

Collect for today

**Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

First Reading – 1 Samuel 15 v. 34, and 16 vv. 1-13

Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.' But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.' The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.'

Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?' Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?'

'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.'

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

1. May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

**2. May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.**

3. May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

**4. May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.**

5. May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests.

**6. Now this I know: the Lord gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.**

7. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

**8. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.**

9. Lord, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

**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 – 2 Corinthians 5 vv. 6-10, 14-17

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

**Hymn 77: Blest are the pure in heart**Gospel – Mark 4 vv. 26-34

He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

**Offertory Hymn 153: Eternal Father, strong to save,**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Hymn 503: O Jesus, I have promised**

**Future Sunday Services**

28 June 6pm Holy Communion with Bishop Michael followed by supper at O'Vrakas  
12 July 6pm Holy Communion

**St Barnabas Limassol**

21 June 10am Holy Eucharist  
28 June 10am Holy Eucharist

**Notices**



**Bible Study Group Wednesday 17 June 2.30pm** studying Acts Chapter 21 – at Stanley and Sue's house. Please contact Denise Weaver ☎97745286 or Linda Rowell ☎97165142 for further details.

**27 June 6pm** There is a sign-up list for the coach to Nicosia for Chris's Ordination as Deacon.

**28 June** Don't forget that Bishop Michael will be with us for our next service. Please remember to give your supper order to Stanley before 24 June.

**6 July** Church Learning Group in the Church Hall at St Barnabas – Chapter 7.

**St Barnabas Centenary Year** – to raise funds, Pam (Tel: 25633052) is selling mementoes including DVD's of past events key rings, fridge magnets & T-shirts. You can also sponsor a bible for St Barnabas at €10.

The Centenary Project, "What St Barnabas means to me" has an e-mail address for you to send your contribution, be it a word, phrase or paragraph. Please contact the Givhan family ([whatstbarnabasmeanstome@gmail.com](mailto:whatstbarnabasmeanstome@gmail.com)).



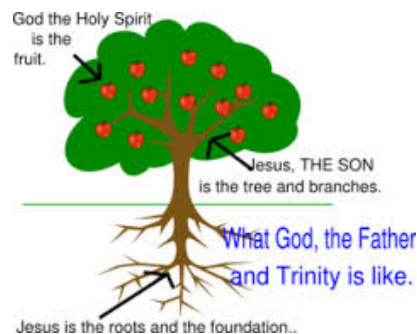
Pissouri amphitheatre

**Our services are held here in the room under the amphitheatre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.**

**Welcome to St Lazarus' Anglican Church  
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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Trinity 2**

**5 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:** Beryl – 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13  
+ Psalm 20

**Reader:** Denise – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

**Server:** Denise

**Duties for 28 June**

**Sides Person:** Stanley

**"Organist":** Sue

**Reader:** Andrea – 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17 - end  
+ Psalm 130

**Reader:** Michael – 2 Corinthians 8: 7 - end

**Server:** Stanley

**ISAIAH 58**

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