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



Sunday 18th October – Trinity 19



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, Jodine, Jenny Hayward, Kitty Hunter, Ian and Linda Smith, Mike and Judy Lukey, Win Smith, Dave Sturgess, Olivia Hodkinson, 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:

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1–7 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him - and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Psalm 96: 1-9 (Common Worship

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; **he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 For all the gods of the nations are but idols; it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty are before him; power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; **ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.**

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; **bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

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: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 (NRSV) Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22 (NRSV)

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Post Communion:

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**