Future Services

St Lazarus Pissouri

11 January 6 pm Holy Communion 25 January 6 pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas Limassol

4 January 10am Holy Eucharist

11 January 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

St Lazarus

The Pissouri Bible Study group usually meets fortnightly, on Wednesdays at 2.30pm. The group is small so meetings are often arranged around members' availability. All are welcome to join, but please check dates first with Denise Weaver - \$\mathbb{2}\$ 97745286

The next meeting will be 7 January at Janet Forey's home, studying Acts Chapter 13.

Please remember in your prayers the families of Vic Rolls and Doreen Bright who died recently.

There will be two funerals this week - Michelle Daniels of Agia Barbara to be buried at Erimi 1pm tomorrow Monday 29th.

Lawrence Minton, friend of John & Mary Hutchinson, died suddenly. Memorial thanksgiving Tuesday 1pm at Paphos Christian Fellowship & Burial Saturday 11am at Erimi. Pissouri friends welcome at either or both parts of the ceremony. "Book" via Isobel Davies: isobel@flyingdoc.co.uk Or put names on list at St Barnabas' Church Hall.

Please continue to pray for Mike Morris who has just completed his last session of chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Do you know we now have our own splendid website created by Denise? Check it out on http://stlazaruspissouri.org

St Barnabas

A Memorial service for Michael Jones (chaplain of St Barnabas and The Mission for Seafarers until 11 years ago) will be held on Tuesday 6 January at 11am at St Barnabas.

The Church Learning Group starts again in January 2015. Dates for next year are: 12, 19, 26 January; 9, 16, 23 February; 9, 23, 30 March – all at 6.30 pm.

There will be a Cheese and Wine party for Epiphany at St Barnabas at 7pm on 6 January.



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 28th December 2014
The first Sunday of Christmas
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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<u>Duties for today</u> Sides Person: John

"Organist": Sue

<u>Reader:</u> Stanley - Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3 + Psalm 148

Reader: Felita - Galatians 4: 4-7

Server: Denise

Duties for 11 January
Sides Person: Stanley
"Organist": Sue

Reader: Michael - Genesis 1: 1-5 + Psalm 29

Reader: Andrea - Acts 19: 1-7

Server: Denise

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All donations of DRY food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can usually be brought on the 4° Sunday of the month to the room below Pissouri Amphitheatre between 5.30 and 6 pm.

Carol 20: Good King Wenceslas

Collect for today

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading - Isaiah 61 v. 10 - 62 v. 3

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the young plant come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 148

- 1. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.
- 2. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
- 3. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
- 5. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,
- 6. and he established them for ever and ever he issued a decree that will never pass away.
- 7. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
- 8. lightening and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,
- 9. you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
- 10. wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
- 11. kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
- 12. young men and women, old men and children.

- 13. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.
- 14. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

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 - Galatians 4 vv. 4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Carol 7: Away in a manger

Gospel - Luke 2 vv. 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Offertory Carol 22: In the bleak mid-winter

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Carol 5: As with gladness men of old