

treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

Offertory Hymn 374: Just as I am, without one plea

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 252: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Future Sunday Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

14 August please note there will be no service today
28 August 6pm Holy Communion
4 September 4pm Holy Communion (please note time)
11 September no service – return to normal on 25 Sep

St Barnabas, Limassol

14 August 10am Holy Baptism and Eucharist
21 August 10am Holy Eucharist
28 August 10am Holy Eucharist

St George's, Troodos

21 August 4pm Evening Prayer (picnic before at 2pm)
4 September 4pm Evening Prayer (picnic before at 2pm)

Notices

There will be no Table Top Sale in August – the next one will be on **3 September**.

Saturday 27 August 10am-3.30pm St George's Troodos "Staying Focused" Retreat. Bring lunch & ID. To book, call 99155092 or e-mail retreats@spidernet.com.cy

Sunday 28 August 4pm All are invited to farewell to Paul and Sarah Maybury at St. Fanourios. RSVP secretary@derynia.ammochostosparish.org

Monday 3 October Church Learning Group will resume.

ISAIAH 58

All donations of dry food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can be brought on the 4th Sunday of the month to the room below Pissouri Amphitheatre between 5.30 and 6 pm.



Pissouri amphitheatre

Our services are held here in the room under the amphitheatre on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Welcome to St Lazarus' Anglican Church Pissouri

**Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in the Diocese
of Cyprus & the Gulf**

Website: <http://stlazaruspissouri.org>



**Sunday 7th August 2016
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
4pm Holy Communion**

President: Rev. Canon Derek Smith

Those who receive Communion in their home Church are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, or please ask for a blessing.

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Clergy days off – Derek on Fridays and Chris on Tuesdays

Duties for today

Sides Person: Denise

"Organist": Drew

Readings: Denise – Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20
+ Psalm 50: 1-7

Stanley – Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Gospel – Luke 12: 32-40

Server: Denise

Duties for 28th August 14th Sunday after Trinity

Sides Person: John

"Organist": Felita

Readings: John – Jeremiah 2: 4-13

+ Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

Ann – Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel – Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Server: Stanley

UK Visitors

If you would like to Gift Aid your offertory, please ask for a blue envelope.

Hymn 205: Glorious things of thee are spoken

Gloria 968: Sing glory to God

Collect for today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 1 vv. 1, 10-20

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

'The multitude of your sacrifices – what are they to me?' says the Lord. 'I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?

Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!

Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. 'Come now, let us settle the matter,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.' For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Psalms 50 vv. 1-7

1. The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

2. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

3. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

4. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

5. 'Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.'

6. And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.

7. 'Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Second Reading – Hebrews 11 vv. 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hymn 108: Colours of day dawn into the mind

Gospel – Luke 12 vv. 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your