

is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply "Yes," or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Offertory Hymn 367: Jesus, where'er Thy people meet

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger; draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen

Hymn 411: Lord Jesus Christ

Future Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

26 February 6pm Holy Communion
12 March 6pm Holy Communion
26 March 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

19 February 10am Holy Eucharist
26 February 10am Holy Eucharist
5 March 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices



Monday 13 February 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: 20, 27 Feb, 6, 20, 27 March & 3, 10 April.



Tuesday 28 February 2pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party at St. Barnabas.



Wednesday 1 March Ash Wednesday 9am Holy Communion at St Barnabas



Wednesday 1 March 2.30pm Pissouri Bible Study sessions will resume. We will be studying the disciple Barnabas, who played a significant part in the growth of the message of Christianity. There are 8 studies in all starting with 'Barnabas the Encourager'. For information & venue please contact either Denise on 977 45286 or Linda on 99165142. Everybody welcome.

Thursday 2 March Lent Group at St Barnabas – are you interested, based on the book "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer? Thursday lunchtimes 12 – 2, starting March 2nd. Sign-up lists for taking part in the study group and for providing soup/refreshments. Derek can email further information.

Friday 3 March Women's World Day of Prayer

Donations in memory of George Isaac Andrew Lewis. Can be collected today. All monies are going to The Anglican School of the Redeemer, St George's, Baghdad. the Synod video will be posted on the diocesan website in due course, featuring the Baghdad School among other things.



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 12th February 2017

3rd Sunday before Lent

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: Sue

"Organist": Linda

Readings: Andrea – Deuteronomy 30: 15-end
+ Psalm 119: 1-8

Michael – 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Gospel – Matthew 5: 21-37

Server: Denise

Duties for 26th February

Sides Person: Linda

"Organist": Sue

Readings: Linda – Exodus 24: 12-end
+ Psalm 2

Denise – 2 Peter 1: 16-end

Gospel – Matthew 17: 1-9

Server: Denise

UK Visitors

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Hymn 163: Father, Lord of all creation

Gloria 968 to the tune Ash Grove

Collect for today

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity; give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 forever. Amen.

First Reading – Deuteronomy 30 vv. 15-end

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Psalms 119 vv. 1-8

1. Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

2. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart -

3. they do no wrong but follow his ways.

4. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

5. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

6. Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

7. I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

8. I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

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 – 1 Corinthians 3 vv. 1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly – mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food,

for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not mere human beings?

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour.

Hymn 629: Teach me my God and King

Gospel – Matthew 5 vv. 21-37

Jesus said, 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.

'Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

'Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the oaths you have made." But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it