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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 Prayer & Praise 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 Prayer & Praise 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 week refreshments are served in the Hall after the 10.30am services, all are welcome.

# PALPHA Courses are held in this church,

contact Victoria Scurfield on 0533 820 8158 for details

### EACH THURSDAY

- 09.30am Holy Communion (On 1st Thu there will also be prayers for healing) <u>EACH SATURDAY</u>
- 10.30am Seventh Day Adventist Service



# News from The Hermitage

Dear Friends

Throughout this next month we continue our journey through Lent, culminating in the sheer joy and liberation for us of Christ's victory over death. There is no Easter Day without Good Friday, no resurrection without first experiencing some form of crucifixion. At the beginning of Lent I spoke about how during this time of focussed penitence we "confront the Confuser", that is, we fast to deal with the enemy within, with what obstructs our growth in Christ and chokes the life in ourselves and in our churches. In Isaiah 58:6 we read of the true fast that God requires: "Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, let the oppressed go free, and remove constructive criticism and as far the chains that bind people"

Our faith leads us into serving others, but the manner in which we treat others is evidenced by what is happening in our own lives. We cannot grow as a church be fatal. A "critical spirit" is an

and serve others when we ourselves are contorted by rancour and bitterness or by a meanness and critical spirit. It is sad when churches are held to ransom by such character traits. Those who are ruled by such traits are themselves contorted by inner pain. This Lent we are called to bring before God all those attributes and features of our lives that stunt our own growth and freedom, and the growth and freedom of the church.

The most crucial factor in any church growth is the attitude of its members, a common characteristic of growing congregations is that members are enthusiastic about their faith. about the congregation of which they are members, and about the life, programs and ministry of that congregation. What is the opposite of a positive, optimistic, loving and enthusiastic attitude? It is a negative, pessimistic, critical and judgemental attitude that is nothing to do with removed from a loving Christian attitude as is possible to imagine.

This sort of critical spirit within the life of a Christian or within a congregation is poisonous and can

obsessive attitude of criticism and fault finding which seeks to tear others down rather than build up. It is usually embellished or fabricated; it can twist the truth so shockingly it has little resemblance to actuality. A critical spirit dwells on the negative, looking for flaws rather than the positive qualities in others. Those who suffer from this are constantly complaining or criticizing and are mostly upset with something or somebody. They often have little control over their tongue, their temper and their tendencies for gossip and slander, strife and malice.

Can we think of someone who has this sort of critical spirit? We must ask ourselves if we have such a spirit, so inimical to the life of faith. How would we know if we did? Some refer to such a character euphemistically as saying "I am just being discerning", or "honest" or "Get real, I am just telling it like it is". It can be so detrimental and damaging to a person's personal faith but also the health and vitality of the whole congregation. Taken to the extreme, a critical person can assume the role of the "devil's advocate". One's very identity can be marked by their "need" for negativity. Critical people hurt themselves very badly. They cause

untold damage to those around them, and to churches.

What on earth causes this critical spirit? Mostly, it is a poor selfconcept. They must be very hard on themselves, they are clearly hurting. Hurting and damaged people lash out and hurt. Finding faults with others keeps us from feeling and dealing with ourselves. Such a person has experienced little or no grace from God. It is far easier to see faults, imagined and otherwise, in others, rather than our own. They are essentially deeply insecure, and finding fault with others helps them to elevate their own self- image and selfesteem, consciously or subconsciously, and makes them feel more important. It can also be a mark of immaturity, unrealistic or childish expectations of others when the criticism becomes the mark of lashing out, the reaction of disappointment because their unrealistic expectations in others have been dented.

We are called upon to fast from such destructive habits that poison ourselves and the church we are members of. The devil specializes in influencing negative, obsessive attitudes and behaviour such as these, and such factors are employed over and over again to influence a complaining or critical attitude and to stir up turmoil and strife within the body of Christ. The devil has clearly had a field day within St Andrew's over the years as well as many other churches, and we must be on guard so that we do not become a tool of the devil to tear down or discourage others through criticism. The devil is called "the accuser of the brethren".

This Lent, confront him by your fasting and prayer to rid ourselves of such manipulation. Last year at our Annual Church Meeting I had to reflect the lack of "Welcome" that had been practised by St Andrew's Church. Cliques of people demonstrating the very attitudes of which I write, gossiping at coffee time, had little to do with practising a faith and encouraging others to come in and join in worship.

This has led to our launching our "Welcome project" for 2016. The council agreed to implement the programme that I suggested. It has been developed by the diocese of Lichfield and came to me very highly recommended. It has proved to be very successful in the areas it has been put into practice, and I am delighted that Steve Bishop agreed to spearhead the project on our behalf. I asked Steve as I know

he is extremely professional and efficient, and a strategist upon whom I knew I could rely to implement this in the best way possible.

The day we have set aside and already flagged up several times is Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, when we will have considered the evaluated forms and will come together to discuss and reflect upon how we can improve and revise our 'Welcome' as a church. Then, when we meet together in the power of the Risen Lord to look at how we welcome others into our church, there will be really a reason for others to want to ioin us.

May we nail to the cross this Lent, in a true fasting, all that hinders and poisons our growth in faith and the life of the church body here. May we then know the liberating power of the Risen Christ, nurturing and inspiring our identity and mission as a church here.

Every blessing,

Wendy



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THURSDAY

HAVE YOUR SAY DAY & ACM

On Saturday 16th April we will hold a 'Church Day' for everyone to set aside and we strongly encourage you to attend. The day will begin at 9.30 am, led by Steve Bishop and Revd Wendy, and will comprise DVD presentations to reflect upon and discuss. Together we will be prayerfully thinking how to implement our witness and ministry of 'welcome' as a whole church.

The business of the church year, the Annual Church Meeting, will be held at the close of this day at 3.30 pm. We ask everyone to bring a packed lunch and refreshments will be available between 12.00

and 1.00 pm.



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St Andrew's collects used postage stamps to raise funds for the Helen Keller Centre for the Blind in Jerusalem. Special commemorative stamps are particularly desirable, as they are overwhelmed with the regular 1st & 2nd class stamps. If you have suitable stamps, please bring them to church. Post them in the box just inside the entrance door. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

## **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.



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Friends of St Andrew's



Hello Everybody

I got a shock this week when I received an email from Anne Lloyd reminding me of the time scale for submitting my 'Friends letter' to her as I just hadn't realised how close we'd got to the magazine deadline. This month has simply whizzed by. I think it must be my age, at least we'll put it down to that.

We have had a beautiful month weather-wise, a few really cold nights, but some very warm, sunny days. The almond trees hav e been in full flower for the last couple of weeks and are an absolute picture, I like the pink flowered ones best of all. I planted some mange-tout pea seeds around Christmas time and I noticed the first flowers coming out this week, so that

will be something to look forward to as we don't seem to get them for sale in the shops here.

The visit to Synod more than lived up to my expectations. Everything about it was great, the visits, the discussions, the guest speaker, the Right Reverend James Jones, former Bishop of Liverpool, was exceptionally good. But what really strikes home for me is the fellowship one feels whilst there, it really was remarkable.

We had a great evening in the Church Hall on Pancake Night with a quiz followed by a stuffed pancake supper of either chicken or mixed veg filling and if anyone still had any room left I did see some pancakes complete with banana and chocolate sauce as well. They looked rather yummy but I was too full to try one.

I went to the Children's Service on the 28th before attending my usual 10.30am one. It's lovely to see how keen they are and how they an enjoy their very own service. to The theme this time was 'The Bread of Life'. Someone had very kindly painted a picture of a very large loaaf and we all wrote our prayer onto a slice of paper bread and stuck it onto the loaf. It looked really good and the children enjoyed doing it.

We are having an extra Eucharist Service onTuesdays at 9.30am during Lent with reflections on relationships, and of course it is Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4 March.

The swallows are starting to return and it's lovely to catch up on their news and doings whilst away.

I think that's about all the news Heaven's Life I have for now.

With love

Pat E

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If you would like to keep in contact from overseas, membership of the Friends of St Andrew's costs £30 per annum and the magazine will be posted to you. If you wish to subscribe, please contact us by email at office@standrewskyrenia.org or by post to: PO Box 171, Girne, Mersin 10, Turkey.

# The Cross

by Warrior 4Christ

Way-station for the weary Where I lay me down to sleep, Content to be His little lamb Pastured among His sheep.

Soul-safety for the warrior,

Where I lay my armour down;

Exchanging Death for Heaven's Life

-My saber for a crown.

Confidence for the sinner Where His blood covers me:

Happy, humble, willing servant In awe upon my knees.

# AN INVITATION

KEEPING A HOLY

# TO ST ANDREW'S

Lent is an important time of preparation for Christians. It is intended to be a time of self-denial, moderation, fasting, and the forsaking of sinful activities and habits. The death and resurrection of Christ, celebrated during Holy Week and Easter, is the culmination of Christian faith.

# ASH WEDNESDAY - 10th Feb 2016



Imposition of Ashes

9.30am and 7pm

# LENTEN EUCHARIST

Each Tuesday at 9.30am from

16th Feb to 22nd March

These services will reflect on the theme

"Friends, Foes & Families"

# PALM SUNDAY - 20th March 2016

8.00am Holy Communion (Said)

10.30am Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)



# SERVICES

# St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia

(We are located next to the main Car Park)

### Monday to Thursday (21st to 24th March) at 9.30am

A service of Reflection and Meditation with Eucharist

### Maundy Thursday (24th March) at 7pm

A service of Reflection with Eucharist including washing of feet and stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday

### Good Friday (25th March)

12 noon to 3pm Three hours of Meditation and hymns before the Cross (Feel free to come and go during the singing of hymns)



Easter Sunday 27th March

Family Service in the Church Hall at 9.00am Service of Holy Communion at 10.30am







### A LILY FOR EASTER REMEMBRANCE

Would you like to sponsor the purchase of a lily in memory of a loved one, or someone whose memory is special to you? These will become part of the floral display in church on Easter Sunday.

A list of those being remembered will be placed in the Sanctuary and published in the next magazine. Lilies cost approximately 20 TL each spray. If you would like to participate please see Linda Lister who will be happy to take your names and donations.

We will continue our usual practice of decorating the window sills, etc, but to have a large remembrance display of lilies would look attractive and have a special meaning for our congregation too.





# A QUIET DAY OF GUIDED CELTIC REFLECTION IN KATAFIYIO



An island wide guided Quiet Day with Rev. Ray Simpson in Katafiyio on Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, from 09H00 to 12H00, followed by an opportunity for individual Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction will be from: 13H00 to 14H00 & 14H00 to 15H00 & 15H00 to 16H00

### EVERYONE IS MORE THAN WELCOME!

Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Rev. Ray Simpson, Founding Guardian of the International Community of Aidan and Hilda and author of over 30 books will be in Cyprus during Lent 2016.



Barnabas Team Website: www.raysimpson.org

For information and reservations: Please kindly contact Sarel du Plessis at 99311805 or email Maggie LeRoy at retreats@spidernet.com.cy and Revd. Canon Paul Maybury at Mobile: 9937 6551 / Email: paul.maybury@cypgulf.org



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|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Date                            | Service<br>Times | Sides Persons                                 | Readings                                      | Book & Chapter                                        | Verses                                       | Readers                                                 | Prayers            | Chalice<br>Assistant |
| 6th March                       | 8am<br>10.30am   | Anne Lloyd<br>Anne Lloyd &<br>Pat Etherington | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Joshua 5<br>32<br>2 Corinthians 5<br>Luke 15          | 9 - 12<br>16 - 21<br>1 - 3,11 - 32           | Alan Peek<br>John WG<br>Izzy<br>Clergy                  | Chris Brassey      | Mavis Steele         |
| 13th<br>March                   | 8am<br>10.30am   | Part Etherington<br>Matthew &<br>Kayleigh     | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah 43<br>126<br>Philippians 3<br>John 12          | 16 - 21<br>4 - 14<br>1 - 8                   | Ann Iverson<br>Sandy Oram<br>Steve Bishop<br>Clergy     | Anne Lloyd         | Sandy Oram           |
| 20th<br>March                   | 8am<br>10.30am   | Chris Gibson<br>Gloria & Linda<br>Lister      | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Deuteronomy 26<br>91<br>Romans 10<br>Luke 4           | 1 - 11<br>1,2,9 - 16<br>8 - 13<br>1 - 13     | Chris Penney<br>Edward Jervis<br>Mavis Steele<br>Clergy | Colin<br>Backhouse | Pat Etherington      |
| 25th<br>March<br>Good<br>Friday | 10.30am          | Anne & Pat<br>Etherington                     | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah 52<br>Isaiah 53<br>22<br>Hebrews 10<br>John 18 | 13<br>12<br>16 - 25<br>1 - 19, 42            |                                                         |                    |                      |
| 27th<br>March<br>Easter<br>Day  | 8am<br>10.30am   | Christine<br>Venediger<br>Bill & Jaquie Mc    | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Acts 10<br>118<br>1 Corinthians 15<br>Luke 24         | 34 - 43<br>1 - 2,14 -24<br>19 - 26<br>1 - 12 | Linda Smith<br>Lee McHugh<br>Gloria<br>Clergy           | Edward Jervis      | nodgson              |
| 3rd April                       | 8am<br>10.30am   | Anne Lloyd<br>Jewel & Jenny<br>Catlin         | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Acts 5<br>118<br>Revelation 1<br>John 20              | 27 - 32<br>14 - 29<br>4 - 8<br>19 - 31       | Anne Lloyd<br>Lynette<br>Chris Ward<br>Clergy           | Joan Standring     | Mavis Steele         |

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

If you are going to be away and are <u>unable to swop</u> your duty please advise Anne Lloyd (0533 841 8306). If you do change your duty please ensure it is recorded on the master list in the vestry.

# Calendar of Services and Duties -

April 2016

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| Date          | Service<br>Times | Sides Persons                                      | Readings                                      | Book & Chapter                                             | Verses                                           | Readers                                              | Prayers           | Chalice<br>Assistant |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 3rd<br>April  | 8am<br>10.30am   | Anne Lloyd<br>Jewel & Jenny<br>Catlin              | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Exodus 14 &<br>Exodus 15<br>118<br>Revelation 1<br>John 20 | 10-end<br>20 - 21<br>14 - 29<br>4 - 8<br>19 - 31 | Anne Lloyd<br>Lynette<br>Amanda<br>Clergy            | Joan<br>Standring | Mavis Steele         |
| 10th<br>April | 8am<br>10.30am   | Pat Etherington<br>Shane B &<br>Karen Gordon       | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Zephaniah 3<br>30<br>Revelation 5<br>John 21               | 14 - 20<br>11 - 14<br>1 - 19                     | Josanne<br>Lee McHugh<br>Jacquie McIn<br>Clergy      | Linda Smith       | Joan<br>Standring    |
| 17th<br>April | 8am<br>10.30am   | Chris Gibson<br>Stuart & Lynda<br>Hillard          | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Genesis 7 &<br>Genesis 8<br>23<br>Revelation 7<br>John 10  | 1 - 5,11-18<br>6 - 18<br>9 - 17<br>22 - 30       | Michael St<br>Joan St'dring<br>Izzy<br>Clergy        | Chris Penney      | Linda Smith          |
| 24th<br>April | 8am<br>10.30am   | Christine V'diger<br>Kayleigh &<br>Matthew         | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Genesis 22<br>148<br>Revelation 21<br>John 13              | 1 - 18<br>1 - 6<br>31 -35                        | Linda Smith<br>Ann Iverson<br>Chris Penney<br>Clergy | Mavis Steele      | Gloria<br>Tattersall |
| 1st May       | 8am<br>10.30am   | 8am Bill Grundy<br>10.30am Bob & Jacquie<br>Taylor | 1st Reading<br>Psalm<br>2nd Reading<br>Gospel | Ezekiel 37<br>67<br>Revelation 21<br>John 14               | 1 - 14<br>10,22 - 22.5<br>23 - 29                | Bill Grundy<br>Chris Ward<br>Sandy Oram<br>Clergy    | Lee McHugh        | Josanne<br>Stanhope  |

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

# Singing week at St Andrew's Kyrenia,

# 1st to 5th June 2016

**Gordon Appleton**, a good friend of Earl Moffat, our Director of Music, has a very impressive CV covering his involvement in church music over the years. Gordon retired in 2012 after nineteen years as a staff member of the Royal School of Church Music in the UK. He has directed annual residential courses for children and residential RSCM Cathedral Courses for boys, girls an adults throughout the UK and worked with many parish choirs. Gordon has kindly agreed to come to Kyrenia to encourage and enhance the choral music at St Andrew's and a draft plan for his visit is given below:

- 1) Choir/Singing workshops.2) Addressing recruitment issues.
- 3) Hosting a "Come & Sing" event.
- 4) Enjoying a "Favourite Hymns Evening", &
- 5) Participating/culminating in a Sung Eucharist on Sunday 5th June.

6) Organ tuition for anyone wishing to play the organ/develop their skills for St Andrew's.

Please mark this special week in your diary now and plan to attend if at all possible, encouraging as many friends, family, foes and indeed strangers, to come along too!

Looking even further ahead, to **MAY 2017** - I am delighted that NykkÖ Grégoire will be joining Earl in Kyrenia and will give an organ recital in St Andrew's, during the weekend of 12 -14th May 2017. Please add this very special weekend to your forward planning diary now? NykkÖ gave a superb recital in my home church, St Aidan's, Kilmore in Armagh last week, an extremely well received programme of classical/favourite organ works and some entertaining personal choices. At the end of this inspiring evening our recitalist earned a very worthy spontaneous standing ovation, I've no doubt you too will enjoy his playing, next year in St Andrew's. There will be more information about NykkÖ Grégoire in next month's magazine.





# ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

Spring Gathering 26 - 28 April 2016 Launde Abbey

The Spring Gathering of the Friends will be held again at Launde Abbey near Oakham in Leicestershire. Following the success of previous visits we hope that those who were not able to attend will join us this time. If we have sufficient participants we can have exclusive use of the Abbey. The two-night reunion will provide those attending with an opportunity for worship, bible study, talks and plenty of time for fellowship.

This is an opportunity for Friends to come together to meet old friends, to make new ones and to share news, experiences and ideas. There will also be the chance to hear what is going on in the Diocese.

Launde Abbey is the residential Retreat House and Conference Centre serving the Dioceses of Leicester and Peterborough. It is set in 450 acres of beautiful parkland on the boarders of Leicestershire and Rutland, with extensive cultivated gardens and a 12th Century Chapel.

| Venue | Launde Abbey   | Arrival   | Teatime 26 April |
|-------|----------------|-----------|------------------|
|       | East Norton    | Departure | Morning 28 April |
|       | Leicestershire | Cost      | £170 per person  |
|       | LE7 9XB        |           | Full Board       |

If you wish to attend for only part of the time please let Sally Milner know and she can advise you of the cost.

Sally Milner, 123 Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 2LR £50 deposit per person required with booking form as soon as possible.

If you require any further information or a Booking form for the 2016 Spring Gathering are available from:

John Worton-Griffith on - JohnWG@btinternet.com or Anne Lloyd on - graniannie@hotmail.com

# WHAT'S ON AT ST ANDREW'S?

| Date                     | Event                       | Time   | Venue                          | Contact     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Every Tues<br>thro' Lent | Lenten Study<br>Series      | 9.30am | Church                         | Chaplain    |
| Every 2nd<br>Wednesday   | Ministry<br>Team            | 9am    | The Hermitage                  | Chaplain    |
| Each<br>Thursday         | Ladies Group<br>Bible Study |        | Church Hall<br>1 The Hermitage | e Rev Colin |



| 16 April                | <b>Using our bodies in prayer</b><br>led by Paul Maybury                        | tbc                      |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7 May                   | <b>How to pray in the power of the Spirit</b><br>led by Paul Maybury & Sue Hope | tbc                      |
| 28 May<br>11.00 - 14.00 | <b>The Orthodox Tradition</b><br>led by Bishop Michael                          | St Fanourios<br>Deryneia |

Please make a note of these dates and share with others. All events take place on a Saturday from 10.00 - 15.00 unless otherwise stated.

To be kept informed please email Paul Maybury, paul.maybury@cypgulf.org

# The Thief on the Other Cross: A Good Friday Monologue by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

I am — I was — an armed robber, I guess you'd call it. Me and Jake and the others would live in caves in the Judean hills near the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. We made our living by violence. We wouldn't take on people in the big groups that passed. They traveled together for safety. But a family alone would be an easy mark, as well as anyone fool enough to travel by himself.

Brandishing a strong staff would usually do the trick. Threaten them with a beating and they'd give up without much of a fight. But I've been known to break a few bones in my day, God forgive me. I don't think I actually killed anyone, but then I never stayed around long enough to find out.

One day I'm in the crowd, hanging on every word Jesus says. He is talking about his Kingdom, comparing it to a mustard seed, calling it the Kingdom of Heaven. I want so much to go up to him after he has finished and take him up on that forgiveness thing, but I just can't bring myself to do it.

I wish I had. It isn't much later when me and my friend Jake -- the guy on the third cross -- get caught by a Roman patrol. The others run off, but they catch us, beat us silly, drag us into Jerusalem, and throw us in prison. No mercy for the likes of us.

And so it happens that on the same day that they crucify Jesus, they crucify me and Jake -- one of us on his left, the other on his right. This isn't any normal crucifixion. Mobs of people are there just because of Jesus. Self-righteous Pharisees are swaggering and mocking. "If you're some kind of messiah," one sneers, "come on down from that cross.

Jake begins cat-calling, too, can you imagine that. I yell over at him, "You miserable thug, don't you have any fear of God? Can't you see that we're going to die just like he is? Show a little decency! We're getting exactly what we deserve, but he ain't done nothing wrong." Jake quiets down and the Pharisees lose interest. But I can't forget Jesus' eyes, his words, his invitation. And so I call over to him, though it's getting hard to breathe and talking makes it that much harder. "I never forgot what you said. I wanted to say yes, but just couldn't. And now look at me — look at us!"

He is in bad shape — exhausted, in excruciating pain, back oozing, breath labored. He isn't going to last long. I can see that. And when he dies, he will be with God. In a few hours, maybe less, he will be vindicated. He will reign in that Kingdom he told us about.

"Jesus," I call again, quieter now. He opens his eyes. They are the same eyes, the same piercing, loving, honest eyes.

"Jesus," I say, "when you come into your Kingdom, would you remember me?"

His lips parched, but I can still hear him pretty well. "Truly, I say to you...." His voice cracks, then is stronger for a moment. "Truly, this very day you will be with me in Paradise."

His eyes droop. He is fading quickly now. But I believe him. I do!

That's what gets me through those next few hours until they break my legs to kill me. I do believe him!

And then I find myself here in heaven, in Paradise. I sure don't deserve to be here, but here I am anyway. I guess that's what a man like me gets when the King himself grants a pardon. Full forgiveness. Pretty amazing, don't you think?







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# Diocesan Prayer Requests

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### **KYRENIA**

Please pray for the continued growth of the new children's and young families service and for Charlie as she leads the worship. Pray for the newly estabished two house groups which meet east and west of Kyrenia. May the word of God continue to lighten their lives.

### DIOCESE OFFICE

Pray for those who conscientously and skilfully serve the administration of the diocese.

### THE EPIPHANY CHURCH IN DOHA

The church has six congregations of more than 600 people of more than 30 nationalities. It is a growing church which needs our prayers. Pray for the ministry team, and their families. Job insecurity is a major problem in Qatar. Pray for those who leave the country and seek employment elsewhere.

### READERS

Pray for the licensed public lay ministers of the diocese.

### CHRIST CHURCH AYIA NAPA

Pray for grace and guidance as they seek to support all their families and their work with the municipality as they support needy families. Pray for the visitors who come seeking help and guidance. For God's grace and continued healing for those in the parish who still carry past hurts, so that together they may go forward and do God's work together.

### CATHEDRALS

Pray for St Christopher's and St Paul's Cathedrals, their people, their clergy and their canons.

### THE CANTERBURY GROUP

A unique parish composed of expats from over a dozen countries. It serves five different communities in a closed country. Praise God for the privilege and joy of worshipping Him. We struggle as expats come and go with their jobs and we have to find and train new lay leaders. Pray for friends who have to leave us. For encouragement that they can share God's love with others, even when words are not possible.



# CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES.

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# **Faith Rises**

by Deborah Ann Belka

Faith rises, above our fears calms our nerves dries our tears.

Faith overcomes, every obstacle makes all things truly possible.

Faith conquers, all our doubts with triumph cheers and joyous shouts.

Faith defeats. our worst enemy fights off the devil trounces his army.

Faith rises, above our concerns calms our worries . . . till Jesus returns!

2 Timothy 1:7

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."





### Chasing the footsteps of St. Paul

## Eastertide 2016 Sponsored Walk (11-16th April)





Target: 2000 euro In supporting the Student Chaplain in Famagusta

I was inspired by our fellow Reader Peter Day from his recent piano marathon. After prayers and consulting my physio, I wish to organise a walkathon / pilgrimage between Salamis and Paphos, a journey which St. Paul went through on the island of Cyprus.

I hope this journey will bring us spiritually closer to St. Paul's mission, as well as supporting our student chaplaincy project in Famagusta.

St. Mark's Famagusta is predominately an international student congregation in the Parish of Ammochostos. #StMarksfamagusta







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#### Schedule

Day 1: Salamis- Famagusta- Larnaca Day 2: Larnaca-Kiti-Zigi Day 3 Catch up-Limassol

Day 4: Limassol- Kourion- Pissouri

Day 5: Pissouri- Kouklia

Day 6: Kouklia- Paphos (AK)

\*This is just the first leg of visiting all the churches in the archdeaconry, we will explore the possibility of the route between Polis-Nicosia-Kyrenia!

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