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# MAGAZINE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST ANDREW KYRENIA

In the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf



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to the  
Lord  
for He  
is good.*

*Psalms  
107. 1*

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# ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES

## 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

- 08.00am Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
- 10.30am Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
- 12.15pm Informal Worship Service
- 02.00pm Russian Language Service
- 05.00pm Cyprus International Fellowship Service

## 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

- 08.00am Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
- 10.30am Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
- 02.00pm Russian Language Service
- 05.00pm Evening Prayer (In the Hermitage)
- 05.00pm Cyprus International Fellowship Service

## 3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

- 08.00am Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
- 09.00am Said Morning Prayer
- 10.30am Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
- 12.15pm Informal Worship Service
- 02.00pm Russian Language Service
- 05.00pm Cyprus International Fellowship Service

## 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

- 08.00am Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
- 09.00am Family Service (In the Church Hall)
- 10.30am Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
- 02.00pm Russian Language Service
- 05.00pm Evening Prayer (In the Hermitage)

## EACH THURSDAY

- 09.30am Holy Communion (On 1st Thu there will also be prayers for healing)

## EACH SATURDAY

- 10.30am Seventh Day Adventist Service



Each week refreshments are served in the Hall after the 10.30am services, all are welcome.



For information on the next course please contact Victoria Scurfield on 0533 820 8158 for details

## *News from The Hermitage*



### Dear Friends

The seasons slide gracefully into one another. It is fascinating and enriching to welcome tourists and visitors into our church, many returning over the hottest period when many regulars are away. As I write this, we are still feeling almost unable to breathe because of the intensity. By the time this is published in the September magazine, the heat SHOULD be a little lighter.

Although we welcome in those visitors, our welcome Project is really going into action from now. There is already a marked change in atmosphere, commented upon

by many. The Welcome cards are being used by sides people to support me in getting to know those who come through our doors. Coffee time feels relaxed and vibrant.

Our Autumn programme is marked by our Harvest Thanksgiving service, this year to be celebrated on September 25th. It will be an All Age Eucharist. One of our welcome day proposals were to bring one new person (at least) into Church and we ask that you do this for this service. The Bring and Share lunch afterwards at The Hermitage is a wonderful opportunity to help new people to integrate. Please give Sue Carling your name and say what you might bring, all are invited to share in what is brought, especially those who are unable to bring anything themselves.

Welcoming is also about sharing both who we are and what we have. We now have a food bank for our students, some of whom really struggle

to survive through all sorts of circumstances. Please read the story of Marvellous elsewhere in this months' magazine. We will have a meal for them in November, at Robert Hayward's house, the day before our Christmas Fayre. This year, the Fayre will also reflect recommendations from our welcome project. We plan to involve many local partners in having stalls, and have Carol Singing on Advent Sunday, so making it a real celebration event for outreach.

Finally we are exploring having a stall at Lambousa Saturday morning market, talking to people about who we are and taking our church out into the people, encouraging them to come and share with us. The welcome project reflected a desire for "All member ministry", where those on the electoral roll are there because they wish to contribute positively to the church. This is also being revised in line with the review of the Church Constitution.

One month before our Advent

season begins, we will once again hold a special service of remembering. Another significant service, that I established when I came here. This year, the service will take a different form, but through it we minister to those who are bereaved, and again, it is a sign to the wider community of our care and outreach.

I have just updated and revised my Chaplain's profile which is now on the website, too long to reprint here in the magazine, but please do take time to read it, and get to know better who I am, my walk of faith and journey of ministry and my vision for the church here.

Finally, you will find also in the magazine an article about the day on leading intercessory prayer we shared some months ago. This is a humbling ministry, an art and a skill to lead the people of God in prayer. I have many resources to help people understand what they are doing when they undertake such a task. Part of my role is, in welcoming people, to identify their talents and enable them to exercise them within the church

## **CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES.**

### **Monday**

(1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	C.E.S.V. (112) Steve Collard	19.15 - 21.15
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### **Tuesday.**

Kemal	Turkish Christians	19.30 - 21.00
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### **Wednesday.**

Sandy Oram	Chamber Choir.	18.00 - 19.30
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### **Thursday.**

Linda Smith	Ladies Group	10.30 - 12.00
(1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Prayer Meeting (Acheme)	18.30 - 20.30

### **Friday.**

Loudron	Friday worship	19.00 - 21.00
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### **Saturday.**

Samir Costa	Seventh Day Adventists	10.30 - 12.30
Cheryl	A.A.	13.00 - 14.00
Ebenezer	Youth Fellowship & Bible Study	16.00 - 19.00

### **Sunday.**

Alex	Russian Group	15.30 - 17.00
Ebenezer	N.C.I.C.F.	17.00 - 20.00.

### **First day of month.**

Ebenezer	Choir	06.30 - 07.30
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For further information about any of the above groups please contact our Hall Manager, Jacqueline McIntyre on 0533 858 4659

## **Lettings**

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and through them, for us all to grow. I have already encouraged some to lead prayers of intercession, and I am looking out for more!

This autumn, may we understand our Harvest to be reaping in the people of God to share in his ever abundant love.

With love and prayers,

*Wendy*

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## Harvest Festival Lunch

On Sunday 25th September, after the 10.30 am All Age Harvest Festival Service, there will be a “Bring and Share” Harvest Lunch in the gardens of the Hermitage .

ALL ARE WELCOME

Even if you are unable to be at the service or not able to bring a plate to share, please come anyway.

If you would like directions to the Hermitage, more information, or guidance on which plate to bring, please contact Sue Carling 0533 877 1459 or on [susancarling22@gmail.com](mailto:susancarling22@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you.



## The Olive Grove 2016

The Olive Grove looks as though the crop this year is going to be far improved on last year following the 'Olive Grove and Tree Management' which has taken place.

In October we are anticipating a fun day or two picking the Olives, and we need as many willing bodies as possible to enable this happen.

To this end I am asking can/will you, your family members and friends be prepared to come and help pick olives? it will be a fun but hardworking day.

We will also need sustenance for the workers and we aim to provide the 'pickers' with lunch and refreshments throughout the day. If you cannot pick will/ can you please contribute to these goodies and/or help to serve them.

You will need a joyful heart, a couple of buckets per person, and steps.

Please contact me Gloria Tattersall to confirm your help in any way you can. The dates will be confirmed nearer the time.





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## *Friends of St Andrew's*



Hi Everybody,

Well, like lots of other people I'm back from the UK after a visit made to catch up on family and friends which was lovely. I didn't manage to see as many as I intended (one never does) but I also managed to twist an ankle which slowed me down more than I expected it too.

I am back to watering the pots again, something which I assure you wasn't at all needed in the part of England where I was. Lancashire could have been said to be rather damp on occasions!

Well the fashion show I mentioned in the last magazine was a great success in every way, both as an enjoyable evening and as a fund raiser. Linda Hillard and her team from Tulips (Help Those With Cancer) worked their socks off and everything went beautifully on the night. I think the hit of

the evening were the youngest models, they certainly got a great round of applause for each appearance. There were some very nice outfits for sale. It will certainly encourage me to visit their shop for a look!



More pics over the page.

We are approaching "Coffee Morning" time and we hold the next one on 24th September. This is an occasion when we do have the time to sit and chat and it is always nice to catch up on people's news as they return from the UK or come out of hybernation as the weather starts to cool a little.

It will soon be Harvest time and our service of Thanksgiving will be held on 25th September, followed of course by a Bring & Share lunch. We donate the Harvest Gifts to the Old People's Home in Lapta.

On the 28th August we had our usual family service, but this time with a different twist as there had been a Christening in the hall during the Sundaze children's service and the family were later introduced to the congregation during the 10.30am service.

There are plans afoot for a Quiz night on 28th October, so I will let you know about it in the next magazine.

Since returning for all my holidays I've looked around my garden and decided to try my arm at growing my favourite



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crop of Mange Tout peas a little earlier this year in order that I may get an extra crop in. I also decided that after looking at my one and only lemon tree I won't be able to stop visiting the supermarket to replenish my lemon supply. My crop consists of only two!

On that note

Much love

Pat E





Some of the lovely Fashion Show models



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SEPTEMBER

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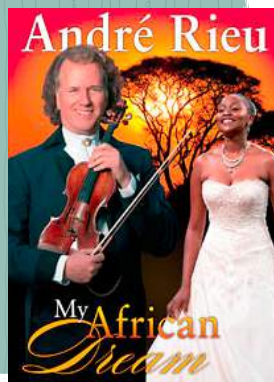
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# BARNABUS

The rehearsals for used in the forth-Jones Christian Barnabus, have during the hot but are due to start

The performance Kyrenia choir, which brilliantly by Lynette the 11th November will be the rooftop Colony Hotel! Many people will be part along with people

Chamber Choir and others who just like to sing.



the songs to be coming Roger musical, taken a break summer months again shortly.

date for the is being led so Elliott Oruc, is and the venue salon at the of St Andrew's of the choir from the Kyrenia

The Kyrenia performance will be the first on the island and will be followed by performances at other locations given by groups drawn from the other Anglican churches and their parishes. Finally a massed choirs performance, made up from these groups from the island's Anglican churches, including St Andrew's, will be presented in South Nicosia on the 20th November. More information on this event may be obtained from Carol Blackwell-Gibbs on <mailto:carol@cansigorta.com> who is co-ordinating the programme.

During the November period Roger Jones, along with his lead singers, will be coming to direct each performance, along with the final performance of the combined choirs.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to present the story of the early Christian church on Cyprus to those who may not be aware of the significance of Barnabus.





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Restaurant 11am each  
Thursday.

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welcome to come along.

# St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – Sept 2016

Date	Sidesperson	Services	Readings	Book	Chapter	Verses	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice
<b>18 Sept</b> <b>Trinity 17</b>	Anne L Myka & Gayve Lubo	08.00 10.30	Reading Psalm Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 1 Timothy Luke	8 79 2 16	18 - 9 v 1 1 - 9 1 - 7 1 - 13	Anne L Edward Jervis Mavis Clergy	Richard Dobbs	Christine Dobbs
<b>25 Sep</b> <b>Harvest</b> <b>Trinity 18</b>	Pat E Anne L & Pat E	08.00 10.30	Reading Psalm Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 1 Timothy Luke	32 91 6 16	1 - 3a, 6 - 15 1 - 6, 14 - 16 6 - 19 19 - 31	SPECIAL	ARRANGE- MENTS FOR	HARVEST SUNDAY
<b>2nd</b> <b>October</b> <b>Trinity 19</b>	Jewel & John W-G	08.00 10.30	Reading Psalm Reading Gospel	Lamentations 2 Timothy Luke	1 137 1 17	1 - 6 1 - 14 5 - 10	John W-G Lee Gloria Clergy	Edward Jervis	John Hodgson

If you are going to be away and are unable to swap your duty please advise our Chaplain or Anne Lloyd (0533 841 8306).  
If you do change your duty please ensure it is recorded on the master list in the vestry.

# St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – October 2016

Date	Service Times	Sides Persons	Readings	Book & Chapter	Verses	Readers	Prayers	Chalice Assistant
<b>2nd October</b> <b>Trinity 19</b>	08.00 10.30	Jewel & John W-G	Reading Psalm Reading Gospel	Lamentations 1 137 2 Timothy 1 Luke 17	1 - 6 1 - 14 5 - 10	John W-G Lee Gloria Clergy	Edward Jervis	John Hodgson
<b>9th October</b> <b>Trinity 20</b>	8am 10.30am	Stuart & Linda Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 29 66 2 Timothy 2 Luke 17	1, 4 - 7 1 - 11 8 - 15 11 - 19	Bob Taylor Lynette Amanda Clergy	Lee McHugh	Mavis
<b>16th October</b> <b>Trinity 21</b>	8am 10.30am	Bob & Jacquie T	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 31 119 2 Timothy 3 Luke 18	27 - 34 97 - 104 14 - 4:5 1 - 8	Henri Lee Jacquie T Clergy	Linda Smith	Bob T
<b>23rd October</b> <b>Bible Sunday</b>	8am 10.30am	Pat E Myka & Gayve	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Joel 2 65 2 Timothy 4 Luke 18	23 - 32 6 - 8, 16-18 9 - 14	Jenny W-G Linda Smith Izzy Clergy	Lee McHugh	Linda Smith
<b>30th October</b> <b>All Saints</b>	8am 10.30am All Age Service	Sue & Alan Carling	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 7 149 Ephesians 1 Luke 6	1-3, 15-18 11 - 23 20 - 31	Pat E Alan Carling Chris Penney Clergy	Charlie	Kath Meredith
<b>6th November</b> <b>3rd Sunday before Advent</b>	8am 10.30am	Patti Bob & Jacquie T	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Job 19 17 2 Thessalonians 2 Luke 20	23 - 27a 1 - 9 1-5, 13-17 27 - 38	Amanda John W-G Ingrid Clergy	Chris Penney	Christine Dobbs

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## USED CARDS

Can you help our ladies who enjoy recycling greetings cards to raise funds for St Andrew's by donating your used cards to them. If you are visiting the TRNC and have room in your suitcase do bring them to the church hall where the ladies meet on Thursday mornings.

## Thank You For This Bounty, God

Thank you for this bounty, God  
that you give to me  
for grain that grows within the field  
and fruit upon the tree  
Thank you for the little seeds  
that in the spring are sown  
and with your gifts of sun and rain  
have through the summer grown  
Thank you for the farmers, Lord  
and bless them for their toil  
as now they gather in the crops  
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# THE CYPRUS FORUM

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER  
THE LORDOS BEACH HOTEL, LIMASSOL  
13.30 - 16.30PM

Dear Friends

The date for the Cyprus Forum is drawing near now and I would like your help in making it a really worthwhile event. You may recall what I said at the Visitation about the new format for the Forum. In its present form it has evolved from what was called a Standing Committee Road Show: an attempt to help people feel more part of the Diocese, and part of the way in which Standing Committee and ultimately Synod strategies are formed. The focus was primarily on finance, initially, though as the Forum evolved there was also input on other issues from the Standing Committee agenda, and opportunity for discussion on any issue.

At the last Synod there was a request that consideration be given to creating an opportunity for more focussed discussions of the type that has now become standard at Synod, on subjects that are important to church members currently. This year's Forum is an attempt to honour that request.

Finance will still be an important part of the Forum, but there will also be opportunity for small group discussion on subjects suggested by Councils or by Standing Committee itself. There will still be room for plenary session discussion, and hopefully the process will enable communication both to and from Standing Committee as it considers its and Synod's agendas.

Among subjects for the small groups that I have heard discussed are the following:

Stewardship - following the progress of the process started at last Synod

Social outreach - building on the work of the Consultation on 14 Sep

Intentional Discipleship - the subject for next Synod, and

Communication - the Island strategy

There may be a demand for a group on St George's, and I have had a



suggestion about clergy security. This email represents

- a) a check on my part that the groups identified so far are ones with subjects that do really interest people,
- b) a call for any further suggestions and
- c) a request to know roughly how many people might attend.

May I remind you of the revised date and time, which is Tuesday 11th October from 13.30 - 16.30 at the Lordos Beach Hotel.

I will be grateful for responses, which should be addressed, or at least copied, to Anetta, and look forward to seeing you on the day.

Every blessing

John

The Ven Professor John Holdsworth  
Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf  
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### WHAT'S ON AT ST ANDREW'S?

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Contact
Every 2nd Wednesday	Ministry Team	9am	The Hermitage	Chaplain
Each Thursday	Ladies Group	11am	Kervan Restaurant	Linda Smith
	Bible Study	6.30pm		Rev Colin
Sat 24th Sept	Coffee	10am	The Hermitage	Sue Carling
	Morning	12 noon		
Friday 30th Sept	HARMONY Music for a Summer Night	7pm	The Hermitage	Anne Lloyd
Wednesday 22nd Nov	All Souls Service	7.30pm	St Andrew's	Rev Wendy

# *Diocesan Prayer Requests*

During this month please add the following Diocesan needs to your prayers.



## **CATHEDRALS**

Pray for the diocese's two cathedrals in Nicosia and Bahrain, their clergy and people.

## **THE CANTERBURY GROUP**

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## **Retreats Ministry**

Pray for Maggie Le-Roy and all who plan and lead retreats and quiet days across the diocese.

**Mission to Seafarers, Cyprus** Praise God for their facility in Limassol where they serve seafarers regardless of nationality or faith. Praise God for opening the way for them to serve those seafarers in the northern ports of the island. Pray that the hearts of the authorities in the south will soften to the work and needs of these seafarers, so

that they may be freely served with their daily needs. Rejoice in the time and dedication freely given by volunteers who make the work possible.

## **Link with the Thika Diocese**

Pray for Bishop Julius and his people and the 3-way gathering with Thika, Dioceses of Exeter and Cyprus and the Gulf, in Kenya this October.

## **Christ Church, Jebel Ali**

**One of 5 parishes in the Chaplaincy of Dubai, Sharjah and the Northern Emirates.**

Pray for the spiritual life of the church, that the staff, Anglican and Guest congregations and all who visit Christ Church. May they sense the presence of Christ. Pray for those in Jebel Ali who are poor and struggle while being surrounded by such enormous wealth. Pray for those living and working alone while supporting families in other countries, may the church be a family to them.

## **St Mark's, Famagusta**

Pray for the ever closer partnership with Christchurch, Ayia Napa and St John's in Deryneia. Rejoice in having new members of council. Pray for their congregation.



**Don't worry about what might happen if you do help,  
think about what might happen if you don't!**

### **The Marvellous Story by Lynda Hillard**

I first heard about Marvellous in early May 2016, I learned that she had been sleeping in St Andrew's Church but nobody seemed to know anything about her, or why she was using the church as a refuge. As I understand it, a number of people had approached Marvellous to ask if she was ok and seemingly the answer was always the same "I'm fine". I had doubts that all was ok, particularly as in North Cyprus seeing homeless or displaced persons is very rare, so I set about finding her.

Although I have worked with disaffected youngsters in the past I had no particular training in counselling so I was slightly nervous about how my introduction to Marvellous might be received. I woke her up, smiled and asked if she would like to join me for a coffee or perhaps a bite to eat. She asked me why and I replied it was a nice day outside and I would like some company. It really was not difficult to gain her trust and we walked out of the church together to a nearby café. Marvellous was reluctant to order anything from the menu saying she had no money, I told her that lunch was on me, but I could tell she was not terribly comfortable with that as she said she was not hungry, even though I had asked on the way to the café if she had eaten that day and she had not eaten anything since the day before. I asked what food she likes to eat and she told me she likes chicken so I ordered chicken and chips and a drink for her. For someone who said she was not hungry she was clearly ravenous!

I did not ask her why she was sleeping in the church, instead we talked about the usual things we might talk about if we'd just met, I asked her where she was from, about her family and although the conversation progressed slowly we eventually got around to the circumstances she found herself in. I learned that Marvellous is from a seemingly middle class Nigerian family, they live just outside Abuja where her father is a lawyer, her mother is a teacher by profession but had a successful clothing business until Nigeria was hit by recession. She has younger siblings and had come to North Cyprus in 2012 to study Law at Girne American University.

Marvellous was very upset during the lunch and cried a lot. It was very evident that she was in severe financial difficulties; I said I would try to help her but said that in return that she must be absolutely honest with me. We agreed to meet the following day and I asked Marvellous to bring her passport with her, I thought if she trusted me enough to show me her passport and visa it would be a good start, although what I would do when I had this information I was not too sure.

I asked a friend from church to come along with me to meet Marvellous the following day, she was late for our meeting and I was disappointed, I phoned her after 15 minutes and Marvellous answered her cellphone very breathless and it was evident she was walking, she told me she was on her way. When she arrived she was hot and of course having no money for a *dolmuş* had obviously walked a fair way to see us. Unfortunately she was not as open to conversation with two of us there as she had been the day before, she had however, brought her passport and said she was happy for me to take copies of her passport and visa. We told her we had to establish what her problems were if we were to help her. It seems her parents had been unable to send money here for some while to allow Marvellous to continue her studies, so she had been living for many months effectively homeless with no money. We asked if Marvellous had told her parents of the impossible situation she was in having no money, she said she spoke to them fairly often but she didn't tell them everything. We felt this was step number one, her parents must know her plight. After checking I had enough credit on my pay-as-you-go phone I told Marvellous she could send her Mum a text asking her to phone her to discuss her situation, but in fact she sent a very long text telling her Mum just how things were. Marvellous' parents were then in very regular contact with her but unfortunately their own situation was dire as they were unable to send over any money.

I contacted a friend who lives and works in Nigeria to find out what the situation is and why Marvellous' parents might be finding it hard to get money through to her. What I was told shocked me, it seems if you're paid locally in Nigerian Naira, but have expenses in USD (Housing rent, school fees, etc), as the Central Bank has limited hard currency (USD). It is impossible to walk in and exchange Naira for USD, applications for currency exchange must be made via official forms, which take up to 3 months to be approved. They are approved in priority order, manufacturing companies requiring raw materials getting priority so they can keep Nigerians in employment. School fees would be very low in priority.

Marvellous and I met nearly every other day in those first few weeks. She told me she had a place where she could sleep at night, in a property with several others, however as she was not paying rent she could not stay there during the day, which explained why she had started sleeping in the church. It was also difficult for her to do laundry as she was not contributing to the bills so I started collecting her laundry from her on a regular basis. It was evident her clothes were well worn so I arranged to take her to the Tulips Cancer Charity's storage facility, where I volunteer, and she was able to choose some clothes, I explained they were second-hand but in excellent condition. She was like a child in a sweet shop, eyes wide open and stunned by the choice! I told her to choose whatever she wanted and that I would pay. I did wonder if I might get taken advantage of but Marvellous was very careful, even putting back one top when she found another she liked more. I was amazed she took just what she needed and I had only spent 40TL. I had been given 100TL by a friend to buy whatever Marvellous needed, so we left Tulips and went to the supermarket, I explained she now had 60TL to spend on groceries and provisions, she bought a cooked chicken and rice (I found out this was going to be her staple diet for the next couple of months!), fresh fruit and some bread rolls. She'd only spent 24TL so I spent the remaining money on some phone credit for her.

I had asked her repeatedly if she felt safe where she was staying and she said she was, I said that should the situation change she must phone me, and I sent her a text to tell her she now had credit on her phone if she needed to phone me, the text I got back was "Wow.... Thank you so much. God bless you x". The day that I delivered some lovely clothes, cosmetics and toiletries from a beautician friend, Marvellous cried and said she hadn't been able to afford toiletries for such a long time.

Well many weeks went by, we met for coffee or lunch quite often, if we didn't have lunch I would buy chicken and rice, fresh fruit and bread for her when exchanging dirty laundry for clean. It was lovely to see Marvellous growing in confidence and taking pride in her appearance, looking so nice in her new attire. There were of course set-backs, she had been for a meeting at GAU but it was evident that they could only help once she could resume paying her fees, so one day over lunch I broached the subject of her getting a job. She told me she had tried many times, the answer was often the same - "sleep with me and I'll let you know"! she told me when I had found her in church she felt so low she thought she might die, but she

had thought to herself that "even if I die here I will die a good girl". She said "no one has touched me", she cried and I cried with her. I have never been in that situation and I told her I didn't want her to have to sleep with anyone to get a job, we'd have to find her some work with nice people. Marvellous did manage to get several days doing cleaning jobs and ironing and when she wasn't working to earn money she was happy to volunteer with me for Tulips, where she worked hard even though she knew she would not be paid. I asked what she planned to do with the money she had earned and she said she was not planning to spend it, having not had any money for so long she was saving it.

During the evening of the 8th June I got the call from Marvellous that I had been half expecting, there was a problem where she was living and could we meet, I agreed to meet her the following morning for a coffee. When we met she told me things had changed, the landlord had evidently found out that there were extra people living in the apartment so she had to leave that day. Not knowing quite what to do I rang my husband, Stuart, and he said "well you'll have to bring her home". Knowing we had a function that evening in Lefkosa that we'd been invited to, and that she couldn't get back into the apartment until later that evening to retrieve her belongings, I told her she could come and stay with us for the weekend and we'd go from there. I suggested she spend the evening packing and we would phone her as we leave Lefkosa and pick her up on our way home but it would be late. So at 11pm we loaded our car outside the apartment with all Marvellous' belongings and she came home with us.

Marvellous stayed in our home for nearly 3 weeks, she was an easy guest to have, she asked for nothing and expected nothing. We bought her chicken and rice, fresh fruit and bread and she was happy. Sometimes she ventured out with us for lunch but more often than not she was happy to stay in her room reading her law books or watching Nigerian films on the internet.

After a lot of persuasion we bought an airline ticket for Marvellous to fly back to her family in Abuja. She was very reluctant to go back, she felt she was giving up on her dream of getting a law degree and returning home a failure, but with an out-of-date visa and no real prospects here there was no alternative, she flew back on 28th June. Since then we have had many phone calls and texts from Marvellous' Mum who is so



grateful to have her back safe and well. This is just one of the many texts we have received "Ma, calvary greetings to u and ur family in Jesus' name. I am here to thank u again for ur goodness, kindness and love to my daughter Marvellous, I am indebted and thank you forever, thank u ma, thank u sir". The flight ticket was not cheap but luckily many people have come forward to kindly offer us help and we now have 40% of the cost covered. Again Marvellous has been amazed that people cared enough and have been so generous in helping us pay to get her home safely.

The latest news from Marvellous is that it has been cleared with immigration that as she left the country with a valid ticket, and providing she pays for a new visa and for the months she was here without a valid visa, then she will be able to return to study once her college fees are paid. She is in communication with GAU and is hoping that if her parents can somehow get the college fees here, possibly by asking another student who is coming over to study, then she would like to resume her studies and gain her law degree. I sincerely hope she does.

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Points to think on....

I was saddened when I saw Marvellous' passport to see she was just 20 years old and her visa was many months out of date. I couldn't help wondering how I might have coped at her age on my own in a foreign country with no money and no visa, a frightening prospect. It was evident from our first meeting that not only did Marvellous not have any proper lodgings or money for food, she also had no money for basic provisions such as sanitary towels and toiletries, an important commodity for any girl of her age.

After our first few meetings Marvellous stopped going to the church to sleep during the day, I asked her why and she said she felt better about herself and she did not want to be judged. It is clear from the many texts I have had from Marvellous' family that they are God-fearing and this maybe an indication of why she sought sanctuary in St Andrew's Church. I am not sure why she felt she was being judged, but maybe she felt ashamed of her circumstances and that is why when asked "are you ok" her response was always "I'm fine".

Since I befriended Marvellous she asked for nothing but was grateful for any kindness, whether that was material things she was given, clothing and food, or when I told her that someone else had given me money to put towards her food, etc she was always surprised and very thankful. Some people were voicing their worries saying that I might be taken advantage of, however this didn't happen. If that worry had stopped me from helping Marvellous, I have no way of knowing what might have happened, but with no money and no means of supporting herself I wonder if she might have ended up working on the streets as a prostitute, that would have been a tragic waste of a beautiful young girl's life.

Some people told me they thought I would be 'opening the flood gates' and if I help one there would be many others wanting my help. This didn't happen, it's nearly three months since I first met Marvellous and to date no one else has approached me for help. My personal view is when faced with a difficult situation we should not worry about what might happen if we do something about it, instead we should consider what might happen if we don't act.

When we mentioned to friends that we had a young Nigerian girl staying in our house, there were a few raised eyebrows, many thought we were being too trusting allowing a stranger to stay, often unaccompanied, in our house. Well nothing terrible happened, we can honestly say Marvellous did not help herself to anything of ours uninvited. My personal view is maybe we were lucky on this occasion but in a similar situation I daresay we would do the same again.

I wanted to share Marvellous' story to raise awareness. I have not written this story for any reason other than to say to everyone reading this, if you meet with a vulnerable person please have the courage to help. **Think of the reasons why you should help them rather than the reasons why you should not.** Do not worry about the consequences of your doing something, don't worry about things that might never happen, instead **consider what could happen if you stand back and do nothing.**





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Thou comest, Autumn,  
 heralded by the rain,  
 With banners, by great  
 gales incessant fanned,  
 Brighter than brightest silks of Samarcand,  
 And stately oxen harnessed to thy wain!  
 Thou standest, like imperial Charlemagne,  
 Upon thy bridge of gold; thy royal hand  
 Outstretched with benedictions o'er the land,  
 Blessing the farms through all thy vast domain!  
 Thy shield is the red harvest moon, suspended  
 So long beneath the heaven's o'er-hanging eaves;  
 Thy steps are by the farmer's prayers attended;  
 Like flames upon an altar shine the sheaves;  
 And, following thee, in thy ovation splendid,  
 Thine almoner, the wind, scatters the golden leaves!

## The Harvest Moon

Ted Hughes

The flame-red moon, the harvest moon,  
 Rolls along the hills, gently bouncing,  
 A vast balloon,  
 Till it takes off, and sinks upward  
 To lie on the bottom of the sky, like a gold  
 doubloon.

The harvest moon has come,  
 Booming softly through heaven, like a bassoon.  
 And the earth replies all night, like a deep drum.  
 So people can't sleep,  
 So they go out where elms and oak trees keep  
 A kneeling vigil, in a religious hush.

The harvest moon has come!  
 And all the moonlit cows and all the sheep  
 Stare up at her petrified, while she swells  
 Filling heaven, as if red hot, and sailing  
 Closer and closer like the end of the world.  
 Till the gold fields of stiff wheat  
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Only two months after launching an appeal to raise £15,000 to help a school and orphanage in Cambodia, Ely-based education consultant Peter

Harris is hopeful of reaching the target. He has supported the work of the Centre for Children's Happiness (CCH) in Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, for the past nine years. The centre gives a home and education to children who live on or near the 'smoking mountain' - the city's notorious rubbish dumps.

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the dumps. Work should be completed next month.

“I am so grateful for people’s generosity and this first tranche will go towards the cost of providing a teacher at the community centre for one year, covering Khmer, mathematics, English and computing. The children will also be able to join in arts and skills clubs.”

Peter has also paid the community centre’s water and electricity costs for one year and covered the cost of teaching materials.

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