St Barnabas' Anglican Church Parish of Limassol

25th April 2021 10.00 am 4th Sunday of Easter Father Ian Nicholson



Sides Persons Grace & Nora

Sacristan Chris

Readings: Charles D Acts 4 v5-12

Psalm 23

Jenny D 1 John 3 v16 to end

Gospel: John 10 v11–18

Intercessions: Bob D

Hymns 565, 654, 395, 16 All verses will be sung

25 April - 1 May 2021

The cost of care

John 10.11-18

The image of Jesus as good shepherd draws on the imagery of Psalm 23 and elsewhere, and is a familiar symbol for God/Jesus used in both the Old and New Testaments. Here, Jesus makes a contrast between the shepherd and a hired hand, and the ways in which they care for the sheep. He clearly designates himself as the good shepherd, making it no longer a symbol but an opportunity for a relationship as he knows his sheep by name.

Living in community always comes with difficulties but being known and cared for also offers security. We measure so much in society by output and targets; how does our value system change if we measure instead by relationships?

This week we explore 'good shepherd' as a model for community.

Lectionary Bible readings for RCL RCL Easter 4 Year B Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16-24; **John 10.11-18**

Collect We say together

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Limassol Parish Annual Meeting, to be held in the church today after the service

Remembering in Prayer:

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

Stephen, Charles Devadawson, Elizabeth T, Anna Georgiades, Margaret Josephides, Joan Gilbert, Margaret, James Culley, Dolly May, Ann Constantanides, Rachael Lauren, Chantal, Matthew, Baby Archie, Grace, Ian Broughton, Yvonne, Millie Bell, Daphne Papacharalambous,

Shirley Koukoularides, Natalie's sister in law, George, Lynda Moore,

Jason Hughes, Karen Sutherland, Judith Mowbray, Maeve Prenton, Rita & Doug Overton, Nataliya Doble, Diane, Marcia,

Andy & Laura Fitzgerald, Marion Redfern

Please pray for Rita Overton, Doug passed away on Monday 19th April, may he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Please update **Christine Taylor** re prayer list.

Both for additions and those who wish names to be removed

Visit or Phone Call - Many friends who are ill or housebound at the moment would love to hear from anyone for a chat or, if possible, a visit For details please have a word with Nora Ananiades.

We are still collecting tinned and dried foods for those in need. At the moment we have members of our congregation who benefit from these donations.

The **GREEN BUCKET** is still available each Sunday for loose change, every penny counts!

It is so good to see Lynda Moore back with us. On 2nd May she will open her sales table once more with a section of gifts and greeting cards,

HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. 10th June 1921 – 9th April 2021

A Book of Condolences is available, if you wish you may email your condolences to either Father Ian or Christine Taylor and they will be added to the book.

CELEBRATION We hope to have a double celebration on Sunday 13th June. It will be our opportunity to formally welcome Father Ian and Carol, which we were unable to do after his licensing service, also we can celebrate

St Barnabas Da y. More details in the coming weeks,

Please wear a face mask at all times when in church during the service and outside in the grounds

Regular Church meetings

Tuesday Prayer Group meet in church 9.30am Wednesday Communion 9.00am

Wednesday Craft group in school room 10.00am-12 noon

Weekly Zoom Meetings

You are invited to join Fr Ian for the followings activities: Sunday Morning Worship 10.00am

Friday Afternoon Coffee 3.00pm

Table Top Sales - We hope to have our first sale of the year on *Saturday 5th June*, Safeguarding protocols must be adhered to and volunteers are needed to help the event go smoothly. If you can help on the day please talk to Nora Ananiades, *there will be lots to do.*

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