## **Future Services**

# St Lazarus Pissouri

8 February 6 pm Holy Communion 22 February 6 pm Holy Communion

# St Barnabas Limassol

February 10am Holy Eucharist
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# <u>Notices</u>

The Church Learning Group is cancelled tomorrow,  $26^{h}$  January. Dates for this session are: 9, 16, 23 February; 9, 23, 30 March – all at 6.30pm in the Church Hall at St Barnabas. Details from Derek.

29<sup>th</sup> January 2pm St Lazarus committee meeting at Linda's apartment.

**30<sup>th</sup> January** If you would like to join the St Barnabas outing to a winery in Peri Pedi followed by lunch at a nearby tavern on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January please give your name to Stanley.

**1<sup>\*</sup> February** Bishops Council/Standing Committee in Larnaca.

 $2^{nd}-6^{th}$  February Synod meets in Larnaca.

4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm The Pissouri Bible Study group. Details from Denise Weaver 297745286 or Linda Rowell 297165142

19<sup>th</sup> February The Lent course called Soul Spark starts at 2.30pm in the Church Hall at St Barnabas. The course offers an experience of various approaches to prayer, especially helping us to try out ways of listening to God as well as talking.

6<sup>th</sup> March 10am Women's World Day of Prayer service at St. Barnabas.

Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available from Pam ( $\cong 25633052$ ) and should be returned by the end of March to enable one to stand for Council or vote for Council Members at the AGM on  $19^{\text{th}}$  April.

Please remember in your prayers the family of Brian Tarttelin who was buried on Monday, Mike Davies who died recently, and for the continuing recovery of Mike Morris.

# Wonderful news! Derek and Sue's contract has been extended until the summer of 2017.

If you haven't done so yet, do look at our new website http://stlazaruspissouri.org



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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Conversion of Paul 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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## Duties for today

<u>Sides Person:</u> Denise <u>"Organist":</u> Felita <u>Reader:</u> Stanley – Jeremiah 1: 4-10 + Psalm 67 <u>Reader:</u> Ann – Acts 9: 1-22 <u>Server:</u> Stanley

## Duties for 8 February

<u>Sides Person:</u> Sue <u>"Organist":</u> Linda <u>Reader:</u> Denise – Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 + Psalm 104: 24-35 <u>Reader:</u> Beryl – Colossians 1: 15-20 <u>Server:</u> Denise

## ISAIAH 58

All donations of DRY food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can usually be brought on the  $4^{\text{th}}$  Sunday of the month to the room below Pissouri Amphitheatre between 5.30 and 6 pm.

# Hymn 337: I will sing the wondrous story

# Collect for today

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 - Jeremiah 1 vv. 4-10

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

### <u>Psalm 67</u>

1. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us -

2. so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

3. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

4. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

5. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

6. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

7. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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 9 vv. 1-22

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias.

The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord– Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

### Hymn 169: Fight the good fight

## Gospel - Matthew 19 vv. 27-end

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

## Offertory Hymn 19: All my hope on God is founded

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 32: And can it be