Our prayers have been asked for the following people. Please pray for them throughout the coming week.

## For those who are sick, in special need or housebound:

Duncan Hadfield, Sandi Richardson, May McKenzie, Anne Futcher, Nasim Akhtar, Garry Allcock, Shane Barnes, Jenny and Bob Hayward, Barbara and Roy Symons, and Padmesh Gartaula. We pray also for strength and grace for those who carry the burden of care.

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

#### For those who have died:

We remember those who have died and those who mourn their loss. Pray for the families and friends of the recently departed and for those whose anniversary of passing is at this time.

#### For those around the world:

We continue to offer up our prayers for the people of Israel and Palestine who are suffering. We pray that peace will return to the area soon. We also remember others in our world affected by conflict and tragedies; for an end to all conflict; for refugees trying to reach safety over land and water; and for all who suffer as a result of human wickedness, wilfulness and waywardness.

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

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# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KYRENIA



## SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2023 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



## A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

# CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: THE REVD ALEC MITCHELL

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us today.

Please note it is the practice here in St Andrew's that communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive communion. Should you wish only to have a blessing, please come forward holding this pew sheet. At any point in the service, those who find it difficult to stand should feel free to sit and those hard of hearing there is an induction loop available.

St Andrew's is a self-funding Church: any gift you make will be greatly appreciated and go towards maintaining God's work here in Kyrenia. Please use Gift Aid envelopes if appropriate. If you would like to make regular donations, please pick up a Giving form at the vestry door or from the church web site <a href="http://www.standrewskyrenia.org">http://www.standrewskyrenia.org</a>

Currency conversion rate this week is: £10 = 340 TL

Processional Hymn: 589 Angel Voices, ever singing Angel Voices

## Collect:

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

First Reading: Zephaniah 1: v 7, 12 - 18

Psalm: 90: v 1 - 8, 12

- 1. Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, **from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- 3. You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4. For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5. You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7. For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8. You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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 5: v 1 - 11

Gradual Hymn: 358 Be still for the presence of the Lord, the holy one is here.

Be still

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: v 14 - 30

Sermon

Creed

**Intercessory Prayers** 

Offertory Hymn: 451 Just as I am, without one plea Saffron Walden

Post Communion Hymn: 546 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder How great thou art

**Post Communion Prayer:** 

Gracious Lord,

in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen** 

Final Hymn: 595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Slaine



## **Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday**

The service on **Advent Sunday** will be an ecumenical one, shared with our friends from the Nordic Church Abroad. **The preacher will be Deacon Annelis Holmedahl and Revd Alec Mitchell will preside.** It will be a bilingual communion service (translation provided) and refreshments will be served afterwards, provided by our Scandinavian and Nordic friends.

# 'Christmas Unwrapped' A four week Advent Series

On **Thursday, 30th November** we will begin a 4-week study series called 'Christmas Unwrapped'. This will be an interactive study group, looking afresh at the nativity stories in Matthew and Luke, with some stimulating input on the Biblical material!

The series will continue on the following three Thursdays (**December 7, 14 and 21**). Each session will commence at **10:30am** and finishing at 12:00 noon and will be held at The Hermitage. All welcome!