

him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Offertory Hymn 552: O worship the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 49: As with gladness men of old

Future Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

22 January 6pm Holy Communion

12 February 6pm Holy Communion

26 February 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

15 January 10am Holy Eucharist

22 January 10am Holy Eucharist

29 January 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices



Saturday 14 January 10am in the School Room at St Barnabas. Working Party for making Palm Crosses – come and learn how to make them.



Sunday 15 January 7pm as part of the week of United Prayer Limassol, there is an Informal Communion at St Barnabas.



Monday 30 January 6.30-8.30pm Church Learning Group will be studying Matthew as a lectionary Gospel. The Group's feedback should contribute to producing a book. Further course dates 13, 20, 27 Feb, 6, 20, 27 March & 3, 10 April.



Wednesday 1st February 12 noon Parish Lunch at St Barnabas €3 per person. Ticket and offers of help to Sue Smith please scdsmith@gmail.com



Wednesday 1 February Pissouri Bible Study sessions will resume, and will be using material from 'Barnabas, the musical' as our inspiration. If you would like to know more, please contact either Denise on 977 45286 or Linda on 99165142. Everybody welcome.



Please pray for Father Tom, kidnapped almost a year ago by ISIS from Aden where he was serving as a RC priest, known to Archdeacon Bill and to our clinic staff in Aden. A youtube message was posted on Christmas Day (probably Fr Tom pleading for his life).

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
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Sunday 8th January 2017

Epiphany

6pm Holy Communion

President: Derek

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: Ann

"Organist": Drew

Readings: Denise – Isaiah 60: 1-6
+ Psalm 72: 10-15
Ann – Ephesians 3: 1-12
Gospel – Matthew 2: 1-12

Server: Stanley

Duties for 22nd January

Sides Person: Stanley

"Organist": Sue

Readings: Stanley – Isaiah 9: 1-4
+ Psalm 27
Beryl – 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
Gospel – Matthew 4: 12-23

Server: Stanley

UK Visitors

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

Hymn 724: We three Kings

Gloria 967 to the tune of English Country Garden

Collect for today

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 60 vv. 1-6

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

‘Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72 vv. 10-15

10. May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him with gifts.

11. May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

12. For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

13. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

14. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

15. Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given to him. May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

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 – Ephesians 3 vv. 1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –

Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Hymn 729: What child is this?

Gospel – Matthew 2 vv. 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped