

The Clergy and wardens would like to wish everyone a peace filled and happy New Year

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KYRENIA



The Anglican Diocese of
Cyprus and the Gulf
in the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Celebrant: Fr. Edward Jervis
Sunday 30th December – The first Sunday of Christmas
The Holy Family

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your
hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be better than light, and safer than a known
way.'

(Minnie Haskins)



Olive oil, homemade
marmalade and pickles
available in the Church
Shop (while stocks last)



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Today

8.00am Said Eucharist (Traditional)
10.30am Eucharist (Contemporary)
2.30pm Russian Language Service

Next Sunday

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10.30am Eucharist (Contemporary)
2.30pm Russian Language Service

Thursday 10am Eucharist with prayers for healing

Welcome, we are delighted to have you worshipping with us today.

If you are a newcomer please fill in a Welcome Card and hand it to one of the sidespeople as you leave.

Please note: it is the practice here in St. Andrew's that communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive communion.

At any point in the service, those who find it difficult to stand should feel free to sit.

Please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall downstairs after the Service. Please visit our Church Shop for ideal gifts from your visit to St. Andrew's.

St Andrew's is a self-funding Church, any gift you make will be greatly appreciated and will go towards maintaining God's work here in Kyrenia. Please use Gift Aid envelopes if appropriate. If you would like to make a regular donation please pick up a giving form at the vestry door or from the church web site

Please remember you come to church to speak to God, during the service He speaks to you and in fellowship afterwards we speak to each other



Sides Persons: Jacqueline McIntyre and Linda Lister

Hymns: Ancient and Modern

Entrance Hymn: 532 All creatures of our God & King (omit vs 5 & 6)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Introduction:

This morning, we reflect on the role of family in our lives, both our immediate family and the wider family of the Church and the world. Family life is not always easy, but God has given us the strength to support one another and care for each other's needs.

Collect:

As your sons and daughters, O loving God, we come before you in thanksgiving, called and united by your eternal Word. Teach us to ponder the mystery of Nazareth, that we may always find in you the source of our strength. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **AMEN**

First Reading 1 Samuel 2: v 18-20,26 Linda Smith

Psalm 148: Jacqueline McIntyre

- 1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; **praise him in the heights.**
- 2 Praise him, all you his angels; **praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; **praise him, all you stars of light.**
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, **and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, **for he commanded and they were created.**
- 6 He made them fast for ever and ever; **he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, **you sea monsters and all deeps;**
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, **tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, **fruit trees and all cedars;**
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, **creeping things and birds on the wing;**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, **princes and all rulers of the world;**
- 12 Young men and women, old and young together; **let them praise the name of the Lord.**
- 13 For his name only is exalted, **his splendour above earth and heaven.**
- 14 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

Second Reading Colossians 3: v 12-17 Alan Peek

Gradual Hymn: 60 Away in a manger

Cradle Song

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 41 – 52

(Mary and Joseph have been to Jerusalem, but on the way home they discover that Jesus is missing. When they find him, Jesus wonders why they did not know that this was the work of his Father).

Sermon

Creed

Intercessory Prayers: Susan Carling

Offertory Hymn: 81 Once in royal David's city (omit vs 3 & 4) *Irby*

Post Communion Hymn: 64 God rest you merry, gentlemen
(omit v 3)

Post Communion Prayer:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home; help your Church to live as one family, in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Final Hymn: 782 Songs of praise the angels sang *Northampton*

Please pray for the following throughout the coming week

Archdeacon John, Padmesh Gartaula, Maureen Sturges, Stan Keevil, John Scott, David Wilde, Terry Purser, Karin Wiseman, Janet Eddowes, Maaik Bausch, Win Smith, June Llewellyn, Hazel, Tracy Etherington, Penny McSweeney, David Walker, Ian Smith, Barbara & Roy Symons, along with those mentioned in our remembrance book. We pray also for strength and grace for those who carry the burden of care.

We remember those who have departed and those who mourn their loss.

Please contact the Wardens to include persons to be remembered in our prayers

Pause for Thought

I know not what the future holds of wonder or surprise; but this I know that in life or death God's mercy underlies.