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ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES	
Each Sunday	
08.00am	Said Eucharist (Traditional)
10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
02.30pm	Russian Language Service
Each Thursday	
10.00am	Said Holy Communion (1st Thursday there will also be prayers for healing)



Each week refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the 10.30am service. All are welcome

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"Grant, O Lord, that what we have said and sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts. And what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

A simple prayer, but one which we could all learn and practice.

Continuing on:

14. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

15. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

16. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

Is this, or is this not, a prophetic word from Scripture for what we have been going through for, as I understand it, so many years here in St Andrew's, and it continues to this very day?

So many churches suffer from this, from both the laity and the leadership, "bitter envy", being "boastful" and full of "self-ambition" to the detriment of others, leading sometimes to being "false with the truth" (though those who are "false with the truth" often believe their own version of events rather than being open to listen to others who may have a different perspective.)

17. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

None of us have the complete picture of anything: all of us interpret things for ourselves. ALL of us, in some way or another, will show partiality. It's only by sitting down in a spirit of true Christian love and openness, being "willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits," that we can, as Rabbie Burns said in his poem "To a louse":

*O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us!
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
An' foolish notion:*

Continuing with James letter, and verse 18:

18. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

As our Lord himself told us: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Moving on to Chapter 4

1. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

2. You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

As Christians we know how we should behave. Jesus himself told us he is "the Way" and it's his way that we should be following at all times in our lives. The way of love for God and neighbour, putting others and their needs before our own selfish ones.

Heaven forbid that we commit murder! But we certainly do, have done and are at this very time carrying on doing what James warns us about:

engage in disputes and conflicts

3. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

7. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Here's the answer to all our woes. We must spend more time in prayer, both formally in our worship and privately in our prayers at home, praying for St Andrew's and all involved here. WE are not the important ones, none of us are, past or present members, laity or clergy.

You know sometimes when I hear about the past history of St Andrew's and what we are going through today, I really do wonder, let me be open and honest and say it out loud, if there is some sort of dark satanic influence at work here. Why else would there be such a history of disputes and disagreements? Many of you know this far better than I do, since I'm just a blow-in, a Johnny-come-lately. And perhaps

I'm being too fanciful, being stuck in the middle of the current situation as so many of us are.

But I do know this. If we:

7. *Submit ourselves therefore to God.*

if we:

Resist the devil, and he will flee from us.

and if we:

8. *Draw near to God,*

then God will surely

draw near to us.

Rev'd Michael Graham



The Kurban Bayram collection made in St Andrew's raised a total of £350. Contact will be made with the Special School in Karakum to see what we can donate to that amount. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.



Please remember to inform the Wardens if you know of someone who is unwell or in hospital. We often hear people say, 'I thought you knew'. It is better that we hear several times than not at all.



Friends of St Andrew's

A letter from Pat Etherington

Hi Everyone,

Well this is the time of the year when all our swallows start returning and it will be lovely to catch up on all their news, see all the photos and renew friendships.

I hope everyone coming to church also notices and admires our newly repaired gate posts after they were damaged during a car rally in town. It took a little time for it to happen but I do think they now look good.



The weather has continued to be rather hotter, I think, than usual and gardens, certainly mine, are looking rather the worse for wear and in need of a good drink. Everyone I know is still making good use of their swimming pools and I am sure will continue to do so for a few weeks yet.

A year ago we ran a food appeal for Tulips cancer patients and may I, at this time, point out that this is still an ongoing project due to the drop in value of the Turkish lira. The drop off points

are still the same, Amore Beauty Salon (Lapta) and Best Seller Bookshop (Karakum).

The Rev'd Michael Graham continues to take the services during the interregnum and we've lots to look forward to in October, the first being the Harvest Festival on the 7th. The church always looks so beautiful when decorated for this. There is to be a Confirmation service on the 21st October followed on the 2nd November by the All Souls Service. This is usually attended by people who don't regularly come to church to remember their loved ones and is followed by light refreshments in the hall downstairs.

Some of you will remember, I hope, my holding a coffee morning at my home in aid of the Ras-Morbat Clinic in Aden last May. Well, I am going to try and have another one at my home on Saturday 13th October, which I pray will be just as successful. So please, if you can, do give us your support. The time will be announced in church.

Apart from telling you that I've got all my seeds ready and am only waiting for the weather to cool.

I think that is about all my news for now.

Much love from Cyprus.

Pat E.

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On 7th October we will have our Harvest Festival at St Andrew's. The guest preacher will be the Rev'd Steve Ward, a Methodist Minister who worked closely with the Army Chaplains here in Cyprus.

If you are able to contribute any produce or would like to help with the decoration of the church on the morning of Saturday, 6th October it will be very much appreciated. Any produce we receive will be donated to local good causes. In a break with previous years we will hold our harvest lunch, weather permitting, in the courtyard surrounding our church. If bad weather prevails we will use the hall. You will find details of the lunch on the pew sheet nearer the time or contact Sandy Oram on 0542 872 4291.



A Harvest Thanksgiving sermon

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[John 7:37-40](#)

Not so many years ago, a shopping trip to the greengrocers would reveal a small assortment of locally grown produce - various root and leaf vegetables, a selection of apples, pears, bananas, oranges and possibly some plums. The vegetables

tended to be those which you could grow in the garden, greenhouse or allotment.

Everything had its season, and one could look forward with eager anticipation to the first strawberries of summer, or the arrival of the cauliflower, cucumber or tomatoes. This seasonality in the food that we ate meant that each season held its own delights for the lover of fresh food. But don't things change?

Now I'm not necessarily saying that this is a bad thing, and that we should go back to the "good old days". For one thing it's opened up some new markets for smaller countries to export the crops that they can grow and we can't - even if at times the West has exploited these smaller producers. But it does mean for children growing up today the whole concept of a Harvest Festival really doesn't mean as much as perhaps it did to my grandparents. Silage gathered into round bales wrapped with polythene doesn't have the same mystique as the sight of a combine harvester and fields of gently waving golden corn. And by the time the churches get around to celebrating harvest, most of the crops have already been safely gathered in for some time.

Not so of course in some countries. We've all seen those horrific television pictures of the problems some African countries have when there's a total lack of rain. In some cases the seed hasn't even managed to germinate, let alone get anywhere near ripening. What celebrations there must be in such countries when conditions are favourable and sufficient crop is harvested to ensure that the family will not go hungry through the winter months. For in countries such as these, there is little chance of a shortfall being made up for by imported produce - other than with charitable aid.

So if there is no really defined time in late September when we can breath a long sigh and say that the harvest is safely gathered in, why do we still continue to have Harvest Festivals? It seems a question worth asking - I mean, is it simply tradition - a throwback to the Victorian lifestyle with echoes of Constable's *Haywain*? Is it a chance to fill a few pews at a point in time between Easter and Christmas? If we no longer rely on a satisfactory harvest in this country to supply our needs in the way that our forefathers did in the past, then why all the fuss?

It doesn't even help us much if we look back at the history of the festival, I'm afraid. Throughout the ages people have given thanks for the maturing of crops that would sustain them through the following months. And of course like many other ancient customs, harvest rituals - such as the offering of the first fruits to the gods - were taken over by the early church in an attempt to water down the influence of the traditional pagan beliefs. By the Middle Ages the first corn from the harvest was made into the Eucharist bread on 1st August, Lammas day. When the harvest had been gathered, "Harvest Home" would be celebrated in a farmer's house.

It was customary to use the last sheaf of grain to make a corn dolly, based on the belief that the corn spirit was contained within the dolly. When the feasting was over it was taken to the farmhouse and kept there until the next harvest supper.

Nowadays, harvest is usually observed in late September or early October - a tradition that I was surprised to learn only goes back as far as the middle of the last century and curtesy of a Cornish vicar. And sad to say, the corn dolly is still in evidence in the decorations of some churches - a rather unwelcome remembrance of harvest's pagan past.

This is all a bit depressing isn't it. The closer we look at the harvest that has been handed down by the established church from its pagan past, the less it seems to have relevance to our modern world. To understand the real significance of this festival, it seems we have to go back much further - back to the real roots of our Christian faith within the Old Testament and among the Jewish people, and their relationship with their God.

From very early times the Jewish year was punctuated by festivals - the "Feasts of the Lord". Some were timed to coincide with the changing seasons, reminding the people of God's constant provision for them and allowing them to return by way of offering, a token of all that he'd given them. Others celebrated some of the great events of Israel's history, and the ways that God had intervened to help his people when they were in need.

All were occasions of joy and celebration reflecting on all the good things that God had given to and done for his people, as well as times where the people could come close to their God and ask for forgiveness and cleansing.

We know that they were never intended to be observed out of mere formality and empty ritual. The prophets warned the people against reducing these festivals to that level. The real purpose was spiritual - a great and glorious meeting together of God and His people.

Among the various festivals that the Jews celebrated are two which seem relevant to Harvest Sunday. The first was the Feast of Weeks, which we read about in Leviticus 23. Celebrated fifty days after the beginning of Passover, it was essentially an agricultural celebration at which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God. The priest offered two

loaves of bread made from the new flour, along with animal sacrifices. The festival later became known as Pentecost - from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth".

Doesn't life get confusing? Now it seems as though we ought to be having our Harvest Festival on Whit Sunday! The second festival which I want us to think about is that of the Feast of Ingathering (or Tabernacles), which is an autumn festival held at the end of the fruit harvest. This was the most popular and joyful of all the festivals and lasted a full seven days. Celebrations included camping out in gardens and on roof-tops, in tents or huts made from the branches of trees. These tents (or booths or tabernacles) were a reminder of the time that the people lived in tents after the Lord brought them out of Egypt and led them toward the promised land.

The festival included a ceremony in which water was poured out and prayers made for good rains for the coming season. It's also suggested that it was during such a ceremony that Jesus stood up and declared "Whosoever is thirsty should come to me and drink. As the scripture says, 'Whoever believes in me, streams of life-giving water will pour out from his heart. (John 7:37-38)

Can I suggest that it's somewhere between these two Jewish festivals, The Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles that we can look for the real significance of our Harvest Festival today. In a time when it is difficult to relate to the Victorian print depicting harvests of old, and Constable's 'Haywain' is only a fading copy on the wall, and so many inner-city children wouldn't recognise peas or broad beans if they saw them growing in a field, maybe we should be looking for a deeper spiritual meaning. (*Contd pg 18.....*)

Calendar of Services and Duties - October 2018

Date	Service Time	Sidpersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
7 October Trinity 7 October Trinity 19 - Harvest Thanksgiving (Prayers and Readings are those for Harvest)	10.30am	Precious and Sharon Gechure	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Joel 2: 21-27 Psalm:126 1 Timothy: 2: 1-7 Matthew 6: 25-33	Sandy Oram Izzy Diana Peek Clergy	Lee McHugh	Kathleen Meredith
14 October Trinity 20	10.30am	Bob Taylor and Jacqueline McIntyre	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 Psalm:90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10: 17-31	Linda Smith Sharon Gechure Jan Dykes Clergy	David Wilde	John Hodgson
21 October Trinity 21	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 53: 4-12 Psalm:91: 9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Shane Barnes Lyn Hillard Frank Gillin Clergy	Mavis Steele	Bob Taylor
28 October Bible Sunday	10.30am	Linda Lister and Amanda Warrender	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 55: 1-11 Psalm:139: 7-14 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 John 5: 36b - 47	Sue Walker Anne Keevil Sharon Gechure Clergy	Richard Dobbs	Pat Etherington

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4 November All Saints' Day	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hilliard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm:24: 1-6 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	Izzy Lee McHugh Sarah Middleton Clergy	Fr Edward Jervis	Christine Dobbs
11 November 3 before Advent Remembrance Sunday	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jonah 3: 1-5,10 Psalm:62: 5-12 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 1: 14-20	Sandy Oram Jacqueline McIntyre James Gibbs Clergy	Anne Lloyd	Bob Taylor
18 November 2 before Advent	10.30am	Jacqueline McIntyre and Jewel Pearce	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 12: 1-3 Psalm:16 Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8	Alan Peek Linda Smith Diana Peek Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	John Hodgson
25 November Sunday next before Advent Christ the King	10.30am	Precious and Sharon Gechure	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Psalm:93 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37	Mavis Steele Shane Barnes Richard Dobbs Clergy	Sandy Oram	Pat Etherington

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In this way the offering we bring, the fruit and vegetables, the beautiful flowers and foliage which decorate our churches today can still remind us of all the good things that the Lord has given to us, and for which we can too easily become complacent. And while we're saying thanks for the food we eat, what about the gas and electricity that is used to cook the food, the petrol that gets us to the supermarket, the homes within which we eat - there are so many things in our lives that we should be grateful for.

But Jesus' words in John's gospel remind us that our needs are not just met by a constant supply of broccoli and sweetcorn. Jesus had a way of taking the ordinary things of life and bringing out of them a tremendous truth. On the occasion referred to in our reading, water from Siloam's pool was solemnly offered in the temple - possibly as I've mentioned a rite invoking God's help in bringing the refreshing rain to end the long summer drought. Jesus seizes the opportunity in the way that only he could - **any** thirsty soul was invited to find deep and lasting refreshment through faith in him. The blessing which Jesus offered was to be made available through the Holy Spirit - which had not yet been given in a new way to believers.

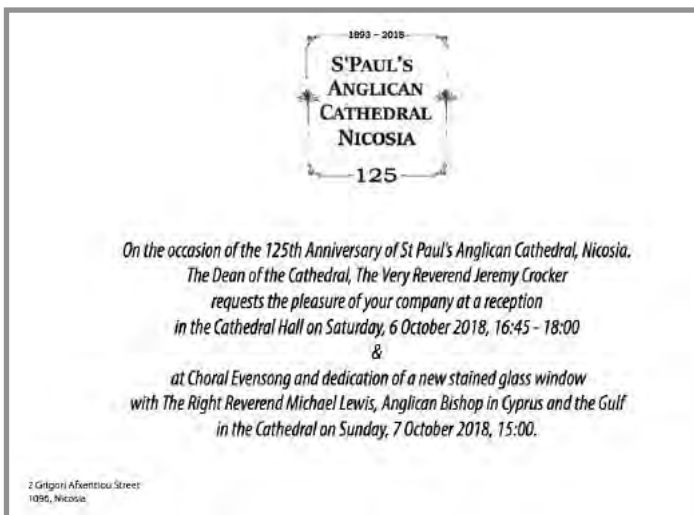
The Spirit had been active in the world from the beginning of time, but was not given to the believers in the full Christian sense until Pentecost, after Jesus had died, risen and ascended to His Father in heaven. And there of course is another link to the first of our festivals - we now celebrate Pentecost.

I'm drawn to the conclusion that the overriding need of Christians in today's world is to be constantly reminded of all the good things - both spiritually and materially - that our God offers to his people, in the same way that the people of Israel used those two festivals to thank Him not only for the

provision of a sufficient harvest, but also for the fact that their God was constantly acting in their best interests - that His love for His people could look beyond all the bad things that they did, all the times that they strayed from following him sincerely, and still provide for their needs.

For that reason I like to include among the usual gifts on the table, a glass of water - to remind us of the spiritual food without which we could not function as effective Christians. For it was the gift of the living water, the Holy Spirit, to the believers in Acts that was the starting point, the birth, of the church, and without which we wouldn't be singing hymns of thanks to God for his love for us.

So it is that two of our festivals, Pentecost and Harvest are seemingly linked by purpose and aim, and enable us now to thank God for all his good gifts - for food to eat, for our material needs, for the meeting of our spiritual needs. And with so much to give thanks for, our Harvest Thanksgiving should never be a mere formality or ritual - it will be as the prophets intended, a great and glorious meeting between God and His people.



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*On the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Nicosia.
The Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Reverend Jeremy Crocker
requests the pleasure of your company at a reception
in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday, 6 October 2018, 16:45 - 18:00
&
at Choral Evensong and dedication of a new stained glass window
with The Right Reverend Michael Lewis, Anglican Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf
in the Cathedral on Sunday, 7 October 2018, 15:00.*

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If you plan to attend either of these events please advise Rev'd Mike in order that numbers may be forwarded St Paul's.

In Harvest

By Sophie Jewett

Mown meadows skirt the standing wheat;
I linger, for the hay is sweet,
New-cut and curing in the sun.
Like furrows, straight, the windrows run,
Fallen, gallant ranks that tossed and bent
When, yesterday, the west wind went
A-rioting through grass and grain.
To-day no least breath stirs the plain;
Only the hot air, quivering, yields
Illusive motion to the fields
Where not the slenderest tassel swings.
Across the wheat flash sky-blue wings;
A goldfinch dangles from a tall,
Full-flowered yellow mullein; all
The world seems turning blue and gold.
Unstartled, since, even from of old,
Beauty has brought keen
sense of her,
I feel the withering grasses
stir;
Along the edges of the wheat,
I hear the rustle of her feet:
And yet I know the whole sea
lies,
And half the earth, between
our eyes.



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USED CARDS

Can you help our ladies who enjoy recycling greetings cards to raise funds for St Andrew's by donating your used cards to them. If you are visiting the TRNC and have room in your suitcase do bring them to the church.



Don't let sickness steal Mandisa's future

One of the projects being supported by **Embrace** in Egypt.



In one of the many slum areas of Egypt lives a 5-year-old girl called Mandisa and her family. She lives in a part of Alexandria where many people live in poverty. Mandisa's parents moved here in hope of a better life, but they have

struggled to find regular work. Times have been hard, but this family tries to keep their spirits up and do what they can to get by.

Egypt is believed to have 850,000 people living in slums. They are dangerous for many reasons, but the very real danger facing Mandisa right now is that she has an infestation of parasitic intestinal worms. Worms can cause malnutrition, anaemia, swollen stomach and constant diarrhoea. Mandisa has all of these symptoms and she is in constant pain.

In places where there is little access to adequate medical care, children are particularly susceptible to all sorts of dangerous diseases and worms are rife.

There have been promises of better housing for the 210,000 families living in these difficult conditions, but right now most people are still living with virtually no sanitation. Diseases and malnutrition caused by worms are a continual

problem for such vulnerable families.

Right now our partner, a medical centre who works on the ground in Egypt is able to treat children like Mandisa. And give the care that her parents would otherwise be unable to afford. Not only that, the medical staff ensure that children and families receive a nutritious meal as well as the medical treatment, ensuring they are on the best road to recovery.

The need is great

The infestation has left Mandisa weak and vulnerable to other diseases. She is much too ill to go to school, and her infestation would put other children at risk. There are many children just like Mandisa. All Mandisa's mother wants for her is to have a happy and healthy life, and to get a better education than she did to secure her future. But without something as simple as de-worming treatment, Mandisa and others are excluded from school.

It costs £19 to treat a child, with de-worming medication and provide a nutritious meal for her family.

If you'd like to help:

Send a cheque made payable to Embrace the Middle East to
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St Andrew's forthcoming events

Confirmation

Sunday October 21st will mark a very special day in St Andrew's when Bishop Michael will lead us at the 10:30am Holy Communion Service. Also on that day Bishop Michael will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for several adult candidates who have been preparing for some weeks now.

Please do come and join us and support those who will be confirmed on that special day in their walk with God. There will be refreshments in the form of "finger food" in the Hall after the service when we will have a chance to personally congratulate and welcome those who have just been confirmed.

If you are able to provide a plate of food please let Sandy Oram know. There will of course be a bar if you wish to have a glass of wine or beer or juice.



The Confirmation Classes will formally end on Friday 19th October. However there has been some interest and attendance from people who weren't confirmation candidates and who have expressed an interest in such an informal discussion group continuing, one where we can discuss amongst ourselves our faith (or lack thereof!). All those questions you wanted to ask, but were afraid to do so! Always remember that there is no such thing as a stupid question, only a stupid answer. And goodness knows the Church has been guilty of quite a few of those during the millennia!

So do come along to Uncle Sam's Restaurant on the Bellapais Road (opposite the mosque and Starling's supermarket) on Friday at 2:00pm.



There will be a special service on All Soul's Day (2nd November) at 2:00pm in St Andrew's when we will remember all those whom we have loved but see no more, and who are in a closer walk with God. If you would like loved ones remembered at this service please give the names to the Rev'd Mike or the Churchwardens.

GIVING

Our giving should be a prayerful and spiritual expression of all this, like giving a gift to a loved one. When we give we are not paying our dues, but engaging in an act of thanksgiving. Over the past few years we have seen the wider community join with us in giving to those who are needy throughout the world as well as locally. Of course we need financial contributions in order to sustain all that we do. Anything you feel able to give, however small, will be deeply appreciated and understood as encouragement to us to build this work here.

We are now a UK registered charity and we would ask those of you who believe in and support our ministry to change the way you give, and channel it through our charity. Regular giving no matter how small by standing order does facilitate forward planning and budgeting.

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Looking ahead to our Advent season, our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 1st December. Contributions for stalls will be much appreciated. Tombola and raffle prizes, produce, cakes, gifts, bric-a-brac, books, etc, and of course we need a Santa (any offers?). Please contact a member of the Council (*list on pg 2*) if you can help.



The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday 23rd December. We will have a Eucharist service at 8am, but there will be no 10.30am service and our Carol service will be at 4.30pm. After the service we will serve mulled wine and mince pies. We will need volunteers to help with cooking and to decorate the church for this Christmas festival.

CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	BELLAPAIS LODGE	14.00 - 15.00
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	KYRENIA CHAMBER CHOIR	18.00 - 19.30
THURSDAY	REHOBOTH CHURCH	18.30 - 19.30
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	AA	13.00 - 14.00
SUNDAY	RUSSIAN GROUP (Alex)	16.30 - 17.30

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“FRIENDS” DIARY DATES

EVENT	DATES
Northern Gathering of “Friends” to include to include exclusive tour of Minster	17th Oct
“Friends” Exeter Day	23rd Nov
Diocesan Synod in Larnaca	2nd - 6th Feb
“Friends” Spring Gathering at Launde Abbey	20th 22nd May
“Friends” ACM at All Hallows by the Tower, London	5th Aug

The Friends of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf announces that the **2018 Autumn Gathering** will be held on Wednesday 17th October. The venue will be the Bar Convent in York, and we hope that many of you will be able to attend.

The programme for the day will be an opportunity to Meet & Greet for fellowship over tea/coffee (10.30am), followed by our Eucharist Service (11.30am). Lunch will be in the Bar Convent Cafe at 1pm. For our afternoon activity we will re-visit York Minster at 2.30pm, a venue enjoyed by many. As you will have read in the recent Olive Branch (Summer 18 edition), a highlight this year will be viewing the East Window, now complete following a 10 year restoration programme.

Costs Associated with the Event.

1. Meet & Greet with tea/coffee, approximately £2-£3.00.
2. The cost of lunch dependant on choice, between £5 and £10.
Gluten free is available.
3. A retiring collection will be made at the Eucharist Service going towards to the Bar Convent and Cultural Heritage Fund.
4. Visit to York Minster is free of charge.

To keep things simple we ask that you email Ron Maitland (Olive Branch Editor) at olivebranch@cypgulf.org to confirm your attendance, and say if you wish to stay for lunch and the afternoon activity. You will be required to order luncheon choice prior to the Eucharist. and to pay for our meals after the lunch.

Diocesan Prayer Requests

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



Retreat Ministry Pray for all who plan and lead retreats and quiet days across the diocese.

Mission to Seafarers Cyprus We give praise and thanks to God for opening doors to help our service to the seafarers continue to grow and provide a brief haven in their difficult times.

Link with Thika Diocese Pray for Bishop Julius Wanyoike, his clergy and people, and for the continued three-way relationship between Cyprus and the Gulf, Thika, and Exeter.

Jebel Ali: Christ Church is part of the Chaplaincy of Dubai, Sharjah and the Northern Emirates. We rejoice in our partnership with CNI, CSI and other ecumenical partners; helping us to embrace our unity in diversity.

Link with Exeter Diocese Pray for Bishop Robert, his clergy and people, and for the three-way link with us and Thika.

Famagusta: St Mark's is a church in a predominantly Muslim city. The vast majority of Christians in Famagusta are international students in the local university.

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