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In the Diocese of Cyprus and The Gulf



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**ST ANDREW'S**  
**SERVICE TIMES FOR**  
**AUGUST**



Now that the latest Covid-19 regulations allow churches here to meet again and the border with the South open, there is now a service at **10:00am** (*please note the new service time*) each Sunday. It will take the form of a Communion service when there is a priest available to us otherwise there will be a service of Morning Prayer.

Please note that masks, social distancing and limits on numbers requirements remain, along with showing proof of having had vaccinations. It is important to arrive on time as no-one will be admitted after 10am.

Thursday Morning Praise Service is suspended until further notice.

For any further information or updates please see the church website or contact the Church Wardens.

During August the 10.00am Eucharist service will be led by the following Priests, border crossings permitting.

1 August	Archbishop Michael Lewis
8 August	Archbishop Michael Lewis
15 August	Ven Christopher Futcher
22 August	Archbishop Michael Lewis
29 August	Rev'd Michael Graham



Last Sunday's Gospel reading saw Jesus make a valiant, but unsuccessful attempt to carve out some time to grieve cousin John's death. However, His cunning plan was thwarted by the crowds. Remember this bit?

"Now when Jesus heard of John's death, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd."

Jesus has another go at being alone. This time He is quite adamant about it.

"Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray".

We then get the whole stormy waves story, Peter has a go at walking on water and bless Him, he nearly nails it. Jesus' words of reassurance and a willing hand to help Peter to rise above the waves.



There is a place and time when we need to say things to God, and we need to create a space for him to say things to us. Let's do the speaking to Him bit first.

Think of the word **ACTS** | **A - C - T - S**.

**A** is for Adoration.

Now isn't God wonderful. God you are awesome and amazing.

**C** is for Confession.

Well God I seem to have stepped into this mess again. I knew that it wasn't right, and I knew that there would be consequences, but that didn't seem to stop me. Help me to extricate myself from this, help those who I have made a mess of and give me resolve to avoid all such mistakes in the future.

**T** is for Thanksgiving.

Thank you God that you give us Harley Davidson motorcycles, glorious refreshing beverages made from the juice of the grape that maketh glad the hearts of all people and for those little saints who have taught me the faith and encourage me still.

**S** is for Supplication.

Watch over Fred, my neighbour and his wife Wilma. I heard them arguing the other night and their kids were crying. Also, great aunt Flo is having an uncomfortable medical test next week and I ask you to be especially close to her.

And all that is right and proper, but we must also set aside a time to listen.

This setting apart business, is what Jesus was doing when he sent the disciples and the crowds away.

The question must not just be "What do I want to say to God, but it must also be

"What does God want to say to me?" Yes, I've always got heaps I want to tell him and how in three quick, easy to do at home, steps, He could sort out the Church of God and end world poverty. That's the easy bit. The hard bit is to actually be quiet and ask

"Lord, what is it that you want to say to me today?"

So often like the gospel, the wind is against us. There are all sorts of waves

slushing around inside. There are fears and doubts and misgivings and complications and trickiness. There are distractions, some of them alluring, some of them downright terrifying. There are 'what if's' and 'should haves'. Like Peter, we do not see who it is that is right before us. We assume that it is something else altogether and we are fearful of what the waves might do to us. No wonder we can so easily sink and falter.

Jesus' words to Peter are simple and there is a very real sense in which he might be speaking into whatever storm might be raging inside of you today. So, listen and make space.

What if the Master wants to smile upon you and chidingly but lovingly say:

'Why did you doubt?'

What if he is already saying to us:

"Take heart, it is I?"

Maybe he wants to say to you today

"Do not be afraid."

What if he wants to say to you.

"Well done good and faithful servant?"

I conclude with a prayer that I learnt a long time ago. I hope you find it helpful. It is one that I use before saying morning and evening prayer and it is about making space for God to speak to us. Sending the crowds away and stilling the turbulence, so that we might hear him and we in turn can say "Truly you are the son of God".

*Open thou our lips O Lord to bless your holy name,  
Cleanse also our hearts from all vain,  
forward and wandering thoughts;  
enlighten our understanding, enkindle our affection,  
that we may offer our prayers worthily,  
attentively, devoutly and may be counted worthy to be heard*

*before the presence of your divine majesty through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Fr David Oulton  
The Anglican Parish of Hamilton, Australia



### *Let us Pray*

Lord Jesus Christ, when I am uncertain about what I should do, show me your ways.

When I don't know which way to turn, teach me your paths.

Help me to be attentive to your voice as you guide me through life.

Your word is a lamp for my feet.

You are my Saviour, you have rescued me from sin and I ask that you would protect me from making sinful choices.

Shine the light of your love into my confusion.

Bring clarity to my mind.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Faithful Father help my faith to grow as I am reminded of your faithfulness that never fails.

Help my faith to grow as I look to the cross and see Jesus breaking the chains of sin and death.

Help my faith to grow as I look to the empty tomb and see Jesus rising triumphantly from the grave.

Help me to move mountains in faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, all things are possible.

Help me to trust you with every part of my life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



**As** I write these few words Janet and I are preparing to return to our home in Ozanköy on 25<sup>th</sup> August after trying for some 18 months to make that return journey. Five cancelled/postponed flights later there is hope that this time, Covid permitting, we'll finally be able to make it. Unfortunately, Ireland has been moved to the red category in the TRNC since in common with most other countries the more transmissible Delta variant of the virus has become the dominant one here with cases of infection increasing over the past couple of weeks. Fortunately, the Irish vaccination programme has been a great success and Ireland has overtaken even the U.K.'s remarkable achievement in this regard in terms of the percentage of the population being fully vaccinated. Sadly, however, Ireland has not been granted the same dispensation as the U.K. when it comes to entering the TRNC and so we will have to home quarantine for five days under the current regulations there. But as we all know things change so quickly that perhaps we'll be lucky, and this requirement will be lifted before we travel.

Some of you may be aware that St Andrew's Church Council kindly proposed me for the post of Priest-in-Charge of the Parish and Archbishop Michael graciously agreed to accept that proposal. My tenure will be for a period of two years beginning, please God, on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and will be on a self-sustaining ministry (SSM) basis. Janet and I will continue living in our own home in Ozanköy and using our own car which relieves the parish of the burden of providing accommodation and transport during this interim period. This will give the Council a breathing space to allow them to make vital decisions regarding the nature of ministry in St Andrew's in light of the very different circumstances in which we and, indeed, the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf find ourselves at this time.



But this raises a very important point when we consider that ministry to which God has called each and every one of us in St Andrew's, Kyrenia. As I listened to the Epistle reading appointed for last Sunday in my old church here in Drogheda I heard a prophetic word which gave me great hope and encouragement as I look forward to returning to be with you all. It is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4, verses 7 to 16:

*".... each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. .... The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the*

*body's growth in building itself up in love."*

May God bless us all as we look forward to working **together** to become, and to show, that we are indeed *building up the body of Christ...in love* in our place and in our time.

Mike Graham  
Drogheda  
August 2021



## The Man Who Walks on Water

Just as Peter on the lake  
I set out on a quest  
My boat is drifting out to sea  
God puts me to the test.

The depth is deep, the width is wide  
A storm is setting in  
The waves are thrashing all about  
I feel a fear within.

A figure looms within the midst  
I tremble in the night  
He seems to walk on water  
My heart is filled with fright.

Fear not says He, have courage  
I do not bring you harm  
For it is I who comes to save  
There's no need for alarm.

He bids me walk on water  
His flowing robe, I see  
But I lose faith as I step out  
Upon the angry sea.

My trust is gone, I start to sink  
I panic as I go  
I cry out, "Lord please save me."  
Strong winds begin to blow.

His staff is there before me  
His mighty hand comes out  
He plucks me from the churning sea  
Why did I ever doubt?

Into the boat, the wind is still  
He calms the restless sea  
If He will soothe a violent storm  
He'll do the same for thee.

Oh precious child of little faith  
You are His son or daughter  
Look to the One who calms the sea  
The man who walks on water.

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The Church celebrates the  
Transfiguration of Jesus  
on 6th August.



Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain to pray. The three disciples fell asleep. When they awoke, they were astounded to see Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah.

Jesus was spectacularly transformed. His face shone like the sun, his clothing was dazzling white. He spoke with Moses and Elijah about his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension in Jerusalem.

Then a bright cloud enveloped all of them, and from it, a voice said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matthew 17:5, NIV)

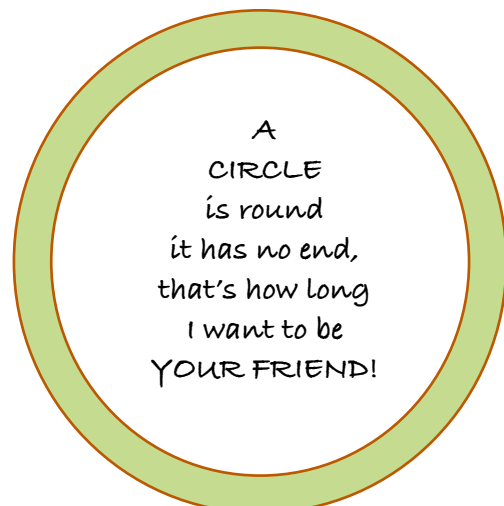
The disciples fell to the ground, paralysed with fear, but when they looked up, only Jesus was present, returned to his normal appearance. He told them not to be afraid.

On the way down the mountain, Jesus commanded his three followers not to speak of the vision to anyone until he had risen from the dead.

The disciples were terrified by Jesus' transfiguration because they saw a rare peek into God's invisible kingdom merging with the physical realm of earth. Jesus' glory shone through from inside him, revealing him as God in the flesh. The disciples needed the encouragement of this revelation to endure Jesus' death and their future suffering and persecution.

God the Father appeared as a cloud, a mask frequently seen in the Old Testament. His words echoed the same thing he said at Jesus' baptism. When he ordered the disciples to listen to Jesus, it meant the gospel of grace would replace the law as God's plan of salvation.

Paul wrote about the idea of transfiguration in Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 4:16–17, both times referring to the inward spiritual transformation of believers. When Jesus Christ returns in glory, all of his true followers will be eternally transformed and receive a glorious, resurrected body. Thus, the Lord's transfiguration was a foreshadowing of every Christian's future metamorphosis.







## Yemen:

### How conflict and poverty combine against mothers and children



When Um Ayman began to have pain in her stomach, she didn't think it was the start of going into labour. She wasn't nine months into her pregnancy yet.

She went to the pharmacy, whose volunteer “doctor” was the only option for medical advice in her village, Al-Malahaet – an isolated place near to both the Saudi border and the frontline, where Saudi and Yemeni troops face off against fighters from Ansar Allah.

“The doctor told me that it was not time for me to give birth and gave me some intravenous fluids,” says Um Ayman.

“But then my waters broke.”

Um Ayman spent an agonising three days at home trying to give birth before her family managed to scabble together the money for the five-hour car ride to Haydan.

There, staff at the Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) hospital found that her baby had been lying horizontally across her uterus, instead of straight down. The baby had died during labour and Um Ayman needed urgent surgery

to remove her unborn child and save her own life.

Stories like Um Ayman's are all too common in Haydan, a town of traditional brown houses, lush khat fields and the ruins of buildings bombed by Saudi jets.

While the town is no longer attacked like it was in the first years of the war – houses, the girls' school and even the MSF hospital were all destroyed – explosions from airstrikes still echo in the surrounding hills.



The area's remoteness and inaccessibility combine with active conflict, poverty, and a barely functional healthcare system to mean that few people have access to the medical care they need.

The hospital, rebuilt and reopened by MSF in 2017, is one of the very few options.



“We are in what might be called a healthcare desert here,” says David Charo Kahindi, MSF's project coordinator in Haydan.

“There are very few health facilities and things seem to be getting worse. Our paediatric admissions have increased by 45 percent and the number of deliveries by 30 percent compared to the same period last year.

“Overall, we are seeing more serious patients coming to us: while the number of people coming to the ER is stable, we are admitting double the number of them than we were last year.”

### Mothers and children

The hospital treats relatively few people wounded by the fighting itself, at around 15 a month. Instead, much of the activity focuses on the needs of mothers and their children. On average this year, the team have assisted 176 deliveries and admitted 92 children to the wards every month.

The children were mostly sick because of respiratory tract infections and diarrhoea, diseases often associated with poor living conditions.

Only 40 percent of the mothers who give birth in the hospital have been able to access antenatal care. This means many complications go undetected until a mother goes into labour, just like Um Ayman.

“At the end of last year, we opened an operating theatre in the hospital so that we would not have to refer people to Sa’ada City,” explains Kahindi. “People here already have to travel for many hours to get to Haydan, so now it is better that we can offer care for women who need caesarean sections or people who need other types of general surgery, without them having to travel even further.”

### The cost of reaching care

Travel has become harder in recent years as the price of fuel has increased and inflation has reduced people’s purchasing power.

“We live in Lower Duweib and it takes six hours to get here to Haydan,” says Hamid Ali,

who had accompanied his uncle to hospital after he broke his leg in a car crash.

“The local health centre has one worker only and they can only do small dressings, so we had to pay 100,000 YER (£289) to get a car to bring us here.”

These are astronomical sums for families in a region where most people are farmers and herders, living in an area heavily affected by conflict.

“We have livestock and we hear the fighting every day,” says Ali. “Sometimes the shelling hits our village, but we do our best to live an ordinary life.”



A road hit by an air strike from the Saudi and Emirate-led coalition

### Restrictions on aid

The conflict doesn’t only create urgent needs for people living in the area, it also makes it more complicated for humanitarian organisations to respond to the crisis. The different sets of authorities in Yemen all regulate the work and movements of humanitarian organisations to some extent, with some of the conditions put in place by Ansar Allah being particularly demanding.

Obtaining permission to work in places close to the frontline, such as Haydan, is often especially difficult due to the area's sensitivity. MSF is the only humanitarian organisation with a permanent presence in the district.

“We see that there are huge needs here, and while we have already started new services and are expanding the hospital further, we cannot meet all the needs alone,” says Kahindi. “In order to meet the existing needs and prevent the situation from deteriorating further we need other organisations to commit to providing services here – and for the authorities to facilitate their access.”

Um Ayman is overcoming the trauma of her experience. Despite the fear she feels, she is getting ready to go back into the operating theatre and have her wound cleaned.

“I am scared,” she says.

“I don’t want to die without seeing my children again.”

What had been a relatively normal complication has become an ordeal that nearly killed her and has now left her traumatised.

“Without better access for humanitarian organisations in the area, more people like Um Ayman will suffer – and some even die – from medical issues that are preventable and treatable,” adds Kahindi.

“That cannot be allowed to happen.



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The pastor's wife agreed to give him a subtle signal whenever he started to "chase rabbits."



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JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST

## Diocesan News



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.



**Fr Justin Arnott**, who has served in the diocese most recently on the staff of St Paul’s Cathedral, Nicosia after ministry, mainly among students, as a Reader at St Mark Famagusta, has been appointed to a combined

post in the Diocese of St Davids in the Church in Wales (Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru).

As well as being priest in charge within the local ministry area of Bro Sancler with particular responsibilities in and around the town of Laugharne, he will be a Social Responsibility Officer in the diocese.

Please pray for Justin, his wife Michelle, and their children as the next stage of his ordained ministry unfolds.

## Reverend Ken Waters



Archbishop Michael is pleased to announce that the Reverend Ken Waters, currently Associate Priest in the parish of Paphos, will be licensed on Saturday 20 November 2021 as Interim Priest in Charge of the parish for a period of two years.

His new responsibilities will follow the retirement of the present incumbent, the Reverend Andrew Burtt, the conclusion of whose stipendiary ministry in Paphos will be marked with his last service in the parish, on Sunday 31 October.

We pray for both Ken and Andrew and those who love them.

## scene@cypgulf Summer 2021

The latest edition of Scene@Cypgulf is available for download

<https://cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Scene@Cypgulf-July-2021.pdf>



## Abu Dhabi: new senior priest Reverend Christine Trainor



Archbishop Michael is pleased to announce a new senior priest to serve St Andrew Abu Dhabi with St Thomas Al 'Ain in the United Arab Emirates.

She is the Reverend Christine Trainor, currently Associate Rector of St Stephen's, Belvedere, in the Diocese of California. Christine has served in a variety of parishes and roles since her ordination in the Diocese of Connecticut in 1996, including seven years as priest in charge of another church in the San Francisco area, three years as Canon for Cathedral Life at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, and a period on the staff of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

Dates for her arrival in the UAE and her licensing will be announced in due course.

Please pray for Christine and for the people of St Stephen's as well as the parish of Abu Dhabi and all associated with St Andrew's and St Thomas's.



### News from Mosaic Middle East (FRRME)

Through the hard graft of volunteers and the generosity of donors around the world, Mosaic Middle East's work in Iraq is helping more people than ever before.

### In Baghdad. In Displaced People's camps. On the Nineveh Plain.

Mosaic Middle East is helping with emergency relief in the wake of the Coronavirus epidemic, still impacting the lives of many Iraqis without access to high quality medical care. The medical clinic in Baghdad, which is supported by Mosaic Middle East has also been affected, but the team continues to provide free treatments for those who need them.

The Nineveh SEED programme had benefitted hundreds of people in the past few months, with new projects including a calf-rearing farm, chicken farms, a bulgar wheat processing factory to name a few. They each restore a livelihood lost under ISIS and provide jobs for local young

people as well as benefits for the local economies; all still recovering.

### Islamic State group claims responsibility for deadly suicide bombing near Baghdad

You'd be forgiven for thinking the above headline was from 2014 when ISIS began their 3-year bloody reign of terror across Iraq and Syria.

What if I told you this headline appeared a week ago? The bombing happened in a busy market on the outskirts of Baghdad last month. 35 people including women and children were killed and more than 60 were injured.

Blasts continue to ring out in Baghdad. Inter-religious conflicts continue. Killings ensue. Civilians including women and children are caught in the crossfire. Rocket attacks pierce the skies over Baghdad as children sleep in their beds below.



Rev'd Canon Faez Jirjees with children at St George's in Baghdad

### God's Oasis of Grace

St George's Church is an Oasis of God's Grace amidst the chaos and violence of Baghdad. This is a place where Iraqi Christians feel safe to celebrate their faith together; where

families can find rest, compassion, love and hope for the future.

## A beacon of hope, help and healing

Through our partnership with St George's Church, we are feeding some of the poorest of Iraq's internally displaced Christians and we are funding the medical clinic treating people of all faiths.

The past year has been a real challenge to keep serving the poor of Baghdad. The city was not safe to travel across because of ongoing violence, protests and bombings. Nevertheless, there were still 1,400 patient visits per month on average. Then came the new challenge of the Coronavirus pandemic and a series of curfews which prevented the clinic from operating. When able to open and protected by PPE, the medical team pressed on, helping as many as they could at great risk to themselves. Sadly, some medics were infected and lost family members to the virus.



"There are many goals for the clinic – not just to treat the people, but to offer a message of love to all Iraqis. Please pray that God protects us."

### Rev'd Canon Faez Our Annual Appeal for St George's

Mosaic Middle East is the main funder of St George's Medical Clinic in Baghdad. Thanks to generous donations from our supporters, we have been able to provide £60,000 so far to fund the clinic for the first 6

months of this year.

Please can you help us fund this 'beacon of light' for the remainder of the year. Your donations will help provide FREE medical care to the poor and the sick of Baghdad including widows, children and the disabled.

<https://mosaicmiddleeast.org/how-to-help/give>

(FRRME)



## COMING THROUGH COVID-19

Dallin Chapman gives thanks  
(Church Times 01/04/21)

The Church has done so much during this past year to reach out to people, to be creative and inclusive, that I can only imagine how much work and time have gone into all the online services, the innovative ways of offering continuity and care, and a sense of belonging.

One of my daily rituals during the pandemic has been to watch Morning Prayer from Canterbury Cathedral. I find the settings, that sense of being in God's creation, the rhythm of the readings, and the reflections by Dean Robert [Willis], a real balm to the soul, helping to shift things into perspective.

I've had Covid twice, and am still struggling with long Covid. During the second bout, on about day 14, I felt particularly low and just wanted to bury my head in the pillow and cry. While I was contemplating such self-indulgence, a phrase that Dean Robert uses every day slipped into my mind: "And we give thanks for that." I started to say the words over and over and, as I said them, I could feel my spirits lifting.

I have written three novels and lots of poetry, but at that time I'd felt so rotten that I hadn't written anything for months. The phrase wouldn't go away, though; so I sat up and reached for paper and pencil and wrote the following.

It comes with thanks to Dean Robert and Canterbury Cathedral, and to all the church communities that have done so much to bring God into our lives and homes over these difficult months.

*And I give thanks for that –  
dawn whispering at the window  
nudging memory, books by my bedside  
waiting to be read,  
far echoes of a kettle coming to the boil,  
footsteps on the stairs.  
I give thanks for that.*

*I give thanks for that –  
kindness, a doctor who took  
time, a nurse who ignored  
night to combat fear,  
care and circles of concern,  
the distant telephone.  
I give thanks for that.*

*I give thanks for that –  
grasses and scent of spring,  
squirrel busy on the lawn,  
birds enjoying our berries,  
faint murmur of mowing,  
wide morning sky, and snowdrops,  
the trees' ancient lullabies,  
I give thanks for that.*

*I give thanks for that –  
for life and breath, for chance  
to dream again of longer days, touch  
of loved ones' hands, of laughter  
and visiting old friends.  
For just being.  
I give thanks for that.*

*I give thanks for that.*  
Dallin Chapman

## The Church celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary on 16th August.

*Isaiah 61.10-end or Revelation 11.19-12.6,10;  
Psalm 45.10-17;  
Galatians 4.4-7;  
Luke 1.46-55*

IF IN doubt whether something is proper Church of England, turn to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Its calendar does not mark this as a feast of St Mary; but two minutes' walk from where I sit writing is my Anglican parish church of "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary".

To commemorate, or not to commemorate? The readings are meant to help us. But they are so different in kind. One is narrative; two are sung (and one of those is a marriage hymn); and the fourth reads like the work of a fevered CGI creator. We need some background.

During the fourth century, Christianity became the principal religion of the Roman Empire. As persecutions ebbed, Christians were free to get on with their favourite pastime: finding ways to disagree. It was then that the meaning of Mary came to the fore. Making sense of Mary was like solving the Trinitarian question from the other end — beginning with humanity, in other words, rather than divinity. It was the sense of wonder at her being so graced as to touch the life of God which led many to revere her; for she showed what a life pleasing to God might look like.

There is no mention of Mary's death in the Bible. In the Eastern tradition, she falls asleep ("dormition"; "falling asleep" is Bible-speak for death). In the West, she is taken up, body and soul, into heaven ("assumption"). The latter leaves it unclear whether she died first, but, if every other

human being (including Jesus) dies, it would be surprising if Mary did not.

We need not use the Revelation reading. An alternative (Isaiah 61.10-11) is provided. Revelation 12, though, shows how Mary came to be a focus of devotion. John of Patmos describes his experience in visionary — rather than logical, or theological — terms, evoking Ephesians 6.12: “Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” Mary was part of God’s armour against “the flaming arrows of the evil one”, protecting her son who, to be truly human, had also to be truly vulnerable.

John of Patmos’s “woman clothed with the sun” could refer primarily to the Church. The mystical marriage between Christ and the Church is a key motif in Revelation, but it is also found elsewhere: for example, Ephesians (5.25, 29, 32) and 2 Corinthians (11.2). The choice of the royal wedding Psalm 45 encourages a focus on Christ as the bridegroom (an idea also apparent in the Gospels). But the identification of the woman as Mary happens early. We cannot rule out her being the primary referent; for the Church did not bring Christ into being, but, rather, the reverse.

When we turn to Galatians, we are back in the safer territory of theological discourse. Yet even here we find Mary — not named, true, but indispensable for Paul’s point about Christ’s true humanity. Paul makes his reference in the context of what he calls “the fullness of time”. He means that God has a plan and purpose, that his hand is detectable in the unfolding of human history, that he is concerned with us as individuals (rather than with humanity as a lump), and that his choice of both moment and mother is anything but random.

Eventually, we reach the Gospel, where the ground — Mary’s Magnificat — could not be more Anglican. As with many familiar readings, hearing a different version is enlightening. How fast Mary moves from reflecting on herself (and even this she does from God’s perspective: “The Mighty One has done great things for me”) to proclaiming God. A series of verbs opens each line in turn: “He has shown. . . He has brought down. . . He has filled. . . He has helped”. The very phrasing shows the truth of Mary: that she is all about pointing to God. Indeed, this is one of the Eastern names for her, “the one who points the way” (*hodigitria*).

If she serves this valuable purpose for some Christians, that is surely something for all Christians to celebrate. How she lived is interwoven with how she died; and with what happened afterwards. And, if the same could be said of all of us, that, surely, is at least part of Mary’s point.

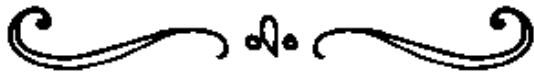
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These are difficult days for so many. We pray for all those who are serving communities in the many countries around the world where the Corona Virus is striking people down and for family and friends of people undergoing treatment. We especially remember front-line workers who have put themselves in danger and all those who have died, may they Rest in Peace.

Many Friends of St Andrew's, regular visitors and tourists will have missed joining in the fellowship at St Andrew's Church. The days ahead are still unknown but we pray they will bring freedom and the possibility of travel to and from the island. The deepest wish of us all is that the day will soon be here when we can come together to worship our Lord with freedom in our beautiful church once again.

Of course, the closure of Church and the absence of visitors has left St Andrew's without the normal generous collections. If you wish to make a donation from wherever you are to support the work of the Church, full details are available on the website giving page. Details of how to make payments to the Church UK Charity Bank account by Cheque or bank transfer are listed below. Regular monthly

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You may ask what we do with your financial donations. In addition to keeping the church alive, in recent years the St Andrew's community have made generous donations to local charities including Tulips, The Women's Refuge, The Sarioğlu Foundation, Karakum Special Needs School and internationally to The World Day of Prayer.

Thank you so much for your support.



*Diocesan PRAYER  
Diary for August*



**Mission to Seafarers Bahrain:** *The mission agency, funded entirely by voluntary donations and legacies, offers a comprehensive ministry of care to all who live and work at sea. There are seafarers' centres in 121 ports around the world. The work in Bahrain is being reimagined with potential expansion in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.*

We Praise God for the people whom God has given in St Christopher's Cathedral and Awali who are generous in supporting this ministry through prayer and for all those who seek the welfare of the seafarers. We pray for the Seafarers' Centres in Khalifa Bin Salman Port and Arab Shipping Repairing Yard where the seafarers are welcomed and united with families and friends. We pray for God's wisdom and leading towards the new endeavour for working among the "Fishermen". We pray for new ways to serve the seafarers after Covid -19, that we may be permitted to visit ships and that the Seafarers' Centre may be opened.

**Communications:** Pray for thoughtful, courteous, and stimulating communication across the diocese.

**Friends of the Diocese** Pray for those who continue to intercede, work for, and celebrate the lands and churches of the diocese even when they are far away.

**Baghdad: St George's Church** *re-opened in 2003 to receive Iraqi people from different Christian denominations. It has now become a compound with a clinic opened in 2007, kindergarten opened in 2011, Mother's Union branch and a big hall for festivals and meetings. With the construction process finished, the Redeemer School is running very well.*

We thank God for giving us faithful people and a beautiful place to worship at St George's where we can meet and hold various activities that help us to know the Word of God in a deeper way. We pray that all ministers, staff, and congregations throughout our diocese remain safe by the grace of God. We pray that there will be peace in our country and throughout the world. We need the Lord to intervene and according to his will, change the hearts of those who kill innocent people in his name and who believe that by doing so they serve the Lord and will gain entry into his kingdom.

**Diocesan Retreat House – Katafiyio** Pray for Maggie Le-Roy and all who make Katafiyio in Cyprus a place of refreshment, growth, and depth, and for all who will stay in its new location.

**Larnaca: St Helena's Church** *is located near the centre of Larnaca town, opposite busy bus stops. Primarily a Greek Cypriot town, but with growing provision for tourists. Our weekly congregation is varied in nationality, and includes residents, seasonal 'swallows' and holidaymakers.*

We praise God for worship faithfully offered at St Helena's for so many years and continued online during the COVID-19 lockdowns. We give thanks to God for staying connected with one another through modern technology. We pray for the leadership of our clergy and the church council as they work together. Pray with us as we continue to draw closer to God through worship, discussion, biblical reflection and prayer. Please pray with us also for all who struggle with frailty or incapacity. May they know the comfort of God's healing touch and be restored to good health. Please continue to pray for peace and reconciliation on this divided island; and for its ongoing support and care of asylum-seekers, refugees and those who are victims of human-trafficking. Faithful God, we are privileged and challenged to serve you here. Give us enquiring minds and the desire to know you more deeply.

**Anglican Communion:** Pray for the laity, clergy, and bishops of the whole Anglican Communion worldwide, and especially Archbishop Justin of Canterbury.

**Bahrain: St Christopher's Cathedral** is in Central Manama with services on Friday and Sunday, and in Awali, the oil compound, on Saturday mornings. We are a relatively small, but very international community, hosting many other congregations of varying traditions who use our compound during the week.

In this time of financial crisis give thanks for generous financial support for the Cathedral from people outside the church. With the economic downturn a number of congregation members have lost jobs and have had to leave the country. We rejoice that they stay in touch, and we rejoice that others are stepping up to keep things going and that our fellowship is strong. After a whole year of church lockdown we are preparing for the day when we will be allowed to open the compound again. We need God's special wisdom to manage the transition wisely and appropriately. Facing a financial crisis, we look forward to the time when we will be allowed to renew fund-raising events. Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your grace and presence in our midst, strengthening us to do your work in all things and for the privilege of testifying to your love and power.

**Spirituality:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep leading the People of God, for the network of the diocese's Barnabas Team, and for all who teach and illuminate the Spirit's ways both old and new.

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### For our brothers and sisters at St Andrew's

At this time when many are unable to meet together for worship or fellowship, we



the hospital)

remember the needs within our church family of those that particularly need our prayers. These include:

**Barbara Symons** – still in hospital over 6 months since her fall (and husband Roy staying at

**Jenny Hayward** – at home though not well

**Linda Lister** – Needing our prayers as she struggles with cancer

**Dave and Mark Sturgess**

*“The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well ... pray for each other so that you may be healed” James 5: 15-16*



*Money is the loot of all evil.*

*Conceit is a form of I-strain*

*A clear conscience is a result of a bad memory*

*Sales resistance is the triumph of mind over matter*

*Comic relief is when the life of the party goes home*

*An egotist is one who is always Me-deep in conversation, or a conceited ass who thinks he knows as much as you do*

*A bigot is a person who just won't believe you are right*

*Patience is the ability to put up with people you would rather put down*



## More Notes from Kent/Kibris

### GONE AWAY! FOR A WHILE

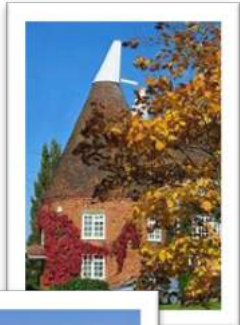
Well, that's what I've told the Post Office.....

As the weeks go by travel restrictions are easing, so we are praying that some of our old friends will return to us in St

Andrew's. Mike and Janet Graham are hoping to be able to make the journey at the end of the month, as is John Crothers, that will be a joyful reunion.

As we have to rely on priests coming across the border to lead our Sunday worship we have been particularly blessed that Archbishop Michael has been able to take on the lion's share during these past weeks and our services have been especially joyful.

During July President Erdogan came over from Turkey as part of the annual Peace and Freedom celebrations and to commemorate the locating of one of the



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original landing craft used in 1974. They have located it adjacent to the Peace and Freedom Memorial overlooking the bay at Escape Beach.



The downside of being in Cyprus at the moment is the great heat and



humidity we are having to cope with. How's this for a comparison between Nicosia and Maidstone:



Fortunately we have been spared the frightening fires that neighbouring countries have been dealing with.

Smokey smelling clouds carrying ash from Antalya and Marmaris has been the worse we have seen. Everyone is living life at a much slower pace, many things are being put off until it becomes cooler. Well, that's my excuse!

Back in Kent there is an on-going mystery of the mysterious loud bangs heard every night in Folkestone. Kent Live reported that local residents have recently been asking why they can hear a loud bang at around 10.30pm each night. Many people have found the whole debacle rather amusing and are enjoying wondering what might be causing the bang, while others are starting to get fed up.

Stuart Moore stated: "In Folkestone there's usually one single firework at

around 10.30pm. "It's only a small 'bang', we're lucky if we hear it in Cheriton sometimes!"

More residents were asking their friends whether they hear the bangs every night. Dominic Spearpoint said: "I enjoy it. At 10.30pm it's like an alarm for getting settled for the evening."

The recent suggestion of fireworks has followed many weeks of speculation. Mark Priest commented: "Another loud bang, 10.30pm on the dot! And I actually heard this one this time."

Lisa Claw also said: "The bang was on time today, anyone know why it's being done every night?"

It's not clear exactly when the bangs began, but there are reports of people hearing it as far back as July 15.

Kent Live has contacted both Folkestone and Hythe District Council and the Ministry of Defence, but neither could provide any indication as to what is causing the bang.

I will continue to wonder and report back if I learn of a solution.

One event that will be causing real excitement in Folkestone this Sunday will be the Red Arrows taking to the skies over Kent as they perform at the Folkestone Air Show.



The breathtaking display team will pass over the much of the county on the way to performing at the Folkestone Air Show.

The jawdropping display will compare favourably with the performances we have seen in the skies over Kyrenia given by the Red Crescents.

There are plenty of courgettes in the shops and markets currently so maybe you might like to try this easy recipe created by Tommy Banks.

Baked  
ratatouille  
and goat's  
cheese



Prep: 35 mins, Cooking: 45 mins plus resting

Serves 6

#### Ingredients

4 tbsp olive oil  
2 red onions , chopped  
2 garlic cloves , finely chopped  
2 aubergines , diced  
2 red peppers , seeded and diced  
1 tsp smoked paprika  
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar  
1 tsp soy sauce  
500ml passata  
200g goat's cheese  
4 courgettes (a mixture of green and yellow looks nice), thinly sliced

For the cheese sauce:

400ml milk  
50g unsalted butter  
50g plain flour  
80g parmesan, finely grated

## Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a heavy frying pan and gently cook the red onion and garlic for 5 mins until just starting to brown.
2. Scatter over the aubergine and red pepper and sizzle for another 4 mins, adding more oil if you need to. Season well and stir through the paprika, then splash in the vinegar and soy sauce.
3. Pour over the passata, then simmer for 5 mins until glossy and thick. Turn off the heat.  
(Can be made up to two days ahead and kept in the fridge.)

1. To make the cheese sauce, heat the milk in a heavy saucepan until simmering.
2. In a separate pan, melt the butter and add the flour. Stir to make a paste.
3. Slowly whisk in the hot milk and simmer gently for 2-3 mins, stirring continually until thickened slightly.
4. Stir in the parmesan and season.

Tip the ratatouille into an ovenproof dish, then completely cover it with the cheese sauce.

Crumble over the goat's cheese and arrange the courgette slices on top in concentric circles, alternating between green and yellow if you have them. Can be assembled several hours before cooking.

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7.

Brush or drizzle the remaining oil over the courgette slices and season with sea salt. Bake in the oven for 25-30 mins until the courgettes are cooked through and starting to brown.

Remove from the oven and allow to rest for 20 mins before serving.



Summer downpours flooding a road outside Maidstone



Wild donkeys at the entrance of the Karpaz National Park

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*Anne*

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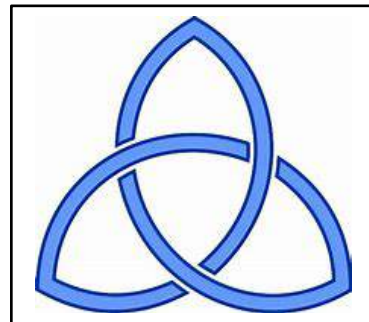
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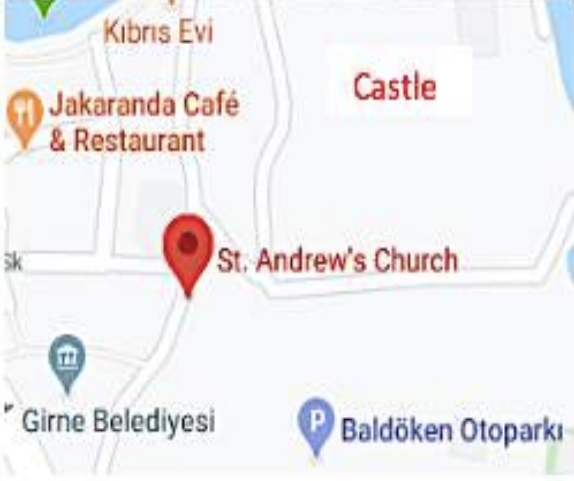
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