



# *St Barnabas' Anglican Church*

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 10.00 am

Advent 3

**Rev Ian Nicholson**

<b>Sacristan/Chalice</b>	<b>Bob</b>		
<b>Sides persons</b>	<b>Enid &amp; Sue</b>		
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Jenny</b>	<b>Zephaniah 3</b>	v.14–end
		<b>Psalm 146</b>	v 4–end
	<b>Charles</b>	<b>Philippians 4</b>	v 4–7
	<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 3</b>	v7–18
<b>Intercessions:</b>	<b>Chris</b>		
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>580, 411, 727, 695</b>		

12 - 18 December 2021

What then should we do?

## **Luke 3.7-18**

John tells those who have come to be baptized that their faith needs to make a difference to their everyday living. He shares three kinds of teaching: a warning to the crowds not to rely on their religious pedigree; advice on some simple ways to live justly; and a prophetic promise about the greatness of the one who is to come. His listeners ask what they need to do. John's response is not without cost to the individual. He also speaks directly to the situations of those asking the questions – and speaks of how they can relate to others.

The crowd that came to John for baptism thought ancestry was enough, and they didn't need to do any more than that. Perhaps we think that calling ourselves Christian, or attending church, is enough. But it isn't. We are called to 'bear good fruit', and the responsibility for that lies with us.

***This week we explore being a sign of the good news in our everyday lives.***

Lectionary Bible readings for RCL Advent 3 Year C

Zephaniah 3.14–20; Psalm 146. 4–10;

Philippians 4.4–7; **Luke 3.7–18**

**Collect**      *We say together*

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Psalm 146**

4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

**5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;

**7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;**

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

**9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the  
widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**      *We say together*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

## Remembering in Prayer:

All those known to us who are ill or recovering including:

Stephen, Charles Devadawson, Anna Georgiades, Joan Gilbert, Yvonne, Chantal, Margaret Josephides, Margaret, James Culley, Ann Constantanides, Rachael Lauren, Ian Broughton, George, Natalie's sister-in-law, Daphne Papacharalambous, Judith Mowbray, Shirley Koukoularides, Maeve Prenton, Diane, Marcia, Audrey Barrett, Andy & Laura Fitzgerald, Rachael Margaret, Michel, Cheryl, Chris Kemp  
Please pray for Alison Ioannides and her family on the loss of her father last week. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Please update Christine Taylor re prayer list

If there is a name that can now be removed, please let me know

**Mission to Seafarers – Christmas Boxes.** Thank you to everyone who filled shoe boxes and also those who supplied items for boxes. We are able to donate over 20 this year so well done to you all.

**St Lazarus Church** will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month only during the next few months, 6.00pm in Pissouri, further details from Stanley Hooper. The next service will be: – December 12th

A pre-Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Yiallos restaurant, Pissouri at 13.00 for 13.15. Salad, roast turkey with roast potatoes and vegetables, Christmas pudding. €18.00.

Please let Stanley know asap if you wish to attend.

**A special service will be held at St Lazarus' 6.00pm on Christmas Eve. All welcome**

**Wednesday morning communion 9.30am.** This is a spoken service, duration approximately 30 minutes, please join us.

On **Saturday 18th December at 3.00 pm**, there will be a service of Nine Lessons and Carols, led by Archbishop Michael Lewis, at St George in the Forest, Troodos. All are most welcome. Following the service mulled wine and minced pies will be served. In order to facilitate catering, it would be helpful if you could let Fr Ian know if you plan to attend. See poster in hall for further details

**Please always wear a face mask when in church during the service and outside in the grounds**

**YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN US IN CHURCH WITHOUT YOUR SAFE PASS**

### Special December Services

- 12 Dec 6 pm Carol Service – St Lazarus, Pissouri  
19 Dec 6 pm 9 lessons and Carols – St Barnabas  
24 Dec 6 pm Christmas Eve – St Lazarus, Pissouri  
24 Dec 11pm Christmas Eve – St Barnabas  
25 Dec 10am Christmas Day – St Barnabas

### Regular Church meetings

- Tuesday Prayer Group meet in church 9.30am  
Wednesday Communion 9.30am  
Wednesday Craft group in school room 10.00am–12 noon  
Chinese Study Group–Wednesday 10.15–12.30

### Weekly Zoom Meetings

*You are invited to join Fr Ian via Zoom for:*

- Sunday Morning Worship 10.00am  
Friday Afternoon Coffee 3.00pm

Church Wardens	Chris Clapham	99 402062
	Stanley Hooper	25 221956
	Edna Gregory	99 383748
Bookings	Christin Givhan	99 634958
Fabric	Bob Day	96 413775
Treasurer	Bryan Forey	96 663477
Pastoral Team	Denise Weaver Nora Ananiades John Rider Alison Ioannides Margeret Yates	97 745286 99 356451 99 765201 97 840336 25 315037
News Sheet	Christine Taylor	99 339175
Tabletop Sales	Nora Ananiades	99 356451
Minutes Secretary	Linda Rich	99 878257

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*Thursday is rest day for Father Ian,  
please respect his private time and only contact in an emergency*