## Future Sunday Services St Lazarus Pissouri

27 December 6pm Holy Communion 10 January 6pm Holy Communion

## St Barnabas Limassol

24 December 11pm Midnight Mass

25 December 10am Family Communion

27 December 10am Holy Eucharist

3 January 10am Holy Eucharist

## **Notices**

The Bible Study group will start again in the New Year. We will be pleased to welcome new members to the group - why not make this your New Year's resolution!? If interested, please contact Linda on 99 165142 or Denise on 97 745286 for details about the group.

**Friday 1 January** New Years Day. St Barnabas 12 noon prayers followed by Bring & Share Lunch in the church hall. All are welcome.

Wednesday 6 January Epiphany St Barnabas 9am Holy Communion & 6pm Epiphany Party in the church hall. All are welcome

**Saturday 9 & 23 January** 10am in the schoolroom at St Barnabas - working party for making palm crosses. Diocesan Calendars on sale now, marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – some historic photos and some more recent.

Don't miss buying 'The First One Hundred Years' which tells the story of St Barnabas, Limassol. Price €3. Contact Pam pamelacaulfield1940@gmail.com

Remembering Trees books tell the story of all those knitted squares.

Boxes of church giving envelopes available for 2016.

Copies of Mazi Mas available – please help yourselves.

Among those for whom we pray God's healing: Norman Yates, Nawal Oueida, Bunty Alkiviadou, Peter Cross and Mike Morris.

#### **ISAIAH 58**

All donations of DRY food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can usually be brought on the  $4^{th}$  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



Thursday 24 December 2015
Christmas night
6 pm 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

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

Reader: Michael - Isaiah 52: 7-10

+ Psalm 98

Reader: Andrea - Hebrews 1: 1-4

Server: Stanley

<u>Duties for 27 December</u> <u>Sides Person:</u> Denise "Organist": Sue

Reader: Beryl – Exodus 33: 7-11a

+ Psalm 117

Reader: Stanley – 1 John 1

Server: Denise

#### **UK Visitors**

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

## Carol 9: On Christmas night

## Collect for today

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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 52 vv. 7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God

#### Psalm 98

- 1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- 2. The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- 3. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 4. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
- 5. make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
- 6. with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn shout for joy before the Lord, the King.
- 7. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
- 8. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
- 9. let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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 – Hebrews 1 vv. 1-4

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

#### Carol 22: In the bleak midwinter

## **Gospel – John 1 vv. 1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Carol 6: The first Nowell

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen

Carol 13: O come all ye faithful