

GENERAL NOTICES

Dean Andrew & Revd Claire are out of town until tomorrow (17th Sept), for their younger daughter Nicola's 21st celebration weekend at Great Brak River.

Our Deacons, Revd Lunga Dongwana and Revd Siphokazi Njokweni, are attending the annual ACSA Provincial Conference of Deacons, 13th – 16th September, in Stellenbosch.

7 Days on the Wall: this is an annual event and prayer initiative, calling on all Christians in South Africa to take 7 days (168 hours) to prayer literally night and day, earnestly seeking God for revival in South Africa. There are three areas of focus for the **7 Days on the Wall** this year: Spiritual awakening of the church; salvation of the unsaved; social justice. A number of churches in our community are involved and are supporting this. We as the Cathedral have the 24 hour slot of Wednesday 19 September, starting and ending at midnight. We encourage all to participate in this, either by spending an hour in the Cathedral (during its opening hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) or at home. A sign-up list is on the glass cabinet at the back of the church, near the door. There is also an information leaflet there (please leave it there for others to also read).

Baptisms are being arranged for Sunday 7th October. If there are any applications or enquiries about baptism, please speak to one of the clergy.

St George's Fair: Those of you who would like to help out at the different stalls to please contact him or Lou-Anne at the parish office. Please take note that the **St George's Fair** will take place on **Saturday, 03 November 2018**. We are looking for **10 gazebos** to provide shade for the day. Please contact Lou-Anne on 046 622 2445 or admin@grahamstowncathedral.org if you are able to assist or know of anyone who she can contact.

Christmas Tree initiative: There are several churches in UK that are fund raising using small Christmas Trees decorated and sponsored by businesses, see here for info: <https://www.chesterfield.co.uk/events/a-festival-of-christmas-trees/> We are looking for a volunteer who would be able to take lead on the initiative here. Contact Lou-Anne at the parish office on 046 622 2445.

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.

Weekday Bible Study Groups: More information will be found on the notice board at the back of the Cathedral.



Cathedral of St Michael and St George

Grahamstown – Grahamstad – iRhini

A warm welcome to those who are visiting the Cathedral. 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.

16th September 2018 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost SEASON OF CREATION

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	AAPB Sung Eucharist	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	Revd Luthando Madiba
18h30	Student Service	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants 10 a.m St Cyprians Fair, Highlands
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This Week

There will be no Communion at St Luke's this week.

7 Days on the Wall prayer starts on Wednesday, 19 September. See back for more details.

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 give thanks for Bishop Ebenezer's 10 years in the episcopate. We continue to pray for the meeting of the Provincial Standing Committee next week, and for the visa application process for Cameron Luke. We pray for those dioceses preparing for their Elective Assemblies: Umzimvubu, Port Elizabeth and St Helena. We pray for the families and godparents of those being baptised in October. May the Lord bind us together in faith and love.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for the land expropriation process in our country; for all who farm and work the land; for wise use of our natural resources; for the State Capture Inquiry and its chair, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo; for all places of conflict, violence and suffering in the world. May God bring us all to live in peace.

BIRTHDAYS: 17th Kiara Fourie; 18th Nomfuneko Ntapane; 20th Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter; 21st Lisa Mxube.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Bishop Ebenezer, Noncedo, Zipho, Buntu, Sandisa, Esona, Anda, Cwayita, Buhle & Xolile Ntlali; Ayazingca & Ntsikelelo Nyamakazi; Nosipho, Pumla, Lynette, Andile, Pumela & Siphosethu Nyarashe.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, or house bound: Ernest Bridger, Melanie Appollis, Jeanette Hodgson, Lynette Marais and Dawn Long.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Kevin Riddin, Zukile Mcita (Revd Siphokazi's nephew).

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

DECEASED: Dudley Fletcher (*cousin of Rose Buchner and Jenny Reynolds*)

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	17	Luke 7: 1-10	Thurs	20	Luke 7:36-50
Tues	18	Luke 7:11-17	Fri	21	Luke 8:1-3
Weds	19	Luke 7:31-35	Sat	22	Luke 8:4-15
Sun	23	Isaiah 24:1-13	Psalm	2 Corinthians	John 6:1-15
			74:1-23	5:14-17	

Services next Sunday – 23rd September – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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07h30	SAPB Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	AAPB Sung Eucharist	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	Sub Dean Mzinzisi Dyantyi
17h00	Choral Evensong SAPB	Revd Lunga Dongwana	
18h30	Student Eucharist	Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Dean's Letter - Sunday 16th September 2018

Dear Cathedral family

This coming Thursday, 20th September, will be the 10th anniversary of Bishop Ebenezer's consecration as Bishop, and his installation and enthronement as the 4th Bishop of Grahamstown. We congratulate him and give thanks for his life and ministry, together with Mama Noncedo and their family.

We continue with our *Season of Creation* series. For us as Christians, together with all people of faith, the Season of Creation is not simply talks on the environment. Our starting point is that the world and all that there is, comes from the hand of God. Yes, there was a process of unfolding and development – the big bang, millions of years ago, the beginning of time, the slow evolution of the world into what we know today, the gradual formation of the continents, the great ice ages, the age of the dinosaurs, the early stone age, the tens of thousands of years of development that we glimpse in fossils and in giant rock formations.

All this, we believe, comes from the creative word and power of God. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen 1:1) With creation, including the creation of human beings, came stewardship – man was given the task of caring for the earth. Difficult words often abused: "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and *subdue* it; and *have dominion* over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'" (Gen 1:28, italics added).

From dominion comes a theology of "domination", which has been used to justify the abuse of the earth, colonialism, rampant materialism and capitalism. It has allowed people to chop down tropical forests to grow soya for cattle feed and to pollute rivers with acid mine drainage as we dig for gold, to pollute and destroy and break and burn – to do as we please with the world. Rather than dominion, let us recover the concept of stewardship – to care for, manage, oversee and protect all that God owns. "Stewardship implies caring management, not selfish exploitation; it involves a concern for both present and future."

Stewardship and care of the earth is part of the theology of creation: what we believe about God and the world. It invites us to walk on holy ground. Our theology of creation and care of the earth embraces almost everything in our world: access to drinkable water, making sure that there is adequate sewerage and rubbish removal; it touches on land ownership, expropriation, and housing needs; the fracking of the Karoo, industrial developments, wage negotiations (sharing of resources), and much more besides. So to engage with the Season of Creation is to address things that are controversial, disturbing, and very important for us all.

"We thank you, Father, for the resources of the world and its beauty... Give to all a *reverence* for your creation and make us worthy stewards of your gifts."

My love to you all

