

**CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE,
GRAHAMSTOWN/MAKHANDA**
**AGENDA of the ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING to be held in ST
GEORGE'S HALL**
on SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2020

1. **Opening Prayer:**
2. **Secretary:**
3. **Election of Scrutineers:**
4. **Present** (please complete the attendance register which is being circulated)
5. **Apologies** (please complete the apologies register which is being circulated)
6. **Minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting held on Sunday 17th March 2019 and adoption thereof.**
7. **Matters arising from the minutes of the 2019 Vestry:**
8. **Dean's Report**
9. **Churchwardens' Report**
10. **Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts:**
 - 10.1 Makana Choir School Financial Report 2019
 - 10.2 Cathedral Financial Report 2019
 - 10.3 Cathedral Budget 2020
 - 10.4 Donors 2019
 - 10.5 Re-appointment of auditors
11. **Motions. *Only those received by noon on Wednesday 04th March 2020 will be tabled.***

12.Elections:

- 12.1 Parish Roll – Canon 27 (2) and Article XXIV (10) of the ACSA Constitution
- 12.2 Ballot Papers & Pencils
- 12.3 Scrutineers
- 12.4 Proposers or seconders to speak
- 12.5 Election of Churchwardens – Canon 29 (1) and (2)
- 12.6 Election of Alternate Churchwarden – Canon 29 (4)
- 12.7 PCC Elections – Voting Procedure:
Vestry elections in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (and confirmed in 2019) required that candidates who are elected as Parish Councillors must have received a majority of votes cast. (50% +1)
- 12.8 Election of Parish Councillors – Canon 28

13.PCC Planning Day

- 13.1 PCC Planning Day, Saturday 21st March 2020
- 13.2 Admission of new Churchwardens and Parish Council, Sunday 22nd March 2020

14.Reports:

- 14.1 Altar Servers
- 14.2 Bible Study Groups
- 14.3 Cathedral Student Ministry
- 14.4 Children’s Church
- 14.5 Diocesan Youth Guild
- 14.6 Director of Music
- 14.7 Flower Guild
- 14.8 Fort England
- 14.9 Grocery Basket
- 14.10 Honorary Artists in Residence, Chris & Julia Mann
- 14.11 Lay Ministers
- 14.12 Makana Choir School
- 14.13 Marimbas
- 14.14 Meditation Group
- 14.15 Mother’s Union

- 14.16 Sacristan's
- 14.17 Sides People (07:30 & 09:30)
- 14.18 Sound System (07:30 & 09:30)
- 14.19 Spirit Fest
- 14.20 Steeple Keeper

15.Thanks

16.Closure

**CATHEDRAL PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE,
MAKHANDA (GRAHAMSTOWN)**

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING held in ST
GEORGE'S HALL on SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2019**

1. Opening Prayer

The Dean opened with a prayer reading from 2 Corinthians 4: 1-7.

2. Appointment of Secretary

Lungile Penxa was proposed by Dean Andrew Hunter and seconded by a parishioner.

3. Election of Scrutineers

Geoff Antrobus, Rodney Bridger, Thami Latha and Pearl Nzuza were elected.

4. Present

Dean Andrew Hunter (Chair), Lungile Penxa (Alt C/W), Ronaldo Burger (C/W), Theodore Duxbury, Rev Claire Nye Hunter, Maggy Clarke, Michael Whisson, Kutlwano Kepadisa, Joy Tandy, Thembi Myolwa, Nomakwezi Gabavana, Jane Bradshaw, Ven Archdeacon Mzinzi Dyantyi, Andrew Tracey, Sr. Carol. CR, Lorraine Cassem, Rev Idowu A. Akinloye, Rev Jonathan I. Bukutu, Sally Terry, Pat Terry, Jeanette Eve, Rodney Bridger, Pearl Nzuza, Thami Latha, Ayanda Dabengwa, Nqobani Dabengwa, Lynette Marais, Katie Appollis, Rose Buchner, Ann Stockwell, Peter Stockwell, Ikhona Mvaphantsi, Lou-Anne Liebenberg, Roger Embling, Rosalind Embling, Clive Whitford, Penny Whitford, June Venn, Audrey Cowroy, Ian Meiklejohn, Cathy Meiklejohn, Noxolo Kheswa, Margie Antrobus, and Geoff Antrobus.

Total: 44.

5. Apologies:

Rudi and Kay Marx, Paul and June Walters, Canon Ezra and Dr Thami Tisani, Noncedo Ntlali, Gugulethu Penxa, Patrick Pringle, Cathy Pringle, Michelle Burger, Rose Spannenberg, Yoliswa Dongwana, Kutala Gabavana, Val Buchner, Sindi Sijadu, Jeanette Hodgson, Lilitha Dyantyi, Luvuyo Mvaphantsi, Roswitha Hobson, Wendy Mfazwe, Jessica Smith,

Rev Lunga Dongwana, Rev Siphokazi Njokweni, Siyabulela Fobosi, Glyn Lloyd-Jones. **Total: 26.**

6. Minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting held on Sunday 11th March 2018 and adoption thereof.

The minutes were adopted as correct, proposed and seconded.

7. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2018 Vestry:

7.1. Municipal Accounts (Church Wardens):

Lungile Penxa and Dean Andrew Hunter explained the state of the municipal account. It was mostly disappointing updates but the church struggle with the account continues. The executive committee continues to engage the Municipality in order to address the problem with the account.

7.2. Resolution on Makana concerns (Dean Andrew Hunter):

Jane Bradshaw suggested that the motion be actioned again. Dean Andrew Hunter agreed, but indicated that it will need to be refined.

8. Dean's Report: Accepted.

9. Churchwarden's Report:

The reported was adopted with suggestions. It was suggested that Churchwardens need to contribute in making sure that church members know one another. Additionally, it was suggested that Churchwardens need to be involved in pastoral affairs and have records of parishioners. The parishioners were also concerned like everyone in town about Eskom cutting-off Cathedral due to the Municipality's inability to pay Eskom consistently and as per the contract between the two parties. This is an issue affecting the entire Makana Municipality jurisdiction.

10. Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts:

10.1. Makana Choir School Financial Report 2018

The treasurer was absent so there was less comment about the report. Maggy Clarke provided clarity on how they are paying the music intern, Kutlwano Kepadisa. She indicated that Makana Choir is dependent on donations, and Kutlwano Kepadisa's salary is paid through the Cathedral account and captured in the Cathedral account under donations, because it originates from donations. Overall, the report was adopted.

10.2. Cathedral Financial Report 2018:

The treasurer responded to questions for clarity including elaborating further on how the Music Intern's salary is captured and paid. Overall, the report was adopted. Musical Fundraising was omitted in the booklet, a parishioner raised it and it was acknowledged.

10.3. Cathedral Budget 2019

The treasurer responded to queries raised, especially in relation to how he developed the budget and what he took into consideration. The treasurer was acknowledged for the effort he put in developing the budget. Geoff Antrobus suggested that the executive should consider ring-fencing amounts allocated to fixing the Cathedral South Walls. Overall, the budget for 2019 was adopted.

10.4. Donors 2018

The donors, late Thelma Neville, the late John Cloughton, and Joy Tandy for two gifts - of which one is in memory of Ann Warring - were acknowledged for their contribution.

Geoff Antrobus suggested that the executive committee of the church should consider drawing a codicil (i.e. insert in a Will) and circulate it among parishioners so that they can enclose it in their Wills for Bequests purposes.

10.5. Re-appointment of auditors

Dean Andrew Hunter, on behalf of the Executive Committee and Parish Council Committee, recommended that the current auditors, Brandt Stoltz & CO. must be re-appointed. He motivated by reflecting on good cooperation the church had with them in 2018. The recommendation was accepted.

11. Motions. *Only those received by noon on Wednesday 6th March 2019 to be tabled.*

11.1. LGBTIQA

This was the only motion submitted. It was proposed and seconded. Maggy Clarke spoke on the motion reflecting on how it would have been progressive for the church if more was done rather than just accepting a motion. The motion was adopted, and read as follows:

STATEMENT OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made

Psalm 139:14

We affirm all human beings equally as created in the image of God, all equally sharing in God's love and grace.

We acknowledge centuries of bias and discrimination against those whose sexual orientation and gender identities differ from the dominant heterosexual male/female experience and understanding.

We welcome developing understandings of the complexity and diversity of our human sexuality, sexual orientations and gender identity. We affirm and support those who identify as part of the LGBTQIA++ spectrum.

As the Cathedral, we are actively participating in the Archbishop's Provincial Task Team on Human Sexuality which is exploring ways in which ACSA may minister more effectively to all members of the LGBTQIA++ community.

We do so in the context of the Pastoral Standards of our Province, which have the intention of the church being a safe and welcoming space for all.

I came that they may have life, and life in all its fullness

John 10:10

11.2 Makana Municipality:

Proposed by Jane Bradshaw during the meeting, the Makana Municipality motion was re-adopted as follows:

This Cathedral Vestry

Noting

1. The generally shared concern in Makana around water, rubbish removal, sewerage, roads, general service delivery;
2. The vital importance of long-term financial sustainability of the Municipality;

Affirms

Our place as the Cathedral, together with all faith-based organisations, as part of Civil society;

Warns

That without good governance, leaders of integrity, service delivery and wise use of resources, our entire community will suffer;

States

1. Our support for all individuals and organisations within civil society that are seeking to improve effective work and service delivery of the Makana Municipality;
2. Our whole-hearted commitment to the well-being of our community and all who live here;
3. **(Amendment proposed and accepted by Vestry)** Our commitment to assisting the Municipality in specific areas of need through actively making Available our expertise in those areas;

Calls

1. All who work at the Municipality to do their best for our Community;
2. And encourages all Cathedral parishioners to participate fully in community activities.

12. Elections:

12.1. The Dean reminded the meeting attendees of who was eligible to vote and or nominate candidates (e.g., voter and nominator must be

registered in the Parish Roll) in terms of Canon 27 (2) and Article XXIV (10) of the ACSA Constitution

12.2. **Ballot Papers & Pencils:** Distributed to the eligible voters.

12.3. **Scrutineers:** Geoff Antrobus, Rodney Bridger, Thami Latha and Pearl Nzuza.

12.4. **Proposers or seconders** were given an opportunity to speak briefly about the nominees.

12.5. **Election of Churchwardens in terms of Canon 29(1) and (2):**

Two candidates were nominated and duly elected, with the votes (out of the total number of parishioners present) as follows: Ronaldo Burger (38/44) and Lungile Penxa (38/44)

12.6. **Election of Alternate Churchwarden – Canon 29(4):**

No nominations for Alternate Churchwarden were received.

12.7. **Parish Council Committee Elections – Voting Procedure in terms of Canon 28.** The Meeting attendees were reminded that the voting procedure in place since 2014 required that candidates who are elected as Parish Councillors must receive a majority of votes cast (50%+ 1).

12.8. **Election of Parish Councillors – Canon 28**

Five candidates were nominated and seconded and had signed their consent form to be nominated:

Rodney Bridger (Patrick Pringle,) (38/44)

Theodore Duxbury (Patrick Pringle, Lynette Marais) (36/44)

Katie Appollis (Geoff Antrobus, June Venn) (38/44)

Siyabulela Fobosi (Kutala Gabavana, Tandiwe Gabavana) (35/44)

Ian Meiklejohn (Geoff Antrobus, Patrick Pringle) (37/44)

There were 44 voters. The numbers in brackets above indicate the number of votes received by each candidate. All candidates were duly elected.

12.9. **Election of two Lay Representatives and two Alternate Representatives to Diocesan Synod** (15-18 May 2019, St Albans East

London. The nominees were proposed, seconded and signed their consent forms to be nominated.

Two Lay Representatives:

Theodore Duxbury (33/44)

Tandiwe Gabavana (33/44)

One Alternate Representative:

Ronaldo Burger (33/44)

There was only one nominee for the Alternate Representative, and so Ronaldo was accepted as being duly elected.

13. Reports: Accepted. The Dean acknowledged the contributors for their hard work and dedication. The reports were attached from page 26 until 51 of Part 1 of the Vestry booklet. The reports were numbered 13.1. until 13.18 focusing on Altar Servers; Cathedral Student Ministry; Children’s Church (A suggestion was that it would be nice if children can have items during the service); Director of Music; Fort England; Flower Guild (it was reported that Elizabeth does the flowers without support); Grocery Basket; Honorary Artists in Residence, Chris & Julia Mann (Acknowledged); Lay Ministers; Makana Choir School; Marimbas; Meditation Group; Mothers Union; Sacristan’s; Sides People; Sound system; Spirit Fest (it was announced that Maggie Clarke is stepping down as the convenor); and Steeple Keeper (It was reported that Richard Tyson had relocated to Port Elizabeth. As a result, the bell tower was quiet between mid-September 2018 to February 2019).

14. Thanks

The Dean offered a vote of thanks to the leadership of the church, clergy team and all active parishioners who contribute in sustaining the church.

15. Closure

The Vestry was closed with the Grace at 12:30.

DEAN'S VESTRY REPORT – 15th MARCH 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:7-26

Greetings to the Sub Dean and Archdeacon of Grahamstown, the Venerable Mzinzisi Dyantyi, Lilitha; our Cathedral clergy team: Revd Claire, Rev Lunga, Rev Siphokazi, Rev Luthando, Rev Percy (COTT), and your spouses; Canon Ezra Tisani and mama Dr Thami; churchwardens Mr Ronaldo Burger (who is also our treasurer) and Mr Lungile Penxa; spouses; parish councillors and lay ministers; the people of God gathered here this morning: I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is my 13th Annual Vestry report to you all, and my 13th year as Dean. My very sincere thanks to key individuals and volunteer teams: the clergy already mentioned; our music ministry team, Cathedral Artists in Residence, Professor Chris Mann and Julia Skeen; altar servers, sacristans; flower team, sides-people and sound teams, our wonderful tea-time hosts who greet us after each service with a cup of tea and a snack. Cathedral Student Ministry (CSM). Children's Church. The various Bible study groups. Mothers Union. Diocesan Youth Guild (DYG). Office admin team, Youth Intern, Verger. We welcome Jackie Russion, who replaced Dinah Flani as cleaner and messenger; and our new Office Intern Zezethu Flani. We said goodbye to Revd Idowu Akinloye at the end of 2019, and we look forward to seeing him graduate with his PhD, in April. Congratulations to Prof Geoff Antrobus on his ordination last year.

The thanks and the reports in our vestry booklet are just the tip of the iceberg. When I look round the Cathedral during worship, and when I greet you all at the West Door as you leave after church, I realise again and again the wonderful community we have here; the gifts and abilities in each of you; the impact and positive influence that so many of you are having, here in our city. I thank God for you.

Our scripture readings for this morning tell us of God's provision of water in the wilderness (Exodus 17:1-7); the salvation that Jesus came to bring (Romans 5:1-11); the water of life (John 4:7-26). "But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). This is the living water that Jesus speaks of in the Gospel: "those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (John 4:14-15). We come to drink of the living water; we come to eat the living bread and drink from the cup of salvation; we come thirsty for the water of life. We are sustained and fed by all that God gives to us.

These images of water are given to us as we recover, slowly, from one of the worst droughts that our town has experienced. We all know what it is like to have no water in the taps, for days on end. Electricity blackouts due to ESKOM struggles are common place, and candle-lit romantic meals have become a way of life! Our economy is fragile, with growing unemployment especially among young people. SAA is on shaky ground. We have as yet seen no-one go to jail for corruption and theft. Yet we are reeling as a nation with the after-effects of the Zuma era and the massive looting that, it is alleged, took place during his years as president. As Archbishop Thabo said, we hope that 2020 will be the year of the orange overalls, as those guilty of corruption and theft actually go to jail. The ability of high placed crooks to evade consequences seems to be never ending. We are seeing the decline of our town, and the court order for Makana Municipality to be dissolved is being appealed by the provincial government and by the municipality itself. This is the context for our life and witness as the Cathedral.

Vestry is a time to look back, and to look forward. How do we evaluate and reflect on our life as the Cathedral? One way of set of bench-marks we can use as a measure, is the Five Marks of Mission.

The Five Marks of Mission express our understanding as Anglicans of God's mission to the world, and our commitment to this. The Marks of Mission are based on Jesus' own summary of his mission (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18, Luke 7:22; cf. John 3:14-17).

The *Five Marks of Mission*¹ are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (to **tell**)
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers (to **teach**)
- To respond to human need by loving service (to **tend**)
- To transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation (to **transform**)
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth (to **treasure**)

When we are involved in any aspect of these five activities, then we are part of the mission of God. Are we doing all we can? Sometimes. Could we do more, or do better? Probably. Much depends on the pool of volunteers, those who are eager to share in our life and witness. We are always on the look-out for people to join the teams, be it Children's Church, or Sidespeople, or Sound, or Altar Servers, or the Choir. But there are also many of us, many of you, who do wonderful things and are agents of life and hope beyond the walls of the Cathedral, in whatever field you find yourself. Care for the marginalised. Lifting up the broken-hearted. Acts of compassion. I look around on Sundays and I see an amazing gathering of people, remarkable individuals, who I know are doing great things, often unsung and unrecognised. If the Cathedral offers a sacred space and an encounter with God for the

¹ <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/identity/marks-of-mission.aspx> accessed 14th April 2016

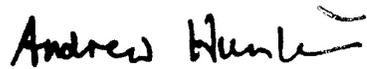
wounded and exhausted, so that we can return to our weekly activities renewed and inspired, then we are doing what we need to do.

We are primarily a community of faith, shaped by God's grace through Word and Sacrament, open to the Holy Spirit. What ideas are bubbling up amongst us? Could we access the historic spring below the Cathedral and make it available to all? Could we work to make the Cathedral and our buildings far more environmentally friendly? Off the grid? What about solar panels on all our roofs, with batteries and better lighting? How could we do things differently, or better, in our worship? Our artists and poets and musicians often bring insights that we need to hear. How can we listen more carefully? Give more space to Chris, Julia, and others? Ministry to and with young people: Revd Claire is already chaplain to our students, and also part-time chaplain and counsellor at the Good Shepherd School. How do we encourage our teenagers and youth?

And where to from here? I had never expected to be here as Dean for as long as this. It was going to be eight years; then ten; but now it is twelve, going on who knows. I have just over three years before I retire. Going forward, I am concerned for the life and well-being of the Cathedral. Our vision for the future. Our growth as a community. Our life of prayer. Raising up leadership and ministry. Worship that reflects our Eastern Cape and also international identity, the best of the old and the best of the new, using traditional and contemporary music, different languages. Being a place that draws in people from all over. A good place to be. Financial sustainability. And much more besides.

We return once again to the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness. They were desperate. No food, no water, no where to go. Lost and drifting. Yet again and again, God provided. Water from the rock. Manna and quails. Bread and meat. The cloud by day and the fire by night. The place where there is nothing else we can do except look to God to provide. We have been there before, many times in these past twelve years. We are in such a place again. We look to God to provide, to guide and to lead us.

May God bless us in our life and journey together.



The Very Reverend Dr Andrew Hunter

Dean of Grahamstown

15th March 2020

Churchwardens' Report for the Year 2019

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Vestry 2019 did not elect an Additional Churchwarden. Ronaldo Burger has made himself available for re-election. Lungile Penxa co-opted from PCC to assist with the burden of work carried by the Executive offered himself for election in 2019. Lungile Penxa is not available for re-election for 2020. We strongly recommend that the church recommend two people to serve at Churchwarden or Alternate level. The role of churchwarden is multi-layered; we are involved in almost every area of the Cathedral Parish's life; it is challenging, but always satisfying.

2 BUILDINGS

2.1 Cathedral Improvement Plans

The Cathedral building continues to be maintained. We prioritize urgent repairs and plan for significant repairs. In 2018 financial year, the highest maintenance included the restoration of the stained-glass windows. In 2019, we identified that Cathedral lighting needs to improve. We sourced quotations to ascertain the cost of this work. The process of sourcing quotations for the lights has been frustrating, because service providers take their time to do the quotations, and some of the quotes do not cover the aspects we have identified. We have been getting figures stipulating the cost of the work without a clear breakdown of our request. This issue is still on-going. Once satisfactory quotations are received, the church finances will determine whether cathedral

lighting is improved sooner or not. We were also affected by cashflow on a month to month basis.

2.2 St George's Chambers

As this rental income is within rands of equalling our Pledged Giving income, it is crucial to keep our "tenants" reasonably happy: without them, our operating budget would be reduced by nearly 50%. We continue to prioritize urgent maintenance issues from the Chambers.

2.3 St George's Hall

In 2018, we installed a much more economical ("green") hot water heater for the kitchen. In 2020, the priority for St George's Hall will be the fixing of roof leaks identified.

2.4 Cathedral office

The office was painted to give it a new look and as part of maintaining the beauty of the walls. We also replaced all office blinds. To improve the effectiveness of staff, the office received a new computer improve work done by the Youth and the Office interns.

Deanery & Sub-Deanery Buildings

We continue to do urgent maintenance in the Deanery and Sub-Deanery buildings. We are pleased to inform you that the church has managed to pay back the Dean on maintenance projects he had to conduct from his pocket due to inadequate finances from the church to carry out the work. We have also identified areas that require future maintenance. We are planning to do painting for both the Deanery and Sub-Deanery buildings. We have started sourcing quotations for this work.

2.5 Registers and Terrier

2.5.1 Canon 32 1 of the Anglican Church of South Africa requires that the incumbent and churchwardens

- maintain an inventory of all movable property belonging to the parish;
- maintain a Register of all immovable property occupied by or belonging to the parish

2.5.2 .

2.5.3 Besides, Canon 29. 7 states that the churchwardens are:

- to keep an inventory of all goods, ornaments and furniture belonging to the church and to deliver the same to their successors on ceasing to hold office;
- to provide for the safety and preservation of the registers.

In 2018, an extensive photographic portfolio (compiled by June Walters) covered all vestments and communion vessels. In 2019, we were understaffed as churchwardens but continued to maintain the inventory list partially. Hence, we strongly recommend prayers for the church to elect three churchwardens in 2020, so that this area can get the full attention it deserves.

PEOPLE

Clergy

2.6 We continue to give thanks to God and to our clergy for their faithful and dedicated work for God in our parish. We are grateful for Dean Hunter’s wise and patient leadership both in the Cathedral and in the Archdeaconry and Diocese. He performs all his duties with grace, care and love. The Sub-Dean, the Ven Mzinzisi Dyantyi has been given an increasingly important role in the life of the Diocese. We also have the presence of the Senior Assistant Priest and Cathedral Chancellors, the Reverend Dr Claire Nye Hunter, who continues to contribute in different aspects of Ministry including children and youth. Deacon Reverend Siphokazi Njokweni, with her wealth of teaching experience, has been made Chaplain to the Choir, and equally experienced Reverend Lunga Dongwana appointed as a Youth Chaplain. Diocesan Media Officer, the Reverend Luthando Madiba has also been appointed as Chaplain to the Community of the Resurrection and ANSOC, while the Reverend Idowu Akinloye added a truly “international” dimension to our preaching and ministry team. On behalf of all worshippers at the Cathedral, we record a deep vote of thanks to this group of dedicated “labourers in the vineyard”.

Lay staff

2.7 We are happy to announce that the Cathedral office has reached stability after the appointment of Lou-Anne Liebenberg as the Administrator, Janine Jegels as Parish Secretary, Tandiwe Gabavana as the Youth Intern, Zezethu Flani as the Office Intern, and Jacqueline Russion as the Cleaner/Messenger.

2.8 Sidesmen

One of the many duties of the Churchwardens is “to see to the seating of the congregation, without respect of persons” (Canon 29 7); we delegate this duty to our sidespeople (of both genders). We are very grateful to the men and women who do this important but unglamorous duty. The sidesmen and women are the first people that members of the congregation see on entering the Cathedral, and their welcome is enormously important.

Choir School

The long-awaited Director of Music, Mr Cameron Luke arrived in April 2019 to ensure that the church maintains a high standard of worship through music. The music intern Kepa Kutlwano Kepadisa (affectionately know as Kepa) assists the directorship of music. In addition, Kepa established the Makhanda Kwantu Choir, which includes several of our Cathedral Choir members, and brought high distinction to our City at the World Choir Games.

General

Our PCC year began with a really useful and inspiring Day of Reflection and Planning at Rhodes University’s Continuing Education Centre. This day together has contributed to an excellent spirit of co-operation in the PCC throughout the year under review. The governance structures and procedures instituted by Dean Andrew continue to work well.

Your Churchwardens attend 10 Executive Committee meetings and 10 PCC meetings between vestries, and there are normally 4 Archdeaconry Council meetings in that period as well. At least one Warden is nominated to be present at each of those. Then (especially in the past year) there are special Diocesan events where each parish must be represented. Ronaldo Burger has settled into the role of Treasurer and

works tirelessly as this complex task. Lungile Penxa has been of invaluable assistance, and his up to date knowledge of governance, administrative and personnel procedures has proved a most valuable asset to the Executive.

3 MONEY MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Audited Financial Report 2019

- 3.1 Brandt, Stoltz and partners of Grahamstown, audited the financial reports and these are attached.
- 3.2 We invite parishioners to inspect our financial reports and send comments and queries to the Treasurer. A copy of the audited financial statements will be made available on the Cathedral's website as well.
- 3.3 Recommendations from our half-year audit advised us that we should bank all monies/collections and we must not use the collections for other purposes like for cash float at the St George's fair, for example. The auditors explain that it does not allow for a fair presentation of our plate collections when we do this. We will, therefore, endeavour to comply and apply this recommendation to satisfy the auditors' recommendations.

Financial Highlights for 2019

A. Income:

Pledged Giving and plate collections

- 3.4 The pledge year is effectively from November 2018 to October 2019, so the Financial year 2019 includes a major part of it:

We collected well for 2019; We received a total of R692,672 from all pledgers for the year; We expected an amount of R831,246. Although we did not reach our target amount, we acknowledge that some of the reasons for this were: A tough year, economically; increase in the VAT rate; loss of some pledging parishioners throughout the year; We thank all faithful pledgers for their committed giving;

Total Plate collections received for the year amounted to R79, 236, very close to our target of R80,235;

3.5 Our cash reserves in our bank account at the end of 2019 were standing at R281,892.

3.6 Donors:

1. Sheila Davies – R26,821;
2. Thelma Neville – R20,000;
3. John Claughton Estate – R343,519
4. William Barham – R10 000

3.7 **Fundraising in 2019:**

•**St George’s Fair:**

The Fair for 2019 was once again a huge success, thanks to the Organising Committee and all the parishioners and members from the Community who helped and supported the event. The total proceeds from the Fair amounted to R39,207;

B. Expenditure:

3.8 On the spending side, we tried to remain cautious with our spending throughout the whole year, and some big maintenance work is still on hold pending sufficient cash reserves:

- We spent maintenance costs amounting to R133,256 on repairs and maintenance on the Cathedral, which includes an amount of R62,100 for Restoration costs of the West Windows.
Other costs included work on the Deanery and Sub Deanery (this excludes the St George’s Chambers); We repainted the Parish office, the passage and the Dean’s office, and fitted new blinds; We had various plumbing costs, electrical costs, new energy-efficient lights were installed in the Cathedral; fixed roof leaks, fixed broken toilets, replaced broken tiles;
- Restoration of South Windows was completed in January 2019; Of the total cost of R107,295 reported in the 2018 Financial year an outstanding balance of R67,295 was settled during 2019;

- R40,293 was spent on the maintenance of the Chambers;

- The Dean’s Green project:

The Dean has a vision of the Cathedral and all its buildings to go “green”- watch the space for further developments on this initiative;

Solar geyser (R21,011) – we finally managed to settle the amount we owed to the Dean for this cost; a solar geyser was fitted in the Deanery to save on electricity costs; A similar system is being sort for the Sub Deanery building;

3.9 Makana Municipality – this is still a huge concern and a huge challenge for us to resolve; We have had little success to meet with Makana Municipality officials to assist us with our accounts. At the end of last year (i.e. 2019), our Administrator, through pure persistence, managed to receive historical accounts from them detailing where the incorrect billing of our rates started; This is a work-in-progress matter and at this stage, unfortunately, all we are able to report on. Rest assured that the Executive Management and the Administrator are working hard at finding an urgent resolve to this matter;

3.10 Budget 2020

A summary of the budget for 2020 is given in the attached schedule. We have projected cautiously and tried to keep the budget as realistic as possible by using the historical cost basis method and by applying average costs where applicable.

3.11 Income:

- Our committed pledges for the new year are expected to be slightly lower than last year;
We expect to receive an amount of R817,066;

1.15 Expenditure:

- The diocesan assessment for 2020 has increased from R425,881pa to R448,594pa;
- Foreseeable major costs:
 - 1) Bathroom leaks at Deanery;

- 2) Sub Deanery interior repaint;
- 3) Restore floors of hall and Cathedral;
- 4) Repair dampness on South walls of Cathedral;
- 5) Install water tank at Cathedral;
- 6) Repair sewerage problem at Cathedral;
- 7) Makana Municipality accounts arrears;

3.16 As per usual this budget depends strongly on the anticipated pledged giving and our plate collections. We thank all parishioners for their committed giving during the previous financial period and plead that they will remain committed to their faithful giving to the Cathedral so that we may continue to fulfil its financial obligations and thereby continue with effective and efficient Ministry to all;

Ronaldo Burger

Lungile Penxa

Churchwardens 2019/2020

ALTAR SERVERS:

Servers 07:30 Service

The team of three servers are Melanie Lancaster, Peter Bailie and Lynette Marais. We continue to pray that new volunteers to serve will come forward to offer their services to God.

Cathedral Altar Servers Team : Report for 2019 to 2020

Report to the Parish Vestry Meeting March 15 2020

The coordinating team for the Altar Servers consists of the Reverend Lunga Dongwana, Lynette Marais (coordinator 7.30 am services) and Sally Terry (coordinator for 9.30 am services and the Special Services).

We are blessed with a core of approximately fifteen scholars and five students and a few of the new Lay Ministers. However, the core of reliable members is about fifteen in total. Training has been erratic this last year a combination of school terms and the administrator being away for family commitments. One is very grateful to these youngsters who take their responsibilities very seriously and who are very keen to do their best. For this I say thank you to each and every one. However, communication is still a problem and we must work to improve this.

We continue to make a plea for new members, but on the understanding that it is a commitment and requires each member to be available for training sessions (sadly those arranged last year were poorly attended). We especially are looking for people who will be available during the school holidays and for special services.

Training and roster are a problem at the moment and tended to be ad hoc last year. In this following year I hope we can identify someone to take over both duties as after more than ten years the administrator feels it is time for person with a new vision and energy as I hope that I can stand down.

We are very fortunate to have adequate vestments apart from the girdles which have diminished in number, we are also very grateful that the Chief Sacristan, June Venn has made sure that there is always a good supply of candles, incense and charcoal. The thurible, proved to be a challenge, however a local jeweler mended it and fixed the boat. This he does very reasonably so we are grateful. In the new year we may need to

get some more glasses for the acolytes candles as we are down to the last two in our secret supply.

We are very grateful to the reliable and loyal members of the team who have supported the worship during the last year. Thank you very much.

Reverend Lunga Dongwana and Sally Terry

Bell Ringing

The bells haven't been rung since last year November.

We have James Champion a British ringer ringing with us on Tuesday 18th Feb. He visits S.A. once every two years. We remember him fondly for tolling the bell for each year of Mandela's life, on the day of Mandela's funeral.

We won't be offering bell tower tours at Spiritfest this year as Richard Tyson and Fiona are unavailable and we haven't heard back from Cameron Luke.

Cathedral Student Ministry

Vestry Report 2019

Falling in love with Jesus, was the best thing I have ever done!

Our vision and mission

Our vision is to foster an inclusive community of hope where no student goes hungry; spiritually, emotionally, physically, or relationally. Our mission supports our vision through focusing on the following core values:

- We commit to **investing** in our students through spending time with them, expressing love appropriately, praying with - and - for them faithfully and mentoring them through questions of faith and daily experiences.
- We commit to **instructing** our students with the core doctrines of the Christian faith and equipping them to grow spiritually.

- We acknowledge that in order to **inspire** our students, we must be passionate followers of Christ and challenge each other to live for Christ.
- We strive to **create opportunities** and spaces for students to serve the Church, minister to the needy and evangelize.

The 2019 Core Team

The Cathedral Student Ministry (CSM) have been blessed with an amazingly diverse, dedicated, committed, enthusiastic, reliable and hardworking leadership team in 2019. The leadership team consisted of Theodore Duxbury (Chairperson), Ayanda Dabengwa (Deputy Chairperson), Zenande Landu (Secretary), Ayabulela Matolweni, Tshekiso Kepadisa, Kundai Jimu and Anelisa Kelemi. The leadership team was coordinated by the Chaplain and founder of CSM; the Cathedral Canon Chancellor and Senior Assistant Priest, Revd Dr Claire Nye-Hunter.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our extended team members; Mama Jane, Mama Jill, Basil, Peter and sacristans for availing themselves to assist with the reception of gifts, transport, prayer ministry, preparation and welcoming during the 2019 CSM Services. We are also grateful to the Cathedral of St Michael and St George and its parishioners for their support, donations and for allowing us with a space to worship and function.

1 Corinthians 12:14

“For the body is not one member, but many.”

CSM Weekly Services

Our Core Team met every Tuesday evening in the Cory Room at 5:30pm to plan our student services and future activities. The CSM services were held in the Cathedral Lady Chapel on Sundays at 6:30pm during the Rhodes University term time and covered a variety of topics under the theme, ***“Falling in love with Jesus”***.

Our aim has always been to have sermons which are relevant to the lives of students/youth people and we can confidently say that we have achieved this with the help of our Chaplain and guest preachers each week

Outreach

1. **Valentine's Day Cards, 14 February 2019:** The Core Team met in advance to plan, design and craft Valentine's day cards which were handed out to students on campus. The cards had *Psalm 73:4* printed on it. This was done to share love and joy and to recruit new students.
2. **Shrove Tuesday, 5 March 2019:** We volunteered to assist, on the day, with the Cathedral Shrove Tuesday event.
3. **Cards of Encouragement, 22 March 2019:** We crafted and handed out '*cards of encouragement*' for the students as one of ***The CSM Acts of Kindness***.
4. **Campus Interfaith Prayer and Meditation, 7 May 2019:** CSM expressed their support for the fight against gender-based violence through joining the *Campus Interfaith Prayer and Meditation* evening.
5. **Senior's Tea, 5 October 2019:** We had our annual Senior's Tea in St George's Hall. It was an afternoon filled with singing, laughter and games. Many thanks to our senior citizens for sharing this afternoon with us. Thanks to the **Diocesan Youth Guild** for assisting with the event!
6. **Fun with the Cathedral Children's Church 2019:** CSM conducted a Sunday School Lesson with the Children's Church.
7. **St George's Fair, 02 November 2019:** CSM also played a vital role in the annual St George's fair. We volunteered to be in charge of the '*Kiddie's Play Station*'.

Socials and Fundraising

1. **Games Night on 21 September 2019:** We had a very successful games night which also served as a platform to invite new students to join CSM. Thank you to all those who donated snacks and games!
2. **Movie Night, 8 March and 16 August 2019:** CSM conducted two movie nights in 2019. The Proceeds of the first movie night was donated to Mozambique Fund to support them during their recovery from a natural disaster. The second movie night raised

funds for the Cathedral Students to attend the 2019 Taizé Conference in Cape Town.

3. **Grahamstown Cathedral Concert, 14 September 2019:** We conducted a successful Cathedral Concert to raise funds for the Cathedral Students to attend the 2019 Taizé Conference in Cape Town. Thank you to Lou-Anne and the Cathedral Parish Office for assisting with organizing the logistics of the event and to all the performers (Cathedral Marimbas, Leopards Voice, Bayanda Mtetho, Kwatu Choir and others) who assisted in making the event a success.

Cape Town Pilgrimage of Trust Taizé Conference

Several thousand young adults gathered from the 25th to 29th of September 2019, from South Africa and other countries. The Pilgrimage of Trust was geared towards celebrating Christ as a source of peace and true reconciliation, to pray, worship, to share in our faith, to interact with people from different cultures and to experience the Church as a ferment of unity and communion. The following delegates from the Cathedral and Grahamstown Diocese attended the Taizé Conference in Cape Town:

- Mr Theodore Orlando Duxbury (CSM Core Team member)
- Ms Tandiwe Gabavana
- Ms Ayanda Dabengwa (CSM Core Team member)
- Ms Siposethu Kepe
- Ms Nonkulunga Manganya
- Mr Asakhe Cuntsulana
- Ms Anelisa Kelemi (CSM Core Team member)
- Mr Kutlwano Kepadisa (CSM Core Team member)
- Sister 'Neheng Tsoaeli
- Ms Esther Mostard

Thank you for the prayers and support. Thank you to those donated resources and shared the fundraising events during this time. It was greatly appreciated!

Congratulations

We would also like to congratulate the following members on completing their degrees and graduating in 2019; Theodore Duxbury, Ayanda Dabengwa, Anelisa Kelemi, Kundai Jimu and Ayabulela Matolweni.

Conclusion

This year has been a most enriching, challenging, stressful, growing and joyful year in our life together. Thank you to the amazing Core Team Members who shared in the functioning of CSM. We would like to bid farewell to the following Core Team members; Ayanda Dabengwa (Deputy Chairperson), Ayabulela Matolweni and Anelisa Kelemi (Music leader). Thank you to all of you for delivering such great teamwork. Thank you for always being so reliable, we could always count on you to be there and that's special! Thank you for always going above and beyond what's expected of you! Your work and dedication was outstanding. I thank God every time I remember you! Thank you.

Mr. Theodore Orlando Duxbury
Cathedral Student Ministry Chairperson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VESTRY REPORT

The year 2019 was a very productive and blessed one for the Children's Church family, we not only increased in number but in faith and fellowship as well. We had our very first Holy Communion classes which entailed a short course of about 6 weeks where the children were taught about the importance of receiving communion and what it symbolizes in the life of a Christian. The dedication of the children, the support of their parents/ guardians and the guidance of Reverend Claire helped to ensure that the classes were a success. On the 26th of May 2019, our students who had fully attended the lessons, graduated and were given certificates to celebrate the successful completion of the Communion classes.

The Children's Church played a significant role in the life of the Cathedral by occasionally performing some of the songs and dances in

front of the congregation and helping with the flag procession on particular Sundays. Green Anglicanism was a very crucial theme in 2019 which meant that we spent quite some time teaching and discussing with the children on the importance of re-cycling, re-using and reducing waste. This was also tied in to the “Season of Creation” theme which takes place annually in September where the children are reminded of the important role of taking care of God’s creation.

Our lessons for Sunday school take place in a very flexible structure which includes; praying, biblical lessons, singing, dancing, drawing, coloring-in, painting and playing educational games. The ages for our children ranged from 3years to 12 years and we conducted the lessons in Xhosa and English for maximum participation and inclusion. The children also support the Cathedral by attending annual events like the St George’s Fair where they particularly enjoy the jumping castle and face painting offered by the Kiddie’s Corner stall. The year 2019 ended on a bitter-sweet note with a farewell party organized by Ikhona Mvaphantsi and Reverend Claire which was a Christmas party and an opportunity for me and the Children’s Church family to say our goodbyes.

For all the great and treasurable moments that we had, for all the lessons and memories we thank the Cathedral for the love and support and our Almighty God for the blessings.

Report compiled by:

Ayanda N Dabengwa.

CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

DIOCESAN YOUTH GUILD

2019 REPORT

The Youth Guild this year struggled with numbers but with the few members still being part of the Youth Guild we have been able to continue to fellowship with our Chaplain; Reverend Lunga Dongwana as young people and partake in outreach activities.

Our year started off with having 2 members of our Parish being elected into the Archdeaconry Executive; Tandiwe Gabavana as the General Secretary and Mandilakhe Ncwadi as the Organiser.

In August the Archdeaconry Family Weekend was held. The Cathedral Youth Guild helped with the Cathedral stall as well as the Archdeaconry Youth Guild stall where we contributed in the products sold.

In September Taize the pilgrimage of Trust was held in Cape Town two of our members were able to attend from the Cathedral and two from our Archdeaconry. Taize was a wonderful experience and those who were able to attend reported back at one of our Sunday Eucharistic services.

The Cathedral Youth were also invited by the Student Ministry to help prepare the Seniors Tea.

In November the Cathedral Youth Guild had a stall during the St George's fair where we sold popcorn and party packs at the Kid's zone.

In February, during Education Sunday the Youth was involved in preparing the back to School service which was held at the Cathedral on the 7th of February 2020.

We are very grateful to the reliable and loyal members of the team who have supported the worship during the last year.

Thank you

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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FORT ENGLAND

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist continues at Fort England on Saturday mornings at 10:30. The number of patients varies considerably depending on the weather or whether they are allowed to leave their ward. The patients are predominantly male with females attending on rare occasions. Females are only allowed to attend if a ward-carer and a security guard are available to accompany them. Nevertheless it is rewarding to see the growth in the number of worshipers over the past

few months. This important outreach ministry is performed by Rev Lunga Dongwana and Lynette Marais (lay-minister).

FLOWER REPORT

Thank you to all who help, when needed, to arrange flowers for special occasions. Artificial flowers are used due to unavailability of fresh flowers for big arrangements.

There is a list at the back of the church for anyone who would like to arrange fresh flowers in the Lady Chapel.

Flowers for weddings and funerals are the responsibility of the families concerned.

Elizabeth Breetzke

GROCERY BASKET

Our Parish continues to support five needy families fortnightly. We thank the parishioners who give so unselfishly towards this very important project. Our Parish also budgets an amount for the project each month. I do the shopping together with Dinah Flani (now retired) who then divides them between the five families. Each family receives the basics plus a generous amount of fresh vegetables. Towards the end of the year we did a swop with some of the families so that others may get a chance to hence we only feeding five families now.

Lou-Anne

LAY MINISTERS VESTRY REPORT 2020

Our wonderful team of lay ministers are an extension of the pastoral, sacramental and worship life of the Cathedral. They assist in leading worship and in providing pastoral care. We spent much of last year on Prayer Ministry training, during our bi-monthly meetings, and some LMs have now begun assisting with Prayer Ministry during Sunday services. Our house group leaders are also largely from within this group. We sadly said goodbye to Prof Geoff Antrobus as a LM, following his ordination last year, and congratulate him. Brookshaw and Fort England

continue to receive regular ministry from lay ministers. The Synaxis and the Prayers at the Eucharist are led by lay ministers, and their involvement in worship in this way is a great blessing.

Our annual placement team of ordinands from the College of the Transfiguration come onto the lay ministers' roster during their time at the Cathedral, and our 2020 team joined us in mid-February, for the 1st semester. While the core of the LM team is made up of long-standing Cathedral members, we continue to encourage students here with us in Grahamstown during their years of study, to be licensed. A number of students have been part of our LM team, but with some having completed their degrees, we are looking for new ones to come on board. Our student LMs tend to be senior students (i.e. not first years).

Members of the LM team take it in turns to arrange the duty roster. Lay ministers meet every second month. There is regular training, input and reflection. The LM team is often a valuable sounding board for matters of pastoral concern. It is also a space where we discuss current theological issues, a recent example being the response of ACSA to the CRL proposal to regulate faith communities in SA.

Our very sincere thanks to all who form part of this team.

Dean Andrew Hunter

MAKANA CHOIR SCHOOL

It was with great delight that we welcomed our Director of Music, Cameron Luke, at Eastertide 2019. Until he arrived Kutlwano Kepadisa (Kepa) our Choir Intern, was in charge of the choir, and he continued to assist Cameron ably. He has more than earned his promotion to "Assistant to the Director of Music", which is his new title in 2020. Glyn Lloyd-Jones and Jessica Smith led classes in musicianship for the junior choristers in the first half of the year.

At the beginning of 2019, there were nine junior choristers. Four were from Graeme College (all senior school), three from Victoria Girls High School, one from Victoria Primary, and one girl from Mary Waters High School. Mary Waters is a no-fee school, so this chorister did not receive a scholarship. One of the boys did not apply for, or receive a scholarship, so that meant that seven scholarships were awarded in 2019. In addition, there was a single Probationer from Graeme College, whose attendance was never steady enough to warrant his being admitted as a full member of the choir during the year.

As it happened, all the girl choristers attending VG and Mary Waters were in Grade 12, which meant that all four of them left school when they wrote Matric at the end of 2019. No new choristers or probationers joined the choir during 2019, so we began 2020 with five boy choristers, one girl chorister and a boy probationer. It is with relief that I can report that Nzulu Nzwana, who served throughout 2019 as Head Chorister while he was in Grade 11, is still with us and serving in this capacity. The Choir School Committee has passed a resolution that in future, Farewells to matriculating choristers, and the Induction of the Head Chorister, will take place in the middle of the year, to ensure continuity.

In a change of focus, the Makana Choir School has now resolved in future to recruit choristers from no-fee schools, in particular Good Shepherd (a junior school with a historic connection to the Anglican Church). This has been explained to our funders, and will result in less of our budget being spent on scholarships, and more on transport, i.e. taxis to ensure that Good Shepherd children get taken home safely after training which takes place after school hours. The present scholarship holders will continue to be supported by the MCS until they matriculate (provided they continue to meet the required criteria).

At our AGM on 1 September 2019, Prof Paul Walters was elected Chair of the Makana Choir School Committee, with Jessica Smith (now Lloyd-Jones) Treasurer, Maggy Clarke Secretary, Cathy Meiklejohn Fund-Raiser and Zoleka Sandi Parent Representative. Other committee members elected were: Kutlwano Kepadisa, David Gain and Glyn Lloyd-Jones. The Director of Music, Head Chorister and the Chaplain the Revd Siphokazi Njokweni are ex officio members of the Committee.

We would like to express gratitude to our funders, in particular the New Settlers' Foundation which gave R100,000 for 2019, and the same sum

for 2020. After a two-year break, we have again received funding from the Donaldson Trust, a sum of R27,000 for 2020 to be used for training new choristers. A number of individuals give monthly sums, and certain anonymous donors made it possible for Bayanda Mthetho, one of our boy choristers, to receive organ lessons in 2019. Apart from the scholarships, our main expenses are the honorarium for the Music Director's Assistant (formerly Choir Intern), and transport costs to take the children home after practices and training sessions. Details can be found in the Audited Financial Statements.

Maggy Clarke, Secretary, Makana Choir School

CATHEDRAL MEDITATION GROUP 2019

Report for Annual Vestry Meeting

By Julia Skeen and Rev. Claire Nye-Hunter

The Cathedral Meditation Group had another good year with regular meetings from February through to December, held on Tuesday mornings from 11.15 am to 12.30 am.

The group was facilitated by Rev. Claire Hunter and Julia Skeen.

We met mostly at the homes of Rhona Duncan, Ishbel Sholto-Douglas and Leela Pienaar who generously opened their beautiful homes and gardens to us. Our grateful thanks are extended to them.

Attendance was on average 10 to 12 people.

Laurence Freeman, a Benedictine monk based in the UK was a major focus of the year. Two sets of meditations were based on his CD talks which we listened to and then reflected on the themes. The first was Praying with The Masters and the second was on Discipleship.

Further Freeman meditations included The Christ Within, Taking attention away from ourselves and Remembering.

We also did three meditations by John Main, who like Freeman was a Benedictine monk. These were: On Silence, The Mystery of Time and Emotions and Spirituality.

Claire led us through Lent with Lectio Divina guided meditations based on the Year C Sunday readings. At other times we used material from

Joyce Rupp's book "The Cup of our Life" and some Walter Wink meditations including The Heart of Jesus Spirituality.

CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE – GRAHAMSTOWN

MOTHERS UNION ANNUAL REPORT 2019

We are proud to report on what our mothers have done for the past terms of the year.

Diocesan Mothers Union 20th Biennial Conference: 2019. Theme: Listen, Observe, Act in step with God.

It was a busy year for the MU in preparation for the above conference which was held on 12-15 September in East London. Mothers were busy sewing the Chasuble with specifications as prescribed for the Conference. Sister Kekeletso is seen demonstrating the details to Mama Ncwadi, Mama Noncedo Ntlali, Mama Nyarhashe, Mama Mvaphantsi and Mama Gabavana.

Membership and services:

The Nominal Roll has thirteen enrolled members. Services are held every Thursday starting at 16:30 p.m.

Visits:

It is our duty as Mother's Union to live by our objectives, Mothers conducted a Thursday service in Mama Gabavana's home as she was recuperating after the operation. Mama Madiba and her family were visited and supported with prayers during the sad loss of their beloved baby boy, Lumnene Madiba. In support to Mama Mfazwe (Deputy Diocesan President) as she sadly lost her beloved mother, Mothers thought of her prayerfully and attended the funeral in Port Elizabeth, Our General Mama Nyarhashe, the Parish Leader Mama Gabavana and the Treasurer Mama Myolwa were delegated to visit Mama Ncaca who has been at home for a long time. They motivated the member as per the Gospel according to St Luke 10:2. He said to them, "The crop is heavy, but the laborers are few."

Pastoral Visits:

The Sub Dean and Archdeacon of Grahamstown, The Venerable M Dyantyi, diligently conducted MU Eucharist services, ensuring spiritual upliftment for the Cathedral MU. On 2019/08/01, The Sub Dean brought along Sarah Mortimer (as a preacher) a visiting student from Sarum Theological College in Salisbury, England. She generously donated a sum of five (R 500) hundred rand to the Cathedral MU. Mothers are on discussion as to how to efficiently and effectively utilize this gift.

On 2019/11/07 Dean of Grahamstown, The Very Reverend Dr Andrew Hunter conducted a pastoral outreach to the Cathedral MU Thursday service. The Dean helped in handing over “Gratitude Parcels” on behalf of the MU to Mama Nwadi and brother Silulami Mize who always ensure that the Cathedral is opened for the MU Thursday services.

Family Weekend:

Mothers Union participated in ensuring the success of the event.

Stewardship:

St Georges Fair is one of the Parish events that the MU values. The Mothers Union supplied fresh produce and raised an amount of R 781.00 for the Church. Mothers Union also won the Christmas hamper raffle worth R 1 000,00 a gesture which was received with greatest appreciation.

Children’s Church:

We are proud of one of our members servitude to the Church as reflected below “Today (Sunday, 17th November) marks the end of the Sunday school programme for 2019. We are immensely grateful to Ayanda Dabengwa and Ikhona Mvaphantsi. What a great gift and blessing Ikhona and Ayanda have been this year. Thank you.” – as extrapolated from (The Deans general notices 2019/11/17)

Highlights:

On 2019/03/31: Mama Mvaphantsi gave a keynote background address about Mothering Sunday.

2019/09/12-15: 20th Biennial MU Conference. Cathedral MU achieved the set target.

2020/01/22: Cathedral MU received White Elephant fund-raising items from the Cathedral Executive and the St Georges Fair Planning Committee.

2020/01/31-2020/02/01: Cathedral MU participated in Archdeaconry Leadership workshop led by The Sub Dean.

2020/02/27: Cathedral MU elections for the new triennium (2020-2023) will be held.

MU Bazaar

the Dean's Graduation

The bunch of flowers for Mama Noncedo's birthday

The Cathedral MU participated in the following events:

- The Dean's Graduation Party when he celebrated his PhD achievement.
- Surprise celebration of Mama Noncedo's birthday
- Archdeaconry Bernard Mizeki
- Supper for the Dean's and Senior Priest's Annual Conference 2019.

In conclusion, the Mothers Union is sincerely grateful to Maggy Clarke, Mama Mvaphantsi, Mama Sijadu and Mama Mtuze for their articulate photographic skills.

Father Almighty, as members of this branch we commit its life to you, we seek your blessing in all we do and your strength in our service to the church.

Report Compiled by: Cathedral MU Executive

Countersigned by: _____ The Cathedral MU
Chaplain

The Venerable M Dyantyi

17 February 2020

SACRISTAN - VESTRY REPORT 2019

I want to salute the Sacristan Team. We are a multitasking team within the Cathedral, apart from our private lives and careers. I'm grateful to the team members who contribute in many ways, donating candles, Advent Wreath, Easter Candle, wine, water etc. I'm pleased to say that our focus is not only on Sacristan preparation .We have some who do their part as tea hostess, readers, sound techs and Deacon. We work well together and very supportive in the event of any absences. Well Done Ladies.

SIDESPEOPLES REPORT – VESTRY MARCH 2020

7H30 Service Sidespersons Report

Here is a brief report on the sidespersons' team for the 7.30 service:

We have been fortunate during the past year that few of our members were unable to undertake their duties due to illness, and most of the year went off without many hitches. This, however, did not last and we all pray for Elizabeth Breetzke's complete recovery after undergoing treatment in Cape Town. Fortunately, Kay and Rudi Marx were valiant enough to step into the breach and have already been of help in Elizabeth's absence. We wish them a long and happy relationship with our team.

Jeremy Fogg

9H30 Service Sidespersons Report

The Diocesan Youth Guild (DYG) joined the team early in 2019 and offered to do duty at every first Sunday of the month. During the second half of 2019 Felicia Pote and Sipiwo Ncanca also joined the team after a recruitment drive. We are very grateful that they were able to join the team as there was a need for new members.

The Sidespersons play a very important part in ensuring that parishioners and visitors are greeted and welcomed as they attend our services, play a part in the smooth running of the services by ensuring that Pew leaflets and hymn books are handed out, taking collection and ensure that collection is at all times counted and recorded by two Sidespersons and locked away safely after services, and ushering during

Communion etc. We are not always perfect but we try our utmost and deal with challenges as best we can as they arise.

I once again would like to take this opportunity to thank all Sidespeople, both from the 7H30 and 9H30 Services teams. A special thanks goes to Jeremy Fogg for coordinating the 7H30 team. As in the past, we also thank Peter Stockwell for being willing to occasionally help out when gaps arise at the 9H30 Services.

Lastly, there is always a need for new members, so if anyone feels moved to serve the Lord in this way, please speak to one of the Sidepersons who will make the necessary arrangements.

Blessings

Rodney Bridger

February 2020

SOUND DESK OPERATORS REPORT – VESTRY MARCH 2020

The Sound Desk Operators are June Venn and Rosemary Buchner who serve mainly at the 7H30 Services. The 9H30 Service team members are myself, Dale Pote, Mpumzi Hadi, Ian Meiklejohn and Sibulele Williams.

As can be seen above, we are also in need of more members, especially for the 7H30 Services as June and Rosemary are both also involved with other tasks/duties at these Services. If any of our parishioners are willing to become involved with this ministry, please speak to June or Rosemary for the 7H30 services and to myself for the 9H30 services.

No technical skills are required as training will be provided.

We experience equipment failure from time to time and always strive to get these repaired as soon as possible. However, sometimes it takes quite a while to get the equipment fixed, especially the radio mics, as these are very delicate and sometime needs to be sent to a Repair Centre outside of Grahamstown/Makanda.

An example of this is the Gospeller's Mic which took months before it was repaired. When the Gospeller's mic was eventually fixed, the Presiders mic became faulty and had to be taken in for repairs.

Fortunately, when the Presider's mic became faulty, the Gospeller's mic just came back from repairs and it could be used by the Presider.

It is quite difficult to sort out a problem when it happens during a service as we cannot interrupt or delay the service to sort the problem out. Sometimes a sound check is done before the service but when the service starts something goes wrong and not much can be done until after the service.

Everybody's patience and tolerance is therefore needed in such situations.

Despite the above situations, we have good sound most of the time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Sound Desk Operators for their commitment and involvement with the Sound at the Cathedral. Also thanks to Clive Whitford who we sometimes call on to help out or to give advice. Thanks also to Sly, our Verger, for helping to sort out problems where possible as well as Lou-Anne for the role she plays in dealing with the service provider when we need equipment repaired.

God bless

Rodney Bridger

February 2020

SPIRITFEST

Spiritfest 2019 during the National Arts Festival was an ecumenical endeavour, as it has been increasingly in recent years. However, the Cathedral continued to be a major venue, and numerous Cathedral people were deeply involved in Spiritfest events. Choral services in the Cathedral included Sung Eucharists on the two Sundays of the Festival, at the first of which the Dean preached and the Cathedral Choir directed by Cameron Luke sang Haydn's Little Organ Mass. At the second the Makhanda Kwantu Choir directed by Kutlwano Kepadisa sang Kodaly's Missa Brevis and the preacher was the Revd Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter. These services were well attended, but there were smaller congregations for two week-day services, a Choral Evensong on the first Friday evening, and a Lucernarium on the Wednesday.

Concerts in the Cathedral included the ever-popular St Michael's Marimbas under Asakhe Cuntsulana, who performed twice, and an organ recital by a former Director of Music, Christopher Cockburn. The Makhanda Kwantu Choir teamed up with a visiting choir from Johannesburg, the Quava Vocal Group, to present a 'Choral Extravaganza'. The revival of tours of the Bell Tower proved popular and informative, thanks to Catherine Letcher and Fiona Semple. Visitors particularly appreciated the chance to try their hands at ringing hand-bells, and even one of the tower bells, themselves. Chris Mann in his guise of Fafa Hopkins presented a programme in the Chapter House 'Sweet is the Fruit of the Prickly Pear'. Chris also acted as guide on a walk-about, to show visitors a selection of the original paintings and poems which went into the book 'The Horn of Plenty' which he produced some years ago with Julia Skeen. These were on display in the Rhodes Chapel.

The Chapter House again hosted a coffee shop, and was also the venue of the Spiritfest Winter School. Lectures ranged from Fr Anthony Egan SJ speaking on 'The Kin-dom of God in an Age of Uncertainty: Christian Public Witness Between Pope Francis and Donald Trump', to Thorsten Marbach on 'Art, reality and theology: the role of the arts in God's big story'. Our own Dean Andrew spoke on his PhD subject, in connection with the student protests at Rhodes in 2015-16, and Paul Walters on John Donne. Stained glass expert David Manning, whose firm has rescued so much of our priceless glass, gave two site-specific talks, one at the Cathedral, and the other in St Andrew's College Chapel.

The Cory Room has for a number of years been home to a series of exhibitions by the '40 Stones in the Wall' collective of Christian artists, although they have added other venues, including space at the Carinus Art Centre and Fort Selwyn. In 2020 they will be moving away from the Cory Room, but will continue their association with Spiritfest.

In addition to the list of events above, Spiritfest was also active in the following churches: Commemoration Methodist Church, Every Nation Church, the NGK, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and St Patrick's Church. These hosted services of worship, and there were further lectures, another organ recital, concerts, times of meditation and an Afrikaans-language drama. It is wonderful that so many people, from so many and varied denominations are involved. But it is not easy for all the

participants to get together in an act of witness at any point during the Festival. This was the idea behind the 'Ecumenical Street Parade and Celebration'. Moved from the last Sunday to the first, and from the morning to the afternoon, in the hope of catching more people, it still did not gather great crowds, and it proved impossible to persuade them to sing as they marched! More thought has to go into this for next time.

We give thanks to God for the blessings which Spiritfest 2019 brought, and for all those who worked so hard to make it happen.

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