

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Pissouri amphitheatre

Offertory Hymn 754: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn 74: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Future Sunday Services

St Lazarus Pissouri

26 April 6pm Holy Communion

10 May 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas Limassol

19 April 10am Holy Eucharist followed by AGM

26 April 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

Don't forget the AGM follows the service at St Barnabas next Sunday. All are welcome to attend but only those on the Electoral Roll may vote.

The Church Learning Group studying Christian Ethics starts **20 April** 6.30pm in the Church Hall at St Barnabas. Details from Derek.



Bible Study Group 22 April at 2.30pm at Stanley & Sue's home studying Acts 17. Please contact Denise Weaver ☎97745286 or Linda Rowell ☎97165142 for further details. an

Anyone who would like the opportunity of spiritual direction 3 or 4 times a year with someone from off the island can book a first appointment on **29th, 30th April, 1st May** through paulmayburyincyprus@gmail.com These appointments are confidential and are a wonderful opportunity to build on the Lent course, Soul Spark, and A Retreat in Daily Life, though not a prerequisite.

Further details from Derek or directly from Paul Maybury



St Barnabas Bumper Table Top Sale 2 May. If you can offer help please contact Pam (25633052). Items needed for Tombola and Bottle stalls, books, good bric-a-brac, quality clothing, cakes & home produce, bags and jewellery.

soma Please pray for Bishop Edward & East Rwenzori, for Bishop Julius and his choice of a colleague and for the rest of the team - Chris, Nora, Sue, Derek, Paul & Sarah. Thank you to generous donors - 6K received with another 2K promised, 10K needed.

Please pray for the family of Michael Verdegaal, who died on Friday, and especially for his widow, Myrna.

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 April 2015

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

6 pm Holy Communion

President: Reverend 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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Duties for today

Sides Person: Sue

"Organist": Linda

Reader: Denise – Exodus 14: 10-end, & 15: 20-21
+ Psalm 133

Reader: Ann – Acts 4: 32-35

Server: Stanley

Duties for 26 April

Sides Person: Stanley

"Organist": Sue

Reader: Linda – Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18, & 8: 6-18, & 9: 8-13
+ Psalm 23

Reader: Beryl – Acts 4: 5-12

Server: Linda

ISAIAH 58

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

Hymn 354: Jesus lives!

Collect for today

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 – Exodus 14 vv. 10-end & 15 vv 20-21

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, "Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians"? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!'

Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.'

Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place.

The Egyptians were fleeing towards it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen – the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the

Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.'

Psalm 133

1. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

2. It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

3. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life 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 – Acts 4 vv. 32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Hymn 637: The day of Resurrection!

Gospel – John 20 vv. 19-end

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."