



St Barnabas' Anglican Church

5th December 2021 10.00 am

Advent 2

Rev Ian Nicholson

Sacristan/Chalice Chris
Sides persons Demitris & Allison
Readings: John R Malachi 3 v.1-4
Canticle Benedictus
Ruth 1 Philipians v 3-11
Gospel:
Intercessions: Bob
Hymns 527, 406, 88, 286

5-11 December 2021

The great leveller

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist hears God's word and begins a ministry, baptising people as a sign of repentance and telling those he meets that Jesus will be for all people. His work echoes the prophecy in Isaiah, that there will be a voice crying out to prepare the way of the Lord. Isaiah shows that Jesus' message is one of equality - not just for the rich and powerful and not just for the Jews.

Signs are important to us. They can tell us how to behave, where to go- and where not to go! A sign might tell us that the road ahead is bumpy, but probably not that it is smooth! But this week, we are going to see how Jesus is a sign for everyone. That, regardless of who we are and what we do, we are all equal in the sight of God. This week we explore John as a sign that Jesus is for all.

Lectionary Bible readings for RCL Advent. 2 Year C

Malachi 3 v.1-4. **Canticle** Benedictus **1 Philipians** v 3-11

Luke 3 v 1-6

Collect *We say together*

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty saviour, born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *from the hands of all who hate us.
**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *by the forgiveness of their sins.
**In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
**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*

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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. As usual we shall be collecting shoe boxes filled with useful and festive items for the crew members at sea over Christmas. Please cover the boxes with Christmas paper and hand them to Fr Ian or Christine by next **Sunday, 12th December.** Thank you

St Lazarus Church will meet 2nd 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 special service will be held at St Lazarus' 6.00pm on Christmas Eve. All welcome

"History Uncovered" Archaeological Exhibition of Palodia. Opening Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 9.00–1.30pm & 3.30–7.00pm.
See poster in church hall.

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

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 11 pm	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*

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

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