Future Services

St Lazarus, Pissouri

13th January 6pm Holy Communion 27th January 6pm Holy Communion

10th February 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

25th December 10am Christmas Day Eucharist

26th December 12 noon Feast of St Stephen Eucharist

30th December 10am Holy Eucharist (see notices)

3rd 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.

Peace of

Christmas



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.



24th December 2018 **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 days off -Fr Andrew on Saturday, Rev. Chris on Friday

Duties for today 24th December

Sides Stanley Music Sue

Stanley Isaiah 9: 2-7 Readings

No psalm

Titus 2: 11-14 Beryl

Gospel John 1: 1-18

Stanley Server

Duties for 13th January 2019

Sides thd Music tbd Readings tbd

Psalm

tbd Gospel

Server tbd

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

Collect for today

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading - Isaiah 9: 2-7

²The 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 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of 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.

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.

Carol 597 - Silent Night

Gospel – John 1: 1-18

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m 1}$ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Carol 330 - It came upon the midnight clear

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.