## **Collect for today**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### First Reading - Acts 2 vv. 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### Psalm 104 vv. 24-end

- 24. How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number living things both large and small.
- 26. There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
- 27. All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
- 28. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

- 29. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.
- 30. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- 31. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works -
- 32. he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- 33. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- 34. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord
- 35. But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

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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. 22-27

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.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

### Hymn 67: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

#### Gospel – John 15 vv. 26-27, 16 vv. 4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, "Where are you going?" Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 288: Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

# **Future Sunday Services**

## St Lazarus Pissouri

14 June 6pm Holy Communion28 June 6pm Holy Communion

### **St Barnabas Limassol**

31 May 10am Family Eucharist Trinity Sunday 7 June 10am Holy Eucharist

## **Notices**

## **soma**

**12 – 26 May** Please continue to pray for Derek and his team as they continue their Soma Mission to East Rwenzori and for their safe return journey.



**Bible Study Group Wednesday 3 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.

**1 June** Church Learning Group resumes in the Church Hall at St Barnabas – Chapter 5.

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

**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.

**11 June** St Barnabas Day 6pm service followed by a talk by Felicity Christofides on the History of the Anglican Church. Help with finger food and drinks required (please contact Pam as above).

**12 June** 7pm Centenary Party – all welcome round the tree. Music led by Katrina. Raffle prizes needed (please contact Pam as above).

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).



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 24th May 2015
Pentecost Sunday
6 pm Holy Communion
President: Reverend Clive Windebank

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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<u>Duties for today</u> <u>Sides Person:</u> Linda "Organist": Sue

Reader: Stanley – Acts 2: 1-21

+ Psalm 104: 24-end

Reader: Ann – Romans 8: 22-27

Server: Linda

Duties for 14 June
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

#### **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.