## **Future Services**

#### St Lazarus, Pissouri

24<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Christmas Night Communion

13<sup>th</sup> January 6pm Holy Communion 27<sup>th</sup> January 6pm Holy Communion

#### St Barnabas, Limassol

24<sup>th</sup> December 11pm Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Christmas Day Eucharist

26<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon Feast of St Stephen Eucharist

30<sup>th</sup> December 10am Holy Eucharist (see notices) 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> January 10am Holy Eucharist



# Remembering in Prayer:

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

### Notices

DOUBLE FAREWELL: Revd Chris and Rick will be moving to a new UK parish in the New Year and Fr Tony and Irene are soon to return to Cheshire. The Bishop will preside at their last Sunday with us, 30 December, 10am. Bring and Share Lunch (finger food only please) in Rectory and garden.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: We are taking a break over the Christmas period and will resume on 9 January at 2.30pm. For information about the group, please contact Denise at denise.weaver@wisenexus.com.

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#### **OUR COMMITMENT IS TO...**

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



# Welcome to St Lazarus' **Anglican Church Pissouri**

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

Website: https://stlazaruspissouri.org

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



# 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 **6pm Holy Communion**

#### President: Rev. Rod Price

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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Secretary &

**Denise Weaver** 97745286 Treasurer:

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Clergy days off -Fr Andrew on Saturday, Rev. Chris on Friday

# **Duties for today 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Sides Denise Music Mike G

Micah 5: 2-5a Readings Denise

+ Psalm 80: 1-8

Mike G Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45

Gospel

Denise Server

# **Duties for 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Sides Stanley Music Sue

Readings Stanley Isaiah 9: 2-7

No psalm

Beryl Titus 2: 11-14 Gospel John 1: 1-18

Server Stanley

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

### **Collect for today**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# First Reading - Micah 5: 2-5a

<sup>2</sup> "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

<sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

#### Psalm 80.1-8

1 Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth

2 before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.

3 Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

4 How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

6 You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

7 Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

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 - Hebrews 10: 5-10

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, my God.'" <sup>8</sup> First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. <sup>9</sup> Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

# Hymn 182 - For Mary Mother

#### Gospel - Luke 1: 39-45

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

#### Offertory Hymn - 406 Long ago Prophets knew

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 631 - Tell out my soul