

now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'<sup>8</sup> "Sir," the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.<sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

## Welcome to St Lazarus' Anglican Church Pissouri

### OUR COMMITMENT IS TO...

- GLORIFY God
- OPEN doors
- SHARE faith
- PROCLAIM the Good News
- ENCOURAGE all
- LOVE others

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

Website: <https://stlazaruspissouri.org>

Offertory Hymn 457 - My God, how wonderful you are

### 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 185 - For the fruits

Our services are held in the room under the amphitheatre on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.



24<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
6pm Holy Communion

### Future Services

#### St Lazarus, Pissouri

14<sup>th</sup> April 6pm Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> April 1.30pm Easter Sunday beach service & lunch

28<sup>th</sup> April 6pm Holy Communion

12<sup>th</sup> May 6pm Holy Communion

#### St Barnabas, Limassol

31<sup>st</sup> March 10am Holy Eucharist

7<sup>th</sup> April 10am Holy Eucharist

14<sup>th</sup> April 10am Holy Eucharist

### President: Fr Andrew Mayes

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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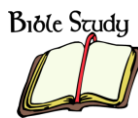
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### Remembering in Prayer:

All those known to us who are ill or recovering including: Gladys and Lisa, Brian, Sue, Kay, Nanette and Gordon.

### Notices



**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** The next session will be on **27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**. After this session we will be moving on to a new topic. What will it be? Ideas please.

For further information about the group, please contact Denise at [denise.weaver@wisenexus.com](mailto:denise.weaver@wisenexus.com).



**LENTEN SCHOOL OF PRAYER:** Come and experience different ways of praying that inspire many. **Every Tuesday at 3pm till 9th April** at St Barnabas.

**AGM 2019**

**Annual General Meeting 7 April** at St Barnabas after the 10am service. Everyone is welcome to attend and vote (if you are on the electoral role). **NOMINATIONS for posts of People's Warden and members of Church Council should be given in TODAY, or next Sunday at St Barnabas**

### Clergy day off – Saturday

#### Duties for today 24<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Sides</b>	Sue	
<b>Music</b>	Mike	
<b>Readings</b>	Mike	Isaiah 55: 1-9
		+ Psalm 63: 1-8
	Stanley	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
	Gospel	Luke 13: 1-9
<b>Server</b>	Stanley	

#### Duties for 14<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Sides</b>	Denise	
<b>Music</b>	Sue	
<b>Readings</b>	Beryl	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
		+ Psalm 31: 9-16
	Denise	Philippians 2: 5-11
	Gospel	Luke 19: 28-40
<b>Server</b>	Denise	

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*Upon waking, let your first thought be thank you.*

**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: 1-8**

<sup>1</sup> “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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Psalms 63: 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 fully 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.

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: 1-13**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup>We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! <sup>13</sup>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 483 - O for a closer walk with God**

**Gospel – Luke 13: 1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” <sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years