



The Anglican Church of St Andrew's Kyrenia

in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



SEPTEMBER
2019

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. [Matthew 13:30](#)

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ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES	
Sunday at 10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
Sunday at 2.30pm	Russian Language Service
Thursday at 10,00am	Said Holy Communion
(First Thursday each month -	This service will include prayers for healing)

11.00am - Monthly Prayer for St Andrew's

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



St Andrew's Church website:

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On Friday 23rd August I had the privilege to lay to rest the mortal remains of a little girl, Isabel Ada Christopher Ahmed, who died in a most tragic accident a few days before. To lay little Isabel to rest, and to weep and mourn with her parents Muyiba and Christopher, and her little brother Brian.

I say a privilege, for indeed that is what it is, but it is also one of the hardest things that I ever have to do in my ministry, to bury a child. And perhaps especially so on that day for Sandy Oram and me whose granddaughters bear the same name as this precious little one whom we buried - Isabel and Ada.

Although we did not know Isabel, yet I suspect that when you hear of this kind of tragedy you too may reel in bewilderment at what has happened. A little girl of four years old has been taken from us. And a mother, Muyiba, and a father, Christopher, are consumed with grief.

The hearts of each and every one of us is full of questions: questions like "how could this have happened?"; "why did this happen?" Some of us maybe think "why was Isabel taken when the world is full of sinners who deserve to die far more than this innocent child?"

And in our grief, we cry out to God – in pain, in sorrow, in anger and in despair.

But we do not know the answers to these questions – nor should we try. All we can do is to mourn and to be with Muyiba, with Christopher and Brian - and also with one another, especially those of us who may have been touched by the loss of such a young one in the past.

In the most beautiful of gardens, even those tended by the most skilful of gardeners, there is an occasional plant that sprouts, but never reaches maturity. In all respects the plant is like all the others, but something

keeps it from growing. It fades away - or disappears - without having reached maturity.

What happens in nature's garden happens once in a while also in the garden of God's human family. A baby is born, beautiful, precious, may live in the garden for a few years but fails to come to its full growth. This child, like the plant that never fully matures, is gathered back into God's heavenly garden of souls - where all imperfections are made perfect; all injustices made right; all mysteries are explained; and all sorrows turned to happiness.

As we mourn the loss of such a child we weep, just as Jesus himself wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Even if we knew the answers to the questions that rise so naturally to our hearts and minds at times like this, there still would be no adequate explanation for this loss. It's so painful.

And I believe it is also painful to God, who created the world intending for it to be perfect. As Jesus himself said in Matthew's gospel, chapter 18 and verse 14: "It is not the will of your Father that one of these little ones should perish."

And, as promised to us by God through the prophet Isaiah in chapter 65 and verse 17, there will come a time when there is a new heaven and a new earth - a time when never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few months, or an old man who does not live out his years - a time so glorious in its presence that a person who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; and they who fail to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

But this is not yet that time.

Rather this is the time when heaven remains above - and the earth below; the time when the joy of eternal life is only experienced in its fullness once our mortal bodies perish, much as a plant can grow only after a seed or bulb is planted in the earth and dies.

There are angels above. Angels who watch over the little ones of this earth. Jesus speaks of them again in Matthew chapter 18 when he tells his disciples to be careful not to think less of little children simply because they are little children, for in heaven, he says, their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

There is a special place in the heart of God and amongst the angels for the little ones of this world just as there is a special place in our hearts for such little ones.

And so, we weep at what has happened. And so too - God weeps with us.

What can be said that might ease the pain or ease the grief that parents - and perhaps all of us, feel at the loss of one so young?

There isn't much we can say that will help. We can express our sympathy and sorrow. We can offer words of love, care and concern. We can say we will pray for you. But other than that, we don't know what to say about these things.

All we know is that we are faced with a mystery - the mystery of life - and of death - in which there are no easy answers.

"What" then, St Paul says in his letter to the Romans, "are we to say to these things?"

What St Paul answers is, "If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?"

It is important to know that God is for you. God did not do this to little Isabel. God did not will Isabel's death or her parents' pain. But God is with them in the midst of it all and will help them through it. God is for them and for you. What is more, God gave up his own son for us all.

God understands our pain. God had a son who died also. Jesus died on the cross for us.

And we believe – no, we know, that Jesus rose from the dead. And, because Jesus rose to new life you can be confident that little ones such as Isabel have new life also, one that can never be snatched away from them - or from you.



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.

Monthly Prayer for St Andrew's

At this time of uncertainty and great change in St Andrew's, as we attempt to recover the Chaplaincy accommodation, The Hermitage, from its unauthorised occupation, and, when this is successful, begin the search for a new Chaplain, as one parishioner put it "If ever there was a time St Andrew's needed prayer, this is it."

To this end we will have a **monthly prayer time** specifically for St Andrew's: for example the return of the Hermitage, the new Chaplain process and related factors, those who will be tasked with finding a new Chaplain, current church leadership including Church Wardens and Council, the Diocese in relation to St Andrew's, needs within our church community and church activities.

This will take place on the **First Thursday of each month**, starting on **Thursday 5th September**, at **11:00am** (following the mid-week Holy Communion service) and will last about **30 minutes**.

Note that there is no requirement to come to the Communion service beforehand or remain after that service for the prayer time.

Psalm 107: 28-30

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
 he made the storm be still,
 and the waves of the sea were hushed.
Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.



Summer is ending (thank goodness, after the heat of this year!) and the swallows are beginning to return – not to San Juan Capistrano but at this time of the year to St Andrew’s and Kyrenia!

And our **Home Study Groups** are restarting in the homes of **Steve and Sally Bishop (Ozanköy)** and **Richard and Christine Dobbs (Lapta)**.

The weekly **Ozanköy Home Group** restarts **10.30am** on **Tuesday 10th September**. This autumn we will be discussing the New Testament letter of 1 John as well as enjoying fellowship, prayer and refreshments together. All are very welcome – please email stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk or call Steve on **0533 8742076** if you need directions.

The weekly **Lapta Home Group** will be reconvening on Wednesday **11th September** at **11.00am** for study, prayer and fellowship. Our first study for this period will be on the Old Testament book of Ruth. We look forward to meeting up again and welcome anyone wishing to join us. Please Email Richard randcdobbs@gmail.com or call on **0533 8449965** for more information.

Our sincere thanks go to Steve, Sally, Richard and Christine for this most important ministry in the life of St Andrew’s and for their hospitality in opening their homes to us.

Items for the next magazine should be sent to the Editor by **Monday 24th June 2019**. Email graniannie@hotmail.com

FRUSTRATION!

At the time of writing we had hoped that the advertisement for a new Chaplain for St Andrew's would have been placed in the Church Times as we begin the search for a new leader for the parish.



Sadly, we are unable to do this since the former Chaplain, Ms Wendy Hough, continues to occupy the Hermitage and, in spite of many intimations that she, her family and her menagerie of pets were about to leave, this hasn't happened.

It was thought that perhaps the parish could rent accommodation for a new Chaplain but examination of our finances has shown that this is not viable: the extra cost would prove to be too much. The Council's Finance Sub-Committee has already advised that we cannot afford a full-time Chaplain and the advertisement, when it is eventually published, will reflect this.

Efforts are still ongoing to try to persuade Ms Hough to vacate the Hermitage. It is only the parish of St Andrew's, a parish which she was appointed to lead and nurture, who are suffering because of her occupation of the property. Following her voluntary resignation in May of 2018, Ms Hough was paid her stipend, pension payments and allowances in full up to and including August 2018, even though she was absent from the parish on uncertified sick leave. Since then she has had rent-free accommodation for over a year and has denied the parish the use of the Hermitage, the ancillary buildings and grounds. Her occupation has also denied the parish the income from the olive grove in the grounds of the Hermitage for two years.

Please pray that Christian values will prevail and that the Hermitage will once again become available to the parish. Then we can look forward to continuing God's work here in this place in our time.



The Friends of St Andrew's

A letter from Pat Etherington

Hello Everyone,

Pat has been away on holiday for several weeks and prior to leaving for the UK she was completely absorbed in the stress of moving house and needed her holiday. As a consequence her usual news letter has been postponed until the next edition.

While in the UK Pat and I met in London to go to the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Friends of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf (AFOD) at All Hallows by the Tower in London. Approximately 60 people attended and it was an opportunity to catch up on what has been happening around the Diocese and get news about and from old friends. I am now the secretary to AFOD and would encourage you to join this friendly organization which helps to support the Diocese, contact me at friends@cypgulf.org for more information.

A few days later Pat and I travelled north and visited Jewel Pearce in her new home in Newport Pagnell. Jewel was looking well and sounded really settled, she was delighted to receive the card which many of you had signed. She lives not far from her daughter and is well established playing Short Mat Bowls with her new friends and what's more significant is that the church comes to the residents each week to hold a service which she loves.

Going even further north we made a stop at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. We were blessed with lovely weather and our initial reconnaissance was by an electric train which drove us around the main memorials which helped us to get our bearings on this huge site. A most interesting commentary was filled with snippets of information on the various memorials, helping us to decide on things we wanted to take a closer look at later. The grounds are really beautiful and the tree planting has been done so

sympathetically, connecting with the memorials they compliment. We enjoyed lunch in the most ample cafeteria, checked out the goods in the gift shop – nice things in there, and then we joined a small group for a walking tour. The lovely volunteer guide told us stories about some of the memorials located a little off the beaten track. Should you ever have occasion to be in Staffordshire then I would urge you to try and visit this wonderful Arboretum – I will certainly be going back.

We ventured even further north, to Darlington, where we visited Bob and Jacquie Taylor, who have recently left St Andrew's. With the north came the rain but it didn't spoil our visit. Bob and Jacquie took us to Betty's Tea Rooms in Northallerton - scrummy cakes! And I really enjoyed our visit to Lewis & Cooper - the Fortnum & Mason of the North! This delicatessen store has it all, it's an Aladdin's cave of spices, meats, cheeses and other foods. I could have spent hundreds of pounds here if I had them!



Our travels took us to the North Yorkshire Dales (beautiful, even in the rain!) where we visited a Scarecrow Festival in Kettlewell. We were also made very welcome, as only Yorkshire folk can, at St Michael's church in Linton, located not far from the well-known falls, which were in full spate due to the rains. The following day we were off to Bacup to return Pat to her family and I made a brief visit to the Potteries, rekindling memories of my childhood. I headed south again, returning eventually back to sunny Kent.

Anne

If you live overseas you can keep in contact by becoming a member of the **Friends of St Andrew's**. The Magazine and other news will be posted to you for just £30 per annum. To subscribe, please contact us by post: **PO Box 171, Girne, Mersin 10, Turkey** or email at **office@standrewskyrenia.org**



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LIFE

A concert for Aden

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Venue: The Cathedral Church of St Paul, Nicosia

Date: Friday 20 September

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Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf**

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***Come and support the church and clinic
that are part of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf***

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the clinic in Aden

SUNDAY
29th
SEPTEMBER
10.30AM



Guest Preacher
THE VERY
REVEREND
JEREMY
CROCKER

We are delighted to be welcoming the Dean, **The Very Reverend Jeremy Crocker** to St Andrew's for our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** this year. Do come along to share your praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things that surround our lives. Should you wish to donate gifts to decorate the altar and the church they will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to help with decorating the church this will be done on the morning of Saturday the 28th. Please contact Sandy Oram to let her know you will be available (**0542 872 4291**).

There will be **Bring & Share lunch** afterwards in the grounds of the church. All church members and visitors are welcome. Sandy is also organising this event and will welcome your help with donations for the lunch: salads, quiches, pies and puds etc. She will appreciate it if you could let her know in advance what you feel able to bring. If you are joining us for lunch please remember to bring your knife, fork, spoon and plate with you. There will be drinks available to purchase.

HARVEST IN UK

In the UK the harvest festival, also known as the harvest home, is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday nearest the harvest moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox, which is often between 21-23 September. The harvest festival is the closest thing we have to a day of thanksgiving. In the past the harvest festival changed, based on when all the crops had been brought in. The whole community, including children, needed to help right up until the end, as lives depended on the success of the harvest. As soon as the harvest had been completed and the final cartload triumphantly returned to the farm where the Harvest Supper, also known as the 'Harvest Home', would take place.

At their most lavish the meal would brim with several meats, vegetables, puddings, tarts and ale, and would be accompanied by singing, drinking games and much reverie. One Shropshire tradition in the early 19th century was the

arrival of the ‘Old Sow’ – two men dressed in sacks that were filled with prickly furze cuttings which barbed anyone they approached. That just left the gleaning, the act of collecting any leftover crops in the field which was carried out by the farm women. All of which was to be concluded by St Michael’s Mass on the 29th September, the signifier for the end of harvest.

By looking back through the history and customs associated with harvest we can see why it is such a crucial date in the country calendar. The word ‘harvest’ comes from the Old English word *hærfest* meaning ‘autumn’, the season for gathering the food of the land. This was a vital time of year, when success was a genuine matter of life or death. A prosperous harvest ensured that a community would be fed throughout the potentially barren winter months. It’s therefore no surprise that it was also a time steeped in superstition and, if successful, much celebration. Many of these traditions pre-date Christianity.

With technological advances lessening our dependence on the seasons and the number of people working on the land greatly reduced over the last two centuries, surviving practises are now mainly symbolic in nature. Even during the pre-mechanised past there were vast regional differences throughout the country. What did unite everyone though was the importance of crop gathering and the reverence in which harvest was held. What follows are some of the better known examples from the past...

Roaming groups of labourers would seek employment from farms at the start of the season, in Norfolk they would drag their sickles along the floor to announce their arrival. A ‘Lord of the Harvest’ would be appointed and was in charge of negotiating rates and conditions of labour. Leading his workers (‘reapers’) as they scythed the fields, he would be served first at mealtimes.

The church festival that is the most common harvest celebration still held today originated in Morwenstow, Cornwall in 1843, when Reverend Robert Hawker invited the parishioners of his church into his home to receive the Sacrament in “the bread of the new corn.”

Now that most of us neither sow nor reap what we eat, it is almost impossible to imagine how crucial this time of year was in the calendar, but by knowing a little of the history and keeping these traditions alive we are honouring those who depended upon it.

1.

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**as Associate Priest at St Helena Larnaca
and Archdeaconry Social Concern Officer**

**on Saturday 7th September, 2019
at 2 pm at St Helena's Church, Larnaca**



2.

**The Right Reverend Michael Lewis
Anglican Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf**

**warmly invites you to the Ordination
of the Reverends Peter Day and Justin Arnott**

**on Saturday 21st September
at 2.00pm
at St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia**

I am the vicar, I am

I am the **vicar**, I am.

I am the **pastor**, the carer, the **listener**
the one with the time to drop everything and
I also understand **global politics** and **immigration** and
I am the one who knows about Afghanistan
and **cares about** 'our boys'
and I care about speed-humps
graffiti
litter
and the **positioning of zebra crossings** near
schools.



I am **passionate** about school assemblies
council meetings
mums and **toddlers and** also
I am good **at one-to-one** and small groups and
I listen and empathise and at the **same time**
I am the one who **plans** and strategizes and
I am the one who understands budgets and **decides** if we can buy any staples
or replace the **heating system**.
I am **the vicar**, I am.

I am the quiet **reflective** prayer and
I am the speaker, the enthuser, the **motivator**, the learned teacher and
I can engage **a room** of 10, 50, 300 people with no problem because
I am the one who relates **particularly** well to children
older people
the middle-aged
the jobless
the **employed**
the doctors
teenagers and
I am the one who is always one step ahead and
I am the one who is **endearingly** disorganised.
I am the vicar, **I am**.



I care passionately about **church politics**
I care passionately about domestic abuse
I **care** passionately about the plight of Anglo **Catholics**
women priests
gay clergy
evangelicals and
I listen to the pope
the arch**bishop** and
Rob Bell.



I am up-to-date **with theological** developments.
I **understand** the history of the reformation
the **armed forces**
the war
the government
the **deanery**
the Jewish background of Jesus and
I care about the **excluded** and
I manage **my** admin and
I know how to access **children's services**.
I am **the vicar**, I am.

I am the one in whom trust is placed
I am the one **in whom** grumbles are placed
I am the one who is always talking **to everyone** else
I am **the one** who models worship
marriage
family
gardening
conversation
baking
prayer
listening
talking
planning.



I often get it wrong.
I am the one who **has to keep** my doubts under wraps **and**
I am also the **one who** is vulnerable and

dependable
stable
trustworthy.

I am the one who **chairs** meetings
I am **the one** who manages group discussions
I am the manager of an organisation that **employs** only me
I am the volunteer co-ordinator
the opinion co-ordinator
the **trespasser** on the territory of people **who have** been around a lot longer than
me
and will be there after me.
I understand the **heating system**
the **financial** system
the **rota** system.

I love **committees**.

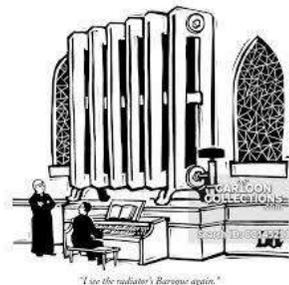
I drink tea with **older** people
And coffee with younger people
I listen to **stories** of bus routes and **hospital** visits and
I believe in transforming **our community** through the power of Jesus.

I am the **one** who is very tired.
I am **the one** who hates wearing **dresses** but still smiles
and would love to **be muddy** all the time.

I am the one who only works one **day a week**.

I am the **one** who loves this job.
I am the one who is **making** it up as I go along.
I am the one who would not swap this for anything.
I **am the vicar**, I am.

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"I see the radiator's Baroque again."





WHEN – The next **Men Meet** will be in October when Gordon returns.

WHERE - St Andrew's Church Hall

TIME - 11am

If you have any ideas or suggestions

for speaker please contact

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Diocesan Prayer Requests

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



Kyrenia: St Andrew's is located in the heart of the beautiful port city of Kyrenia. Rejoice in our continuing witness to the whole community here. Continue to pray for those who have the responsibility for choosing a new Chaplain for St Andrew's and that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a suitable candidate maybe found soon. Pray that the illegal occupation of the Hermitage, by the previous incumbent may soon be ended, and work to make it habitable again may start. Pray for the whole community here in North Cyprus during this time of economic difficulty and uncertainty.

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

Doha: The Epiphany Church has six congregations of more than 600 people. A truly 'global' church with members of more than 30 nationalities. Praise God for blessing the church to spiritually grow amidst all numerous circumstances. The Labour Camp and Prison ministries are important areas of growth. We rejoice in the Lord for the blessed ministry of the clergy team who continue to bring joy and God's peace. Job insecurity is a major problem in Qatar. Pray for those who leave the country and seek employment elsewhere. Also pray for those who work here with uncertainty and doubt.

Readers: Pray for all Readers and thank God for their varied ministries of worship, preaching, teaching, and care.

Ayia Napa: Christ Church: Praise God for His guidance and help in our personal lives and in the life of His Church. Rejoice with the people engaged in the activities to spread the Gospel in word and deed... Lord, send your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us as we travel on together with all men and women of our Diocese,

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Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY:	<u>Bellapais</u>	14.00 - 15.00
	Rehoboth Church	18.30 - 20.30
TUESDAY:	Free	
WEDNESDAY:	3 rd Wed - <u>Menmeet</u>	10.30 - 12.30
	Kyrenia Chamber Choir	18.30 - 19.30
	Family Worship	19.45 - 21.45
THURSDAY:	Bible Study	10.45 - 12 noon
	<u>Maranatha</u>	15.30 - 17.30
	Rehoboth Church	18.30 - 20.30
FRIDAY:	Family Worship	18.30 - 20.30
SATURDAY:	Seventh Day Adventist	10.00 - 12.00
	Alcoholics Anonymous	13.00 - 14.00
	Calvary Church <u>Gime</u>	18.30 - 20.30
SUNDAY:	<u>Maranatha</u>	15.30 - 17.30
	Turkish/English	18.30 - 20.30
	Christian Meeting	

Do you need a venue for an event. Why not consider hiring the hall with kitchen and bar We can also hire out tables, chairs, crockery, glasses, etc. For further information about any of the above please contact our Hall Administrator, Sally Birt **0533 821 6038** or [harries.r.2@ gmail.com](mailto:harries.r.2@gmail.com)



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. **The St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity** makes it easy to donate by:
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Summer

The shelves are stacked with glossy prints of smiling, radiant, bronzed and bikini-clad models, flightily skipping along yellow sandy beaches. One might strain hopefully for even a glimpse of any background figures resembling your average 'Brit on holiday', but sadly be disappointed. There are no red, shiny faces or painful sunburnt shoulders; nor the ghostly white holidaymakers, so carefully coated in indestructible layers of high-factor sun block that recognition of an identity beneath is virtually impossible. No, instead, stamped boldly across the magazine covers, are promises to provide '*This Summer's Ultimate Body, Hair, Skin and Tan Plan*' and the commands to '*Shape up for summer – the countdown to beach gorgeous starts here!*'

The pressure is on but, fortunately, help is always at hand; it seems that the resolutions to be out with the old and in with the new are everywhere and inescapable.

Diets of fruit, vegetables and water promise to transform drab complexions to shimmering, glowing and flawless skin. Various bottles of self-tanning oil give that natural Mediterranean sun-kissed glow to equip every inch of skin for public exposure whilst '*20 fast, no gym fat burners*' ensure that every muscle is lean and worthy of stylish swimwear.

These four-week, quick-fix plans are never thoroughly reviewed: summer gives way to autumn and the focus shifts to another area of the reader's life that inevitably demands immediate attention and re-vitalisation.

The season of summer can often blend into the rest of our culture and become dominated with a concern purely for the external. Somehow, throughout our year, it is not hard to be gripped by the documentaries informing us that 'we are what we eat' and the assurances that the perfect job will mean money to keep up with the latest fashions and that this whole package will happily secure the perfect partner and that life can be complete.

The age-defying products and attempts to attain the perfect body deal with exactly that: the appearance of . . . the illusion of . . . something good, something

perfect, something ‘defying’ what it naturally is. With a knowing smile, one might helpfully remind another that *‘Beauty comes from within, you know’*, but there seems very little available in our culture to endorse or encourage such a ‘well-known truth’.

Supermodels and celebrities are the perfect picture yet the media flashes of drug and alcohol abuse stacked alongside histories of failed relationships frequently reveal a different story; their desperate attempts to hide the excruciating loneliness and brokenness that lies beneath the façade of fame. Nowhere can we find anything deeper. Our spirits and the realities of our lives are left untouched, simply masked by the array and image of beauty.

It is only Jesus who addresses the ‘healthy spirit’ and can look at our insides. The rippling muscles and fake tans are no mask to him.

He is the only one who offers us the make-over that we so desperately need and can transform our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. Outwardly, as sad as it may be, we cannot deceive time, nor does that have any bearing or significance on the part of us that really matters; the part that Jesus sees.

However hard we try, we may not discover success in the six-steps to six-packs, but we can be assured that, in Christ, inwardly we are being renewed day by day and being made more and more like Jesus Christ.

Summer, we hope, can come as an invaluable time of rest and recovery for us. We have been designed to need rest and simply cannot function well without it. We should follow the divine example and work in order to rest, not rest in order to have the strength to work.

‘By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all of his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.’ (Genesis 2:2–3 NIV)

Let your summer be a time of refreshment, of rest and of refocusing. God declared a state of not working to be blessed; he blessed the seventh day.

We can ‘shape up for summer’. We may not feel that we match up to the model ‘beach-look’, but we can prepare ourselves for something infinitely more important. Why not take time alone with God, to read his word, pray and re-align

your life with his will. We may feel spiritually flabby. Has the muscle of faith been left unused for too long? We can ask ourselves if our spiritual muscles have been worthy of the new life and salvation that we have been given by God? Find rest in him and he *will* equip you with all that you need for whatever challenges lie beyond your summer.

'For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.' (1 Timothy 4:8 NIV)

So let's disconnect from social media and the web this summer, and instead connect with God, our spouse, family and friends.

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St Andrew's collects used postage stamps which the charity **EMBRACE the Middle East** sells to raise funds for the Helen Keller Centre for the Blind in Jerusalem, one of the many organisations they support throughout the Middle East.

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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.

Calendar of Services and Duties - September 2019

Date	Service Time	Subscribers	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
1 September Trinity 11	10.30am	Stuart Hillard and Sandy Newye	1st Reading Psalm 117 2nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 10: 12-16 Psalm 117 Hebrews 13: 1-4, 15-18 Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Leo Ige Lee McHugh Sue Walker Clarey	Sandy Cham	Pat Erenington
8 September Trinity 12	10.30am	Jacqueline Murray and Sharon Guthrie	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalm 1 Proverbs 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33	Alan Pees Glenn Tallent Izzy Clarey	David White	Stuart Hillard
15 September Trinity 13	10.30am	John Worron-Griffiths and Leo Ige	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 32: 7-14 Psalm 51: 1-11 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1, 10	Amanda Wrenander Arny Worron-Griffiths Mariuska Sapkota Clarey	Richard Dobbs	Kathleen Meredith
22 September Trinity 14	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 8: 1-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 10: 1-13	Stuart Newye Diane Peak Sharon Barnes Clarey	Chris Peery	Sandy Cham
29 September Trinity 15 - Harvest Thanksgiving	10.30am	Amanda Wrenander and Denise Linsley	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4: 4-9 John 6: 25-35	Jacqueline Murray Sandy Cham Stuart Hillard Clarey	Lee McHugh	Ther Dean

Calendar of Services and Duties - October 2019

Month	Service Time	Subscribers	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
6 October Trinity 16	10.30am	John Worron-Griffiths and Leo Ige	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 20: 1-11 Psalm 100 Proverbs 4: 4-9 John 6: 25-26	Glen Tallent John Worron-Griffiths Diane Peak Clarey	Richard Dobbs	Cristina Dobbs
13 October Trinity 17	10.30am	Sharon Guthrie and Stuart Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15b Psalm 131 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	Richard Dobbs Chris Peery Sandy Newye Clarey	David White	Pat Erenington
20 October Trinity 18	10.30am	Jacqueline Murray and Sarah Maddox	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 32: 26-31 Psalm 127 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:3 Lev 18: 1-6	Sue Walker Arny Worron-Griffiths Mariuska Sapkota Clarey	Anne Lloyd	Kathleen Meredith
27 October Bible Sunday	10.30am	Amanda Wrenander and Denise Linsley	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 45: 22-25 Psalm 118: 100-106 Romans 15: 1-6 Lev 4: 15-24	Pat Erenington Sharon Barnes Arny Worron-Griffiths Clarey	Lee McHugh	Leola Smith

The Chaplain requests that all readers, intercessors and chalice bearers are at church by 10.15 at the latest on the weeks they are on duty for prayers before the service.

If you are going to be away and are unable to swap your duty please advise **Janet Graham**, email: (preferred) jgraham@serenos.net; mob: **+90 (533) 838 6143**. If you do swap your duty please ensure that it is recorded on the master list in the Vestry and Janet is informed of any change.

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