## Offertory Hymn 584: Rock of ages, cleft for me

# **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 252: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

## **Future Sunday Services**

13 March 6pm Holy Communion 27 March 12.30pm Easter Sunday Holy Communion on the beach at Pissouri followed by lunch at Artemis Restaurant

# St Barnabas Limassol

6 March 10am Mothering Sunday Family Eucharist 13 March 10am Holy Eucharist 20 March 10am Holy Eucharist

## **Notices**

**Monday 29 February** 6.45pm Church Learning Group in the Church Hall at St Barnabas – Chapter 13 on Ecclesiology.

Special Lent healing services: 3 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent. Week 3 focuses on healing for others. Week 4 we focus on prayers for our island and diocese. Week 5 we will focus on the areas of conflict near us and the needs of the world, asking God to show us any areas which we have not covered during our Lenten prayer time. Everyone is welcome to all or any of the services. For more information, please speak to Derek or Chris Goldsmith.

#### **Electoral Roll**

Belong
Participate

contribute Electoral Roll – the AGM will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to stand for election or vote, you need to be on the Electoral Roll. Please collect a form today and return it to Stanley this evening. All who attend St Barnabas or St Lazarus are eligible. At the moment we have one elected member – Linda. Nomination forms to fill the three vacancies on the Council and People's Warden will be available from 6 March.

**Thursday 3 March** 2-4pm Derek will be at the Artemis Restaurant for anyone who would like to chat to him.

Friday 4 March 10am Women's World day of Prayer. ALL welcome at St Catherine's on the sea front in Limassol.

Saturday 5 March 9amTable Top Sale at St Barnabas

Wednesday 9 March 9.45am Church Council meeting.

Please pray for the ongoing recovery of Paul Mulkern, and for Anthony Stiddulph who will be licensed for house for duty post at Paphos.

#### **ISAIAH 58**

All donations of dry food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can be brought on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month to the room below Pissouri Amphitheatre between 5.30 and 6 pm.



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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 The Third Sunday in Lent 6pm 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> Stanley "Organist": Linda

Readings: Beryl – Isaiah 55: 1-9

+ Psalm 63: 1-9

Stanley - 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Gospel - Luke 13: 31-end

**Server:** Stanley

<u>Duties for 13 March</u> <u>Sides Person:</u> Ann "Organist": Drew

Readings: Linda – Isaiah 43: 16-21

+ Psalm 126

Ann – Philippians 3: 4b-14 Gospel – John 12: 1-8

Server: Linda

#### **UK Visitors**

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# Hymn 630: Tell his praise in song and story

# Kyries 962: Lord have mercy

# **Collect for today**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55 vv. 1-9

'Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.'

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord.

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

#### Psalm 63 vv. 1-9

- 1. You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.
- 2. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
- 3. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
- 4. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5. I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
- 6. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

- 7. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
- 8. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.
- 9. Those who want to kill me will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the 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 – 1 Corinthians 10 vv. 1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.' We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

# Hymn 45: As the deer pants for the water

#### Gospel – Luke 13 vv. 31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."