

Morning Praise for Christmas

Thursday 3rd December and throughout Advent

At 10am in St Andrews Church

A contemporary service of Morning Prayer including traditional carols and Christmas readings every Thursday.

(Social distancing and masks required)

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6

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
Cyprus and the Gulf
in the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday – 3 before Advent

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

it was decided at the October Church Council meeting that due to the Government restrictions concerning Collective Worship the church should remain closed at the present time. As and when this situation changes a date for recommencement of services will appear on the church website.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Robert Laurence Binyon, For The Fallen



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:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

First Reading: Amos 5: 18-24 (NRSV)

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalms 70 (Common Worship)

- 1 O God, make speed to save me; **O Lord, make haste to help me.**
- 2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; **let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.**
- 3 Let those who mock and deride me **turn back because of their shame.**
- 4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; **let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'**
- 5 As for me, I am poor and needy; **come to me quickly, O God.**
- 6 You are my help and my deliverer; **O Lord, do not delay.**

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 4: 13-18 (NRSV)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13 (NRSV)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Post Communion:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**