

Offertory Hymn: 14 It came upon the midnight clear

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: 12 O Come all ye faithful

Future Services

**St Lazarus, Pissouri 2020**

12th January 6pm Holy Communion

26th January 6pm Holy Communion

**St Barnabas, Limassol**

24th December 11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

25th December 10am Christmas Day Eucharist

29th December 10am Holy Eucharist

Remembering in Prayer:



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

*Linda and family would like to thank the St Barnabas and St Lazarus church families for all messages of condolence, and for all their support for her and Gordon over the past few years, both in practical ways and by holding them in prayer and simply 'being there'.*

**Bible Study Group** - After a short break for Christmas and the New Year, we will be resuming our study of 'Freedom in Christ' on Wednesday 8th January at 2.30pm. For more details please contact Denise at [denise.weaver@wisenexus.com](mailto:denise.weaver@wisenexus.com).

*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 and 4th Sundays of every month.



**24th December 2019  
Christmas Night  
6pm Holy Communion**

**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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**Clergy day off** – Saturday

**Duties for today 24th December**

<b>Sides</b>	Sue	
<b>Music</b>	Denise	
<b>Readings</b>	Stanley	Isaiah 7: 10-16 +Psalm 97
	Mike	Titus 3: 4-7
	Gospel	Matthew 1: 18-25
<b>Server</b>	Stanley	

**Duties for 12th January 2020**

<b>Sides</b>	tbc	
<b>Music</b>	tbc	
<b>Readings</b>	tbc	tbc +Psalm tbc
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	tbc	tbc
<b>Server</b>	tbc	

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## Hymn: 19 Once in Royal David's city

### 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 7: 10-16

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” 12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.” 13 Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. 15 He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, 16 for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

### Psalm 97

1 The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

2 **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

3 Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

4 **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

6 **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.**

7 All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—worship him, all you gods!

8 **Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, Lord.**

9 For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

10 **Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.**

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 3: 4-7

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

## Hymn: 13 Silent Night

### Gospel – Matthew 1: 18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.