## Hymn: In Christ alone (on sheet)

## Collect for today

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 – Numbers 11 vv. 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!'

Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the Lord, 'Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, "Give us meat to eat!" I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me right now – if I have found favour in your eyes – and do not let me face my own ruin.'

The Lord said to Moses: 'Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and made them stand round the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied – but did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since youth, spoke up and said, 'Moses, my lord, stop them!'

But Moses replied, 'Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!'

#### Psalm 124

1. If the Lord had not been on our side – let Israel say -

# 2. if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us,

3. they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;

# 4. the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,

5. the raging waters would have swept us away.

6. Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

7. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

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 – James 5 vv. 13 - end

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

## Hymn 413: Lord of all hopefulness

## Gospel - Mark 9 vv. 38 - end

'Teacher,' said John, 'we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.'

'Do not stop him,' Jesus said. 'For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

'If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung round their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched."

#### Everyone will be salted with fire.

'Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.'

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

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 565: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

#### Future Sunday Services

11 October 6pm Holy Communion 25 October 6pm Holy Communion

#### St Barnabas Limassol

4 October 10am Harvest Festival Family Eucharist followed by a Bring and Share Lunch 11 October 10am Holy Eucharist

#### Notices

Please pray for the family of John Lamb whose funeral was last Thursday 24 September

Please also pray for Reuben Price and John & Mary

**28 September** 6.30pm Church Learning Group – 'Theology of the Gospel of Mark' in St Barnabas Church Hall. Week 2 – 'the person, mission and message of Jesus' – p 30-116 Telford.

**6 October** 6pm at St. Barnabas Debbie Thrower will speak on ministry to elderly people.

**Wednesday 7 October** 2.30pm St Lazarus Bible Study Group will be studying Acts Chapter 25 at Stanley and Sue's house. If you would like to know more about the Bible Study group or get directions to Stanley and Sue please contact Denise Weaver \$\$97745286 or Linda Rowell \$\$97165142 for further details.

**10 October** 2.30pm Visitation & Gathering Nicosia Cathedral

**17 October** Car Treasure Hunt from St Barnabas

**30 October – 1 November** Centenary weekend at St Barnabas. Songs of Praise service. If you have a favourite hymn or reading please contact Pamela Caulfield (pamelacaulfied1940@gmail.com).

**Saturday 28 November** Forward planning for your diaries – St Barnabas Christmas Bazaar!



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.

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#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 The seventeenth Sunday of Trinity 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

Duties for today Sides Person: Sue "Organist": Michael and Felita Reader: Linda – Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29 + Psalm 124 Reader: Denise – James 5: 13-end Server: Linda

#### Duties for 11<sup>th</sup> October

Sides Person: Linda <u>"Organist":</u> Sue Reader: Stanley – Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 + Psalm 90: 12-end Reader: Beryl – Hebrews 4: 12-end Server: Stanley

#### **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.