

'Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.' ²⁶ "Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

Hymn 265: Hark the glad sound

Gospel – Luke 1:57-66, 80

(See separate sheet)

Offertory Hymn 758: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 178: For all the saints (omit verses 5-7)

Future Services

St Lazarus, Pissouri

8th July 6pm Holy Communion

22nd July 6pm Holy Communion

12th August 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

1st July 10am Holy Eucharist

8th July 10am Holy Eucharist


15th July 10am Holy Eucharist

Remembering in Prayer:

All those known to us who are ill or recovering including: Sandra Ephgrave, Lisa Forey, Brian Waters, Sue Hooper, and Kay Downing



Notices

 **Bible study group** - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th July at 2.30pm. We will continue our study of the Beatitudes from the 'Pilgrim' course. For more details please contact Denise on 97745286 or email denise.weaver@wisenexus.com. This will be the last session before we break for summer.

"And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, because you will go ahead of the Lord to prepare his way."



Welcome to St Lazarus'
Anglican Church Pissouri
Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in the
Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf
Website: <http://stlazaruspissouri.org>

Our services are held in the room under the
amphitheatre on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
of every month.



24th June 2018

Birth of John the Baptist

6pm Holy Communion

President: Bishop Michael

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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| Chaplain: | Fr Andrew Mayes TSSF | 96612371 stbac@spidernet.com.cy |
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Clergy days off –Fr Andrew on Saturday, Rev. Chris on Friday

Duties for today 24th June

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| Sides | Stanley |
| 'Organist' | Sue |
| Readings | Andrea Isaiah 40: 1-11 + Psalm 85: 7-13 Michael Acts 13: 14-26 Gospel Luke 1: 57-66, 80 |
| Server | Rev. Rod Price |

Duties for 8th July

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| Sides | Linda |
| 'Organist' | Mike G |
| Readings | Linda 2 Samuel 5: 1-5' 9-10 + Psalm 48 Ann 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Gospel Mark 6: 1-13 |
| Server | Linda |

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

Hymn 527: On Jordan's bank

Collect for today

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 – Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. ⁷The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." ⁹You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Psalm 85:7-13

⁷Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.

⁸I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

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 13:14-26

¹⁴From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak." ¹⁶Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ¹⁷The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; ¹⁸for about forty years he endured their conduct in the wilderness; ¹⁹and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. ²⁰All this took about 450 years. "After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. ²²After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' ²³"From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. ²⁵As John was completing his work, he said: