

GENERAL NOTICES

Congratulations: We congratulate one of our COTT lecturers, Revd Dr Percy Chinganga, on his graduation with his doctorate at Rhodes, this past week.

Congratulations Graduates: Well done to the following who graduated at Rhodes this week: The Revd Dr Percy Chinganga (Doctorate); Namso Nyamela and Theo Duxbury (Masters); Ayanda Dabengwa, Anelisa Kelemi and Ogone Mokoep (Bachelors); Ikhona Mvaphantsi (PGDip/JMS Diploma).

Baptisms: Our next Baptism service will be on 26 May 2019. Those interested please complete a Baptism application form found on the glass cabinet at the back of the church, and hand it in to one of the clergy or at the office.

Children and Communion: Baptised children who have completed the preparation for communion course during Lent, will be formally admitted to communion and receive their certificates on 26 May (at the baptism service).

Rehearsals are as follows:

- **Maundy Thursday Rehearsals** will be at **16h00** on **Tue 16th April** for the Altar servers, Lay ministers and Organists.
- **Easter Vigil Rehearsal** will be at **14h30** on **Sat 20th April** for the Altar servers, Lay ministers, Organists and Clergy

Frontiers Church International is inviting ladies to attend a conference on Saturday 18th May from 9 a.m to 1 p.m at Nelm, 25a Worcester Street. Guest speaker is Celeste Smith who will be sharing her personal story and reminding us of our identity in Christ. If you are interested in attending, the cost per ticket will be R100 and you can RSVP to Ju-Ann by Friday, 10 May to juannahockly777@gmail.com Banking details are on the back of the insert in the pew leaflet.

Easter Day Lunch – open house at the Deanery: Easter, like Christmas, is a time for family and friends to get together. However, this is not always practically possible. This year, Easter does not fall in either school or university holidays, so many students are unable to go home for the long weekend. In addition, some amongst us have families in different parts of the country or world! As the Cathedral, we are a family – a home away from home! So if you find yourself on your own this Easter - whether a pensioner, a student or anyone else in between - please come and join us at the Deanery from 12.30pm onwards on Easter Sunday. We will have a “Bring and Braai” – bring your own meat and something to share. Please sign the list at the back of the church to assist with practicalities or speak to Dean Andrew or Revd Claire.

Cathedral Youth Guild: Please support the Cathedral Youth Guild raffles at R10 per ticket. Guess how many jelly beans there are in the jar in order to win it. They are fundraising for their 30th Anniversary of the DYG, contact Tandiwe for further information on 065 902 2236.

Donation: Any donations to help out with relief in Mozambique, through our ACSA Disaster Relief Fund, and the local (Mozambiquan) dioceses, can be sent to:

Disaster Relief Fund
Standard Bank
Branch code: 020909
Account number: 070078394
Beneficiary reference: please use your email address or telephone number
Please would you also be kind enough to email information about your donation to jenny@hopeafrica.org.za



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

Visit our website @ www.grahamstowncathedral.org

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.

14th April 2019 – Palm Sunday

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
07h30	Holy Communion SAPB	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi	
09h30	Sung Eucharist AAPB with Procession	Revd Dr Claire Nye Hunter	
18h00	Evening Prayer	Revd Dr Henry Van der Linde	Subdean Mzinzi Dyantyi

Today's meetings and events:

07h20 & 09h20	Pre-service prayers for service leaders and participants
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Holy Week Acts of Worship

Day	Time	Service	Preacher / Presider
Tue	16:18h00	Stations of the Cross in the Rhodes Chapel	
Thurs	18:10h00	Clergy Renewal of vows & Chrism Eucharist - Kingwilliamstown	
	18:18h00	Maundy Thurs Eucharist and Footwashing	Preacher: Revd Idowu Akinloye Presider: Dean Andrew Hunter
Good Friday	19:08h00	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Sub Dean Mzinzi Dyantyi
	10h00	Youth Service	Revd Lunga Dongwana
	12h00-15h00	Three-hour devotions	Cathedral Preachers

Stipendiary clergy contact details and Cathedral Parish Office (046 622 2445):

Name	Phone 1	Phone 2	Email
*Dean of Grahamstown The Very Rev Dr 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); Revd Idowu Akinloye; Revd Lunga Dongwana; Revd Siphokazi Njokweni (Deacon); Revd Dr 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:

THE CHURCH: During Holy Week, we pray especially for all who are suffering: for the abused and persecuted; for those without work; for the hungry and homeless; for the severely depressed; for those contemplating suicide; for the lonely. We pray for preparations for Easter worship. 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 give thanks for recent rains; we pray for Rhodes students as the second term begins. May the love of Christ surround us and strengthen us.

OUR WORLD: We continue to pray for all places of conflict and tragedy; for those picking up the pieces after the cyclone damage in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi; for families who have lost loved ones in the floods; for preparations for SA national elections in May. May God bring us to live in peace.

BIRTHDAYS: 14th Kholeka Dyasi; 16th Lou-Anne Liebenberg, Saira Cobus & Val Buchner; 19th Beth Denton & Bishop Ebenezer Ntali.

PARISH CYCLE of PRAYER: Rodney, Mandy & Kaede Bridger; Donovan, Davidean & Tylo Bridger; Earnest Bridger; Judge Richard and Margo Brooks; Val and Rose Buchner; Ronaldo, Michelle, Tyreece and Tristyn Burger.

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

FRIENDS and FAMILY who are ill: Jackie Shipster; Trevin Kingsley (May de Vos' granddaughter); Peter Terry (Pat Terry's brother); Preston Peters; Conan Peters (nephew of Preston Peters), Anne-Christine Houriet (Rev Claire's cousin, terminally ill).

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

Here are the Gospel readings for the coming week:

Mon	15	John 13:1-17	Thur	18	John 13:1-17
Tues	16	John 12:20-36	Fri	19	John 18:1-19:42
Weds	17	John 13:21-32	Sat	20	1 Peter 4:1-8
Sun	21	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18

Services next Sunday – 21st April – EASTER SUNDAY

Time	Services	Preacher	Presider / Officiant
06h00	AAPB Holy Communion Paschal Vigil	Bishop Ebenezer Ntali	
09h30	AAPB Holy Communion	Dean Andrew Hunter	

Dean's Letter - Sunday 14th April 2019

Dear Cathedral family, brothers and sisters in Christ

Palm Sunday, with its palm branches and "All glory, laud and honour" is part of what we as Anglicans (and other historic churches – Catholic, Orthodox, and others) do on this day. As we do so, we re-enact – we enter into – the great drama and events of Holy Week. It is often said that the best way to learn something is to *do* it. Talk goes over our heads, watching is a bit better, but participating is the best of all. We remember, at a deep level, possibly for the rest of our life. So this week, particularly on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and at the Easter Vigil, we participate in the great act of God in our redemption: the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that many of us will be part of the services this week, particularly on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil (with Communion). I remember my first Easter Vigil as a child – the excitement, the darkness, the fire, the lighting of the Easter Candle – powerful symbols that have stayed with me.

Our Cathedral Palm Sunday procession is relatively tame, by some standards – and I am not blaming anyone for this, as the current "route", from Church Square into the Cathedral, is my choice! I remember in Bonteheuwel, a big township on the Cape Flats, our Palm Sunday procession would go round a couple of blocks, past homes of parishioners, but also, sadly, past shebeens, past houses of shame and suffering, houses of ill repute, homes of gangsters, places of fear. And we reflected on our public witness as a Christian community, in the face of all this: our march proclaimed the grace and love of God through our Lord Jesus Christ; we proclaimed and witnessed to the victory of the cross over evil and sin and death; we invited people to turn from sin and believe in the good news, and to follow Jesus as their Lord, and ours. We were also saying, please stop destroying our community with your drugs and your violence.

What is our public witness, as the Cathedral, in the context of the community around us? What is our message of hope and good news? Our prophetic word to this city? To those who live and work here? Those who govern us?

We are saying to the many in our town who are Christians: let us stand together in our witness to the Lordship of Christ. Let us join hands. Let us encourage one another, build one another up, help wherever we can, share the burdens of this community, share resources, care for the distressed, those in need, be salt and light, make a difference, be instruments of reconciliation and healing and forgiveness, be prepared to ask the hard and difficult questions, weep when others are weeping, laugh and rejoice when others rejoice. The faithful work of many, many Cathedral members, and members of other churches, is phenomenal, and without this, our town would flounder and fall. Everywhere I go, I find my brothers and sisters in Christ, members of the Cathedral, and others, serving and making a difference.

To discern a prophetic word is harder. It verges on the arrogant – unless God has laid it on my heart. We are living in a time of uncertainty and fear. If things fall apart, our faith will be tested to the utmost. But perhaps in this we shall discover a deeper measure of God's grace and strength. It is in these uncertain times that we go into Palm Sunday and Holy Week, into the darkness and into the light.

My love to you all

