

## Dean's Letter, 2021

Dear Cathedral family, Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This is my last letter to you as your Dean. Claire and I, with our two darling daughters Rachel and Nicola, have had thirteen wonderful years here with you all. We have come to treasure this place and this community. You will always be close to our hearts. We leave with very mixed feelings: sadness as we say goodbye, thanksgiving for the Cathedral community and our time with you, profound appreciation and gratitude for this place and its quirky, wonderful sense of being. There is nothing quite like taking a walk down High Street to the Cathedral. And the Deanery has been a wonderful family home for us all.

It has been a privilege to work with the Bishop, clergy colleagues here at the Cathedral, a series of outstanding Cathedral churchwardens and parish councillors, as well as many wonderful clergy and lay people all over the diocese. Over the years, the Cathedral has been superbly served by its lay leadership and volunteers, all of whom have brought dedication and skill to the considerable task of caring for the life and wellbeing of the Cathedral. Much of what is done is behind the scenes. Thank you to our Sub Dean and clergy; our lay ministers, sacristans, flower team, sides-people and sound engineers; our music ministry – directors of music, organists, choirs, marimbas, the Makana Choir School committee; our office administrative staff; cleaners and vergers; house group and Bible study leaders and participants; our prayer ministers; Mothers Union and Diocesan Youth Guild; altar servers; artists in residence; students and the Cathedral Student Ministry; Children's Church and Sunday School; our faithful worshippers; all who are part of the fabric of the Cathedral and who bring life and light and joy.

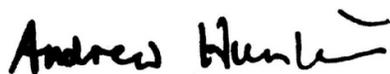
Going forward, the Cathedral will be in the hands of the Sub Dean, together with our other clergy and lay leaders. The appointment of a new Dean is in the hands of the Bishop.

There are other changes. Cameron Luke joined us in April 2019. He has been a brilliant organist and has brought many gifts and talents to the Cathedral and the choir. He has tutored our organ scholars and conducted our choir. We thank him for all that he has contributed to the life of the Cathedral. PCC has released him from the position of Director of Music and set him free to explore other options either here in Makhanda (Grahamstown) or elsewhere. We hope that he will continue to tutor the organ scholars and be available to play the organ. In his place, we have appointed Kutlwano Kepadisa (Kepa) as Director of Music. Kepa is well known to us all and we have no doubt that he will bring energy and direction to the life and work of the choir and the music ministry in the Cathedral. Congratulations, Kepa! We also have an excellent team of organists and pianists who are available for our Sunday worship.

The piano in the Deanery, which belonged to a friend of ours, has now been bought for the Cathedral through the generosity of donors. It is now in the Chapter House. The old practice piano, formerly in the Chapter House, is now on the stage in St George's Hall. The Cathedral and Chambers gardens, which are in need of care, are currently being looked after by St Andrew's College. We are grateful to Mr Alan Thompson for agreeing to take these on.

"Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever" (Jude 24-25).

My love to you all

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