

Future Sunday Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

4 December 6pm Carol Service at Pine Bay
11 December 6pm Holy Communion
24 December 6pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion
8 January 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

4 December 10am Holy Eucharist
4 December 6pm Christingle Service
11 December 10am Nativity Family Eucharist
18 December 10am Holy Eucharist
18 December 6pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
24 December 11pm Midnight Mass
25 December 10am Family Communion
1 January 10am Holy Eucharist

St George's, Troodos

3 December 3pm Service of Lessons and Carols
(don't forget to take warm clothes!)

Notices



Monday 28 November Church Learning Group meets to study present module at 6.30 p.m. continuing 5,12 December.

TABLE TOP

SALE Saturday 3 December Table Top Sale at St Barnabas



LESSONS & CAROLS Sunday 4 December Don't forget our Carol Service will be held at Pine Bay – refreshments will be served afterwards.



Children's Christmas party at the refugee camp. If you are able to help and/or donate a gift under €10 for a child please speak to Chris Goldsmith who will give you the age and gender nearer the time.



The Mission to Seafarers are filling shoeboxes for sailors who will be in the Port of Limassol over the Christmas period. All gifts would be gratefully received by Ken Wiseman – Lay Chaplain to the Ports of Cyprus.

ISAIAH 58

All donations of dry food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can be brought on the 4th 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 2nd and 4th 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 27th November 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

6pm Holy Communion

President: Derek

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: Stanley

"Organist": Sue

Readings: Linda – Isaiah 2: 1-5

+ Psalm 122

Denise – Romans 13: 11-end

Gospel – Matthew 24: 36-44

Server: Denise

Duties for 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sides Person: Stanley

"Organist": Sue

Readings: Denise – Isaiah 35: 1-10

+ Psalm 146: 5-10

Stanley – James 5: 7-10

Gospel – Matthew 11: 2-11

Server: Stanley

UK Visitors

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

Carol of the Advent ring

Hymn 263: Hark! a herald voice is calling

Gloria 962: Lord have mercy

Collect for today

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 2 vv. 1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: in the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.'

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.

Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Psalm 122

1. I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

2. Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

4. That is where the tribes go up – the tribes of the Lord – to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel.

5. There stand the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure.'

7. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.'

8. For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

9. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.

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 – Romans 13 vv. 11-end

And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Hymn 438: Make way, make way,

Gospel – Matthew 24 vv. 36-44

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

**Offertory Hymn 128: Come, thou long expected
Jesus**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 405: Lo, he comes with clouds descending