#### **Future Services**

St Lazarus, Pissouri

22nd March 6pm Holy Communion 12th April Easter Beach service (time & venue tbc) 26th April 6pm Holy Communion

### St Barnabas, Limassol

15th March 10am Holy Eucharist 22nd March 10am Holy Eucharist 29th March 10am Holy Eucharist

## **Remembering in Prayer:**

All those known to us who are ill or recovering including: Yvonne, Karen, Lisa, Brian, Sue, Kay, Nanette, Fr Andrew.

#### **Notices**

Bible Study Group (2nd & 4th Wednesday of month) - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March at 2.30pm. For more details please contact Denise at

denise.weaver@wisenexus.com.

## Lent Course 2020 - Paradoxes of Prayer.

Fridays from 10.30 to 12noon at St Barnabas' Church, written by Fr Andrew for St Barnabas & St Lazarus

13 March Body & Soul – how does my personality affect the way I pray?

**20 March** Desert & Garden – contrasting pictures of prayer take us to the desert, to Gethsemane, and point towards Easter

**27 March** Struggle & Rest – the reality and experience of struggle in prayer

3 April Temples & Pilgrims – exploring powerful images of our vocation and calling as people of prayer today

**Nicodemus** (extract of a poem by Dennis Donald) I always felt quite confident, 'till Jesus came along, That we, the Pharisees, were right, and all the rest were wrong.

I went to him for guidance, could no longer stand the strain. "It isn't just the teaching, Nic, you must be born again!

# 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 and 4th Sundays of every month.



# 8th March 2020 **Second Sunday of Lent 6pm Holy Communion**

#### President: Rev Norma Nelson

Those who receive Communion in their home Church are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, or please ask for a blessing.

Parish priest: Fr Andrew Mayes TSSF 96612371

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Clergy day off – Saturday

#### **Duties for today 8th March**

Sides Sue Music Mike

Genesis 12: 1-4a Readings Denise

+Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 Stanley

Gospel John 3: 1-17

Denise Server

#### **Duties for 22nd March**

Sides Stanley Music Denise

Readings 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Stanley

+Psalm 23

Beryl Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41 Gospel

Stanley Server

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

# Hymn: 642 The God of Abraham praise (omit verse 4)

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## First Reading - Genesis 12: 1-4a

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

## **Psalm 121**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;
- 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.
- 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 4: 1-5, 13-17

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. 3 What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. 13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Hymn: 161 Father hear the prayer we offer

**Gospel – John 3: 1-17** 

(See separate sheet)

# Offertory Hymn: 636 The Church's One Foundation

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: 689 Thy hand O God has guided