



Cathedral of St Michael and St George
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First Sunday of Advent
28 November 2021

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The Collect for the 1st Sunday of Advent:

Almighty Father,
 your Son came to us in humility as our saviour
 and at the last day he will come again in glory as our judge:
 give us grace to turn away from darkness to the light of Christ
 that we will be ready to welcome him;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 for ever and ever.

Amen

Readings for the Eucharist:

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

Psalms 25: 1 - 10

Psalm Prayer:Free us, God of mercy,
 from all that keeps us from you;
 relieve the misery of the anxious and the ashamed
 and fill us with the hope of peace;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13

Luke 21: 25 - 36

Sunday Services 28 November 2021:

7:30am Said Eucharist (SAPB) - In Person only

Preacher&Presider:Sub-Dean Melany Adonis

9:30am Said Eucharist (AAPB) - In Person and Live Streamed

Preacher: Sub-Dean Melany**Presider:**Revd Dr Percy Chinganga

17:00pm:Advent Procession –In Person and Live Streamed

Officiant: Sub-Dean Melany Adonis

Monday to Friday Live-Streamed Services:

9 a.m. Morning Prayer; 5 p.m. Evening Prayer

(these are all live-streamed on the Cathedral Facebook page)

In the daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, we are given a feast of psalms and scripture readings.

PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYER THIS WEEK FOR:

The Church: We pray for the Church throughout the world as we start the season of Advent. We are grateful for another opportunity to start again. During this season of hope, excitement, anticipation, and of waiting, we pray for guidance as we listen and prepare our hearts for God’s coming. May this Advent be different – may we be more aware, less hurried, ready to let go and to receive. We offer our brokenness trusting in God’s transforming love working through the Body of Christ so that the Church can offer healing to the world. Set us free to bring restoration through Christ.

The World: We give thanks for the world and all its resources. May we be better stewards of these resources and bring hope by working for a better future. We pray for God’s protection of the Wild Coast of SA and the sea life. We are grateful for the rain we received and pray for the George area where floods were experienced. We pray for all the countries of the world and its different leaders, remembering especially areas with conflict and strife. We pray for Israel, for Ethiopia where tension with the Tigray region is experienced, for the people of La Palma the Spanish Island where there has been volcano eruptions and lava is now moving into the Atlantic Ocean. We continue to pray for a healthy debate on mandatory vaccination as the world faces rising numbers of Covid infections.

The Nation: We pray for our country and its leaders - the President, all who work in government and especially the newly elected municipalities. We continue to pray for peace and calm during this period after the local elections where negotiations and discussions still need to continue. May we all work together to ensure better communities where all are supported and cared for. We pray for Eskom and its internal challenges and for an end to corruption. As we started our period of 16 days of activism against GBV, we pray for an end to violent crimes; for an end to gangsterism and drug abuse. May the peace and love of Christ to lead us.

Our Community: We pray for our city Makhanda – for all who live and work here. May the newly elected councillors find ways to work together to serve all people. We pray for the youth – especially those on our streets; we pray for the hungry, poor and unemployed; for those without proper shelter. We pray for all families; for parents and children; for child-headed families; for single parents; for divorced parents. May God’s love transform us all.

Birthdays: 28th Madison Conroy; 29th Leela Pienaar; Tristyn Burger, Clive Whitford; 3rd Liphumile Ngwenze

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Nomakwezi, Kuthala, Akona, Tandiwe, Nikilita & Ziyanda Gabavana; David Gain; Mary Godlonton; Jean Grant; Eugene, Nicola & Emily Grosch; Tim & Lauren Hacksley; Heather Haggard; Roswitha Hobson.

Parishioners who are ill: Peter Rose; Paul Pillay; Fiona Coyne; Lorraine Mullins

House Bound: Philip Court; Jeanette Hodgson.

Friends and Family who are ill: Nomtha Dyantyi (Dean Mzi’s mother); Revd Simphiwe Magxwalisa; Revd Ndom Madyibi; Angelo Passione (in Australia); Revd Bafana Jolobe; Gerald Burger (Ronaldo Burger’s uncle); Sarah James; Charles Valentine and Dr Cornelius; Abulela Matshaya (son of Archdeacon Matshaya)

DECEASED: All who have died during Covid-19 pandemic

GENERAL NOTICES:

Readers: With students leaving and many people being away over the **December holidays**, it is always a challenge to find **volunteers to read the scripture lessons!** If you are willing and available to read, **please help us by signing the list on the glass cabinet** at the back of the church or **e-mail your details to the office** on, admin@grahamstowncathedral.org. Thank you!

The **“Bring and Buy”** Cake sale will be on the **5th of December 2021** which is **next week Sunday** at the **Cathedral**, it will take place between the **7h30 and 9h30 services** and after the 9h30 service. **Please pack and price all goods.** On sale will be cakes, koeksisters, vetkoek, breads, savouries and many more. For **enquiries, please contact Ms June Venn.**

There will be a **Carol Service hosted by St Peter’s Hilton on Sunday 12th December 2021** at **4pm**, this will be followed by tea! All are welcome.

The Dean is still on leave and will return on the **30th of November 2021.**

There will be a **Seniors Tea Party** on the **8th of December 2021** at **15h00** in the Deanery Garden. Further details to follow.

Here are the Gospel readings for this week:

Mon 29	Matt 8: 5 - 13	Tue 30	Luke 10: 21 - 24
Wed 01	Matt 15: 29 - 39	Thu 02	Matt 7: 21 - 27
Fri 03	Matt 9: 27 - 31	Sat 04	Matt 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5 - 8
Sun 05	Mal 3: 1 - 4	Luke 1: 68 - 79	Phil 1: 3 - 11 Luke 3: 1 - 6

Advent:

Andrew-John Bethke writes about Advent:

The season of Advent has traditionally heralded the beginning of the western liturgical year. The word “Advent” comes from the Latin phrase *Advent Domini* – literally “the coming of the Lord”

Symbols used during the season:

1. **The colour purple** is used for both Advent Lent, but the two seasons “push towards different goals”. Some churches choose to use “blue for Advent to avoid any confusion with Lent”
2. **The Advent wreath** with an underlying symbol of “the gathering of light over successive weeks, signifying the imminent dawn of Christ’s coming.
3. **The simplicity of Advent** is observed pointing to “the simplicity of Christ’s birth” and therefore there is no flowers in the church in the secular world the opulence of Christmas is in full swing, but inside the church there is a starkness which is a visible contrast”

Bethke A. 2015. Celebrating the Seasons. ACSA Publishing Committee. Sophiatown