

## Future Sunday Services St Lazarus Pissouri

Thursday 5 May 8am Ascension Day Service at Stanley & Sue's home

8 May 6pm Holy Communion

22 May 6pm Holy Communion

12 June 6pm Holy Communion

## St Barnabas Limassol

1 May 10am Holy Eucharist

8 May 10am Holy Eucharist

15 May 10am Holy Eucharist

## Notices



**ASCESSION DAY Thursday 5 May** Ascension Day Service at the home of Stanley and Sue. Please ring 25221956 for directions and to give them some idea of numbers for breakfast afterwards.



**Thursday 28 April** 2-4pm Derek will be available for a chat at the Platea Restaurant. All welcome.



**BIBLE Study Wednesday 4 May** The Bible Study Group will meet at the home of Stanley & Sue. For further details please contact Denise [denise.weaver@wisenexus.com](mailto:denise.weaver@wisenexus.com)



**Saturday 7 May** 9am Bumper Table Top Sale at St Barnabas. Offers of help on stalls gratefully received by Nora, as well as items to sell on bric-a-brac, books, bags and jewellery, cakes, raffle prizes etc ☎ 99356451



**Church Learning Group** Next module is Pastoral Practice, in church hall, at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, June 6th, 13th, 20th, July 4th, 11th. ALL welcome. Info on module and text book from Derek.



**Saturday 21 May 2.30pm** Visitation service at Nicosia. We are asked to find people to bake a cake, to carry it in the service, someone to offer a prayer, any other contribution. Offers of these tasks to Derek please.



Please pray for the victims of the recent natural disasters.



'Barnabas' the musical rehearsal dates – please refer to the St Lazarus website <http://stlazaruspissouri.org>



Thank you for all the donations for Harry Ching's walk in aid of the student chaplaincy in Famagusta, and specially to Linda for hosting him for the night. He made it to Paphos despite injury. Well done!

## ISAIAH 58

All donations of dry food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can be brought on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Pissouri

Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in the Diocese  
of Cyprus & the Gulf

Website: <http://stlazaruspissouri.org>



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**6pm 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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**Clergy days off** – Derek on Fridays and Chris on Tuesdays

### Duties for today

**Sides Person:** Felita

**"Organist":** Sue

**Readings:** Felita – Acts 11: 1-18

+ Psalm 148

Denise – Revelation 21: 1-6

Gospel – John 13: 31-35

**Server:** Stanley

### Duties for 8 May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Sides Person:** Denise

**"Organist":** Felita

**Readings:** Michael – Acts 16: 16-34

+ Psalm 97

Andrea – Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end

Gospel – John 17: 20-end

**Server:** Denise

### UK Visitors

If you would like to Gift Aid your offertory, please ask for a blue envelope.

**Hymn 570: Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him**

**Gloria 968: Sing glory to God**

**Collect for today**

**Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**First Reading – Acts 11 vv. 1-18**

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

"I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

"Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

**Psalm 148**

1. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

2. **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

3. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

4. **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

5. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

6. **and he established them for ever and ever – he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

7. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

8. **lightening and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

9. you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

10. **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

11. kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

12. **young men and women, old men and children.**

13. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

14. **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.**

**Praise the Lord.**

**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 – Revelation 21 vv. 1-6**

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

**Hymn 517: O Love that wilt not let me go**

**Gospel – John 13 vv. 31-35**

When Judas had gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

**Offertory Hymn 754: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen**

**Hymn 667: The strife is o'er, the battle done**