

Offertory Hymn: 641 The first Nowell

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: 266 Hark, the herald-angels sing

Future Services

St Lazarus, Pissouri

9th January 2022, 6pm Holy Communion

13th February 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

25th December 10am Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist

26th December 10am Holy Eucharist

Remembering in Prayer



All those known to us who are ill or recovering including: Yvonne, Karen, Brian W, Kay, Nanette & Keith, John R, Stanley and Sue.

The family and friends of Sandra Ephgrave who passed away on 7 December. *Rise in peace, and rest in glory.*

Notices



Health & Safety - Please have your EU Digital SafePass with a QR code available, wear a mask and observe the social distancing guidelines. Only the intincted

bread will be offered at communion, and the officiating priest will take the wine on our behalf.



Please check out the **Roots at Home** button on the Home page of the St Lazarus' website or visit <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/> for additional lectionary resources.

At Christmas,

May Jesus fill your hearts with peace,

May God grant you abundant grace,

And may you have sweet contentment

In the New Year.

by Joanna Fuchs



**Wishing you a very
Blessed Christmas**

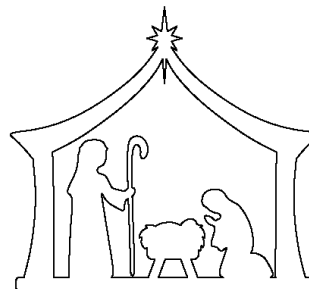
Welcome to
St Lazarus' Anglican Church, Pissouri

Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in
the Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf

Website: <https://stlazaruspissouri.org>

Glorify God
Open doors
Share faith
Proclaim Jesus
Encourage all
Love others

Our services are held in the room under the amphitheatre on the 2nd Sunday in the winter months, and also on the 4th Sunday in the summer months.



**24th December 2021
Christmas Night
6pm Holy Communion**

President: Fr Ian Nicholson

Those who receive Communion in their home Church are welcome to receive the bread, or please ask for a blessing. The priest will come round to us.

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Duties for today 24th December

Sides	Sue	
Music	Denise	
Readings	Stanley	Isaiah 9:2-7 +Psalm 96
	Denise	Titus 2:11-14
	Gospel	Luke 2:1-14
Server	Stanley	

Duties for 9th January 2022

Sides	Ann.	
Music	Sue	
Readings	Denise	Isaiah 43:1-7 +Psalm 29
	Ann	Acts 8:14-17
	Gospel	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Server	Denise	

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Hymn: 523 On Christmas night all Christians sing

The Collect

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Psalm 96

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

6 Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

13 Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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 - Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Hymn: 508 O little town of Bethlehem

Gospel – Luke 2:1-14

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."