

Please note there are no services at St Andrews on Sun 27th Dec or Thursday 31st Dec but then throughout January there will be 10am Morning Praise on Thursdays and 10am Communion on Sundays.

Please note that social distancing and wearing of masks will be compulsory

Tuesdays Fellowship Lunch
continues every week 12noon at Red Ribbon Cafe
(between the entrance to Near East Hospital
& Metropole Supermarket in Karakum)
Do join us for a light lunch and/or coffee



Although it has been a difficult year for everyone, the Wardens and Church Council would like to wish everyone a Christmas filled with the joy of the Christ-child and a peace filled and happy New Year

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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 27th December
Christmas 1

Commencing Sunday 3rd January at 10am
Communion Service every Sunday
(Please note change of time)

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Please pray for the following throughout the coming week

"The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well therefore ..pray for each other so that you may be healed" James 5:15

Sandy Oram, Barbara Symons (and Roy), Tony Coleman, Jancy Simmers, Judith Allcock, Reverend Dr. Andrew Tatham's daughter Alice, Jenny Hayward, Ian Smith (and Linda), Padmesh Gartaula, Stan Keevil (and Anne), 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:

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62.3 (NRSV)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalms 148 (Common Worship)

- 1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; **praise him in the heights.**
- 2 Praise him, all you his angels; **praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; **praise him, all you stars of light.**
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, **and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, **for he commanded and they were created.**
- 6 He made them fast for ever and ever; **he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, **you sea monsters and all deeps;**
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, **tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, **fruit trees and all cedars;**
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, **creeping things and birds on the wing;**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, **princes and all rulers of the world;**

12 Young men and women, old and young together; **let them praise the name of the Lord.**

13 For his name only is exalted, **his splendour above earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**

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: Galatians 4: 4-7 (NRSV)

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 15-21 (NRSV)

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**