

what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." <sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail." <sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

**Offertory Hymn: 724 We Three Kings**

**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: 243 Go tell it on the mountain**

**Future Services**

**St Lazarus, Pissouri**

24th December 6pm Christmas Eve  
12th January 6pm Holy Communion

**St Barnabas, Limassol**

24th December 11pm Midnight Mass  
25th December 10am Holy 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.

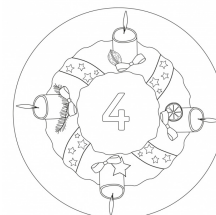
*Linda and family would like to thank the St Barnabas and St Lazarus church families for all messages of condolence, and for all their support for her and Gordon over the past few years, both in practical ways and by holding them in prayer and simply 'being there'.*

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- 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.**



**22nd December 2019**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**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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**Clergy day off – Saturday**

**Duties for today 22nd December**

<b>Sides</b>	Stanley	
<b>Music</b>	Mike	
<b>Readings</b>	Denise	Micah 5: 2-5a +Psalm 144
	Beryl	Romans 1: 1-7
	Gospel	Luke 1: 26-38
<b>Server</b>	Denise	

**Duties for 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	

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## Hymn: 265 Hark the glad sound

### The Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. We will raise against them seven shepherds, even eight commanders,

### Psalm 144

**1** Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.

**2 He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.**

**3** Lord, what are human beings that you care for them, mere mortals that you think of them?

**4 They are like a breath; their days are like a fleeting shadow.**

**5** Part your heavens, Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, so that they smoke.

**6 Send forth lightning and scatter the enemy; shoot your arrows and rout them.**

**7** Reach down your hand from on high; deliver me and rescue me from the mighty waters, from the hands of foreigners

**8 whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.**

**9** I will sing a new song to you, my God; on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you,

**10 to the One who gives victory to kings, who delivers his servant David. From the deadly sword**

**11** deliver me; rescue me from the hands of foreigners whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.

**12 Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.**

**13** Our barns will be filled with every kind of provision. Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields;

**14 our oxen will draw heavy loads. There will be no breaching of walls, no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets.**

**15** Blessed is the people of whom this is true; blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.

**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 1: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — <sup>2</sup> the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup> regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>5</sup> Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake. <sup>6</sup> And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Hymn: 670 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy**

### Gospel – Luke 1: 26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered