

Today's Hymns

Opening Hymn 4

New every morning is the love *Melcombe*

Peruvian Gloria 416

Gradual Hymn 763

Praise to the Holiest in the height *Gerontius*

Offertory Hymn 654

Hark, my soul, it is the Lord *St Bees*

Post Communion Hymn 712

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us *Living Lord*

Final Hymn 818

To God be the glory! *To God be the glory*

Some people may be concerned that because of the Covid 19 pandemic we here in St. Andrew's, in common with most Anglican and some other churches throughout the world, receive the Holy Communion in one kind only, i.e. that we only receive the bread.

The current situation demands a pastoral response from the Church. In the present situation, the Church must exercise responsible care, most particularly towards the most vulnerable among us – the elderly and those with pre-existent health issues. So, the practice of restricting communion to the bread only is anchored to the Christian virtue of love of neighbour.

It is important to note that the Anglican Church has always administered communion in both kinds except where the situation demands otherwise: for example where because of illness, the communicant is able to receive only in one kind. Those of us old enough to remember our catechism will remember that, "A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." In the Holy Communion the outward and visible signs are bread and wine. But our Anglican teaching is that Christ is **sacramentally** present in **both** the bread **and** the wine. Thus receiving Communion under one kind, while still not the ideal, conveys God's grace; "the fruit of Eucharistic grace" is no less available nor reduced by not receiving the other.

If anyone has any concerns or would like to discuss this further please speak to Fr. Mike.

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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 12th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant – The Revd Fr Michael Graham

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

Charlotte Burke and John Burke, Dave Sturgess, Barbara Symons (and Roy), Reverend Dr. Andrew Tatham's daughter Alice, Jenny Hayward, Padmesh Gartaula, 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

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Unfortunately the 10am service on Thursday 16th has been cancelled due to Revd Mike Graham being given an appointment with the Immigration authorities for his residency application on Thursday morning.

Licensing of new Priest-in-Charge

On **Sunday 19th September** during the 10:00am service on that day Archbishop Michael will license the Revd Fr Michael Graham as Priest-in-Charge (SSM) of St. Andrew's. Due to Covid restrictions numbers may be limited so please advise the Wardens if you wish to attend.

**PLEASE COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING
AND WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES IN CHURCH**



Collect:

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a (NRSV)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 116: 1-8 (Common Worship)

1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: **'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'**

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; **our God is full of compassion.**

5 The Lord watches over the simple; **I was brought very low and he saved me.**

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, **for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

7 For you have delivered my soul from death, **my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

8 I will walk before the Lord **in the land of the living.**

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: James 3: 1-12 (NRSV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 27-38 (NRSV)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**