

LIMASSOL PARISH - ST BARNABAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH



December 3rd 2017, Advent Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist: *Junior & Middle Church*

President/Preacher: **Ven Malcolm Squires**

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

(OT) Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7 (**Denise**)

(NT) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (**Brian F**) **Intercessions:** Peter H

(Gospel) Mark 13:24-end **Chalice:** Denise & Lynda M

Sides: Pam & Sue

Sacristan: Bob

Refreshments: Anne L, Grace Devadawson and friends

Hymns: 307, 470, 209, 60, 519, 336

Organist: Zara

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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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, which is in the porch.

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, Tom Bell, Bryan Harding, Lynne Tromans, Joe Mattheou, Cathy (Anton), Gladys & Lisa Forey, Baby Nesrin, Tim Askell, Little Sukie Smith, Richard Davies, Margaret Josephides, Laura Jacovides, Bryan Tolladay, Eleanor Jennings, Polly Andrews, Denis Matthews, Maria Reppin, Mike & Sandie Syme.

Please Pray for: all those who are leaving this island to make homes elsewhere; our Parish during this time of Interregnum, that the right decisions are made and we stay strong in our faith.

Duties for Next Week (December 10th – 2nd Sunday in Advent)

(OT) Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1,2,8-end (**Bryan T**)

(NT) 2 Peter 3:8-15a (**Lynda M**) *Intercessions:* Nora

(Gospel) Mark 1:1-8 *Chalice:* Bob & Hazel

Sides: Rob & Mary *Sacristan:* Lynda

Refreshments: Invitation to Church House from Malcolm & Buzz

Hymns: 242, 401, 226, 520, 66, 422 *Organist:* Zara

Kofinou Christmas party. As usual we will be holding a Christmas party for the refugee children of Kofinou camp on Saturday 9th December 11-1 p.m. Thank you for all the gifts – plenty for everyone! Offers of help with the party, entertainment etc. gratefully received.

Not too late for MtS Shoeboxes. Another island-wide project at this time of the year.

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

Fund Raising – hard work. Thank you to everyone who helped at the Table Top yesterday. The second one this month is on December 16th. Offers of help to Nora please. Also, if anyone is prepared to help organise these events, Nora would be happy to hear from you. The Christmas Bazaar raised in excess of €4400. Thank you so much. All prizes have gone to their rightful homes!

Interregnum update – As announced by the wardens last week, from December 13th, the interim minister will be Rev Chris Goldsmith supported by Rev Tony Jeynes (and other PtOs as needed). A fruitful short-listing session took place this week with the Archdeacon. The standard of application candidates was high.

Donations of mince-pies and drink are required for the Carol Service on December 17th and offers of help please.

Dates and Information for Your Diary

Every Mon	10.30 Chinese Bible Study 14.00 Advent Course Living in the Light (4 weeks)
Every Tues	09:30 Prayer Fellowship followed by refreshments (5 th Nora) 10 a.m.Limassol Ladies
Every Wed	09:00 Communion 09:00 Craft Group - with coffee. All welcome.
Every Sun	10:00 Sung Eucharist , Junior and Middle Church. Youth Church on 1 st & 3 rd Sundays 6pm 2 nd & 4 th Sundays St Lazarus Eucharist , Pissouri
3 rd Dec (Today)	10.00 Sung Eucharist , Junior/Middle/Youth Church 18.00 Chringle Service – offers to serve hot chocolate and cookies after the service to Pam please
5 th Dec (Tues)	7 p.m. Phoenix Singers Festive Concert , St Barnabas' Church €5 from Bob Day. All welcome
6 th Dec (Wed)	09.45 Council Meeting
7 th Dec (Thurs)	10 – 1 Psalms in Advent led by Rev Kent Middleton. Book by 4/12 retreats@cypgulf.org /99155092
10 th Dec (Sun)	10.00 Sung Eucharist , Junior & Middle Church 18.00 St Lazarus Carol Service , Pine Bay Centre
16 th Dec (Sat)	09.00 Table Top Sale – offers of help to Nora please
January.....	Palm cross making!

Psalm 81 (NIV)

¹ Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

² **Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp and lyre.**

³ Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our Feast;

⁴ **this is a decree for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**

⁵ He established it as a statute for Joseph when he went out against Egypt, where we heard a language we did not understand.

⁶ **He says, "I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket."**

⁷ In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen

Christmas Services

Sunday December 3rd 6 p.m. Christingle Service

Sunday December 10th 6 p.m. St Lazarus Carol Service, Pine Bay Centre

Sunday December 17th 10 a.m. Nativity Eucharist with Baptism
6 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 24th 10 a.m. Eucharist (**Rev Tony**)
6 p.m. St Lazarus Christmas Eucharist (**Bishop Michael**)
11 p.m. Midnight Mass (**Bishop Michael**)

Monday December 25th 10 a.m. Christmas Eucharist (**Rev Chris**)



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