

GENERAL NOTICES

Away: SubDean Mzinzi Dyantyi is away today at St. Phillip's Grahamstown for the admission of church officers.

Away: Dean Andrew Hunter and Revd Claire are away this week.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Lungile Penxa as a newly elected Church Warden; Ronaldo Burger as he continues being a Church Warden and our Treasurer. Katie Appollis, Ian Meiklejohn and Siyabulela Fobosi are the newly elected PCC members. Theodore Duxbury and Rodney Bridger also continue serving as PCC members.

Congratulations: We would like to congratulate Liyabona Nqumani, Head Girl of VG for 2019 and Kaede bridger, Head Girl of VP for 2019, they are both members of the Cathedral.

Thank you: Sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Cathedral clergy and family for prayers and support during Melanie's time of recovery from an injury to her knee. To God be the glory. Katie and family.

Thank you: A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Cathedral team: The Altarservers, Sacristans, Sidespeople and Sound team for their hard work and dedication.

Cathedral Altar Servers: Please would anyone be interested in becoming an Altar Server sign the list at the back of the cathedral or contact **Sally Terry on 083 413 0234**.

Lady Chapel Flower roster: If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or celebrate a special occasion, please sign your name in the book at the back of the Cathedral.

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.

Lenten Sunday Evening Services

Time:	Date:	Service:	Preacher:
17h00	24 Mar	SAPB Choral Evensong	Revd Dr Joe Pagano
18h00	31 Mar	Taize Service	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
18h00	07 April	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Van der Linde
18h00	14 April	Choral Evensong	Revd Dave Koch



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.

24th March 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	SAPB Holy Communion	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
09h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	Revd Lunga Dongwana
17h00	SAPB Choral Evensong	Revd Dr Joe Pagano	Revd Luthando Madiba
18h30	Student Service	Revd Dr Amy Richter	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
<i>Children's Church today in the Choir Vestry.</i>	

This Week

Wed	27 Mar	PCC Meeting	Cory Room
Thur	28 Mar	St. Luke's Communion	SubDean Mzinzi Dyantyi

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 (Youth Chaplain); Revd Siphokazi Njokweni (Deacon & Choir Chaplain);
Revd Percy Chinganga (COIT)

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:

THE CHURCH: We give thanks for the life and witness of the Cathedral; we pray for our incoming team of churchwardens and PCC; for our COTT team: Thami Lata, Pearl Nzuza and Rev Jonathan Bukutu. May the Lord bind us together in faith and love.

OUR COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for a resolution to our water crisis here in Makana, praying especially for all who are struggling without water; we pray for school children on holiday; for our students; for families; for all who are travelling at this time. May the love of Christ surround us and strengthen us

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict and tragedy; for the families of those killed in Christchurch New Zealand mosque terror attacks; for those affected by the cyclone in Mozambique; for the families of those who died in the Ethiopian Airlines tragedy; for Zimbabwe during this time of crisis; for preparations for SA national elections in May. May God bring us to live in peace.

BIRTHDAYS: 24th Kia Jack, Rose Kadye & Cwayita Bam; 26th Felicia Pote; 28th Nceba January and Ziyanda Gabavana; 30th Miranda Sijadu

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Paul and June Walters; Crystal Warren; Ann Watkins; Michael Whisson; Clive and Penny Whitford; Tim Williams.

PARISHIONERS who are sick, or house bound: Ernest Bridger, Jeanette Hodgson, Fiona Coyne, Heather Tracey, Preston Peters.

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Trevin Kingsley (May de Vos' granddaughter); Peter Terry (Pat Terry's brother); Lorna Meiklejohn (Ian's mother), Conan Peters (nephew of Preston Peters)

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

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	25	Luke 1:26-38	Thurs	28	Luke 11:14-23
Tues	26	Mat 18:21-35	Fri	29	Mark 12:28-34
Weds	27	Mat 5:17-20	Sat	30	Luke 18:9-14
Sun	31	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 13:1-9

Services next Sunday – 31th March 2019 – Forth Sunday in Lent

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07h30	SAPB Holy Communion	Subdean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	
09h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Subdean Mzinzisi Dyantyi	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter
18h00	Taize Service	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	

Dean's Letter - Sunday 24th March 2019

Dear Cathedral family, brothers and sisters in Christ

We can't take good governance for granted. I am so grateful to our churchwardens and PCC for exercising due diligence as we share in the oversight of the life of the Cathedral. And a crucial part of this happens at Vestry, when all parishioners have an opportunity to reflect on the life of the Cathedral over the past year, and the many facets and aspects of what is happening. Thank you to all who attended our Vestry meeting last Sunday, in the midst of the heat and the power outage! It was a happy Vestry and I think – and hope – that we all came away feeling positive. Our Vestry meetings are a vital part of good governance and the outgoing team of churchwardens and PCC worked very hard to ensure that all was in order as we prepared for Vestry. My very sincere thanks to all, and to Lou-Anne, our Administrator, for her hard work and meticulous preparation of the various documents and booklets. Thank you!

It is often said that we live in a global village. Certainly when it comes to hearing the latest news from around the world, that is very true. And we are connected: here at the Cathedral we have students from Mozambique and Zimbabwe, in which cyclone Idai has caused huge damage and led to the deaths of many, many people – into the thousands; friends of ours were at the UN environmental conference in Kenya, to which delegates were travelling on the Ethiopian Airlines flight that crashed, killing all 157 people on board; and I have a niece from Christchurch, New Zealand, where terrorists attacked local mosques, killing 49 people. No matter which disaster and tragedy we are closest to, it is dreadful. Lives and dreams come to an end. And those who live are left to pick up the pieces and somehow rebuild. News coverage is often skewed, and we see more of some events than of others, but this does not detract from the sadness and tragedy of it all. My niece, Lucy, in NZ writes: "It really is our darkest day. I'm fortunate not to be closely affected, but the father of a schoolmate was killed, and in fact I think the whole of Christchurch and NZ is reeling. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers."

Our readings today, the 3rd Sunday in Lent, present to us the Lord's invitation and offer of salvation (Isaiah 55), and the reply and response of Jesus to tragedy – "do you think that they were worse sinners than all the others?" (Luke 13:4). Sometimes the response to tragedy is to assume that it is the punishment or judgement of God. People cry out "what have I done to deserve this?" Jesus's response is significant: "unless you repent, you will perish just as they did." And then follows the parable of the unfruitful fig tree, and the gardener who appeals for one more chance to feed it, before it is chopped down. We are left with a sense of unease – these are not comfortable readings or themes. It is appropriate to be disturbed and unsettled. But in the end, also, to come home to the love of God who embraces us and carries us through the darkest times.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter