

# LIMASSOL PARISH - ST BARNABAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH



**December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

10:00 a.m. Nativity Family Eucharist  
6 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

President/Preacher: **Rev Chris Goldsmith**

*Those who receive Communion in their home Church are welcome to join us  
at the Lord's Table, or please ask for a blessing*

## **Duties for This Week**

**Sacristan:** Bob, **Chalice:** Brian F & Denise **Sides:** Lydia & Diamond

**Refreshments:** Margaret E, Ruth P, Diana, Anna L **Organist:** Zara

## **Collect for The Third Sunday of Advent**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare the way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

We give thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and forever. **Amen**

**Welcome** to St Barnabas' Anglican Church in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. We hope that you will find peace and comfort worshipping here with us today. Join us for refreshments in the hall after the Service and, if you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to us and sign our Visitors' Book in the porch.

<b><i>Interim Minister</i></b>	Rev. Christine Goldsmith	99284763
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	Chris Clapham	99402062
	Stanley Hooper	25221956
<b><i>Secretary &amp; Bookings</i></b>	Charles Dodd	99474811

## **Remembering in Prayer:**

**All those known to us who are ill or recovering including:** Elizabeth T, Peter Cross, Bunty, Charles Devadawson, Beryl Watson, Nawal Oueida, Peter Whiteside, Anna Georgiades, Max Clapp, Sam Barker, Millie & Tom Bell, Bryan Harding, Lynne Tromans, Joe Mattheou, Cathy (Anton), Gladys & Lisa Forey, Baby Nesrin, Tim Askeel, Little Sukie Smith, Richard Davies, Margaret Josephides, Laura Jacovides, Polly Andrews, Denis Matthews, Maria Reppin, Mike & Sandie Syme.

## **Duties for Next Week (December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent)**

*(OT)* 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm 89 (Andrea B)

*(NT)* Romans 16:25-end (Ron Turner)

*(Gospel)* Luke 1:26-38

**Intercessions:** Charles Dodd

**Sacristan:** Lynda

**Chalice:** Lynda M & Ruth P

**Sides:** Nora

**Refreshments:** Mary F, Jenny H, Margaret S, Lynne T

**Hymns:** 358, 471, 448, 69, 136, 467

**Organist:** Zara

**FunRaising Food collection** is ongoing. Please place non-perishable food items/toiletries in the white box outside church.

**Table Top Sales** raise in the region of €6 000 p.a. Thank you to those who helped yesterday. Nora is looking for an organiser and more folk to man the church stall. Can you help at all? Please see Nora.

**Palm Crosses:** For over 20 years all the Cyprus parishes have provided palm crosses for Exeter Diocese. We are asked to provide 2000. Older members now have arthritic fingers and cannot continue with the task. We're looking for volunteers to organise work parties in January, others to provide palms and others to work at home. Please see a warden or council member if you can help. The crosses are taken to Synod at the beginning of February.

**Interregnum update** - Interviews for a new priest took place on Friday in Nicosia.

**Traditionally** our Carol Service is followed by donated wine/juice and mince pies. This is an opportunity for our regular members to join in fellowship with others from our community. Please see a church warden if you can help in the kitchen either before or after the event tonight or bring a contribution. Thank you.

**Internal Christmas cards** should be placed and collected from the box in the porch.

## Dates and Information for Your Diary

Every Mon	<b>10.30 Chinese Bible Study</b> resumes January <b>14.00 Advent Course</b> Living in the Light (4 weeks)
Every Tues	<b>09:30 Prayer Fellowship</b> followed by refreshments (19 <sup>th</sup> Bob) <b>10 a.m. Limassol Ladies</b>
Every Wed	<b>09:00 Communion</b> <b>09:00 Craft Group</b> - with coffee. All welcome.
Every Sun	<b>10:00 Sung Eucharist</b> , Junior and Middle Church. Youth Church on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays <b>6pm</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays St Lazarus Eucharist , Pissouri
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Today)	<b>10.00</b> Nativity Family Eucharist (Chris) <b>18.00</b> Nine Lessons and Carols followed by mince pies and wine
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Sun)	<b>10.00</b> Eucharist (Rev Tony) <b>18.00</b> St Lazarus Christmas Eucharist (+ Bishop Michael) <b>23.00</b> Midnight Mass (Bishop Michael)
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Mon)	<b>10.00</b> Christmas Eucharist (Rev Chris)
January.....	<b>Palm cross making!</b>

“Christmas greetings to all from John Paramor in Kent.”

**RIP** - Keith Shonfeld, M.B.E.

## Christmas Services

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>** **10 a.m.** Nativity Family Eucharist

**6 p.m.** Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (**Rev Chris**)

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>** **10 a.m.** Eucharist (**Rev Tony**)

**6 p.m.** St Lazarus Christmas Eucharist (**Bishop Michael**)

**11 p.m.** Midnight Mass (**Bishop Michael**)

**Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>** **10 a.m.** Christmas Eucharist (**Rev Chris**)

## **Nativity All Age Service 17th December 2017**

**Entry Hymn:** 554 - While shepherds watched

### **Greeting & prayer pointers**

**Opening prayer** - Hope of the world, come to us as the baby born in Bethlehem. Come and open our hearts and minds; open our lives to the child within each one of us. Open our lives to the presence of children in our community. Hope of the world, help us to put aside our privilege and power and renew our spirit of wonder and awe. Release us to rest in the presence of love; restore to each other the other's lost infancy. Hope of the world, Come to us as the baby born in Bethlehem. Amen

**Advent Carol lighting and hymn** ( see page 12)

**A prayer for forgiveness:** - Forgive us Lord when we only want you to come on our terms. We want to be at Bethlehem, but we don't want the bother of the journey. We want the word made flesh, but we don't want the pains of labour. We want reconciliation, but we don't want change. We want resurrection but we don't want the tomb. We do want you to come, Lord, but perhaps not just yet. Forgive us, Lord, when we limit your coming and fix our terms. Forgive us and bless us and come soon. Amen.

### **Absolution**

#### **Collect**

**Reading** Luke 2:8-17 Lydia

**Reading** – Luke 2:6-7

**Hymn** 403 Once in Royal David's city

#### **Talk**

**Intercessions-** The response to 'Lord Jesus' is **be born in us today** (Stephanie)

#### **The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn** 440 See him lying on a bed of straw

**Eucharistic Prayer** service booklet page 10, **Lord's Prayer,& Breaking of the Bread**, Invitation pages 8&9 **Communion Hymn2** ; 512 & 269

**Post Communion prayer** on page 1 of this newssheet

#### **Blessing**

**Hymn** 357 O Come all ye faithful

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