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In the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



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# ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES

## Every Sunday

08.00am	Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
02.00pm	Turkish Language Service (In Hall)
02.30pm	Russian Language Service
05.00pm	N Cyprus International Fellowship Service

## Every Thursday

10.00am	Said Holy Communion (1st Thursday there will also be prayers for healing)
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## Every Saturday

10.30pm	Seventh Day Adventist Service
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## Additional Services

### Each First Sunday

12.30pm	Fellowship Praise Service
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### Each Second Sunday

05.00pm	Evening Prayer at the Hermitage
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### Each Third Sunday

09.00am	Said Morning Prayer
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### Each Fourth Sunday

09.00am	SUNDAZE Young Families Service
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05.00pm	Evening Prayer at the Hermitage
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### Each Fifth Sunday

10.30am	All Age Service with Eucharist (Sung)
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Each week refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the 10.30am service, all are welcome.

## ? ALPHA

Each Friday at 1pm - 3.30pm in the church hall.

For more information please contact Victoria Scurfield on 0533 820 8158 for details



## News from *The Hermitage*

### *Dear Friends*

The Anglican Church exists throughout the world, known as the Anglican Communion, to which St Andrew's Kyrenia belongs. The Church does officially recognise saints days as do what we call the historic churches, Orthodox and Roman Catholic. Some Christians struggle with the idea of celebrating saints lives as they fear it leads us away from worshipping God to worshipping people. The true use of recognising saints has nothing to do with worship of other human beings. It is about seeing how God has worked through the lives of very ordinary people and made something extraordinary out of their lives by his love and strength. Last month Valentine's day was celebrated. Professions of love and romance make big business of course, and

many people enjoy cards, flowers or gifts from secret admirers. There is a St Valentine who is still officially recognised, here is a little of the quite complicated history and development that led to such widespread recognition of this day.

*Valentine's Day, a time to celebrate romance and love and kissy-face fealty. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark, bloody — and a bit muddled.*

*A drawing depicts the death of St. Valentine — one of them, anyway. The Romans executed two men by that name on 14 Feb of different years in the 3rd century AD.*



*Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.*

*Though no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, well, hitting them.*

*From Feb 13 to 15, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. The men sacrificed a goat and a dog, then whipped women with the hides of the animals they had just slain.*

*The Roman romantics "were drunk. They were naked," says Noel Lenski, a historian at the University of Colorado. Young women would actually line up for the men to hit them, Lenski says. They believed this would make them fertile.*

*The brutal fete included a matchmaking lottery, in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then be, coupled up for the duration of the festival — or longer, if the match was right.*

*Later, Pope Gelasius I muddled things in the 5th century by combining St Valentine's Day with Lupercalia to expel the pagan rituals. But the festival was more of a theatrical interpretation*

*of what it had once been. Lenski adds, "It was a little more than a drunken revel, but the Christians put clothes back on it. That didn't stop it from being a day of fertility and love."*

*Around the same time, the Normans celebrated Galatin's Day. Galatin meant "lover of women." That was likely confused with St Valentine's Day at some point, in part because they sound alike.*

*As the years went on, the holiday grew sweeter. Chaucer and Shakespeare romanticised it in their work, and it gained popularity throughout Britain and the rest of Europe. Handmade paper cards became the tokens-du-jour in the Middle Ages.*

*Eventually, the tradition made its way to the New World. The industrial revolution ushered in factory-made cards in the 19th century. And in 1913, Hallmark Cards of Kansas City, began mass producing valentines. February has not been the same since.*

*Today, the holiday is big business: According to market research firm IBIS World, Valentine's Day sales reached \$17.6 billion last year.*

*And so the celebration of Valentine's Day goes on, in varied ways. Many will break the bank buying jewelry and flowers for their beloveds.*

Romantic and sexual love is just one kind of love of which there are many other kinds. We love people deeply for many reasons, as friends and family. Churches should be places of celebrating love, not just romantic love, as we see expressed in the church's wedding ministry, but of living out and expressing God's love for us, by the way we love and treat one another.

Unfortunately many churches, full of broken people which we all are, become battle grounds for many different issues and that can have the effect of obscuring God's love. Broken people develop inflated senses of their own importance, and feel a need to control and dominate in order to compensate for their own inadequacies. Too many churches represent the attitudes and behaviour generated by such pain. Too many places of worship slip their focus from God onto themselves and become a travesty of what they are designed to be, an inward looking clique, people who are not living out God's calling to welcome all. St Andrew's in

Kyrenia is no different. In its history, it has gained a reputation of being very closed and unwelcoming. I was deeply sad when I learned this shortly after my arrival. It is a tragedy for a church to be dominated by attitudes of bigotry and exclusivity. This is the direct opposite of what the church's identity should be. One reason for me being here is to change that identity, for the church to be a place of openness and warmth and healing. A place where everyone feels welcome. I would like to say to those who have been put off St Andrew's in the past, or who would not give it a try, to come and say hello. Whether or not you have a romantic love, or are mourning the loss of a romantic love, my prayer is that you recognise the goodness of God through us. Churches should be places of shelter, of refuge and of helping and challenging us to change or rebuild our lives. Churches are not about being good enough, or in the right social circle. They are about realising we can be open and vulnerable before God and each other, then getting to know Him and allowing Him to

heal us through our relationships with one another. I believe St Andrew's is now much nearer to such an identity. My prayer is that the wider community of North Cyprus will come to know St Andrew's as a place of shelter and refuge, of inclusive warmth and welcome. You may be pleasantly surprised if you dare to come through the door. You may even find the love of God. It is hard for us broken humans to reveal something of it, but we are committed to doing just that.

As wonderful and as important as romantic love is, my prayer as chaplain here is that many reading this will come to know the unlimited and unconditional love of God.

Every blessing,

*Wendy*

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"I'd like to thank you for a wonderful date, but I've given up lying, for lent."

## CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES.

### Monday

(1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	C.E.S.V. (112) Steve Collard	19.15 - 21.15
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### Tuesday.

Kemal	Turkish Christians	19.30 - 21.00
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### Wednesday.

Sandy Oram	Chamber Choir.	18.00 - 19.30
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### Thursday.

Linda Smith	Ladies Group	10.30 - 12.00
(1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Prayer Meeting (Acheme)	18.30 - 20.30

### Friday.

Loudron	Friday worship	19.00 - 21.00
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### Saturday.

Samir Costa	Seventh Day Adventists	10.30 - 12.30
Cheryl	A.A.	13.00 - 14.00
Ebenezer	Youth Fellowship & Bible Study	16.00 - 19.00

### Sunday.

Alex	Russian Group	15.30 - 17.00
Ebenezer	N.C.I.C.F.	17.00 - 20.00.

### First day of month.

Ebenezer	Choir	06.30 - 07.30
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For further information about any of the above groups please contact our Hall Manager, Jacqueline McIntyre on 0533 858 4659

## **Lettings**

Do you need a venue for your weekly or special events?

Perhaps you are having a party? Why not consider hiring the hall.

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Holy Week (10th to 14th April) will be marked by an evening service in the church daily at 7.00 pm.

On Thursday 13th April (Maundy Thursday) the service will include Washing of the Feet and Stripping of the Altar.

On Good Friday (14th April) we can spend three hours at the Cross while exploring The things He did by Stephen Cotterell.



*Come Worship With Us!*

'Please remember to inform the chaplain and wardens if someone you know is unwell or in hospital. We cannot contact them or visit [if they would like a pastoral visit] unless we are aware of their situation. We often hear people say 'I thought you knew'. It is better that we hear several times than not at all.

# The Marvellous Food Bank

There are students at the universities both in Famagusta and here in Girne who are living in poverty. Not through profligate living but because their families cannot get money to them due to political reasons in their home country. These students have to choose between food, lodging and education to extend their lack of funds. Some, but not all do manage to find work in North Cyprus however, payment does not always turn up on time, sometimes not at all.

The church warden in Famagusta tries to collect dried, tinned and packaged foods along with personal toileteries such as shaving items, toothpaste, shampoo and shower gel, and small amounts of money to help them with their choices.



We would like the people of St Andrew's to help those students in Famagusta and Girne, these are our brothers and sisters in Christ. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

We know many members of our congregation have fixed, limited incomes. However, if you can pop an extra item in your shopping basket, please bring them to church so that we can help these students during their times of need. We will arrange to store and deliver these gifts and welcome anyone who can help us with this. This will be an ongoing appeal until the political situation is resolved.

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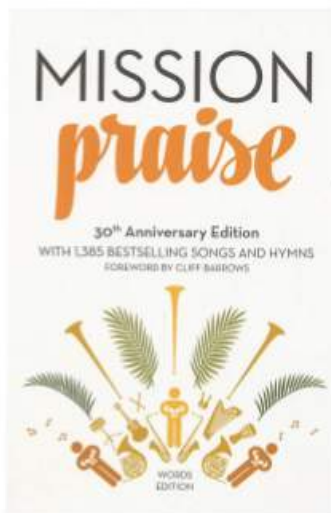
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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15:13*

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## *Friends of St Andrew's*

**From Pat Etherington**

Hello Everyone,

It has been such a long time since I wrote my last letter and so much has happened. I spent Christmas with my son and his family in the UK and returned just after the New Year and promptly went down with bronchitis which meant that I was out of circulation for the whole of January! I was in good company though as lots of others seemed to be suffering with the same complaint.

Before Christmas we had been asked by Revd Wendy to do a "Reverse Advent Calendar", instead of taking out a chocolate each day we were asked to put a small gift into a box, something non-perishable or a toiletry to make a gift for those in need. On 18th December Ken Wiseman, chaplain for the Mission to Seamen in Limassol came to St Andrew's and told us about his work with the sailors and to collect the Gift Boxes we'd made up. Our boxes helped to make up a part of the two hundred distributed to the sailors who visited the port of Limassol during the Christmas period. These men may not have seen their families for a couple of years.

Next came our candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the 21st. This was attended by Bishop Michael and our choir was swollen by the members of the Kyrenia Chamber Choir and

they were accompanied by Ralf Kasimov. We also had a young man in the congregation here on holiday, Fintan Simmonds who played a great organ voluntary at the end of the service after the Benediction had been pronounced by Bishop Michael.

There was a Chocolate Nativity Service on the 24th for children. They were encouraged to come dressed as their favourite nativity character. On the same day there was the usual Midnight Mass service, but the weather was simply atrocious so not as many as usual attended. The bad weather continued on Christmas morning too.

Despite bad weather my Mange Tout plants have really done well, producing a great crop, much to my friends pleasure. Well that's all for this time and I wish you well until my next letter.

Pat



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**Matthew 16:21-23** – From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'



*'Get behind  
me, Satan!'*





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One day while he was up on the scaffolding -- the job almost finished -- he heard a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened.

The downpour washed the thinned paint off the church and knocked Jock off his scaffold and onto the lawn among the gravestones and puddles of thinned and worthless paint.

Jock knew this was a warning from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice:

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Thursday.  
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welcome to come along.

# St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – April 2017

## Calendar of Services and Duties April 2017

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
26 March Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Sue & Alan Carling	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 2:1-10 Psalm: 127: 1-4 Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-27	Pat Etherington Bob Taylor Ingrid B'house Clergy	Charlie Inskip	Mavis Steele
2 April Lent 5	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hilliard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45	Mavis Steele Stuart Hillard Jacquie McIntyre Clergy	Richard Dobbs	Josanne Stanhope
9 April Palm Sunday	10.30am	John and Gillian Hodgson	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 27: 11-54	Anne Lloyd Anne Keevil Alan Peek Clergy	Chris Penney	Christine Dobbs
16 April Easter Day	10.30am	Sue & Alan Carling (Church ) Anne Lloyd & Pat Etherington(Hall)	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 28: 1-10	<b>Revd Wendy to arrange</b>	Gloria Tattersall	John Hodgson
23 April Easter 2	10.30am	Anne L and Amanda	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31	Sue Carling Henri Ingrid B'house Clergy	Anne Lloyd	Pat Etherington
30 April Easter 3 (5th Sunday)	10.30am	Bob and Jacquie Taylor	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35	Richard Dobbs Amanda Warrender Pat Etherington Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	Kath Meredith

If you are going to be away and are unable to swap your duty please advise Anne Lloyd (0533 841 8306). If you do change your duty please ensure it is recorded on the master list in the vestry.

# St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – December 2016

## May 2017

## Calendar of Services and Duties

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
7 May Easter 4	10.30am	Linda Lister & Precious	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm: 23 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10	Josanne St'hope Anne Lloyd Izzy Clergy	Mavis Steele	Sue Carling
14 May Easter 5	10.30am	Myke & Gayve Lubo	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm: 31: 1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14	Shane Barnes Steve Bishop Sandy Oram Clergy	Fr Edward Jervis	Gloria Tattersall
21 May Easter 6	10.30am	Sue & Alan Carling	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm: 66: 7-18 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21	Sue Walker Fr Edward Jervis Amanda Clergy	Lee McHugh	Bob Taylor
28 May Easter 7 Sunday after the Ascension	10.30am	John and Gillian Hodgson	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm: 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11	Sue Carling Psalm - sung Nigel Asbury Clergy	Chris Penney	Henri
4 June Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	10.30am	Bob & Jacquie Taylor	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Numbers 11: 24-30 Psalm: 104: 26-36, 37b Acts 2: 1-21 John 7: 37-39	Lee McHugh Chris Penney Bob Taylor Clergy	Linda Smith	Sandy Oram

## ***UK charity BibleLands changes name and aims to raise £20 million over next five years to help tackle poverty and injustice in the Middle East***

Maybe you knew this already as it happened some four years ago. The charity is now known as **EMBRACE the Middle East**.

This Christian charity was originally set up in 1854. They have worked with and supported Christian communities doing life-changing works in countries in the Near and Middle East, including Turkey, Syria, Egypt, the Balkans, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine and Cyprus. Currently Embrace supports projects in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt and Syria.

St Andrew's has been supporting this charity by collecting used postage stamps (see below). These stamps are sent twice a year to the charity's headquarters in UK and we are looking for someone to take on the responsibility for doing this. It would be an ideal opportunity for "a swallow" to help us in this way. If you think that you could help in this way please contact Anne Lloyd and she will explain more about what is involved.



### USED STAMPS

St Andrew's collects used postage stamps to raise funds for the Helen Keller Centre for the Blind in Jerusalem supported by the charity BIBLELANDS. Special commemorative stamps are particularly desirable, as they are overwhelmed with the regular 1st & 2nd class stamps. If you have suitable stamps, please bring them to church. Post them in the box just inside the entrance door. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

### USED CARDS

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# *Diocesan Prayer Requests*

During this month please add the following Diocesan needs to your prayers.



**Diocesan Office** Pray for those who conscientiously and skillfully serve the administration of the diocese.

**THE EPIPHANY CHURCH IN DOHA** Praise God for the newly started Marathi (an Indian language group) congregation and the consistent growth of the Tamil congregation.

The Cultural Ambassadors' groups bringing together members from different countries.

Job insecurity is a major problem. It is hard to say farewell to members who are part of the Church of Epiphany. Pray for those who leave the country and seek employment elsewhere.

**Readers** Pray for the licensed public lay ministers of the diocese.

**CHRIST CHURCH, AYA NAPA**

Pray that in the next six months a new parish will be formed with a new priest together with our fellow Christians at St John's and St Mark's.

**Cathedrals** Pray for St Christopher's and St Paul's Cathedrals, their people, their deans, their canons, and their clergy.

**The Canterbury Group** is a unique parish composed of expatriates from over a dozen different countries. It serves five different communities in a closed country. Praise be to God for grace and joy throughout all the congregations, in spite of changing political climates.

Pray that we put our hope in God for encouragement for all expatriates. Pray also that those who are isolated and without a church home would find The Canterbury Group. We ask that God would bring renewed health to the many among us who are struggling physically and comfort to those who are homesick.

**Retreat Ministry** Pray for those who bring energy and depth to the work of giving others time and space.



## Prayer Guide for 40 Days of Lent

- **March 1** - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." - Psalm 119:105, NIV
- **March 2** - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." - Proverbs 3:5, NIV
- **March 3** - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV
- **March 4** - "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." - 1 Corinthians 16:13, NIV
- **March 5** - "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Luke 12:34, KJV
- **March 6** - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13, NKJV
- **March 7** - "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19, KJV
- **March 8** - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11, NIV
- **March 9** - "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." - Isaiah 26:3, ESV
- **March 10** - "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." - James 1:5, ESV
- **March 11** - "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" - Psalm 107:8, KJV
- **March 12** - "For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." - Psalm 107:9, NIV
- **March 13** - "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." - Galatians 6:7, NIV
- **March 14** - "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23:1, ESV
- **March 15** - "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." - Psalm 23:6, ESV
- **March 16** - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his

purpose." - Romans 8:28, KJV

• **March 17** - "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" - Romans 8:31, KJV

• **March 18** - "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV

• **March 19** - "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - John 14:6, ESV

• **March 20** - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23, NIV

• **March 21** - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." - Ephesians 2:8, ESV

• **March 22** - "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." - Psalm 139:14, NIV

• **March 23** - "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." - Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV

• **March 24** - "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:39, NIV

• **March 25** - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:7, NIV

• **March 26** - "Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." - Proverbs 30:5, ESV

• **March 27** - "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV

• **March 28** - "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." - Psalm 19:1, NIV

• **March 29** - "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16, NIV

• **March 30** - "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33, KJV

• **March 31** - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..." - Colossians 3:16, KJV

• **April 1** - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." - Hebrews 13:8, KJV

• **April 2** - "They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." - Isaiah 40:31, KJV



- **April 3** - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27, NIV
- **April 4** - "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn." - Psalm 37:4, NIV
- **April 5** - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16, KJV
- **April 6** - "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." - 1 John 4:7, NKJV
- **April 7** - "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works." - Hebrews 10:24, NLT
- **April 8** - "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." - Philippians 4:8, NIV
- **April 9** - "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." - Psalm 150:6, NIV

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## **The Fourth Sunday in Lent commonly called Mothering Sunday**

The Fourth Sunday in Lent marks the middle of the Lenten fast and has traditionally been marked with special activities. It has various names, including Mothering Sunday and Refreshment Sunday. The former title is a reference to the fact that this was the traditional day for apprentices and young people "in service" (i.e., working as servants) to have a holiday to go home and visit their mothers, bringing with them presents. Mothering Sunday is the original "mother's day" and reminds us of our natural mothers and also of our spiritual mother, the Church. A fuller explanation of the history of the observance and its customs may be found by following this link provided by Project Canterbury. As the linked article notes, the occasion is marked with a special holiday confection called simnel cake, baked with fine flour, sugar, and fruit. Two recipes are provided below. These modern recipes are considerably simpler than the original boiled and baked cakes described in the article. In many churches today it is the custom to bring the simnel cake to church to be blessed and distributed. It is appropriate to present the cake at the Altar, together with the alms and oblations, at the time of the Offertory. It may be blessed either before the Great Thanksgiving or at the end of the service after the Post Communion Prayer. A prayer

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of blessing is also given below.

### A Recipe for Simnel Cake

from St. Paul's Church, Salem, New York

¾ cup butter	½ tsp. salt
2 cups sugar	¾ cup raisins
4 eggs	1 cup diced candied fruit
2 cups flour	1 cup almond paste

sugar icing glaze

Grease a large round deep cake pan (10") and set aside. Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well. Blend in flour and salt, adding candied fruit and raisins last. Pour half of the batter into the cake pan. Roll out almond paste and place on top of the batter. Cover almond paste with remaining batter. Bake at 300° for one hour. Frost with confectioner's sugar glaze.

### Blessing of Simnel Cake

Almighty God, giver of all joy: Receive at our hands this cake, that it may be to us a symbol of our communion with thee and with one another; as its flour was once scattered over our land as wheat and now is one, so let us be one in anticipation of thy gift of the new Jerusalem which, as thy redeemed people, is our joy, our hope, our destiny, and our home. Hear us, O Lord, through Jesus Christ thy Son, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



With tender look, and voice of thrilling grace,  
The SAVIOUR once to His disciples said,  
"Come ye apart into a desert place.  
And rest awhile the aching heart and head."

He says so still to all who are His own,  
To all aweary with the world's sad strife,  
"Come, spend with me a little while alone,  
Leave the hot fever and the fret of life.

"Come from the world's hard struggle and its din,  
Discords that pain the ear and never cease,  
Wild stormy passions, tumults of man's sin,  
Which put to shame the angel's song of peace.

"Come, when perplexed by doubt or anxious fear,  
And I will make dark things all clear and plain,  
Will shed the light of hope on dull despair,  
And give true peace where now is only pain."

C. D. Bell.

## **Too Busy to Spend Time with God your Friend**

As you got up this morning, I watched you, and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday. But I noticed you were too busy, trying to find the right outfit to wear.

When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy.

At one point you had to wait, fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip instead. I watched patiently all day long.

With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me. I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay. There is still more time left, and I hope that you will talk to me yet.

You went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done, you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it not thinking about anything, just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me.

Bedtime - I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay because you may not realize that I am always there for you. I've got patience, more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well. I love you so much that I wait everyday for a nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation.

Well, you are getting up once again. And once again I will wait, with nothing but love for you. Hoping that today you will give me some time. Have a nice day!

Your friend,

**GOD**

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