	Mark 8:11-13	Thurs	15	Luke 9:18-25
Tues	13	Mark 8:14-21	Fri	16	Matthew 9:14-17
Weds	14	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	Sat	17	Luke 5:27-32
Sun	18	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15

Services next Sunday – 18th February – First Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Dean Andrew Hunter
18h30	Student Service	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Dean's Letter - Sunday 11th February 2018

Dear Cathedral family

Today, Transfiguration Sunday, marks the end of the Sundays after the Epiphany, and is a preparation for Ash Wednesday. The Gospel reading, Mark 9:2-9, takes us up the mountain with Jesus and with the inner circle of his disciples, Peter, James and John. There on the mountain Jesus is transfigured – “his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.” (Mark 9:3). Elijah and Moses, representing the Law and the Prophets, appear and talk with him. The voice of the Father from heaven speaks: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” (Mark 9:7). The event is understood as a fore-taste of the resurrection; an affirmation of the ministry of Jesus; the voice of God giving assurance to the disciples; a profound encounter with the glory of God; an invitation to climb the mountain of prayer; a mountain-top experience of wonder and awe and majesty and revelation. It is with this experience of the glory of God that we approach Ash Wednesday and Lent, the wilderness journey with Jesus in the lead-up to Easter.

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday is named for the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the Palm Crosses from Palm Sunday celebrations last year, are burned.

We shall of course be celebrating Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) with our usual pancake feast! Come along to St George's Hall and enjoy. But don't leave it too late in the afternoon! The delicious pancakes get eaten up in no time! The tradition of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday may have arisen as it permits the finishing up of luxuries such as butter, eggs and fat, before the start of Lent; and also to have a final feast before the Lenten fast begins! Lent is an important time and season for Christians, when we do self-examination, turn from sin, and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. It is our “wilderness” time. Jesus went into the wilderness to face temptation, and to prepare for ministry. During Lent, we enter our inner wilderness; we face our temptations and struggles; we search our hearts; we ask God to cleanse and purify us.

The Bishop-elect of the diocese of Khahlamba, Archdeacon Moses Madywabe, will be on retreat here in Grahamstown during this week, from Shrove Tuesday until Sunday. He will be staying at the CR Sisters, and Revd Claire will be conducting the retreat. His consecration will be in Queenstown on Saturday 24th February. Let's pray for him, for his family, for the diocese of Khahlamba, and for Revd Claire, during this time.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter