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ST ANDREW'S	SERVICE TIMES
Sunday at 10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
Sunday at 2.30pm	Russian Language Service
Thursday at 10,00am	Said Holy Communion
(First Thursday each month -	This service will include prayers for healing)

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

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One of the things which I used

to find as a Rector in a Church of Ireland parish is that there was a steady stream of people looking for their ancestors. This could range from a very specific

request for the baptismal record of a particular individual to a general shot-gun approach such as "Do you have any records of a Paddy Murphy who left Ireland in 18-something and settled in Boston?"

People have a great need to find their roots, particularly those from relatively new nations such as the United States or Australia and New Zealand.

But I'd guess that we all of us have an interest in our past, in where we come from, in those who have gone before us and whose genetic material has gone into the makeup of who we are as individuals.

As part of this, many of us will have spent hours pouring over old family photograph albums. And sometimes you can even see yourself looking out of the page in the features of one of your relatives, a grandmother or grandfather, maybe even further back than that. Family features, the shape of a nose or the eyes, often come through the generations - sometimes happily, sometimes not!

But there are also other characteristics, some good, some not, which pass through the generations, don't

they? These are often passed on by example, we see our parents acting in a particular way and we emulate them. How many times, I wonder, have you heard your own mother or father's words pass your lips? No doubt they too are passing on what they heard from their parents and so on back to who knows where?

All Saints' Tide, the beginning of November, is a time when we look back over the lives of all those who have been held to be examples to us of Godly living. As examples of "goodly" living, you might say.

In a sense we can say that the Saints are our spiritual ancestors, they are those who have gone before us in the faith of Christ. Just as our parents and grandparents are our physical ancestors. They are our heritage, and we are their inheritors.

Of course, we must be aware of our past. Our past is what makes us what we are, physically and spiritually. It is part of the present. It has been said that those who forget their history are doomed to relive it. And so, we look to our physical ancestors, we look at their history, hopefully with a true and critical eye to recognise all that is good, all that has helped us in our journey to where we currently are as a person and as a parish.

But we must also recognise all that has hindered us, all that has been negative in our past. And learn from it. I often said to my children, and our grandson has obviously learned it too, that we learn far more from the mistakes we make.

And so also, we look to our traditions in our spiritual life, to the great controversies which forged our faith. To the upheavals which led us to be what we are. And we learn from them and give thanks for all that has gone before.

But we must never be bound to the past. We must never be prisoners of our history or of our traditions. Because we must also attend to the future. We have a duty to our descendants. One day it will be our faces which are peering out from the photograph album and our children's children will be wondering who we were and what we were like. And the only way they'll know is by the legacy we leave them.

Just as we may leave a physical bequest to our descendants, so too we leave a spiritual bequest. In baptism, as parents or as godparents, we make promises that we will bring the child up in the family of God, teaching him or her the Christian faith that is within us. A great responsibility, because we will be judged by future generations

Will we leave them a church that is vibrant and alive? United in the work which Christ set out for us? United in the One Body which he gave for all?

Or will we leave a set of squabbling factions, each secure in their own certainty that they alone are the repository of the inheritance which Christ left us? Increasingly marginalised in a world hungry for spiritual food while we busily defend denominational boundaries.

Because it is God alone who is our one true ancestor. We are all of us inheritors of the Kingdom of God. We are children of God and we are made in God's image, and it is to God that we look for our source. When we look at our spiritual photograph albums, we should all of us see the one face looking back at us - the face of God as revealed in his Son Jesus Christ. It is to Christ that we look - he alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

At this All Saints' Tide we give thanks for all who have gone before us in the faith. We give thanks for their examples. We are aware of our past as shown in their lives, but we must not be bound to live in the past. Because we must attend to the future, to those who come after us, to ensure that we leave them an inheritance worthy of him who is our one true ancestor, the Father of us all, who has shown us how we must live through the only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

people in proclaiming the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

To which all of us in St Andrew's can surely say Amen.

The Rev'd Mike Graham

Candles for lost loved ones, All Souls Day Service



Please remember to inform the Wardens if you know of someone who is unwell or in hospital. We often hear people say, 'I thought you knew'. It is better that we hear several times than not at all.





At the Church Council meeting on Monday 11th November 2019 it was agreed that The Rev'd Mike Graham will formally end his role as Locum for St Andrew's, Kyrenia effective 31st December 2019.

Revd Mike commented, "While I have had the privilege of serving the parish and people of St Andrew's for the past 19 months it is only right and proper, after such an extended period in an 'acting' role, that I step aside and leave in order to make way for a new appointment, whenever one is made."

Advent Calendar by Rowan Williams

He will come like last leaf's fall. One night when the November wind has flayed the trees to bone, and earth wakes choking on the mould, the soft shroud's folding. He will come like frost. One morning when the shrinking earth opens on mist, to find itself arrested in the net of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark. One evening when the bursting red December sun draws up the sheet and penny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come, will come like crying in the night, like blood, like breaking, as the earth writhes to toss him free. He will come like child.

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Friends of St Andrew's

A letter from Pat Etherington

Hello Everybody,

As I sit writing this and listening to the rain I'm thinking that the weather is very similar to when I last sat doing this a month ago, but then we also had a most spectacular electrical storm which lasted all day and was great to watch as long as one didn't have to venture out. It also brought some huge hail stones with it. In between times we have had some glorious weather.

On 6th October the Reverend Michael Graham gave his last sermon before taking a well earned holiday and as usual gave us plenty to think about. While he was away on 13th and 20th October The Right Reverend Henry Scriven took the services. You will have seen from the Magazine he has had a very busy and varied life in the service of the church. He joined us afterwards to chat to people and enjoy refreshments. Sadly he was taken ill on his return to UK but I am sure he is in everyone's prayers for a speedy recovery. On the last Sunday of the month we had the Reverend Justin Arnott back with us. I'm sure he received congratulations from lots of people on his recent ordination. We have certainly had plenty of thought provoking ideas put before us this month by all of our visiting preachers.

We gladly welcomed back the Reverend Michael from his holiday, complete with cold. On November 3rd Father Edward Jervis was our celebrant. Also making a welcome return was Earl Moffat, our Director of Music and Organist.



We had a lovely service on Remembrance Sunday conducted by Reverend Michael. The poppy wreaths were laid on the altar by people representing the various Services and it was a very moving service. Reverend Michael had to make a quick exit and didn't get his chocolate biscuit afterwards as he was going on to conduct the Royal British Legion Service at the Old British Cemetery.

Father Edward was our celebrant again for Christ the King on the 24th, the last Sunday before Advent. While on Sunday 1st December we will have the Reverend Ken Wiseman from the Mission to Seafarers in Limassol, so we need to have the Christmas Shoe Boxes ready.



Instead of a Christmas Bazaar this year we will have a stall at the Lambousa Market on 30th November an 7th December. It will be a big change for us and hopefully very successful.

On Sunday, 1st December we will have the new Archdeacon, Christopher Futcher coming to preach. It will be the first time I will have heard him preach.

Well, I think that is about it for now so I will close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Pat E.

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The Blister Sisters started out on the 16th October on their 200km walk from Girne to Famagusta to Lefkosa and back to Girne, no mean feat for the four friends with an average age of $61\frac{1}{2}$. All for a very worthwhile cause, raising money for

Tulips (Help Those with Cancer Association) or Kanser Hastalarına Yardım Derneği as it is known by the locals. One of the St Andrew's congregation, Lynda Hillard, was a Blister Sister and this is her brief account of their mammoth walk.

The weather on day one was a lot hotter than we had hoped for, this was by far the worst day at 34 degrees, it also seemed our longest day with a later than planned start from Cafe George in Girne and then lots of stops to meet with well wishers on the way. We were all exhausted at the end of that day and quite anxious that we felt like that after only 30km! But things got better, the temperature dipped just slightly, only by a couple of degrees but it made all the difference.



Our aim was to walk 30km a day for 7 days and we planned our route which was well publicised in the local press and on Facebook. I don't think for one minute we expected people to turn out in numbers to meet us, so it was incredibly emotional walking through the Cypriot villages as we had such terrific support and a wonderful welcome in all the villages we passed through.



It was so unexpected to see schoolchildren coming out of school to meet and greet us, they were so excited, and hordes of local people in pink and even a bus decorated with pink balloons.



In Mormenekse near Geçitkale every property on our route through the village had a pink ribbon tied to the gates, fences and trees, a memory that will stay with us forever. We were totally unprepared for our reception at Őnder in Lefkoşa, just one of the many local businesses who so generously sponsored us, we were met by a sea of people wearing pink, the Őnder staff and locals including schoolchildren and the press in huge numbers, again unforgettable! We were well looked after as Raziye Kocaismail, the chairperson of Tulips, she was with us every day driving the support vehicle, she provided enough food and drink daily to feed a small army! We also had tremendous support from the Police on the main roads and it was wonderful being given free bed and board by Elexus Hotel in Esentepe, Dee European Hotel in Famagusta and the Merit in Lefkoşa.

We were so lucky with the weather during those 7 days, with only one very wet morning and that was on our last day, we had thunder and lightning and heavy rain for our walk from Boğazköy up and over the mountain down the other side to Girne, but it only made us walk faster! We had been averaging 12 minutes per kilometre all week but we managed to get that down to 9.30 minutes per kilometre on that stretch. As soon as we reached Eziç Premier on the ring road the rain stopped and the sun came out, which was just as well as there was a crowd of people who met us at the end of the ring road to walk the final 10km through Karaoğlanoğlu into Girne with us. That was very special, as were the crowds waiting at Cafe George to welcome us back.



I still can't believe that we managed to walk 200km, it did seem like such a long way when we were driving the route several times beforehand, doing our planning. We did have 6 months of pretty tough training, one of the reasons that I was rarely seen at Church during the summer months! As our training during the hot months saw us up at 3am, meeting at around 4-4.30 and hitting the road before dawn to put in a few hours walking before it got too hot. Most of the time we were walking the Kayalar to Sadrazamkoy road, mainly because it's a very quiet road and also because it's extremely hilly. It proved to be an excellent training ground as we found no day on our actual walk was as gruelling as our training walks, even the long hill from Tatlisu up towards Gecitkale which is an almost 5km uphill climb was not a struggle for us.

Anyway now it's all over we all need to cut down on our food intake, we still have huge appetites! Otherwise we fear we might be 20 stone by Christmas!

A huge thank you to so many at St Andrew's, including many visitors over the summer, who sponsored the Blister Sisters, the money is still coming in but we do hope to be able to announce very shortly how much we raised, all we know is it is going to be a phenomenal amount and probably at least 3 times what we ever hoped to raise.



Greetings from Sharon Kennedy on the Via Dolorosa , Jerusalem

As many of you know I am in Jerusalem doing some voluntary work at the Ecce Homo convent run by the Sisters of Zion and the Chemin Neuf Community. Deborah Graham (wife of Father Geoff Graham, St Helena's Larnaca) and I started working here for three months on 1st October and so our time here ends on 30th December.



The convent is near to the first 'Station of the Cross' on the Via Dolorosa, which is probably the busiest street in the Old City. The locals say that November has been the busiest they have ever known it to be for the last 30 years. It certainly seems that way too as there are hoards of tourists walking about between 9am -4pm and the 80 bedrooms here are full most of the time. We also have lots of groups visiting Ecce Homo for a pre-booked mass. In addition there are between 600-1000 people coming here each day to see the Lithostrata ((Roman Paving which is in the basement of the convent) considered to be where Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers, and where the trial by Pontius Pilate took place.).

At the start of advent a few Christmas trees went up in hotel gardens. Some lights were put up in the shopping mall and one or two' pop up shops' appeared, which are selling Christmas decorations. Hotels and churches are holding an annual bazaar, and in the Basilica of the church at Ecce Homo, a mass called the 'Feast of Christ the King' was held on 23rd November, which was very well attended.

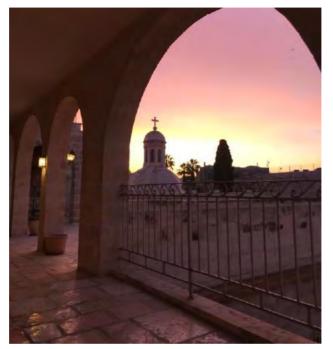
Without doubt the run up to Christmas here will be totally different to the same period in England: the weather has been gloriously sunny and it looks to continue that way too. There are crowds of people outside but they want to 'see the sites' rather than spend money on material goods. Furthermore, I have yet to come across a shop selling Christmas cards or wrapping paper, and in the main department store on Jaffa Road there is no hint of Christmas being just a few weeks away either! Not a piece of tinsel anywhere!

However Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity are unbelievably busy - and the queue to see the spot where Jesus was born was 3 hours long when I visited last week. It is likely to get even busier in the run up to Christmas and because of that (and the hassle of getting through the various check points in order to get to Bethlehem) it is highly likely that I will go to a service at St George's Cathedral (which is just outside Jerusalem's city walls) during the festive period.

I look forward to seeing everyone again shortly and in the meantime send my best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Sharon Kennedy

Sunrise Photos from the rooftop of Ecce Homo







As I begin writing for the Magazine immediately after our own notable celebration of Christ the King it is an interesting coincidence that on Facebook there should appear a posting by the Friends of Newport Cathedral...." A splendid celebration of Christ the King at Evensong with combined girl and boy choristers" This posting is accompanied by pictures of a very happy looking choir, numerically 30+. A former Director of Royal School of Church Music in his response to the post wrote "Very enjoyable service, beautifully led, showcasing the fantastic work done by Emma



and her team over the last few years...good luck with all ongoing developments and plans".

Emma Gibbins, Director of Music at Newport Cathedral is our guest Facilitator here in St Andrew's next May for **Music Week 2020.** Dates for your diary as follows -

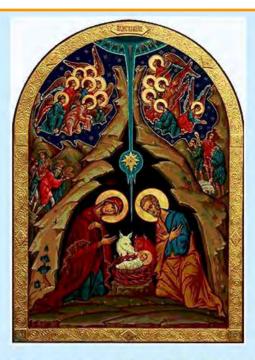
* May 29th - Friday Night is Music Night (Charity concert)
* May 31st - Festal Eucharist for Whit Sunday. There are of course many other church events before then requiring considerable 'developments and plans', none of which could happen without the willing commitment and cooperation of the ' team', all volunteers. With teamwork in mind it is good to be here and looking forward to **Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 15th December at 4pm.** For this event the church choir will be augmented by members of Kyrenia Chamber Choir and seasonal poetry readings will be delivered as part of our Nine Lessons and Carols.

Carols by Candlelight and Music Week are only two events in our year at St Andrew's when "showcasing" is important but only one of many aims to which may routinely be added outreach, friendship, teamwork, community and example.

As we plan to bid a fond farewell shortly to our interim Chaplain Mike & his wife Janet may I add my thanks and appreciation for supportive leadership, friendship, encouragement and much needed IT skills too! Deifir tú ar ais.



Earl Director of Music St Andrew's Kyrenia November 2019



Saturday 30th November and 7th December - St. Andrew's Stall at Lambousa Market

Saturday 14th December at 11.00 a.m. - A Scandinavian Christmas

Sunday 15th December at 10:30 a.m. - Said Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 15th December at 4.00 p.m. - Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 19th December 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon Carols at Café George's Saturday 21st December 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon Carols at Café George's Come along and join us in singing all the old favourites. Requests gladly taken!

Tuesday 24th December at 11.30 p.m. - The First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass)

Wednesday 25th December at 10.30 a.m. - Festal Eucharist for Christmas Day





at Lambousa Market

30th November and 7th December

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Our traditional candle lit service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia on **Sunday 15th December at 4.00 p.m.** The service will be followed by sharing mulled wine and mince pies in the church hall.

All are very welcome to attend.

P.S. We will need volunteers to help with providing mince pies and to decorate the church for this Christmas festival.



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.

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	Rehoboth Church	18.30 - 20.30
TUESDAY:	Free	
WEDNESDAY:	3rd Wed - Menmeet	10.30 - 12.30
	Kyrenia Chamber Choir	18.30 - 19.30
	Family Worship	19.45 - 21.45
THURSDAY:	Bible Study Maranatha	10.45 - 12 noon 15.30 - 17.30
	Rehoboth Church	18.30 - 20.30
FRIDAY:	Family Worship	18.30 - 20.30
SATURDAY:	Seventh Day Adventist	10.00 - 12.00
	Alcoholics Anonymous	13.00 - 14.00
	Calvary Church Girne	18.30 - 20.30
SUNDAY:	Maranatha	15.30 - 17.30
	Turkish/English	18.30 - 20.30
	Christian Meeting	

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GIVING

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 <u>UK registered charity</u> 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.

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Diocesan Prayer Requests

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

Mission to Seafarers, Dubai.

Pray for strength to meet the needs of hundreds of seafarers in dozens of ports in the UAE and beyond.



Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus Praise God for former service personnel in training for Anglican ordination or licensed lay ministry, and for all Christian people serving within HM Forces and the MOD. Pray that the resident team of BFC Chaplains will work effectively together and collaborate with military and civilian colleagues to the glory of God.

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

St Nicholas, Fujairah Praise God for his goodness and for the many blessings He bestows upon us in our everyday lives. Pray for help in fostering deeper relationships with other congregations to form partnerships for social outreach to minister to the people of Fujairah despite race and creed.

The Bishop Pray for Bishop Michael and give thanks for the life of our diocese in all its rich particularity.

St Paul's Kuwait Give glory to God Almighty for St Paul's Church as they recently commemorated 70 years of Christian witness in Kuwait. Humbly rejoice in the freedom to worship granted to Christians by the Amir of the State of Kuwait.

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
1 December Advent 1	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm:122 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44	Shane Barnes Sharon Gechure James Gibbs Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	Sandy Oram
8 December Advent 2	10.30am	Leo Igwe and Emmanuel Chukwuka	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm:72: 1-7, 18-19 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12	Chukwu Ebube Sarah Middleton Diana Peek Clergy	Fr Edward Jervis	John Hodgson
15 December Advent 3	10.30am	Amanda Warrender and Linda Lister	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 35 Psalm:146: 4-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11	Leo Igwe Amanda Warrender Gillian Hodgson Clergy	Sue Carling	Pat Etherington
22 December Advent 4	10.30am	Prince Victory Ermunse 1st Reading and Jacqueline Psalm McIntyre 2nd Reading Gospel	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm:80: 1-8, 18-20 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25	Jacqueline McIntyre Earl Moffat Alan Carling Clergy	Fr Edward Jervis	Mavis Steele
24 December Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Stuart and Lyn Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 62: 6-12 Psalm:97 Titus 3: 4-7 Luke 2: 1-20	Janet Jervis Lyn Hillard Alan Peek Clergy	Michael Graham	
25 December Christmas Day	10.30am	Leo Igwe and Sunday Nwoye	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm:98 Hebrews 1: 1-12 John 1: 1-14	Denise Umpleby Linda Smith Gillian Hodgson Clergy	Sandy Oram	John Hodgson
29 December Christmas 1	10.30am	Ambrose Onyeukwu and Stuart Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Psalm:148 Hebrews 2: 10-18 Matthew 2: 13-23	Diana Peek Izzy Menuka Sapkota Clergy	Mavis Steele	Sue Carling

Calendar of Services and Duties - December 2019

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

If you are going to be away please swap your duty please advise and Janet Graham, email: jgraham@serenos.net.

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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