

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 74: Blessed assurance

Future Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

26 March 6pm Holy Communion

9 April 6pm Holy Communion

16 April 1245pm Easter informal service on the beach

23 April 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

19 March 10am Holy Eucharist

26 March 10am Holy Eucharist

2 April 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

Monday 13 March No Church learning group. Next meeting – Chapter 5 will be on Monday 20 March.



Wednesday 15 March 2.30pm Pissouri Bible Study meets again to continue our study of Barnabas. This time the theme is 'supporting'. Those who attended the last meeting felt 'Encouraged', (the theme of the meeting). Please call Denise on 97 745286 or Linda on 99 165142 for details of the venue.



Thursday 16 March 12-2pm Soup + Lent course at St Barnabas in the Church Hall, based on the book "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Derek can email further information.



Saturday 25 March – don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour.



Thursday 13 April Maundy Thursday – volunteers to have your feet washed during the service please contact Maeve – maevepreston@icloud.com



Monday 1 May Please contact Pam 99455172 if you have ideas and/or can help with the May Fair.



Electoral Roll: if you are baptised and a regular worshipper in the parish, we would like to include your name on the Electoral Roll. Please return forms to Stanley today.



Please pray for Gordon Rowell.

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

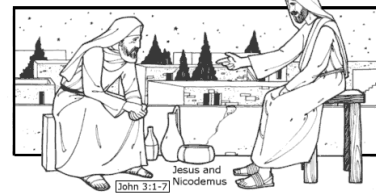
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Jesus Teaches the New Birth

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:37-39



Sunday 12th March 2017

The Second Sunday of 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: Denise

"Organist": Drew

Readings: Beryl – Genesis 12: 1-4a
+ Psalm 121

Stanley – Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17

Gospel – John 3: 1-17

Server: Linda

Duties for 26th March – Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

Sides Person: John

"Organist": Felita

Readings: Denise – 1Samuel 16: 1-13
+ Psalm 23

John – Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel – John 9

Server: Stanley

UK Visitors

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Hymn 572: Praise to the holiest

Kyries 962

Collect for today

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading – Genesis 12 vv. 1-4a

The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?

2. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

3. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber;

4. indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

6. the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

7. The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life;

8. the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

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 – Romans 4 vv. 1-5 & 13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.'

Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does

not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Hymn 574: Purify my heart

Gospel – John 3 vv. 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.

Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "you must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Offertory Hymn 171: Fill Thou my life