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ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES

Each Sunday

08.00am Said Eucharist (Traditional)

10.30am Contemporary Eucharist (Sung)

02.30pm Russian Language Service

Each Thursday

10.00am Said Holy Communion

(1st Thurs there will also be prayers for healing)



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

WEBSITES

Why not "sign up" on the St Andrew's website and you will automatically receive news, magazines, pew sheets, etc in your In-box.

St Andrew's Church: www.standrewskyrenia.org

Our Diocese: <u>www.cypgulf.org</u>

2018 - a year of two "halves" -Rev'd Mike Graham

Unlike God, the Church founded by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is not immutable (unchanging) as we have discovered and will continue to discover in our faith journey together here in St Andrew's, Kyrenia.

Following the absence of our Chaplain, the Rev'd Wendy Hough, for over a month after Easter, her sudden and unexpected resignation in May left the parish reeling and wondering what God had in store for us.

Normally following the departure of an Incumbent, the Council's first task is to begin the search for a replacement. The Council began this task, drawing up a parish profile and the specification for a new Chaplain based on past experiences. This was completed relatively quickly following a period of consultation, but was delayed by two things:

- The decision by the Council and the Diocese as to whether St Andrew's needed, or indeed can afford, a full-time stipendiary Chaplain again. This has been resolved and a relevant remuneration package agreed.
- 2. The refusal of the previous Chaplain to leave the Hermitage and to continue an unauthorised and illegal occupation of the same. Obviously, this means that there would be no accommodation for a new Chaplain should one be appointed, other than at a cost to the parish of providing a temporary residence. It is to be hoped that good Christian values on all sides will see this resolved sooner rather than later.

However, the Lord is mighty indeed and, following an initial period of uncertainty, life in St Andrew's has not only continued but, dare we say it, has positively flourished.

From a clerical perspective our retired clergy, two full-time residents on the Island and others as "swallows", have continued to ensure that worship and pastoral care in St Andrew's has continued uninterrupted, and will continue for as long as is necessary. God's work cannot be held up by human frailty and the Lord will, and has, provided the means for us to carry on. The Rev'd Michael Graham has (for his sins!) been formally appointed as Locum during the interregnum, ably supported by the Rev'd Roy Symons on occasion and, when they are available and on the Island, by Fr Edward Jervis and the Rev'd Brian McHugh. Sadly, illness has meant that the Rev'd Colin Backhouse has been unable to assist but we continue to pray for Colin and Ingrid at this time.

More importantly the Church Wardens, **Sandy Oram** and **Stuart Hillard**, the Church Council and many, many others have stepped up to the plate and ensured that the life and witness of St Andrew's continues unabated.

Highlights of the year can be found on the St Andrew's website https://www.standrewskyrenia.org/ by clicking on the "News" link on the menu at the top of the page, but several warrant a special welcome.

Sadly, we lost a good and faithful parishioner of many years when **Ruth Smith** passed away on 10th February 2018. Her service to the whole community in Kyrenia was reflected in the number of people who attended her interment in the Old British Cemetery on 20th February, where the ceremony was conducted by the Rev'd Roy Symons. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held in St Andrew's on 14th April, led by the Rev'd Michael Graham, where again Ruth's family and friends were able to pay their respects to her memory.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

On Thursday 31st May, in spite of thunderstorms and torrential rain, **Helen Lukey** and **Daniel Stickley** were married in St. Andrew's. In

the absence of a Chaplain (who would normally be a registrar licenced in the Republic of Cyprus) the ceremony was conducted by the **Rev'd Christine Goldsmith** from Paphos. **Judy** and **Mike**, Helen's parents who are swallows to the Island, who organised the wedding in North Cyprus said, "We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated members of St Andrew's Church who have shown the utmost professionalism and care in organising the wedding service of Helen and Dan."

For the third year in succession, the second week in June saw St Andrew's hold a 'Music Week', intended to introduce fresh expressions of worship to our people, to allow for the flourishing of local talents and to attract newcomers to the church.

The Director of Music, **Earl Moffitt**, assisted by the regular choir together with Organist, **John Crothers**, were joined by a former cathedral organist and his musician wife, who acted as special 'facilitators' for the Week. **Martin** and **Noreen White**.

The singers provided the music at the regular Thursday morning Eucharist and, that evening, went on to give a relaxed but thoughtful presentation of 'favourite hymns', chosen by members of the congregation.

On the Friday evening, a Concert of Choral and Organ Music attracted a capacity audience to the church. The Concert raised a substantial sum of money for a local cancer charity and the Women's Refuge in North Nicosia. A buffet reception in the lovely precincts of the church under the stars provided a fitting end to two intense days of music-making.

The week ended with a Sung Festal Eucharist on the Sunday.

(The above from the report written by John Crothers which can be viewed on the website.)

Sunday 1st July marked a special day of celebration. On that day **Fr Edward Jervis**, one of the retired priests in St Andrew's, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The guest preacher for this special service was Mr **Justin Arnott** who himself was ordained Deacon on 7th July to serve in the Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia.

Following the celebratory Eucharist, the congregation were invited to St Andrew's Hall for some delicious anniversary cake made by **Linda Smith**, where they were joined by other members of the Diocese to congratulate Fr Edward on his special day.

Richard and **Christine Dobbs** graciously continued to host and lead the Lapta Home Study group which this year studied *Isaiah*, *'Prophet of Restoration'*, focussing on Chapters 40 – 66 and seeing how they interact with the New Testament and the fulfilment of prophecy.

Next year a new home study group will be added to expand St Andrew's teaching ministry when a nine-week course will be held each week after the Thursday morning Eucharist to study the book of James. More details can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

The second Sunday of July (which fell this year on 8th July 2018) is traditionally marked as Sea Sunday when we remember and pray for seafarers and their families. This year St Andrew's was privileged to welcome Mr **Ken Wiseman**, Director of the Mission to Seafarers in Cyprus as guest preacher at the 10:30am Holy Communion Service.

St Andrew's has, for the past few years, traditionally supported the Mission to Seafarers at Christmas with "shoebox" collections of small items which are then distributed by the Mission to those who are in port at that time. Ken presented a certificate to St Andrew's to thank the congregation for their support in 2017. That support continued, and this year's collection was delivered to Ken in Paphos.

Kurban Bayram, the Feast of Sacrifice (Eid al-Adha) in the calendar of our Muslim sisters and brothers here in North Cyprus and

throughout the world, ran from 21st to 24th August this year. Traditionally at this time offerings are given for the poor and needy. A lamb or goat will be sacrificed and one third shared with neighbours and friends, one third kept for the family's use, and one third given to the poor.

Following a suggestion by a parishioner, St Andrew's Church in Kyrenia decided this year to join with the wider community in observing this tradition, though not in the sacrifice of a poor sheep! Consequently, a collection was taken in the church after services over several weeks and members of the church who were away from the Island were contacted to see if they would like to contribute. At the end of the collection £500 had been raised.

It was decided by the Church Council that this sum should be given to the Special Needs Centre in Karakum, Girne. Churchwarden Sandy Oram and Acting Chaplain, the Rev'd Michael Graham, visited the Centre and were graciously received by the Principal, Ms Layla Usta. Layla was humbled and delighted with the offer of funding and, when asked if there was any specific project to which the funds could contribute, indicated a partition wall in the Centre which was in a dangerous condition. There was a real fear that glass in the partition could be broken due to rotten woodwork and that this could potentially cause serious injury. She had recently received a quotation for the work from a local contractor, Mehmet Güdükboy who had himself generously offered to do the work for half-price but following the recent economic problems in the TRNC the balance was unavailable. The St Andrew's collection would allow this work to be completed and make the area safe for the young people who use the Centre.

On Wednesday 5th December the cheque, provided by the church's bankers TürkBank, was presented to the Centre.

In an additional very welcome move Mr **Erhan Raif**, General Manager of TürkBank in Lefkoşa, announced that the bank would offer an additional £250 to the fund. Consequently, a cheque for **£750**

was presented to Ms Usta. The extremely generous donation from TürkBank will be used to fund a New Year's Party for those who use the Centre.

At our Harvest Thanksgiving service on 7th October we were delighted to welcome the **Rev'd Steve Ward**, a Methodist Minister and former Army Chaplain now living in the Republic of Cyprus, who joined us with his wife **Louise** and many other visitors and guests.

Following the service all were invited to join us in the front of the church for the traditional "bunfight". In previous years this would have taken the form of a "bring and share" lunch in the grounds of the Hermitage, but sadly, because of the continued occupation of the Hermitage by Ms Hough, these are currently not available to us.

Instead the suggestion was made and approved by the Church Council that we would offer a buffet lunch in the grounds of St Andrew's to those who wished to join us. This proved to be a great success and was a wonderful witness to many passers-by who wondered what was going on. Two ladies even joined us and shared in the lunch! A model may now have been set for future Harvest Thanksgivings!

Sadly, most of us are aware of the awful plight of the poor people of Yemen which is one of the world's least developed countries and remains the poorest and most rural country in the Middle East. The political unrest over recent months has made the situation worse for the population with diminishing food and fuel supplies. There is also inadequate health provision for the people of Yemen.

Although there are Government hospitals, these often have a reputation for being dirty and patients are charged for all services beyond the absolute basics. There are also private clinics, but these are prohibitively expensive for the average Yemeni. The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf supports the work of the Ras Morbat Clinic which addresses these issues through the work of its two departments, the general department and the eye department.

Twice this year **Pat Etherington** has organised a Coffee Morning in her home to raise funds for the clinic, which is close to her heart. At the event held on 28th April TL1700 was raised and at that held on 13th October a total of £335 was given (which was late increased by subsequent donations).

Our sincere thanks go to Pat and all who helped and supported her in this outreach by a member of the St Andrew's congregation to those most in need.

Sunday 21st October 2018 saw St Andrew's Church full once again for a very special day in the life of the Chaplaincy. On that day **Bishop Michael** celebrated the Eucharist and also the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Bishop Michael then baptised **Kimberley Sharawakanda** followed by the Confirmation of **Kimberley, Sharon Gechure** and **Lynda Hillard**. All the candidates were warmly welcomed by the packed church and not a few tears were shed for our friends on this very special day for them.

Several baptisms were held throughout the year culminating in that of **Elsie Chimfumnaya Onochie**, daughter of **Kenechi** and **Nneka**, who was welcomed into the family of the Church on All Saints' Sunday, 4th November 2018.

A last highlight for this year occurred on Christmas Day when **Denise Umpleby**, who had been prepared at the same time as the other confirmation candidates mentioned earlier, was unable to be present on 21st October. Bishop Michael, who had graciously offered to conduct services in St Andrew's over Christmas confirmed Denise on Christmas Day.

Thus, it can be seen that the work of God does indeed continue and, as has been said, thrives here in St Andrew's, which has been described as "the jewel in the crown" in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

We pray that we will soon be in possession of the Hermitage once again and can quickly proceed to appoint a new Chaplain for St Andrew's. In the meantime, in the power of God, following the way of his blessed Son, our saviour Jesus Christ, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we look forward to the challenges and changes which next year will bring.

Mike

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.

NEW YEAR



This is the start of a new year.

We have the chance to change the life or keep the life, that we may have lived in 2018.

For the wrong doings that we may have done to others that we can't take back.

For the mistakes we've made that we can't fix or undo
Our Father, Our Lord gives us a New Year every January 1.
The chance to change the life or keep the life,
that we may have lived before.





Little did we in St Andrew's think that 2018 would prove to be such a traumatic year for all of us. On 4th May our Chaplain, the Rev'd Wendy Hough, tendered her resignation, leaving many of us in a state of shock and bewilderment. Her last service in St Andrew's proved to be Easter Sunday, 1st April, after which she was absent from the parish and didn't return.

Following her termination period of three months, which was taken by her as sick leave, in early August Ms Hough announced that she would not leave the Hermitage and has continued to occupy the property since then. This, of course, means that it is not available for a replacement Chaplain, and so the Church Council and Diocese have been hampered in their search for a new Incumbent for St Andrew's since the accommodation provided for such an Incumbent is not available.

Because of Ms Hough's continued unauthorised occupation of the Hermitage and its grounds, other parish facilities (the Houston Room, Parish Office and produce from the olive grove) have also been denied to the parish this year.

Many people have asked, and continue to ask, why the Diocese does not simply evict the occupier. Eviction in the TRNC is a more complex matter than might be expected, compounded by the events of 1974 following the Turkish intervention of that year when all property was effectively ceded to the state. In addition eviction proceedings here take a considerable time and that is not an easy or quick solution.

Moreover the Christian moral compass of the Church and the Diocese is such that eviction of anyone, no matter how unlawful their occupation of church property may be, is something which has to be very carefully considered and weighed in the balance.

It is to be fervently hoped and prayed that Ms Hough will vacate the property and allow St Andrew's, the parish which she served as leader for four years, to move forward in our ministry as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place in our time.

CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

(not every week)

REHOBOTH CHURCH 18.30 - 21.00

TUESDAY MARA 19.00 – 21.00

(1st and 3rd Tues each month)

WEDNESDAY KYRENIA CAMBER CHOIR 18.00 – 19.30

THURSDAY REHOBOTH CHURCH 18.30 – 21.00

FRIDAY

SATURDAY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS 10.30 – 12.00

AA 13.00 – 14.00

SUNDAY RUSSIAN GROUP 14.00 – 17.00

For any further information about any of the above please contact our Hall Administrator, Sally Birt 0533 821 6038

Lettings

Do you need a venue for your weekly or special event? Why not consider hiring the hall. Sorry, but no bookings will be taken for functions commencing later than 22.00 hrs. We can also hire out tables, chairs, crockery, glasses, etc.

Just ring 0533 821 6038



Friends of St Andrew's

A letter from Pat Etherington

Hello Everyone,

Pat is away for the Christmas and New Year holidays so I am reproducing some of the photographs of last year's events that Pat wrote about and was involved in.

At the end of **January 2018** In **February** Pat made Pat spotted the Almond beginning to blossom

a visit to St Peter's Church in Antioch, Turkey with the Women's

March began with our annual service World Day of Prayer



Easter at St Andrew's

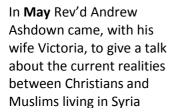


April

Pat held a very successful fund raising Coffee Morning for the clinic at Ras Morbat in Aden



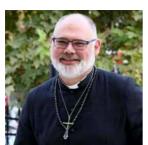






Archdeacon John came to preach at at our main service on 3rd **June** and share fellowship with us afterwards

This was soon followed with another very successful Music Week with Martin and Noreen White









8th July was Sea Sunday, and we welcomed Ken Wiseman (Director of the Mission to Seafarers in Cyprus) as our guest preacher. He reminded us that as an island nation we are dependant on the work



St Andrew's welcomed visitors from two different groups of Dutch Christians during the month of **August**. They had they own organists with them and they sang



And Pat attended the Annual meeting of The Association of Friends of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf at All Hallows by the Tower in London (with time for socialising with old friends too)



During **September** our congregation joined with the local community in celebrating Kurban Bayram, a time when offerings are given to the poor. A total of £500 was raised.

Pat repeated the success of her earlier Coffee Morning in **October** and the Ras Morbat clinic will benefit from a further £350.





And we held our Harvest Thanksgiving and lunch in **October** too







KIMBERLEY, SHARON, BISHOP MICHAEL AND LYNDA

And the month ended with Bishop Michael celebrating the Eucharist with us along with the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

All Souls' Day in **November** was observed in a quiet, moving ceremony when some 40 names of those whom we have loved and lost were read out. As each name was read a candle was lit on the altar in their memory



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

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.



New Year's Day Prayer for One and All

Dear Lord, So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen



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Diocesan Prayer Requests

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



The Epiphany

Standing and Finance Committee – Pray for synod's standing and finance committee and its stewardship of synod resolutions.

Holy Trinity, Dubai is a Church compound in Dubai hosting Christian worship services of various denominational churches including Anglican churches. Pray that the new regulations of the government may not adversely affect our function and the uniqueness of the HTC Compound is maintained. We rejoice in the Lord for Holy Trinity Church Compound which provides opportunities to serve his people. We recently added a Burmese congregation. We are hoping to get permission and approval to renovate our Resource Centre (Christian Book Shop). We appreciate your prayers for the renovation of the basement of the Chaplain's residence for the use of our youth and music band. We also hope to develop a theological library.

Finance Pray for generosity, responsibility, and imagination in the use of money and resources.

St. Martin's Anglican Church, Sharjah, UAE, a spiritual oasis in the midst of a physical and spiritual desert. St. Martin's also facilitates worship for over 120 guest congregations of various languages and nationalities. We praise God for His faithfulness, we rejoice in the newly baptized, those being confirmed, and the opportunities for ministry in various labour camps. We pray for all those working in labour camps and who are religious, economic, political, or other forms of refugees.

Ministry Pray for those who minister and serve to follow the example of Christ the Servant and High Priest.

Yemen The congregation of **Christ Church** is currently not meeting due to the security situation in Aden. A functioning expatriate population has not yet rematerialised because of the instability, and threat of kidnapping. Please pray for the people of Yemen, and our staff at the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic. Pray for resources to acquire new surgical equipment to improve treatment we can offer to patients of all ages, and the challenges of ongoing training opportunities for our staff at the eye clinic







NEWS FOR THE GUYS

"Men's Meet Group" will meet on the **3rd Wednesday** of every month at **11am** beginning on the **16th January** in St Andrew's Church Hall. The first meet will have a guest speaker, who will talk for approximately 30 minutes, and then for those who wish the group will retire to "The George" for lunch.

Please contact Gordon Hayes if you are interested in attending.

gordondhayes@aol.com or 0533 887 9142

The Footsteps of Jesus

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 17-27 October 2019



In this transformative journey in the Holy Land you will be struck anew by the power of Jesus' teaching and healing ministry, experience both the joy and the love of the journey to the cross, and renew your encounter with the risen Christ as we break bread together at Emmaus. You will be renewed as you make your pilgrim journey through the Holy Land. We will learn together, pray together, and worship together as we go.

Led by Fr Andrew Mayes, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser and Priest of Limassol, who has for many years designed and led such programmes, we are based at St George's College Jerusalem, with 2 overnights in Galilee.

Together we will:

- * Explore the Holy Land as Christian pilgrims
- * Study the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth
- * Integrate bible study with theological and spiritual reflection
- * Encounter the roots and traditions of the Christian faith
- * Begin to understand some of the contemporary issues in Israel and Palestine

* Relate your experiences to our lives and ministries in our 'home contexts.

The itinerary will include

- * The place of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.
- * Jesus' childhood home and site of the Annunciation in Nazareth.
- * The site of Christ's baptism (where we renew baptismal vows).
- * The desert where Jesus was tempted after his baptism.
- * The Sea of Galilee, including Jesus' "own town" Capernaum.
- * Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?"
- * The source of the Jordan River. * The site of the Transfiguration.
- * The Mount of Olives where Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph.
- * The Garden of Gethsemane.
- * The remains of the Jerusalem Temple complex from Jesus' day
- * The Way of the Cross, the site of the crucifixion and Jesus' tomb.
- * Emmaus, where Christ appeared after his resurrection.
- * You will also have a chance to worship with the local Anglican community at St George's Anglican Cathedral, & meet our Archbishop, if possible

COST: Full board, 10 nights, \$ 2450, (Euro c2074), plus return flights from Larnaca approx. 100 euros. Pilgrims will need to book their flights direct, and will be advised of recommended flights, airport-college transfer in Israel cost 2 way (c 40 E)

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE YOU NEED TO ACT SOON PLEASE

- * Advise the leader on andrew.mayes@gmail.com address queries to him
- * Register with St George's College on www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com

GIVING

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.

Our giving should be a prayerful and spiritual expression of all this, like giving a gift to a loved one. When we give we are not paying our dues, but engaging in an act of thanksgiving. Over the past few years we have seen the wider community join with us in giving to those who are needy throughout the world as well as locally. Of course we need financial contributions in order to sustain all that we do. Anything you feel able to give, however small, will be deeply appreciated and understood as encouragement to us to build this work here.

We are now a UK registered charity and we would ask those of you who believe in and support our ministry to change the way you give, and channel it through our charity. Regular giving no matter how small by standing order does facilitate forward planning and budgeting.

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

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

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP



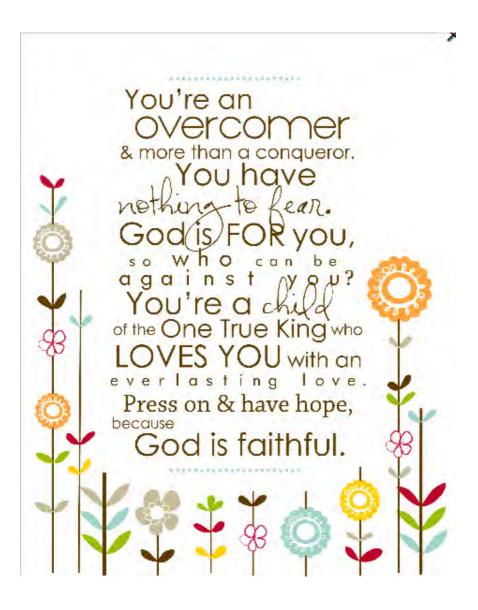


The re-formatted Thursday morning Holy Communion services at 10:00am each week in St. Andrew's where, instead of a sermon, a discussion is held between those present, on a particular topic or scripture reading, has proved to be very popular with those attending.

Starting on Thursday 14th February 2019 a more structured discussion will be held in the Hall AFTER the service each week starting at approx. 10:45am. This will take the form of a study of the Epistle of James and is based on a book by the well-known author Tom Wright.

There are 9 sessions in all and, although starting a little early in the year, it will be the Lent Study for 2019. Refreshments will be available during each session. All are welcome, whether attending the Communion service beforehand or not

"Every generation in the church worries, rightly, about people who just glide along, who appear to enjoy what they hear, and yet don't seem to make any real difference. James faced a similar situation during the very first days of the church. So it's not surprising that translating believe into action — making sure that faith is the real thing — is near the heart of his message. That kind of faith, he explains, is the faith that matters, the faith that justifies, the faith that saves. We need that kind of faith today. These nine studies on James's passionate letter help us to live out a faith that makes a difference."



KURBAN BAYRAM PRESENTATION



As a result of a collection taken in the church in conjunction with the Kurban Bayram festival a sum of £500 had been raised.

It was decided by the Church Council that this sum should be given to the Special Needs Centre in Karakum, Girne. Churchwarden Sandy Oram and Acting Chaplain, the Rev'd Mike Graham, visited the Centre and were graciously received by the Principal, Ms Layla Usta. Layla was humbled and delighted with the offer of funding and, when asked if there was any specific project to which the funds could contribute indicated a partition wall in the Centre which was in a dangerous condition. There was a real fear that glass in the partition could be broken due to rotten woodwork and that this could potentially cause serious injury. She had received a quotation for the work from a local contractor, Mehmet Güdükboy who had generously offered to do the work for half-price, but following the recent economic problems in the TRNC the balance was unavailable. The S. Andrew's collection would allow this work to be completed and make the area safe for the young people who use the Centre.

On Wednesday 5th December the cheque, provided by the church's bankers TürkBank, was presented to the Centre. In an additional very welcome move Mr Erhan Raif, General Manager of TürkBank in Lefkoşa, announced that the bank would offer an additional £250 to the fund. Consequently a cheque for £750 was presented to Ms Usta. The extremely generous donation from TürkBank will be used to fund a New Year's Party for those who use the Centre.

Calendar of Services and Duties - January 2019

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
6 January Epiphany	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm:72: 10-15 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	izzy Diana Peek David Wilde Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	Precious
13 January Baptism of Christ Epiphany 2	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm:29 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	Gordon Hayes Alan Carling Carolyn Hayes Clergy	Chris Brassy	Sue Carling
20 January Epiphany 3	10.30am	Amanda Warrender and Linda Lister	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm:36: 5-10 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11	Shane Barnes Rae Tilley Linda Smith Clergy	Sandy Oram	Pat Etherington
27 January Epiphany 4	10.30am	Precious and Sharon Gechure	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm:19 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-30 Clergy		Mavis Steele	John Hodgson

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Calendar of Services and Duties - February 2019

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice	
3 February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Malachi 3: 1-5 Psalm:24: 7-10 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40	Diana Peek Lyn Hillard Quinto Khaemba Clergy	Linda Smith	Stuart Hillard	
10 February Fourth Sunday before Lent	10.30am	Precious and Sharon Gechure	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm:1 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	Jenny Worton-Griffiths Pat Etherington James Gibbs Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	Kathleen Meredith	
17 February Third Sunday before Lent	10.30am	John Worton-Griffiths Psalm Psalm Psalm Adduction McIntyre 2nd Reading Gospel	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 Carolyn Hayes Psalm:37: 1-11, 15 Sandy Oram 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50 Gordon Hayes Luke 6: 27-38 Clergy	Carolyn Hayes Sandy Oram Gordon Hayes Clergy	Richard Dobbs	Mavis Steele	
24 February Second Sunday before Lent (Creation Sunday)	10.30am	Amanda Warrender and Jewel Pearce	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 Psalm:65 Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22-25	Shane Barnes Anne Lloyd Sharon Gechure Clergy	Chris Brassey	Christine Dobbs	

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