

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The latest Government decisions concerning Collective Worship were published on 7th October, Church Council will be discussing these at their next meeting on 21st October to decide how Church Services can be safely conducted to meet current requirements. Once a decision has been made a date for recommencement of services will appear on the church website.

Due to the Government restrictions the weekly Homegroup for the East side of Kyrenia and mid-week contemporary Morning Prayer service are postponed until further notice.

Thursday Morning e-Praise Service

Steve Bishop has kindly offered to prepare e-Morning Praise Services as set out below. If you don't regularly attend the Thursday service and wish to partake please send an email to Steve at stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk so that he can include you:-

Ps 112: *"Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commandssurely he will never be shaken He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord"*

As it seems likely that we will be unable to hold services at St Andrews for quite some time, **Thursday Morning Praise** is going to continue as an E-service. That means regular attendees at that service will be emailed a full service text including Scripture readings, a (short) talk and prayer suggestions.

The intention is that at 10am each Thursday we can still join in corporate worship: participants are encouraged to read aloud the usual responses, read the Scriptures and talk, add their own prayers and hence continue to be part of our worshipping community.

The service will be emailed out a day or so in advance. If you don't normally go to the mid-week service but would still like to be included in this weekly email, please contact us at stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KYRENIA



The Anglican Diocese of
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Sunday 25th October

The last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday



With church services being cancelled again for the foreseeable future we can stay together by sharing what would be our church service each Sunday, with the Collect, Psalm and Readings and also of course a Prayer List.

Please pray for the following throughout the coming week

Pamela Howe, Jenny Hayward, Kitty Hunter, Ian and Linda Smith, Mike and Judy Lukey, Win Smith, Dave Sturgess, Olivia Hodgkinson, Rosemary Dixon, Jeanette and David Burton, baby Louie Syddall, June Llewellyn, Suzee Moore, Padmesh Gartaula, Stan Keevil, David and Sue Walker, Barbara Symons, along with those mentioned in our remembrance book. We pray also for strength and grace for those who carry the burden of care.

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

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

Collect:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1-6, 8-12 (NRSV)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaijah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalm 119: 9-16(Common Worship)

9 How shall young people cleanse their way **to keep themselves according to your word?**

10 With my whole heart have I sought you; **O let me not go astray from your commandments.**

11 Your words have I hidden within my heart, **that I should not sin against you.**

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; **O teach me your statutes.**

13 With my lips have I been telling **of all the judgements of your mouth.**

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies **than in all manner of riches.**

15 I will meditate on your commandments **and contemplate your ways.**

16 My delight shall be in your statutes **and I will not forget your word.**

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17 (NRSV)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 30-35 (NRSV)

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Jesus said, 'Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Post Communion:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**