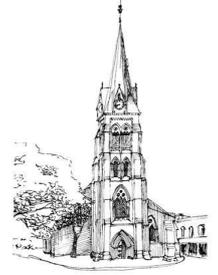




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## The Cathedral family

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this letter. After 13 wonderful years here at the Cathedral and in this diocese, the time has come for Claire and me to move on. Claire has been appointed as Rector of St Thomas's, Rondebosch, in the Diocese of Cape Town. Her institution as Rector is being planned for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021, just before the start of Lent. I shall be joining her in Cape Town (though it is not yet clear what I shall be doing there.)

When we came to Grahamstown from Cape Town in January 2008, it was for a period of 8 years. But 8 years grew to 10, and now, at the end of December 2020, it will be 13 years, the longest that any Dean has held this office here at this Cathedral.

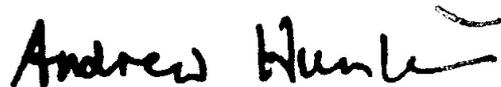
It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to have been your Dean, and for Claire and me to share in the ministry here with our clergy colleagues and with you all. Many a time have I walked slowly through the quiet of the Cathedral, when no-one else is there, praying for you all, for the worship that is held, for our witness and our life. You have been our spiritual family and enriched our lives in countless ways. We thank God for each one of you. We shall never forget you. But now the time has come for us to begin a new chapter in our lives, back home and near our family. God willing, this will be our final move before Claire retires in 6 years' time.

Our final services here will probably be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

We know that times of change and transition can be very unsettling. We entrust the Cathedral, and all of you, into the hands of the one who alone is the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ. We pray for the Bishop, Sub Dean Mzinzi and others as they seek to discern the best way forward for the Cathedral parish and for the diocese. It has been a very real privilege to serve under Bishop Ebenezer, and it has been a great gift to have Sub Dean Mzi, our other clergy colleagues, churchwardens, PCC, Lay Ministers, Directors of Music, our many wonderful volunteers, and our office staff, as part of the Cathedral team. We thank God for them and their families.

Please continue to pray for us, as Claire and I continue to pray for you.

My love to you in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dean of Grahamstown