

"These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

'But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

#### Offertory Hymn 144: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

#### Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Hymn 766: You shall go out with joy

#### Future Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

8 October 6pm Holy Communion  
22 October 6pm Holy Communion  
12 November 6pm Holy Communion

#### St Barnabas, Limassol

1 October 10am Holy Eucharist Harvest Thanksgiving  
8 October 10am Holy Eucharist  
15 October 10am Holy Eucharist

#### Notices

**Wednesday 27 September** 1430 The Bible Study Group will continue learning about spiritual disciplines. Everyone is welcome. Contact Denise on 97745286 or Linda on 99165142 for more details.

**SOMA 29 September - 9 October** SOMA Mission Derek, Sue and Nora are going to Thika diocese in Kenya. Please pray for them.

Sunday 8 October after the 1000 service at St Barnabas there will be a brief forum on the Parish Profile. Please hand in your questionnaires to Denise as soon as possible.

**Monday 9 October** and then every Monday from 1400-1600 in St Barnabas Church Hall – Pilgrim Bible Study – a course to help us look deeper into our Christian faith. Information and to book your place speak to Chris Goldsmith.

**Monday 16 October** Canon Pat Mossop and Helen leave us and the Ven. Malcolm Squires and Buzz arrive for locum until December.

I asked for strength that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health that I might do great things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered; I am among all men, most richly blessed.  
*Written by an unknown Confederate soldier during the American Civil War*



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> September 2017

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

6pm Holy Communion

President: Rev. Canon Pat Mossop

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 – Pat on Monday, Chris on Friday

#### Duties for today

**Sides :** Linda

**"Organist":** Sue

**Readings:** Denise – Exodus 16: 2-15  
+ Psalm 105: 37-end  
Linda – Philippians 1: 21-end  
Gospel – Matthew 20: 1-16

**Server:** Stanley

#### Duties for 8 October The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Sides :** Stanley

**"Organist":** Sue

**Readings:** Carole – Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
+ Psalm 19  
John L – Philippians 3: 4b-14  
Gospel – Matthew 21: 33-end

**Server:** Stanley

#### UK Visitors

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## Hymn 6 : All creatures of our God and King

Gloria 967: to the tune 'English Country Garden'

### Collect for today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 forever. **Amen.**

### First Reading – Exodus 16 vv. 2-15

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat round pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.'

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?' Moses also said, 'You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.'

Then Moses told Aaron, 'Say to the entire Israelite community, "Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling."'

While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked towards the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord, appearing in the cloud.

The Lord said to Moses, 'I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, "At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God."'

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was.

### Psalm 105 vv. 37-end

37. He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold, and from among their tribes no one faltered.

**38. Egypt was glad when they left, because dread of Israel had fallen on them.**

39. He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.

**40. They asked, and he brought them quail; he fed them well with the bread of heaven.**

41. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed like a river in the desert.

**42. For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham.**

43. He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

**44. he gave them the lands of the nations, and they fell heir to what others had toiled for -**

45. that they might keep his precepts and observe his laws.

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 – Philippians 1 vv. 21-end

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

### **Hymn 105: Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

#### Gospel – Matthew 20 vv. 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, "you also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

"Because no one has hired us," they answered.

'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.