

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Offertory Hymn 625: Take my life and let it be

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 474: Now thank we all our God

Future Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

- 13 August 6pm Holy Communion
- 27 August 6pm Holy Communion
- 10 September 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

- 30 July 10am Holy Eucharist (Derek's final Communion at St Barnabas) followed by Parish Lunch
- 6 August 10am Holy Eucharist
- 13 August 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

Monday 24 July 1830 Church Learning Group at St Barnabas

Monday 31 July 1215 Passchendaale Centenary Service, St Barnabas' (in conjunction with RBL & others)

Tuesday 15 August Public holiday - Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Friday 18 August Arrival of Canon Pat Mossop as locum, with wife Helen.

Saturday 26 August 1000-1530 Retreat at St George's Troodos. Bookings via Maggie Leroy by 23 August retreats@cypgulf.org

Saturday 2 September 0900-1300 Table Top Sale in aid of Kinkizi

Wednesday 13 September 1430-1630 Afternoon Tea in aid of SOMA at St Barnabas

29 September - 9 October SOMA Mission Derek, Sue and Nora are going to Thika diocese. Please pray for them. Donations towards their mission would be very welcome.

Every morning lean your arm
upon the windowsill of heaven
and gaze upon your God.
Then with that vision in your heart,
turn strong to meet the day

*Jean Coggan (wife of Donald Coggan
the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury)*



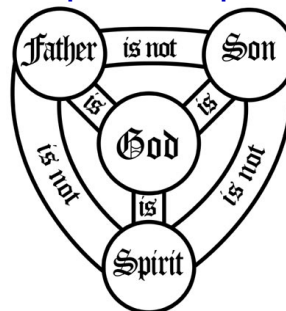
Pissouri amphitheatre

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.

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**Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in the Diocese
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Sunday 23rd July 2017

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

6pm Holy Communion

**President: The Right Reverend Michael Lewis,
Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf**

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 : Felita

"Organist": Linda

Readings: Felita – Genesis 28: 10-19a
+ Psalm 139: 1-12

Beryl – Romans 8: 12-25

Gospel – Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43

Server: Stanley

Duties for 13 August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sides : Denise

"Organist": Sue

Readings: Michael – Genesis 37: 1-4 & 12-28
+ Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22 & 45b

Andrea – Romans 10: 5-15

Gospel – Matthew 14: 22-33

Server: Denise

UK Visitors

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Hymn 163: Father, Lord of all creation

Gloria 967: to the tune 'In an English Country Garden'

Collect for today

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 – Genesis 28 vv. 10-19a

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Psalms 139 vv. 1-12

1. You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
2. **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**
3. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
4. **Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.**
5. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
6. **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**
7. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
8. **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**
9. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
10. **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

11. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,

12. even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

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 8 vv. 12-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Hymn 67: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Gospel – Matthew 13 vv. 24-30 & 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted, and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

"'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

"'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."