

There are a number of Sunday services taking place in churches in the Republic of Cyprus, if you would like to access them online the details are as follows:-

St John's Deryneia

9.30am every Sunday (10.00am from first Sunday in New year)

Services can be viewed on Facebook church page by searching in Facebook for "St John Deryneia". This is a closed group but it will be possible to ask to join in advance.

Paphos

If anyone is interested in joining our Sunday services, could they please contact churchsecretary04@gmail.com

St Helena's Larnaca

The current online service can always be found at the following link <https://sainthelenaschurch.com/online-services/>

St Paul's Nicosia

Sunday Service 9:30

Every week on Sunday, the zoom join details are the same

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81166696318?pwd=dkc3L2FJeTdLVnJzZ2JaVDhrbFZtZz09>

Meeting ID: 811 6669 6318 Passcode: 027500

Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church

This year the Carol Service will be held on **Sunday 20th December at 11am** at St Andrews

Due to Covid restrictions numbers are limited so if you wish to attend you **MUST** book in advance by emailing Steve Bishop at stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note that social distancing and wearing of masks will be compulsory.

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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 6th December
Advent 2



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

Please pray for the following throughout the coming week

Sally Bishop, Pamela Howe, Jenny Hayward, Kitty Hunter, Ian and Linda Smith, Mike and Judy Lukey, Dave Sturgess, Olivia Hodgkinson, Rosemary Dixon, 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, in particular Win Smith and David Burton, and those who mourn their loss.

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

Collect:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **AMEN**

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (NRSV)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalms 85: 1-2, 8-13 (Common Worship)

1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; **you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

2 You forgave the offence of your people **and covered all their sins.**

8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, **for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.**

9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, **that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth are met together, **righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth **and righteousness look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, **and our land will yield its increase.**

13 Righteousness shall go before him **and direct his steps in the way.**

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: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a (NRSV)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-8 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Post Communion:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**