

After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. Acts 1 v 9



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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)

#### **Every Saturday**

10.30pm Seventh Day Adventist Service

#### **Additional Services**

#### **Each First Sunday**

12.30pm Fellowship Praise Service

## **Each Fourth Sunday**

09.00am SUNDAZE Young Families Service

05.00pm Evening Prayer at the Hermitage

#### **Each Fifth Sunday**

10.30am All Age Service with Eucharist

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

## **PALPHA**

For information please contact Victoria Scurfield on 0533 820 8158



# News from The Hermitage

#### Dear Friends

This month, the bulk of my article contains my chaplains' report for our Annual Church Meeting, 2017. As I write I am mindful of the verse from Philippians 3: 13 & 14 where Paul writes: "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus". As we look back on all St Andrew's community has done over the past years we give thanks for the people who have served in this place and developed witness and ministry according to their vision and talents and time, clergy and laity together. When I lead the intercessory prayers, mostly at 8am or Thursday mornings, I almost always remember these people with gratitude, then, I turn to lifting up those who are standing in the gap now. It is now our turn for picking up the baton to run our leg of the relay race. What we do now does not decry or undermine what has gone before; it develops and leads following a day exploring our it forward. An Annual Church

Meeting is the summing up of the past calendar year in many aspects of the church life. We ask people to submit reports and review what we have achieved, and lay out some vision for the future. All too often meetings can be a bit of a drag, sometimes meetings may be dogged by bad tempers, on Sundays people want to get away to lunch appointments. This has led me to consider that the ACM should be a real event in the church's year to look forward to, something to be celebrated. Evaluating our life together and looking at how we move forward should always be a priority for all of, so next year we will make it an evening event, followed by drinks and nibbles, and hope that many will re-think the church ACM in much the same way as we have re-thought giving, or other social events, such as the Harvest Festival, the Advent Fayre, the Pancake Supper, not as separate to our other worshipping church life together, but intrinsic to it.

For now we will concentrate on the review of this past year, and how guickly another year rolls around! In 2016, we held our ACM experimentally, on a Saturday, "Welcome" as a church, which

was based on the project developed by Lichfield diocese. Putting much of the results into practice this year has seen a tide change in the atmosphere and vibrancy of St Andrew's and we are very much encouraged by lots of mail and correspondence we get thanking us for the warmth of our welcome. Several new initiatives have taken place. I was delighted with the introduction to CAP, "Christians Against Poverty", by one of the older members of our church community who has become passionate about this work in the UK. It causes us to think about how we respond to those living in poverty here and resulted in concern for some of our students who find themselves in verv difficult circumstances. A very generous gift made it possible to provide a meal on the Friday before Advent Sunday when 50 students ate together and we listened to their tales of being lured here under false pretences. We are delighted to see many students integrated into the life of St Andrew's ministry, and the success of the food bank, called "Marvellous" after one young lady who was lost and sleeping in church but taken up but loving members of our congregation.

The diocesan theme of "Intentional Discipleship" is something I have felt is showing fruit in St Andrew's in the many different aspects of church ministry development. We are re-thinking a lot about why we do what we do and how that affects what we do and how we do it. Our Christmas fayre is one such example of this. We held it on a Sunday (Advent Sunday, and we should really have called it our Advent Fayre!) so that it is not understood as a "fundraiser" but as an expression of our worshipping life together, inviting members of the wider community to join with us, first in worship and then reaching out to the wider community. We had wonderful food stalls and many extra stall holders invited. As a church we have to re-think our giving, not as a business, making money to store up, but to develop ministry.

Even the terrible weather conditions over Christmas did not put off people marking Christmas, despite understandably, numbers being down. We had music of the highest quality, with the challenge of integrating visitors and swallows. Kyrenia Chamber choir joined us along with the bishop, in a very fine service of Nine lessons and Carols. One hugely successful project this year has been the launch of "Scene@standrews". This is a way of communicating to the wider world of our ministry and inviting them to share with us in helping it to develop. In my introduction I write: "Here at St Andrew's we are working hard to be a church community that lives condemning violence against out its appreciation of, and awareness of, the goodness, the generosity and the greatness of God. All forms of service. including financial giving, are encouraged and developed on the basis of a response to God's call to us. We want to be at the heart of the community here in Cyprus, serving all, whether residents, visitors, tourists or those who own homes here and come to visit several times each year, often known as "swallows", expressing God's abundant love in all we think and we should feel the fear of the say and do. St Andrew's is a place to think about why we worship God and we hope you will be drawn to share with us in exploring the exciting journey of faith." Please read and share the first publication of Scene@standrews, and digest carefully the many and various ways that we express our ministry here together. Do think how we can develop it, what the Every blessing, skills you have to offer are, and

offer them!! We are now working closely with local groups such as Tulips, networking with local groups, giving us all more opportunities to share our faith at the heart of our local community. I was honoured to be part of the first joint statement of religious leaders on the island women, and we are considering ways in which we might contribute in a practical way to support society. We had a fabulous Pancake supper, once again, inviting many in to share with this way of marking the beginning of Lent. Next year we plan for it to be even bigger with a special early evening pancake race and games for children, using this opportunity once again to teach and share.

My Easter Day message was that risen Christ because God is on the loose here in St Andrew's and we need to become accustomed to expecting the unexpected!

This year as we move ahead together, growing in faith and ministry, whilst comforting those who are disturbed, God may wish to disturb us from our comfortable existence.

Wendy

## A Sonnet for Ascension Day Malcolm Guite

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory Whilst we were rooted still in time and place As earth became a part of Heaven's story And heaven opened to his human face. We saw him go and yet we were not parted He took us with him to the heart of things The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings, Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness, Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight, Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness And sing the waning darkness into light, His light in us, and ours in him concealed, Which all creation waits to see revealed.

'Please remember to inform the chaplain or wardens if someone you know is unwell or in hospital. We cannot contact or visit them [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.



#### CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

1st DAY OF EACH MONT	H NCICF (Ebenezer)	06.00 - 07.45
MONDAY - 1st and 3rd	CESV (112) (Steve Collard)	19.15 - 21.15
2nd and 4 <sup>th</sup>	NCICF (Ebenezer)	17.00 - 19.00
TUESDAY	NCICF (Ebenezer)	18.00 - 19.00
		19.30 - 21.00
WEDNESDAY	KYRENIA CHAMBER CHOIR	18.00 - 19.30
THURSDAY	LADIES GROUP	10.30 - 12.00
FRIDAY	FRIDAY WORSHIP (Loudron)	19.00 - 21.00
(3 <sup>rd</sup> )	GAU C.F (Acheme)	23.00 - 01.00
Last	NCICF (Ebenezer)	22.00 - 00.01
SATURDAY	SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS	10.30 - 12.00
	AA	13.00 - 14.00
	YOUTH GROUP (Ebenezer)	16.00 - 20.00
SUNDAY	TURKISH FELLOWSHIP	14.00 - 15.30
	RUSSIAN GROUP (Alex)	16.30 - 17.30
	NCICF (Ebenezer)	17.00 - 20.00

\*\* Music Week - 23-28 May 2017As at January 2017.

For further information about any of the above please contact our Hall Manager: Jacqueline McIntyre: 0533 858 4659

#### Lettings

Do you need a venue for your weekly or special events? Why not consider hiring the hall. We can also hire out tables, chairs, crockery, glasses, etc. Just ring 0533 858 4659

#### ASCENSION DAY

#### 25 May 2017

What must the day after the Ascension have been like? What a wild roller-coaster the Apostles have been on!

No matter how much Jesus tried to teach them, nothing could have prepared them for the Passion of our Lord! He had told them about the Resurrection, but how much could they have possibly understood this unprecedented event!? Hidden in the Upper Room, no doubt wallowing in their shared grief, Jesus appears to them in His New Glorified Body! The telling holes in His Hands and His Feet keep the Miracle fresh and irrefutable in their already blown-away minds.

Appearing through locked doors and sharing meals with them when they least expect Him, these 40 days are incredible... surreal! I bet those Apostles eagerly held on to each moment as tightly as they could!

Then, they watch Him ascend into the Heavens, right before their eyes! Surely no words could describe this vision! Happy for Jesus to be reunited with His Father, they no doubt feel the shock of devastating grief and loss all over again, uncertain of what it all means.

They must have wondered "what now?"

Not yet empowered by the Mighty Holy Spirit, they must have huddled together once again, praying, wondering. Little did they know of what was in store for them on the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church!

What can we do to ready ourselves for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? How can we renew our enthusiasm...our Lent-ridden relief on Easter Sunday that He. Has. Risen!

By Monica McConkey



## The Marvellous Food Bank

The good people of St Andrew's are continuing to help students in both Famagusta and Girne. If you can pop extra items into your shopping basket, bring them to church so that we can share with students in need. We will deliver these gifts and welcome anyone who can help us. Thank you.



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To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile to every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble. To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud word, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

Friends of St Andrew's



## A letter from Pat Etherington

Hello Everyone,

Well, the church hall decorating has all been finished and it looks really great. The wall have been done in a lovely yellow and the woodwork white. The kitchen area has been done as well so it has really made a difference to the effect one gets and it was all

done by volunteers to whom, of course, a big thank you was said.

We had a full house for Palm Sunday and lots of people joined in the procession round the outside of church including the children and one could see how much they enjoyed that part.



We had the usual quiet Eucharist at 7pm each evening and then the Maundy Thursday Foot Washing which I always find quite moving along with the stripping of the altar followed by the night watch. The Good Friday service was held at 12 noon until 3pm, with people coming and going throughout this time.

People had been invited to sponsor a lily in memory of a loved one as part of the floral display for Easter Sunday and this was very popular. The resulting display was magnificent and the scent was noticable throughout the church. (They lasted exceptionally well as on the 23rd all the blooms were fully open and still looking lovely). We used the hall for the overflow of people on Easter Day and had about 50 people in there. They would have been rather chilly if they had been sat outside as used to happen before we had the transmission system installed due to the strong winds we experienced.

Quite a number of the congregation went out for lunch together after the service and some of the students were invited as guests, which was a lovely gesture.



Our ACM was held after the service on the 23rd and a goodly number attended.

We are now getting a definite change of colour in our landscape as we have had poppies out everywhere and lots of pink coming through as well. Geraniums are flowering in the most surprising places, one can only presume they have been thrown out and just rooted themselves.

Well that's it for now.

Love to all

Pat E

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# Help us care for our cancer patients

## A LOT OF OUR CANCER PATIENTS ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR BASIC FOOD AND SUPPLIES MOST WANTED ITEMS THIS MONTH

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WASHING UP LIQUID

FLOUR

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SUNFLOWER OIL

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## St Andrew's Church Kyrenia

#### MUSIC WEEK 2017 23 - 28 May with NykkÖ-Michaël Grégoire

NykkÖ, an accomplished musician, was born in France in 1979. He studied the organ and piano at the conservatoire in Angoulème and in 1997 moved to the conservatoire of Bordeaux to continue his studies of the organ, harmony and compostion, harpsichord and the "Ondes Martenot" (an early electronic musical instrument invented in 1928 by Maurice Martenot).

He gained his diploma in Music in 2002 and a diploma teaching in 2005.

He has worked extensively as a teacher and an accompanist for choirs, soloists and instrumentalists. He moved to England in September 2009.

## **Diary for Music Week**

Tuesday 23rd May	Church Choir Rehearsal at 6pm in the Church Hall with NykkÖ
Ditto	An Evening of Favourite Hymns and organ solos at 7.30pm in the Church with NykkÖ
Wednesday	In the Church with Nykko
24th May	Joint Choirs (Church & Kyrenia Chamber Choir) Rehearsal at
-	6pm in the Church with NykkÖ
Thursday	
25th May	Joint Choirs Rehearsal at 5.30pm in the Church with NykkÖ
Ditto	Ascension Day Concert St Andrew's Church Choir and the Kyrenia Chamber Choir at 7.30pm in the Church with NykkÖ
Sunday	
28th May	Church Choir Rehearsal at 9.30am in the Church Hall
Ditto	Music Week Eucharist Service at 10.30am





Calendar of Services and Duties

**MAY 2017** 

	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
	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 Stanhope Anne Lloyd Izzy Clergy	Fr Edward Jervis	Mavis Steele
	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	Mike Stanhope	Gloria Tattersall
	10.30am	Anne Lloyd Pat Etherington	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 Alan Peek Amanda Warrender Clergy	Lee McHugh	Bob Taylor
28 May Easter 7 - Sunday after Ascension Day	10.30am	Frank & Joan Gillan	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 Sung psalm Nigel Astbury Clergy	Chris Penny	Ann Lloyd

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

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**JUNE 2017** 

St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – June 2017

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
4 June The Day of 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 Izzy Jeanette Burton Clergy	Linda Smith	Sandy Oram
11 June Trinity Sunday	10.30am	Jewel Pearce John Worton-Griffith	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 1:1 -2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20	Jacquie McIntyre Frank Gillan Alan Carling Clergy	Richard Dobbs	John Hodgson
18 June Trinity 1	10.30am	Stuart & Linda Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 19: 2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9:35 - 10:23	Stuart Hillard Chris Brassy Anne Keevil Clergy	Charlie Inskip	Mavis Steele
25 June Trinity 2	10.30am	Amanda Warrender Linda Lister	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 20: 7-13 Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39	Pat Etherington Shane Barnes Ingrid Backhouse Clergy	Mavis Steele	BobTaylor

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## USED STAMPS

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.

Special commemorative stamps are particularly desirable, as they are overwhelmed with the regular 1st & 2nd class stamps. If you have suitable stamps, please trim them and bring them to church. Post them in the box just inside the entrance door. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

### **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.

## Making smiles for children with disabilities

On the outskirts of Cairo, the Shams el Birr centre provides children and adults with disabilities the opportunity of an education and the chance to lead independent lives. With the help of EMBRACE, Shams el Birr was recently able to buy a new dentist chair. Dentists often refuse to treat people with disability and this, coupled with the fact some people with disabilities often are uncomfortable being examined, means that they can struggle to keep their teeth clean.

Many children also suffer poor health due to problems with their teeth, like Panya, who broke her upper teeth as a small child and as a consequence had difficulty chewing.

This had a damaging effect on her health and her happiness. Dental treatment offered at the centre means she can now eat more easily and is happier, often smiling and laughing.

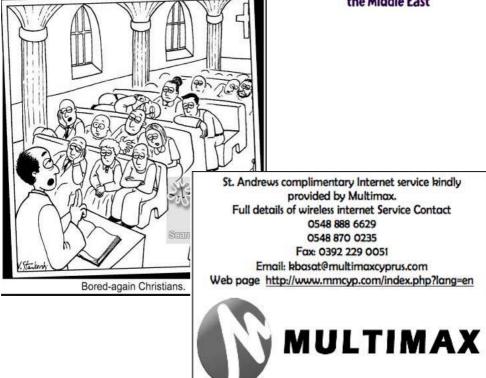
As is Asim who was so self-conscious of his damaged teeth he rarely opened his r



meant he had difficulty making some sounds which affected his speech. Now that he has visited the dentist he is much happier to be examined; his speech is improving and he is much more confident. Shams el Birr is a home to children with disabilities and so much more. Adults with disabilities come to the centre to learn skills like carpentry and weaving and children receive rehabilitation, medical care and educational support, with the aim of getting them into mainstream schools or schools delivering special education. The care and dedication of the staff at Shams el Birr benefits hundreds of people with disabilities each year.

EMBRACE would like to thank all their supporters for the support shown for people with disabilities in the Middle East.





# Diocesan Prayer Requests

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



Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East Pray for our fellow dioceses of Egypt, Iran and Jerusalem.

**ST LUKE'S RAS AL KHAIMAH** Give thanks for the children and young people may the seed of God be planted in their hearts. Pray that God will grow their numbers and send more workers to the harvest.

**Parishes and Chapaincies** Pray for the network of congregations that make up the diocese and for their work and witness.

**Mission to Seafarers, Dubai** Give praise for their occasional success in arranging for abandonded seafarers to return to their families. Pray for progress in setting up ethically run seafarers employment agencies so that exploitation of seafarers can be reduced and eventually eliminated.

**Ordinands** Pray for those currently in formation and training for ordained ministry as deacons and priests.

#### Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus.

Praise God for former service personnel in training for Anglican ordination or licensed lay ministry, and for all Christian people serving within HM Forces and the MOD. Pray for Alpha Forces and the Armed Forces Christian Union. Rejoice that God's people who gather to worship each week in military churches within the sovereign base areas are growing in commitment to Christ by serving the wider community.

Licensed Clergy Pray for ordained clergy, both stipendiary and self-supporting, with licensed responsibility.

**St Nicholas, Fujairah** Give thanks and praise for the love and fellowship they share with one another in the breaking of the bread. Pray for healing in mind, body, and spirit for all. God our Father in Heaven, pour your blessings upon your Holy Church and all the people of Fujairah. May your kingdom come according to your will.





## Changing lives in Egypt:

#### 'Without you, we can't develop the village'

BLESS, the social services arm of the Coptic Orthodox Church and partners in rural Egypt with EMBRACE have an exciting vision – a world where they're not needed! By equipping local volunteers to lead improvements in living conditions, economic security and health, and helping communities become self-sufficient for good. Madeleine Davis, Embrace trustee and deputy editor of the Church Times, visited a busy village where independence is taking shape...

Up on a roof in the village of Yasmine, in Egypt's Minya governorate, exists a co-operative fuelled by flour and enthusiasm. On the day we visited we found four women busy at work, skilfully spinning out dough into huge flatbreads, before passing them to a colleague manning a brick oven. The atmosphere was industrious, cheerful and typical of what we found in the village, which is undergoing an impressive transformation.

Yasmine is one of 30 villages currently involved in the community integrated development programme. Identified by the Bishop of the diocese as one of the neediest, there was no school or clinic, and a high level of illiteracy.

*'It was very poor and very marginalised,'* Hoda, a mother of seven, tells me. The arrival of BLESS changed things.

'We feel very happy because we hadn't any kind of services. Now we have services for each category of the people here.' She lists numerous initiatives including literacy classes, health education, and vocational training 'to improve our economic level'. The approach taken by BLESS impressed her.

'They made a big carnival tent, big enough for involving all the village, and they invited all the people,' she recalls. 'They said "We will not start without you. We want your experiences of the community, and we are here to discover your problems together".'

BLESS's goal is to help communities like Yasmine become selfreliant; to ensure that when the organisation withdraws after five years, the development work doesn't grind to a halt. It achieves this by recruiting and training fieldworkers from within the community. After conducting an assessment of the village's problems, in consultation with the whole community, these fieldworkers create a five-year plan. While BLESS provides monthly funding, covering costs ranging from housing repairs to loans for small businesses, the transformation is powered by local people, many of whom serve as volunteers.

Hoda, who remembers being told *'without you we cannot develop the village*', would like to learn more about health and education and feels passionately about her children's schooling. The project has instilled an understanding of the importance of education, she thinks. *'All the people around me care to send their children to school.'* 

Among the young people we met in Yasmine was Maryam. Her father grows vegetables and her brother recently won a Visa to live in the United States, under a lottery programme. Reluctant to follow her sister in marrying a local man, she dreams of being able to leave to market products in the city. On the morning of our visit we find her working as a volunteer at the new nursery. While a small number of the villagers are paid, the majority involved in the project are volunteers, offering ideas, supporting one another, and helping to run community services. Others are running small businesses, aided by new machinery like the flourgrinder that powers the bread co-operative.

BLESS's empowering approach is shared by other Embrace partners in Egypt, where the government is battling with soaring inflation, a plummeting currency, and employment of 12 per cent. It is estimated that in the poorest governorates, more than a third of the population lives below the poverty line of \$2 a day. Against this challenging backdrop, Christians (estimated to number up to 15 per cent of the population) are working alongside poor communities beyond the reach of many government services. A shift is evident, from pure charity to sustainable development, from educating people about their rights and entitlements under Egyptian law, to providing small loans designed to generate a sustainable income.

#### Please pray for:

Aida, Ez and all the women and girls supported by this project

For BLESS, the staff and volunteers as they do such important work

For Egypt, where healthcare and education are under-funded, please pray for breakthrough in the political situation so all people are able to be supported and valued

# FELLOWSHIP PRAISE

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After the service, you are welcome to join some of us for a late, light **lunch** at Kibris Evi Cypriot Café (200 yds away)

If you live near Kyrenia most of the year and might be interested in joining a weekly home **Fellowship Group**, please contact Steve 0533 8742076 or <u>stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk</u>

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

# **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

## Tuesday 2nd May 8.30-10.00am - Uncle Sams (upstairs)

All men welcome to enjoy just a coffee or a full breakfast (English, Turkish, American from the most extensive breakfast menu in Kyrenia) while having the opportunity to discuss or question any aspect of the Christian faith – or just to listen.

Uncle Sams can be found on the Girne-Belapais road opposite Starlings supermarket. Turn at the Belapais traffic lights and it is a few hundred yards on the left. Don't miss your chance to get a word in on the first Tuesday each month.

For further information or direction tel Steve on 0533 8742076 or email stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk

# FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

#### "Encourage one another and build each other up" 1 Thessalonians 5:11

These weekly groups provide an informal setting in a home to discuss our faith, pray together and build relationships. If you think you might like to join one, please contact the appropriate group leader.

#### **OZANKOY (East side of Kyrenia)**

Meet Wednesday mornings. Currently studying 2 Corinthians on the subject of 'Finding Strength in Weakness". How Christ meets us at our point of need not only before we are saved but after.

The group meet every week at Steve & Sally Bishop's house until the end of July. Contact: Steve stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk

### LAPTA (West side of Kyrenia)

Meet Tuesday mornings. Currently using Archbishop Desmond Tutu's book entitled 'God has a Dream'. In his book he explores our relationship with, and God's dream for us, along with topics such as forgiveness and reconciliation. He draws, of course, from his vast experience in South Africa's turbulent times. The group meets eeach Tuesday in May at Anne Lloyd's house, June 13 - July 11 at Richard Dobb's. Contact: Richard on randodobbs@gmail.com or Anne on graniannie@hotmail.com

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" Colossians 3:16

#### A message from the Chaplain, The Reverend Wendy Hough

Here at St Andrew's we are working hard to be a church community that lives out its appreciation of, and awareness of, the goodness, generosity and the greatness of God. All forms of service, including our financial giving, are encouraged and developed on the basis of a response to God's call to us. We want to be at the heart of the community here in Kyrenia, serving all, whether residents, visitors, tourists or those who own homes here and visit several times per year (often known as swallows), expressing God's abundant love in all we think and do and say.

St Andrew's is a place to learn about why we worship God and we hope you will be drawn to share with us in exploring the exciting journey of faith.

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.

At Easter time we give thanks for, and celebrate, the gift of life promised in Christ's triumph over death. We ask you to be with us in proclaiming the Good News in this part of the world, and we hope you may like to make a special Easter thanks offering.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:

Direct Transfer to the bank account: details below

Weekly envelopes in Church

Regular giving by Standing Order:

Donors from around the world may also donate using mydonate.bt.com

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**Sort Code:** 60-83-01

Account Name: St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity

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Many Kibris residents find our Gift Aid Envelopes scheme the most convenient means to make regular donations to St Andrew's. Our Gift Aid Officer maintains a register of donors and their "envelope number". So, each week, the donor just needs to write their number on a donation envelope and place in the collection.

If you wish to join the envelope scheme and obtain an "envelope number" please contact our Gift Aid Officer who will ask you to complete the Gift Aid Declaration on the Giving Form.



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#### Rotary Cosmopolitan Club of Girne

Meets on 1st and 4th Saturday of the Month at the Merit Park Hotel

2pm for 2.30pm (English speaking)



OTHER CHURCHES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

#### ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY Roman Catholic Church

(On the right hand side of the road (Ersin Aydin Sokak) opposite the Dome Hotel) MASS – Every Sunday in the Month at 12 noon. Information 815 2225 or 815 2285

St. Mark's Anglican Chaplaincy, Famagusta SERVICES - Every Sunday at 11.00a.m. & 5.30p.m. Details of weekly activities on 364 8664

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