St Barnabas' Anglican Church Parish of Limassol

7th Sunday of Easter

Father Ian Nicholson Preacher Andy Bowerman



Sacristan Lynda

Sides persons Isobel & Augustine

Readings: Bob Acts 1 v15-17 and v21 to end

Psalm 1

Peter 1 John 5 v9–13 **Gospel**: **John 17** v6–19

Intercessions: Peter

Hymns 12, 202, 752, 756

16 - 22 May 2021 The potential of prayer

John 17.6-19

Before his arrest, Jesus prays for his friends that they may be one as he is one with the Father. He asks that they may be protected in the uncertain times they face and made holy – i.e. set apart from the world's unbelief – by the truth about who Jesus is.

The way in which Jesus prays helps us to understand the breadth and potential of prayer – not a formula of words, but an ongoing conversation and relationship with God/Jesus that helps to inform and shape everything that we are and everything that we do.

This week we explore Jesus' prayer for his friends in uncertain times.

Lectionary Bible readings for RCL Easter 7 Year B Acts 1.15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13; **John 17.6-19**

Collect We say together

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remembering in Prayer:

All those known to us who are ill or recovering including:
Stephen, Charles Devadawson, Elizabeth T, Anna Georgiades, Joan Gilbert,
Margaret Josephides, Margaret, James Culley, Ann Constantanides,
Rachael Lauren, Chantal, Matthew, Baby Archie, Grace, Ian Broughton, Millie
Bell, Daphne Papacharalambous, Shirley Koukoularides, George,
Natalie's sister in law, Lynda Moore, Karen Sutherland, Yvonne,
Judith Mowbray, Maeve Prenton, Diane, Marcia, Andy & Laura Fitzgerald,

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 would love to hear from anyone for a chat or, if possible, a visit For details, please have a word with Nora Ananiades.

Sales Table open in Church Hall on 23rd May for gifts and greeting cards,

Table Top Sales - We hope to have our first sale of the year on **Saturday 5th June**, volunteers are needed to help the event go smoothly.

Food donations and distribution - Please see Edna Gregory

Christine Taylor is away until end of May but please continue to send items for inclusion in news sheet

A big thank you to Georgia from the Diocesan office for translating the government regulations for us each time they are amended. Please note that it is up to each of to carry the correct documentation at all times to show that we are either vaccinated, had a rapid test or have had Covid 19. **This is to help keep us all safe.**

Andy Bowerman -Mission to Seafarers. Regional Director, Middle East & South Asia

We are pleased to have Andy and his wife Ali in church with us today and promise them both a warm welcome.

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

Church Wardens	Chris Clapham	99402062
	Stanley Hooper	25221956
	Edna Gregory	99383748
Bookings	Christin Givhan	99634958
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Thursday is rest day for Father Ian, please respect his private time and only contact in an emergency.

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

Mouth and nose must be covered at all times.