

## GENERAL NOTICES

There is a **weekly prayer meeting for the City**, held every Tuesday, 1 – 2 p.m., in the Mayor’s Boardroom, City Hall, and led in turn by pastors from various churches. All are welcome.

**Children receiving Holy Communion:** Traditionally people were admitted to Holy Communion in the Anglican Church at Confirmation. However, after much theological debate and discussion, about 20 years ago our Province shifted its position and agreed that theologically BAPTISM marks entry into the Christian family, so all baptised persons should be welcome at the Lord’s table. It was agreed that local churches and parents should be free to decide whether or not their baptised children would be brought to Communion before Confirmation. In order for our children to understand more fully the meaning of Communion, over the years at the Cathedral we have had classes to prepare the children in the context of Sunday Children’s Church. Our next “Preparation for Communion” series of classes will begin during Lent. For further information, please contact Revd Claire.

**Bible Reading Notes:** Many thanks to those who have brought Bible Reading notes to share! There is a table at the back of the church where you will find them. I warmly encourage all of us to be “People of the Word”, who practice the joyful discipline of daily Bible devotions. Please help yourself to any copy, and once you have finished it, bring it back so someone else can benefit from it too! You can also take one to give to a friend! Perhaps you might also like to think of joining a regular Bible Study Group? Do chat to Revd Claire.

**Young Adults Bible Study Group:** This group meets weekly in the Cory Room during Rhodes terms and will be resuming on Thursday 14 February, from 5.45-7pm. Young adults and students are welcome – please contact Revd Claire if you are interested in coming to join us.

Please bring in your palm crosses of last year to prepare ashes for **Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** or contact June Venn on 073 217 8262.

**Readers:** Volunteers to read the scripture lessons at our morning services are always welcome. Please give your name and contact details to Revd Claire (if she doesn’t have them already) if you would like to be part of this ministry.

**Shrove Tuesday**, Pancake Pandemonium is on **5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**. Come and enjoy a variety of pancakes and good fellowship.

**Volunteers** are need to make batter, bring ingredients, make & serve pancakes. Please sign the list at the back of the church.

**Portable CD Player:** Our Cathedral CD player has unfortunately stopped functioning and is too expensive to repair! If anyone is willing to donate one that they do not use, we would be a most grateful recipient of it! Speak to Revd Claire or contact the Office.

**Welcome Students!** A very warm welcome to all new tertiary students and those returning for another academic year! We would love to get to know you! Our weekly Student Services take place at 6.30pm on Sundays, in the Lady Chapel, beginning on 17 February. We have a WhatsApp group for easy communication. Please complete a blue “Welcome to Students” form on the glass table at the back of the church, and give it to our Cathedral Student Chaplain, Revd Claire.



## Cathedral of St Michael and St George Grahamstown – Grahamstad – iRhini - Makhanda

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.

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	SAPB Holy Communion	Dean Andrew Hunter	
09h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Dean Andrew Hunter	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
17h00	Choral Evensong	Revd Lunga Dongwana	Prof Paul Walters

#### Today’s meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants		
<b>This Week</b>			
Thurs	14 Feb	17h15	Spirit-fest Meeting Mrs Maggy Clarke

Evening Prayer	16h30	Mondays and Fridays ( <i>no more Wednesday prayers</i> )
Holy Eucharist	07h00	Thursdays
MU Prayer Meeting	16h00	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 & CR Chaplain); Revd Idowu Akinloye (PhD student @ RU);  
Revd Lunga Dongwana (Deacon & Youth Chaplain); Revd Siphokazi Njokweni (Deacon & Choir Chaplain);  
Revd Percy Chinganga (COTT)

To contact the Parish Office staff by email, use: office@grahamstowncathedral.org (Administrator – Lou-Anne) and  
admin@grahamstowncathedral.org (Parish Secretary – Janine).

\*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 our shared life of worship, witness and service, giving thanks for God's gift of life through Jesus Christ. We continue to pray for Cameron Luke (Director-designate of Music), his travel plans, and for accommodation and financial support; for our Children's Church, Cathedral Student Ministry (CSM) and Cathedral Diocesan Youth Guild (DYG); for our Choir as choral services recommence; for our acting director of music and choir intern (Kepa), and marimba intern (Asakhe); for preparations for Vestry and Diocesan Synod. May the Lord bind us together in faith and love.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for all who serve in public office, especially Makana Municipality officials and newly elected Mayor Mzukisi Mpahlwa; we give thanks for recent rains, and continue to pray for rain and for a resolution to our water crisis here in Makana; for Rhodes University as the academic year commences; for the College of the Transfiguration with the start of their O-Week. May the love of Christ surround us.

**OUR WORLD:** We continue to pray for all places of conflict; for Zimbabwe during this time of crisis and protests; for Kenya following the recent terror attack; for the community of Xolobeni in their dispute with national government around the mining of the area; for the State Capture Commission, and Judge Raymond Zondo, chair; for President Cyril Ramaphosa, Cabinet Ministers and all MPs, following the opening of Parliament last week. May God bring us to live in peace.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 10<sup>th</sup> Yivani Penxa; 12<sup>th</sup> Zoleka Maqwili; 13<sup>th</sup> Liyema Magwa-Bobotyni; 14<sup>th</sup> Anita Babu; 16<sup>th</sup> Wilbert Kadye, Nomfundo Mvula, Cathy Pringle, Zanele Twaku.

**PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER:** Lorriane Mullins; Gustav, Sindi, Yolanda & Dennis Mutesasira; Lulama, Nomfundo, Luzuko; Khanya, Zintle & Bubele Mvula; Luvuyo, Ikhona, Uvuyo, Ovayo, Uvile & Anathi Mvaphantsi; Duma Myemane.

**PARISHIONERS who are sick, or house bound:** Ernest Bridger, Jeanette Hodgson, Fiona Coyne, Celeste Cowie.

**FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill:** Jackie Shipster, James Caloni (Gill Meyer's grandson); Trevin Kingsley (May de Vos' granddaughter)

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

**Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:**

Mon	11	Mark 6:53-56	Thurs	14	Mark 7:24-30
Tues	12	Mark 7:1-13	Fri	15	Mark 7:31-37
Weds	13	Mark 7:14-23	Sat	16	Mark 8:1-10
Sun	17	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26

**Services next Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

## Dean's Letter - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Dear Cathedral family, brothers and sisters in Christ

Our love and prayers are with all our students at Rhodes University as the academic year begins this week. We welcome first years, and returning students, to the Cathedral, and pray for God's blessing on them all in the year that lies ahead. Our prayers are also with the staff and students at the College of the Transfiguration (COTT), as their O-Week begins. The COTT student numbers are very encouraging, with approximately 60 students registered, including a significant number of new students. We look forward to meeting them in the months ahead.

Of course, the year is well under way for our schools and for everyone else, and the holidays are a distant memory. But the energy and excitement of these early weeks, as many of our young people begin important new phases in their lives, are an annual boost for us all. There has also been sadness and tragedy: the deaths of four school children at Hoerskook Driehoek, in Johannesburg, with the structural collapse of an overhead walkway; and the shooting of a student at the Durban Institute of Technology (DUT). The violent protests on that campus are a disgrace, with cars and buildings being burnt, and increasingly aggressive confrontation between students and security. It is completely irresponsible to escalate protests to that level, and worse; nothing is gained, and much is destroyed, with such action. And almost inevitably, someone pays the ultimate price.

Our scripture readings for this morning present to us some of the great stories of people's encounters with God, and their experiences of God's majesty and wonder: the vision of God in glory in the temple, and the call of Isaiah (Isaiah 6); the resurrection appearances of Jesus to the disciples and to Paul on the road to Damascus, which was his conversion (1 Cor 15); and the most wonderful fishing story, the catch of fish after a long night of nothing, and the response of Peter, James and John, who left their nets to follow Jesus (Luke 5).

The wonderful thing about these stories is that God encounters and calls people – you and me - today. It is not just something we read about in the Bible. I spent time this past week meeting with people who in various ways have encountered God, and whose lives have changed significantly as a result. People spoke of personal change, growth and transformation; of healing; of profound and life-changing conversions; of a deep love for others, of compassion for those who are struggling; some spoke of being alongside people in need; reaching out and bringing people to worship and to their own encounter with the grace and love of God; for some, there has been a growing love for the scriptures; a lifelong thirst for knowledge and understanding; of being recognised by others as a leader and as someone who is an instrument of God; of a love for the altar, the sacraments, the Eucharist. As we gather for worship today, we are in the presence of God; and remarkable things can happen!

My love to you all

*Andrew Hunter*