

# MAGAZINE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST ANDREW KYRENIA



In the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



To *Everything* there is a season, and a time to every purpose under *Heaven*.

A time to *Plant* and a time to *Harvest*. Ecc. 3:1,2b

**September 2017**

To Love God, To Love Each Other and to Love Our Neighbour

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# ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES

## Each Sunday

08.00am Said Holy Communion (Traditional)  
10.30am Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)

02.30pm Russian Language Service  
05.00pm N Cyprus International Fellowship Service

## Each Thursday

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

## Each 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

## ? ALPHA

For information please contact Victoria Scurfield on 0533 820 8158

## WEBSITES

Why not "sign up" on the St Andrew's web site and you will automatically receive news, magazines, pew sheets etc in your In-Box?

St Andrew's Church: [www.standrewskyrenia.org](http://www.standrewskyrenia.org)

Our Diocesan website is: [www.cypgulf.org](http://www.cypgulf.org)



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



## *News from The Hermitage*

### *Dear Friends*

We are now looking forward to celebrating the harvest, when we give thanks to God for all he has given us, and share what we have with others. We should always do this, but this time of the year it has a special emphasis. The church council always have to consider the cost of much in church life, but we are currently considering how we re think our attitudes to giving. This is a good time to do it, and this year our harvest festival will also be our "Pledge Sunday," when we consider how we give to God in order for him to develop his ministry here. What is he asking of us?

All of life, including the handling of money, is to be lived before God. The sacred, or the "holy" as we might say, is expressed in spiritual or relational dimensions of life, as the incarnation, the word

becoming flesh, God himself in a tiny vulnerable way, part of his own creation, makes clear.

We can all fall into the trap of separating church finances in particular from spiritual thinking as if they were in a sealed unit. A secular, fundraising view is built on the idea that people really do not want to give, but they will if they feel they might get something, as in a raffle prize, or a church fayre. When we do this, we do not feel any real cost of giving, or contributing. By doing so, we often avoid giving of ourselves.

It can seem almost offensive to mention the character and nature of God in the same paragraph as fundraising but we need to do it to see the contrast between our idea of giving and God's self giving and sacrificial love. As we re-think our attitudes to giving, we need to be absorbed by generosity. The way we give needs to be a response to God's generosity, and modelled on, or a reflection of, his generosity to us. This is

summed up in the prayer we use at the beginning of each Eucharist, we are, after all, only giving back to God what is his in the first place, what he has given us.

This Harvest, if we want to see healthy church finances, we begin with a healthy relationship with God and encourage others to do the same, the answer is to draw closer to God and realise just how much He has given for us and we, out of deep thankfulness, want to give back in turn. May we reflect the generosity of God in our own personal lives and in our church that through that, others also might see and be drawn in to share in that self giving love.

Every blessing,

*Wendy*

'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.

Items for the next magazine should be sent to the Editor by Monday 25th September 2017.

Email [graniannie@hotmail.com](mailto:graniannie@hotmail.com)



## Harvest Thanksgiving

will be celebrated on

**17th September**

at St Andrew's, Kyrenia,  
at the 10.30 am Holy Communion  
service.

We are looking forward to having Bishop  
Michael join with us in worship and thanks  
for the Harvest.

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Please do come and join us for the  
service, and after at the Bring and Share  
lunch in the grounds of The Hermitage.

# 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.



## THURSDAY LADIES GROUP

A Ladies Group meet at Kervan at 11am each Thursday.

All ladies are very welcome to come along.



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# MULTIMAX

## CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

|                  |                                                    |               |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>TUESDAY</u>   | TURKISH FELLOWSHIP                                 | 19.30 - 21.00 |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | KYRENIA CHAMBER CHOIR                              | 18.00 - 19.30 |
| <u>THURSDAY</u>  | REHOBOTH CHURCH                                    | 18.30 - 20.30 |
| <u>FRIDAY</u>    | *ALPHA COURSE (Mike Stanhope)<br>(22 Sep - 15 Dec) | 11.30 - 16.30 |
|                  | FRIDAY WORSHIP<br>(Loudron)                        | 19.00 - 21.00 |
| <u>SATURDAY</u>  | SEVENTH DAY<br>ADVENTISTS                          | 10.30 - 12.00 |
|                  | AA                                                 | 13.00 - 14.00 |
| <u>SUNDAY</u>    | RUSSIAN GROUP (Alex)                               | 16.30 - 17.30 |

For further information about any of the above please contact our  
Hall Administrator, Jewel Pearce on 0542 884 1805

### **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 0542 884 1805



## *ARE THE SWALLOWS RETURNING?*

We welcome you back and trust you will be able to enjoy some cooler weather. Life at St Andrew's struggled on through the extrememy high temperatures experienced this year but now we are pleased to see you again.

In the May edition of the magazine we described how our envelope scheme can add 25% to our giving. We do appreciate your most generous donations to the work and mission of St Andrew's while you are with us however, why not make your giving regular and support us all year round.

What is more you can save our Gift Aid Officer hours of boring work!! How.....? The new St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity makes regular giving to support our church simple and straightforward.

Pick up a Giving Form in church or download one from the Giving page on our website. You can set up a standing order to the Charity UK account. Be assured it will be confidential to our Gift Aid officer and the Treasurer.

If you want to make a one-off gift to support St Andrew's church click on "Mydonate" on our website [www.standrewskyrenia.org](http://www.standrewskyrenia.org)

Gifts can be made from anywhere in the world.

*G. K. Chesterton "the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried"*



SUNDAZE@STA'S

## Come and join our Children's Service



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Helping children discover the big picture of God's story.

We look forward to seeing you there  
Every 4th Sunday of each month at 9:00AM

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# My chosen extract from this week's Church Times

Monday 28 August 2017

## **Greenbelt takes inclusiveness to another level with disability communion service**

by Paul Handley



On Sunday, the Greenbelt festival taught the wider Church a valuable lesson in inclusiveness.

Approaches to disability usually start and stop at the level of accessibility. For its main communion service, the festival brought this inclusiveness into the centre of the eucharist.

The service was led by three cantors, all wheelchair users; part of the music was provided by Rhythmicity, a drumming group that includes people with additional needs; Livability, a Greenbelt partner, provided three signers; and the prayers were led by two people from L'Arche, the charity for people with learning difficulties.

More impressive even than this, there were audio links to people unable to get to the festival, including Tanya Marlow, who suffers from ME. She introduced herself before giving a reading from Ephesians: "I do have a body, but it's in a bed in Plymouth."

Becky Tyler, a young woman with cerebral palsy, was present on the stage in her pink high-tech wheelchair. She had recorded her homily on her voice-producing computer - "like Stephen Hawking, but I think mine is much nicer".

She spoke of the frustrations of her life, if defined by the many things she is unable to do. "I used to feel that God didn't love me as much as other people. I didn't see anyone in a wheelchair in the Bible, and nearly everyone who was disabled got healed."

But then her mother read Daniel 7.9, to her, describing the throne

of the Ancient of Days: “its wheels were all ablaze - yey! So now I know that God loves me a lot.”

The Gospel for the eucharist was the feeding of the 5000. Ms Tyler said she often identified with the little boy in the story. “Sometimes I feel I cannot give much to Jesus, but I’m grateful for all the things that I can do.”

Although billed as a homily, Ms Tyler’s address contained more personal experience and sounder theology than many sermons.

If all this sounds earnest, it wasn’t. The music, once again provided by Fischy Music, was cheerful, and there was much humour. The distribution of the bread and wine, all done within impromptu groups of 15-20 people, meant that everyone present, including the many children, played a part. The Gospel was not read: instead each group was invited to tell the story of the feeding of the 5000 with the help of pictorial flash cards.

A proportion of the collection will be used to increasing accessibility at the next festival, not least by helping to subsidise tickets for the less able to pay. And, as a sign of Greenbelt’s improved finances (or its faith), ten per cent of the collection will go into Trust Greenbelt for distribution to deserving causes in the field of faith and the arts.



**The Olive Branch**

Association of Friends of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



Summer 2017

***See the St Andrew's website for the latest edition full of news from the Diocese.***

[www.standrewskyrenia.org/the-olive-branch-summer-2017](http://www.standrewskyrenia.org/the-olive-branch-summer-2017)



## *Friends of St Andrew's*

### *A letter from Pat Etherington*

Hello Everyone,

It seems a long time since I last wrote to you so I hope you've all had a good summer. Our's here has been rather on the warm side to say the very least, some say we had the hottest July for 33 years!

Rev'd Michael Graham took the services on both the 2nd and 9th of July as Rev'd Wendy was away. The services were both very well attended despite the fact that quite a number of people were away on holiday. We have had quite a lot of visitors attending services and it's lovely when they come down into the hall for coffee afterwards and have a chat.

I went to the UK myself on the 16th July to catch up with family (son David and assorted grand-children) and friends and also to attend the AGM of the Association of Friends of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. This was held on the 31st July and as it was billed for a morning start I travelled to London on the Sunday and stayed at The Royal Foundation of St Katharine not far from the City and Canary Wharf. I joined Anne Lloyd, John and Jenny Worton-Griffith and Bishop Clive Handford and his wife Jean.

The AGM was held at All Hallows by the Tower, the oldest church in the City of London AD 675. I'm sure it is much better known to many of you than it is to me as this was only my second visit. The AGM went well and Bishop Michael gave his review on the state of the Diocese and John Worton-Griffith was thanked for all his work as Chair of the Association for the past 8 years but was

now standing down. This was followed by a Celebration Eucharist where the sermon was given by Bishop Clive, who was the Diocese fourth Bishop. It was altogether a lovely occasion. After the service it was a surprise to discover that many of the people who had been on Pilgrimage with us earlier in the year were present. The Pilgrimage had been led by Bishop Michael and it was lovely to have lunch together and enjoy a great natter. It made a good day event better!

I think that is about all I have to tell you and I will have arrived back in Cyprus by the time you will be reading this and I will be catching up on the local news in readiness for next month's magazine.

Love to all

*Pat E*



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**Cleaning goods:** Kitchen Roll, Wash powder, Disinfectant, Multi-Purpose Cleaner

**Personal goods:** Soap, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo and Shower Gel, Baby Wipes and Nappies age 0 – 3.

**Drop-off points are: Amore Beauty and Tanning Salon (Lapta) and Best Seller Bookshop (Karakum)**



# CHORAL EVENSONG

with



Tuesday 24th October at 4.30pm



**CANTATE** - Portsmouth Cathedral's youth choir, formed in 2006 offering girls and teenage boys the opportunity to sing as part of the Cathedral's daily music. Cantate sings Evensong each Thursday during term time, in addition to many events in various concert venues. This trip to Cyprus is the choir's fifth international tour following successful trips to France, Austria, The Alps, Malta and Italy.

Dr David Price, Organist & Master of the Choristers at Portsmouth who will be on tour with the choir in St Andrew's says 'We are delighted to be singing in Cyprus and thank our friends and hosts for all they have done to help us on our way'.

**DURING THE SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG OUR NEW CHOIR STALLS WILL BE DEDICATED.**

**Evensong will be followed and at 7.30pm by a concert in the church.**



**ALL WELCOME  
DO COME ALONG**



## *SPECIAL DAYS THIS MONTH*

**The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, is celebrated on 14th September.** It recalls three events:

- \* the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem;
- \* The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery. The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church nine years later, in 335. A portion of the cross was venerated there;
- \* and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in AD 629 by the emperor Heraclius after it had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians in AD 614 who took it from Jerusalem when they destroyed the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Although the authenticity of alleged relics of the cross may be questionable, Holy Cross Day provides an opportunity for a joyous celebration of Christ's redeeming death on a cross.

**The Feast of St Matthew, is celebrated on 14th September.**

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the “tax farmers” got for themselves, hence the latter, known as “publicans,” were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a dinner at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and “those known as sinners” came to the dinner. The Pharisees were badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus’ answer was, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners” (Matthew 9:12b-13).

St Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist. He was the



first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.



No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places East. Some legends say he lived until his nineties, dying a peaceful death, others say he died a martyr's death.

Matthew is the patron saint of tax collectors and accountants.

**The Feast of St Michael and all Angels, is celebrated on 29th September.** Michael is an archangel in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. He is considered a champion of justice, a healer of the sick, and the guardian of the Church.

St Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition; the first is to combat Satan; the second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death; the third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself; and the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

In Daniel, St Michael is mentioned twice. The first time (Daniel 10:13 ) as one who helped Daniel, and the second time (Daniel 12:1) he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people." His next mention comes in the Epistle of St Jude (Jude 1:9), where St Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses. The final mention is in Revelation (Revelation 12:7-9), where St Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.



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

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| Date                       | Service Time | Sidespersons                   | Readings                                      | Text                                                                      | Readers                                                          | Prayers             | Chalice         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 3 September<br>Trinity 12  | 10.30am      | Jewel Pearce<br>Precious       | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Jeremiah 15: 15-21<br>26: 1-8<br>Romans 12: 9-21<br>Matthew 16: 21-28     | Alan Catling<br>Pat Etherington<br>Jacqueline McIntyre<br>Clergy | Mavis Steele        | Bob Taylor      |
| 10 September<br>Trinity 13 | 10.30am      | Frank and Joan Gillin          | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Ezekiel 33: 7-11<br>119: 33-40<br>Romans 13: 8-14<br>Matthew 18: 15-20    | Shane Barnes<br>Sue Carling<br>Gillian Hodgson<br>Clergy         | Lee McHugh          | Christine Dobbs |
| 17 September<br>Trinity 14 | 10.30am      | Bob and Jacque<br>Taylor       | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Harvest                                                                   | Chaplain to arrange                                              | Chaplain to arrange | Aimee Lloyd     |
| 24 September<br>Trinity 15 | 10.30am      | Gayve Lubo and<br>Myka Katende | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Jonah 3:10 - 4:11<br>145: 1-8<br>Philippians 1: 21-30<br>Matthew 20: 1-16 | Izzy<br>Rae Tilly<br>Alan Peek<br>Clergy                         | Richard Dobbs       | Stuart Hilliard |

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.

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) 638 6143.

If you do swap your duty please ensure that it is recorded on the master list in the Vestry.;

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

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|--------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 October<br>Trinity 16                    | 10.30am      | Linda Lister<br>Amanda Warrender | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32<br>Psalm:25: 1-8<br>Philippians 2: 1-13<br>Matthew 21: 23-32  | Janet Jervis<br>John Hodgson<br>Sue Walker<br>Clergy      | Lee McHugh          | Bob Taylor      |
| 8 October<br>Trinity 17                    | 10.30am      | Bob and Jacque<br>Taylor         | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah 5: 1-7<br>Psalm:80: 9-17<br>Philippians 3: 4b-14<br>Matthew 21: 33-46         | Alan Carling<br>Frank Gillin<br>Pat Etherington<br>Clergy | Anne Keevil         | Christine Dobbs |
| 15 October<br>Trinity 18                   | 10.30am      | Myka Katende and<br>Gayve Lubo   | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah 25: 1-9<br>Psalm:23<br>Philippians 4: 1-9<br>Matthew 22: 1- 14                | Mercy<br>Gloria Tattersall<br>Shane Barnes<br>Clergy      | Sue Carling         | Stuart Hilliard |
| 22 October<br>Trinity 19                   | 10.30am      | Frank & Joan Gillin              | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah 45: 1-7<br>Psalm:96: 1-9<br>1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10<br>Matthew 22: 15-22      | Izzy<br>Mavis Sleetle<br>Lyn Hilliard<br>Clergy           | Richard Dobbs       | Precious        |
| 29 October<br>Bible Sunday<br>(5th Sunday) | 10.30am      | Mercy and Jewel<br>Pearce        | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Nehemiah 8: 1-6, 8-12<br>Psalm:119: 9-16<br>Colossians 3: 12-17<br>Matthew 24: 30-35 | Chaplain<br>to<br>arrange<br>Clergy                       | Chaplain to arrange | Pat Etherington |

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# Embrace Day - London

Saturday, 23 September, 2017 - 10:30

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church  
235 Shaftesbury Avenue  
London  
WC2H 8EP  
United Kingdom



Embrace Day will include our Annual Service of celebration and thanksgiving. If you will be in London you are warmly welcomed to join us and:

Give thanks and celebrate for the work of Embrace, our partners, volunteers and supporters

Hear from project partners from the Middle East

Meet the Embrace team

Taste the Middle East with a wonderful Middle Eastern lunch

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance.

Delicious Middle Eastern lunches are available at £8.50 each and must be purchased in advance. 01494 897950 or <http://www.embraceme.org/events/embrace-day-london>

On the day you will hear from our new CEO, Tim Livesey, and get updates from us about the impact your support has made through the previous year.

We will also be welcoming as our partner speaker Sara Hanna from Soteria, a project run by the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt helping traumatised young women find peace and become leaders of change.

## 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 receive many 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.

Jeremy Moodey, departing Chief Executive of **EMBRACE** looks back on his seven years at the charity, and reflects on the ongoing journey towards a just peace in Israel and Palestine.

### **When will we see peace with justice?**

As I look back at the last seven years, I feel a great sense of thankfulness and pride at what Embrace has achieved. Changing our name from *BibleLands* to Embrace in 2012 was a transformational step that has enabled the charity to engage with many new supporters and to reverse the long-term decline of previous years. Then, last year, we launched our exciting new strategy towards 2020, entitled Faith in Action.

During my time here, we have grown in size, established new partnerships with Christian organisations in the Middle East and evolved our approach to grant-making, to ensure we use your generous donations in the most focused and professional way. We have changed our approach to some older activities, including transferring our Helen Keller School in East Jerusalem into the care and ownership of the local church. There has

certainly never been a dull moment! And we could not have achieved any of this without the faithful prayer and sacrificial giving of you, our loyal supporters. But as I give thanks for these achievements and think of the thousands of people whose lives have been transformed, I also reflect on the difficult context in which our partners work, especially the lack of meaningful progress towards a just peace in Israel and Palestine.

I arrived as CEO in 2009, only a few months after the end of 'Operation Cast Lead', Israel's war in Gaza, in which over one thousand Palestinian civilians – many of them children – were killed. *BibleLands* (as it then was) had launched an appeal for Palestinian Christian work in Gaza, and the heartfelt generosity of our supporters raised over £125,000 in a matter of weeks. There were to be two more brutal wars in Gaza, in 2012 and 2014, with thousands more Palestinians killed, and yet our supporters continued to respond sacrificially to the need.

Today Gaza has a population of some two million, effectively imprisoned in a strip of land smaller than the Isle of Wight or the Isle of Arran. The humanitarian crisis is such that the UN has declared the territory will literally be unliveable within a few years. Many think Gaza is unliveable now. Yet Gaza and its Islamist regime under Hamas must not be seen in isolation. They are symptoms of a wider malaise – the inability or refusal of Israelis and Palestinians to agree to share the land fairly, in peace.

Peace with justice has always been elusive. In 2010, some tentative peace talks took place between Israel and the Palestinians, and these were revived under the so-called 'Kerry Peace Initiative' in 2013-14. But the talks achieved nothing. Instead, the focus was on 'facts on the ground': Israel's continued military occupation of Palestinian territory in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, the ongoing blockade of Gaza, the expansion of Israel's separation barrier, outbreaks of violence (especially knife attacks on Israeli Jews and the killing of hundreds of Palestinians by the Israeli security forces). And of course the Israeli settlements. During my time at Embrace, an estimated 200,000

Israeli settlers have established their homes on confiscated Palestinian land in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

The settlers, now numbering as many as three quarters of a million, are perhaps the biggest obstacle to peace. No wonder Barack Obama lambasted the settlements in almost his last pronouncement as US President. And that is why the Anglo-Israeli historian Professor Avi Shlaim once remarked of Israeli prime minister Netanyahu: 'He is like a man who pretends to negotiate the division of a pizza while continuing to gobble it up'.

President Donald Trump is clearly much more sympathetic to the Israeli position, and has even begun to distance his administration from the much-vaunted 'two-state solution', without offering any alternative blue-print for peace. But the world is slowly waking up to the continued injustice in Israel and Palestine. The injustice that leads to much of the need we seek to address through our Palestinian Christian partners; projects such as the rehabilitation services that East Jerusalem YMCA provides to Palestinian children who have been brutalised and traumatised by military detention.

This year, 2017, marks some significant and momentous anniversaries: 100 years since the Balfour Declaration, which created a pretext for a Jewish state in historic Palestine; 70 years since the ill-fated UN Partition Plan for Palestine; 50 years since the Six Day War and the start of Israel's occupation; and ten years since the start of Israel's blockade of Gaza.

Are we going to let these anniversaries pass? Or will 2017 be the year when finally the international community stops wringing its hands at the absence of peace with justice in Israel and Palestine, and actually does something positive and creative to secure that peace? I know that Embrace the Middle East will continue to be at the forefront of the movement for a just peace, and my prayer even as I step down as CEO is that one day soon it might bear fruit.

Psalm 122 enjoins us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and that means praying and working for all its peoples, whatever their religion or background. That is exactly what Embrace does.

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# *Diocesan Prayer Requests*

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



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

**THE EPIPHANY CHURCH, DOHA** It is truly a 'global' church with members of more than 30 nationalities. It is a growing church with active children and youth programs. Praise God for the newly started Marathi (an Indian language group) congregation, and the consistent growth of the Tamil congregation.

Thank God for all other members of our congregation who are always ready to serve the Church of the Epiphany in different capacities. Pray that Almighty God continues to give them more time from the very busy schedules of work and family life.

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

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

## **Christ Church Ayia Napa**

Rejoice with the people engaged in the activities to spread the Gospel in word and deed. Pray that the formation of the new Ammochostos Parish will grow from strength to strength. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us as we travel on together.

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

## **The Canterbury Group**

This is a unique parish composed of expatriates from over a dozen different countries. It serves five different communities. Praise be to God for grace and joy throughout all the congregations, in spite of changing political climates. We rejoice over the recent phenomenal growth and excitement in the children's ministry. We ask that God would bring renewed health to the many among us who are struggling physically and comfort to those who are homesick.

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

**Mission to Seafarers Cyprus** We praise God for our facility in Limassol where we can serve the seafarers who work in all the dangers of the sea. We also praise God for opening the way for us to serve those seafarers in the northern ports of the island. We pray the hearts of the authorities will soften in the south to the work and needs of the seafarers in the north, so we may freely serve and assist those who face the hardship of abandonment without the basic daily needs. Amen



## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

*“Encourage one another and build each other up” 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

These weekly groups provide an informal home setting 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 on Wednesday mornings at Steve & Sally Bishop’s house.

The group will be studying Mark’s Gospel during the months up to Christmas.

For more details please contact: Steve: [stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk)

### **LAPTA (West side of Kyrenia)**

This group meets each Tuesday in the home of Richard Dobbs in Lapta. It will restart on 5th September. All are welcome, and our future meetings will still be weekly at 11.00 and for about an hour and a half.

If you are interested please contact Richard Dobbs.

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Electricity - Girne office 815 2223

Telephone Faults and/or billing information 163 (then 9)

Tourist Information At Girne Marina in Old Harbour

Ercan Airport - Information Desk 231 4806

Flight Arrivals & Departures Contact relevant company

(Information on flights is also in *Cyprus Today* every Saturday.)

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

British 228 7051 American 225 2440

Turkish 227 2314 German 227 5161

Australian 227 7332 (Tues. & Thurs. 09.00 -12.30 hrs)

### Societies, Clubs & Charitable Organisations

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Anglo-Turkish Assoc PO Box 627 0542 872 4291

British Cemetery Committee (Girne) PO Box 168 0542 852 0236

Foreign Residents Cemetery PO Box 385 0542 872 4291

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The Royal British Legion 0533 8841517

Cheshire Home PO Box 523 0392 815 3767

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Kyrenia Amateur Dramatic Soc (KADS) 0533 861 9923 (Hon Sec)

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