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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

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### Each Thursday

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

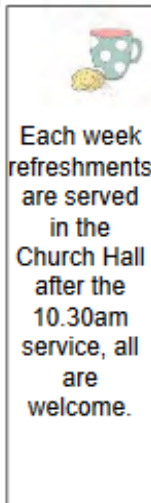
### Each Saturday

- 10.30pm Seventh Day Adventist Service

### Additional Services

#### Each First Sunday

- 12.30pm Fellowship Praise Service



### Each Fifth Sunday

- 10.30am All Age Service with Eucharist

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For information please contact Victoria Scurfield on 0533 820 8158

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## News from The Hermitage



*As I write this we are only a third of the way through our Lenten journey. I am always full of anticipation of what a God may be doing in our lives and church as we draw especially close to him, wrestling in our own wilderness experiences through the forty days of Lent. The season takes us through the promise of spring with the joy of evenings becoming lighter for longer and a sense of promise being fulfilled. Then we will celebrate with joy, Christ's victory for us at Easter but few people think of the joy of Easter being carried for the following forty days until Pentecost. The Feast of Pentecost is a lesser known festival of the church. Many who rarely worship will come to Christmas, Easter, sometimes Harvest Thanksgiving or Mothering Sunday but not so many would think of coming to Pentecost. This year we are going to make it a huge outreach event, to invite friends and celebrate outdoors in The Hermitage grounds with our Russian brothers and sisters. At the first Pentecost the disciples all began to speak in strange tongues, so it will be very enriching to have the service translated into several languages.*

*We did not have a Christmas or Advent Fair as so many people are away at that time of year, and there are lots of other fairs held at that time. Our Pentecost outreach event will also see us inviting people to have stalls, to join us in worship but for us to also embrace our local community. As usual, our service will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch. Do mark the date and think about how you can contribute, and who to bring along.*

*May will be a busy and full month, you will find elsewhere details of a visit by the Revd Andrew Ashdown who has spent time in Syria and will give a significant and informative talk after church in the hall following our usual morning service. His wife, Victoria, also ordained, will preach in church, a visit to mark in our diaries and look forward to. At the moment we are still here in Lent, allowing God into the wildernesses of our lives as He takes us there to make space for transformation. May you and I know of the power of God's*

*transformative love in our lives and our church this Lent, this Easter and Eastertide all the way through until we celebrate the coming in power of the Holy Spirit.*

*God bless, 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 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. Email [gianiannie@hotmail.com](mailto:gianiannie@hotmail.com)



**HOLY  
WEEK  
&  
EASTER  
2018**

**St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia**

**All are welcome at any of our services during this Holy Week and Easter.**

Holy Week (26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March) will be marked by an Eucharist service in the church daily at 10.00 am.

On Maundy Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> March) there will be a service to include Washing of the Feet, Stripping of the Altar and The Watch.

On Good Friday (30<sup>th</sup> March) we spend three hours at the Cross (12 – 3 pm) while exploring the events of that week.

**On Easter Sunday we have 8am Said Holy Communion and 10.30 am Sung Eucharist.**

**Do come and join our celebration.**

For more information: 0533 885407

## “BROKEN”

### A Lent Course at St Andrew’s

Each Thursday morning throughout Lent, following the regular Communion Service, there will be a Lenten Bible Study in the church hall using excerpts from the powerful TV series Broken. The series was thought provoking and challenging. Come and join us during this season.

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### Signs of Hope?

Revd Andrew Ashdown and his (priest) wife Victoria Incumbent in the Winchester Diocese) will be with on Sunday 13th May to join in worship and to speak Syria at a Bring and Share lunch. The title of Andrew’s talk is “Signs of hope? Christian-Muslim relations in Syria. Historical and contemporary dynamics, in peace and conflict.” This talk will illustrate current realities in Syria through the lens of the life of faith communities in Syria, both prior to and during the conflict.



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Revd Andrew Ashdown has been an Anglican priest for 28 years and is currently undertaking Doctoral Research in the field of Christian-Muslim Relations in Syria. A regular visitor to Syria prior to the conflict, Andrew has visited the country 9 times in the last 3 years. He has travelled widely in the country both independently and as a member of delegations, visiting areas most affected by the conflict, meeting thousands of people from all communal backgrounds, including hundreds of internally displaced persons in different parts of the country. He has met many senior religious and political leaders, both government and internal opposition figures in the country, and in December 2016, he witnessed the final battle for East Aleppo, and was the first British person to enter the Old City of Aleppo, and areas of East Aleppo just hours after the last snipers had been removed. His research focusses on the religious dimensions of Syrian society and context.

**Please put details of this visit on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May in your diary.**

## 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.



### CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**    **KYRENIA CHAMBER CHOIR**    **18.00 – 19.30**

**THURSDAY**    **REHOBOTH CHURCH**    **18.30 – 20.30**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**    **SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS**    **10.30 – 12.00**

**AA**    **13.00 – 14.00**

**SUNDAY**    **RUSSIAN GROUP**    **16.30 – 17.30**

**(Alex)**

### **Lettings**

Do you need a venue for your weekly or special event? Why not consider hiring the hall. We can also hire out tables, chairs, crockery, glasses, etc. For info on the above please contact our Hall Administrator, Jewel Pearce on 0542 884 1805

### **THURSDAY LADIES GROUP**

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

All ladies are very welcome to come along.



### THE DONKEY'S OWNER



*Snaffled my donkey, he did --- good luck to him!  
Rode him astride, feet dangling, near scraping the ground  
Gave me the laugh of my life when I first saw him,  
Remembering yesterday --- you know, how Pilate come  
Bouncing the same road, on that horse of his  
Big as a house and the armour shining  
And half of Rome trotting behind him.  
Tight mouthed he was  
Looking as if he owned the world.*

*Then today,  
Him and my little donkey! Ha! Laugh ---?  
I thought I'd kill myself when he first started.  
So did the rest of them. Gave him a cheer  
Like he was Caesar himself, only more hearty:  
Tore off some palm twigs and followed shouting,  
Whacking the donkey's behind .....Then suddenly  
We see his face.  
The smile had gone, and somehow the way he sat  
Was different --- like he was much older --- you know ---  
Didn't want to laugh no more.*

Clive Sansom





*Friends of St Andrew's*

*A letter from Pat Etherington*

Hello Again,

Well, I'm sat writing this on a very wild and windy morning but in certainly much kinder weather than is being experienced in the UK this week from all accounts. Overall, we haven't had a bad winter although I have heard some complaints about not enough rain! This last week though, the eastern side of Girne does seem to have suffered with lots of rain and some flooding that we haven't seen at all over here in the west, (not that I am complaining about that.)

For those of you interested in gardening, my first lot of peas are now in flower and the replacement row growing well. I'm watching my freesias and hoping that they don't come into flower too early as I want them to put into posies for church on Mothering Sunday.

We've had a couple of short rehearsals after the Sunday service in preparation for the songs and music for Women's World Day of Prayer and it does sound great. This year, the service has been designed by the women of Surinam and we have had some laughs at our attempts at pronouncing the words, trying to get the pronunciation correct (or nearly). We'll have tea and cakes after the 3.pm service which will round it all off nicely.

Last week I went on a 3-day trip to Antioch with the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus and had a great time. Antioch is not what I would call a beautiful city but so interesting and I think my most abiding memory is a visit we made on the final day. We went to the church of St Pierre which were informed was by St Peter in a cave. He visited here by St

we started was



St Peter, St Paul and St Barnabas



Barnabas and St Paul and we were told this was where followers of Jesus were first called Christians.

I thought what a lovely story was in last month's magazine, about the toy store called The Entertainer, that closed on Christmas Eve, a Sunday, so that the staff could spend the day with their families.

I think that is about it for now.  
Love from us all.

Pat E.

You can keep in contact from overseas by becoming a member of the **Friends of St Andrew's**. It costs £30 per annum and the magazine will be posted to you. To subscribe, please contact us by post: **PO Box 171, Girne, Mersin 10, Turkey** or email at **office@standrewskyrenia.org**

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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

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# The true origins of Mothering Sunday

Somewhere beneath the cards and bouquets of flowers lies an historical and Christian tradition that goes back centuries, says Christopher Howse of *The Telegraph*.



Every year, readers write to the *Telegraph* pointing out that the mid Sunday in Lent is not “Mother’s Day” but “Mothering Sunday”. Many blame America for introducing the former and making it commercial.

In America, of course, Mother’s Day is the second Sunday in May, as proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914. It is marked on that day because it was the result of a campaign by Anna Jarvis (1864-1948), whose own mother had died on May 9.

This is where the British tradition grows a little complicated. For the revival of Mothering Sunday must be attributed to Constance Smith (1878-1938), and she was inspired in 1913 by reading a newspaper report of Anna Jarvis’s campaign in America. A big difference was that Constance Smith was a High Anglican who believed that “a day in praise of mothers” was fully expressed in the liturgy of the Church of England for the fourth Sunday of Lent. This is not entirely the case, for the Collect on that Sunday asks God that “we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved”. That doesn’t sound specifically maternal. It is true that this Sunday harked back centuries to the pre-Reformation connotations of Laetare Sunday, on which the Introit, the first prayer of the Mass, says: “Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her ... and be filled from the breasts of your consolation.” Laetare Sunday’s connections with mothers came through it being the day to visit the mother church or cathedral. Some customs of the day outlived the Reformation. These included making a Simnel cake and taking it to Mother. “I’ll to thee a Simnel bring, / Gainst thou go’st a Mothering,” wrote the celebratory poet Robert Herrick in the mid 17th-century.

Constance Smith reconnected Simnel cakes and what local customs of the day that survived with the honouring of mothers. Under the pen-name C. Penswick Smith she published a booklet *The Revival of Mothering Sunday* in 1920. Things snowballed, impelled by feelings consequent on the loss by many mothers of their sons in the First World War.

Constance Smith's idea was not that Mothering Sunday should be limited to one Christian denomination, and its popularity spread through such open organisations as the Boy Scouts and Girls Guides. "By 1938," wrote Cordelia Moyse, the modern historian of the Mothers' Union, "it was claimed that Mothering Sunday was celebrated in every parish in Britain and in every country of the Empire."

Neither Constance Smith nor Anna Jarvis ever became mothers themselves. Anna Jarvis regretted the growing commercialisation of the day, even to disapproving of pre-printed Mother's Day cards. "A printed card means nothing," she said, "except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

*The Telegraph 27 February 2018*



Calendar of Services and Duties - March 2018

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
4 March Lent 3	10.30am	Myka Kalende and Lobo Gaye	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm: 19 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	Pat Etherington Sandy Oram Izzy Clergy	Anne Keevil	Mavis Steele
11 March Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 21:1-10 Psalm: 127: 1-4 Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25-27	John Worton-Griffiths Gloria Tattersall Alan Peek Clergy	Linda Smith	Precious
18 March Lent 5	10.30am	Precious and Mercy	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Psalm: 119: 9-16 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	Richard Dobbs Shane Barnes Diana Peek Clergy	Chris Penny	Pat Etherington
25 March Palm Sunday	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Liturgy of the Passion - Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm: <del>Liturgy</del> of the Passion - 31: 9-16 Liturgy of the Passion - Philippians 2: 5-11 Liturgy of the Passion - Mark 15: 1-39	Gordon Hayes Lee McHugh Gillian Hodgson	Edward Jervis	Anne Lloyd

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.

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Calendar of Services and Duties - April 2018

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1 April Easter Day	10.30am	Linda Lister and Amanda Warrender and Precious and Mercy	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm:118: 1-2, 14-24 Acts 10: 34-43 Mark 16: 1-8	Janet Jervis Alan Peek Anne Keevil Clergy	Lee McHugh	Gloria Tattersall and Anne Lloyd
8 April Easter 2	10.30am	Myka Katende and Gayve Lubo	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 4: 32-35 Psalm:133 1 John 1:1-2,2 John 20: 19-31	Shane Barnes Izzy Pat Etherington Clergy	Mavis Steele	Kathleen Meredith
15 April Easter 3	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hilliard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 3: 12-19 Psalm:4 1 John 3: 1-7 Luke 24: 36b-48	Amanda Warrender Gordon Hayes Ingrid Backhouse Clergy	Richard Dobbs	John Hodgson
22 April Easter 4	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm:23 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18	Carolyn Hayes Alan Carling Diana Peek Clergy	Anne Lloyd	Christine Dobbs
29 April Easter 5 (6th Sunday)	10.30am	Bob Taylor and Precious	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm:22: 25-31 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8	Sue Carling Earl Moffitt Gillian Hodgson Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	Pat Etherington

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## A NEW DEAL

### ASHLEY NIXON FOUND HOPE IN PRISON.THIS IS HIS STORY.

For as long as I can remember, I had always been a troublemaker – by the time I was 13 I was getting into trouble with the police. I was taking drugs. I'd been arrested for shoplifting. I'd done burglary, arson, criminal damage. There was something about getting into trouble that really excited me. The more I tried to sort myself out, the worse I got.

I was selling most drugs in nightclubs. Those places that I wasn't selling drugs, I made sure I had people selling drugs for me. I started to get noticed by people above me. It wasn't long before I was selling drugs from them. We were buying drugs from people like the Albanian mafia and we were selling to the likes of Hell's Angels. I was looking for fulfilment in drugs, in sex, in power, in my status. The only problem is that when you have a status – a reputation - you have to live up to that. You've got to do things to make sure people don't take that from you.

The guy that I was selling drugs for phoned me up and told me he'd been attacked by a rival gang. He asked me to go to one of the safe houses and pick up a firearm. I was nervous about what was going to happen. But I went to the safe house and put on a brave front. I picked up a firearm, and I remember leaving the house with the intention to kill. If we'd have found the people we were looking for, I'd have pulled the trigger. Thankfully I never had to do what I thought I was going to have to do. At that point I realized that I desperately needed help.

But I couldn't help myself. As I got into more and more trouble, I ended up in prison.... Suddenly realizing – 'You're not a gangster. You're an idiot. You've messed up your life. Now you've got to deal with the consequences. You're in prison.'

A prisoner who'd been transferred with me started to talk to me about God. I couldn't understand what I was hearing. Here I was in prison with my life in danger, and this guy wanted to talk to me about God. How could God help me in the situation I'd got myself into?

It was a couple of days later that I was walking past the chapel sign-up sheet and I signed up. For some reason, at that very moment, a sense of peace hit me that I'd never experienced anywhere else before. I remember going back to my cell and saying something along the lines of 'God, if you're out there; if you are who these people say you are, then help me. Whatever I have to do,

whatever the cost to me, I am yours. I give my life to you. Please take my life and do with it whatever you want.'

The gang that I was involved with were caught in a drugs raid and taken off the streets. The relationships I was in started to break down. This gave me more and more time to work on my relationship with God.

I was no longer a drug addict. There was no drugs rehabilitation. No counselling. No replacement therapies. It was just the power of God, his Word and prayer.



What I found when I went to church was something different. People were different. They seemed to have a sense of joy about them. They were loving and caring, and they just accepted me for who I was.

I'm looking forward to the future. I'm not entirely sure where this journey is going to lead me, but I'm looking forward to seeing where it's going. My life has changed massively. I'm working with a local youth group trying to encourage them not to make the same mistakes that I made.

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## *Diocesan Prayer Requests*

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



**Spirituality:** Pray for our hearts, minds and souls, to be enlarged and enlightened. Pray for the Barnabas Team.

**St Andrew's, Kyrenia:** Please pray for the people of [St Andrew's, Kyrenia](#), Cyprus, and the Spirituality Team. Pray that St Andrew's might be a place of embracing, engaging and vibrant faith, living out God's love in the community to which it is called. Praise God for the contribution of swallows to the mission of the church of St Andrew's and integrating visitors with the main body of the congregation. Hope for more young families to join the leadership team for "Sundaze" and to establish the service as an outreach to those with children. Pray for those called to leadership as wardens and council members, for them to be affirmed and enabled by God's presence. For St Andrew's to continue to grow its reputation in the wider community into a place of welcome and a haven for all.

**Anglican Community:** Pray for the life of all Provinces and diocese of the whole Anglican Communion.

O most merciful redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253)*

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

Please note that the Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 22 April 2018, following the 10.30am service.

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