

# St. Barnabas' Church Limassol



**Mazi Mas**  
**November 2024**

**"Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace, Turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**

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## A message from Christine Taylor

November and December are very busy times in our church calendar. As well as our services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance we also celebrate All Souls Day and Christ the King. On the 30th of November it is our annual bazaar which will you read about in this edition of the magazine it is not too late to offer your help or to put the date in your diary to come along and support us

We start our advent course on the 3rd of December which takes us up to Christmas - the different services are listed on page 6 in this magazine.

Sadly we have lost friends over the last few months and many of our congregation have been ill or have been hospitalised. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them.

We are still collecting cans for kids; spectacles, which are reconditioned and sent to countries where they are desperately needed; shoe boxes full of gifts for the seafarers who work on the ships; and we always have a food stock of donated items for those locally who are in need

Our Archdeacon and his wife retired at the end of September, Father Ian and Carol came back for a visit and many other friends have popped in to see us from time to time over the summer.

I hope you find something interesting in this magazine and perhaps you may recognise someone you know in a photograph or read about a friend.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year

Please send me any comments, articles or photographs for our next edition which should be out in February. [chrislen@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:chrislen@cytanet.com.cy)

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**November:**

03/11/24 – All Saints Day 10.00am

03/11/24 All Souls Day 6.00pm

(which will be a gentle service in which we remember those we love who have died).

10/11/2024 – Remembrance Sunday (Bishop Michael Lewis)

17/11/2024 – Thanksgiving Service

24/11/2024 – Christ the King

**December:**

**Advent Bible Study begins on 3/12/24**

**The symbols of Christ's Birth that point us to His death**

01/12/24 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

08/12/2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

15/12/2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Carol Service – 6pm)

22/12/2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

24/12/2024 – Midnight Mass – 11pm

25/12/2024 – Christmas Morning – 10am

29/12/2024 – 10am Service

## Services & Regular Meetings

<b>November</b>	<b>St. Barnabas'</b> Every Sunday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Prayer meeting every Tuesday 9.30am Communion every Wednesday 9.30 am.
<b>December</b>	<b>St. Barnabas'</b> Every Sunday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Prayer meeting every Tuesday 9.30am Communion every Wednesday 9.30 am.
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<b>February</b>	<b>St. Barnabas'</b> Every Sunday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Prayer meeting every Tuesday 9.30am Communion every Wednesday 9.30 am.

Sunday Morning Worship **Available on YouTube** 10.00am  
 Friday Afternoon Coffee **via Zoom** 3.00pm

**St Lazarus Church, Pissouri** No services until further notice

### Church Wardens

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**Limassol Chaplaincy / Parish**  
**Application to be on the Electoral Roll**

If your name is on the electoral roll of the Limassol Chaplaincy, you can vote at Chaplaincy meetings and be eligible to serve on the Chaplaincy Council.

The constitution states that those who apply to have their names entered on the roll shall have been baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, be at least 17 years of age, live, or declare that they intend to live, in Cyprus for at least a third of the year, worship in a church in the chaplaincy regularly throughout the year while resident in Cyprus, or have done until becoming incapable of doing so by reason of advanced years or infirmity, and support the church as they are able.

Regular worshippers who do not conform to the above definition or who choose not to apply for their names to be entered on the electoral roll are valued friends of the chaplaincy and are part of the chaplaincy community but do not have the right to vote on chaplaincy business.

Application for names to be entered on the electoral roll shall be made in writing to the people's warden. Such applications shall subsequently be considered for approval by the Chaplaincy Council.

\*Note : Chaplaincies may be known as Parishes, Chaplains known as Priests.

Full Name : .....Title Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Rev etc)

Address in Cyprus

.....

Telephone number.....mobile number.....email:.....

Please tick if you consent to being contacted by any of these methods .....

I hereby declare that I am a Christian, baptised in the following church name and location(if

known).....denomination:.....

I am a regular worshipper at Saint Barnabas' Anglican church and/or Saint Lazarus' Church when I am in Cyprus, and intend to support the chaplaincy consistently.

My primary place of residence is .....

I am 17 years of age or over (please tick) .....

I apply to be on the electoral roll of the Limassol Chaplaincy

**Signed** .....



Once you are on the Electoral Roll you can put your name forward to go on the Church Council and may also wish to take on a more responsible role such as Church Warden, Secretary, Treasurer or do sides duty (although you do not have to be on the Council to be a sides person).

The following information will help you decide if you would like to take on some other responsibilities.

## CHURCH WARDENS

Church wardens are officers of the Bishop and are answerable to him. They are also foremost in representing the laity and senior partners with the incumbent in the work of the parish. They make annual declarations to the Bishop or his appointed officer each year usually at the visitation service ( or in our case this can be delegated to a parish occasion of public worship at an earlier date nearer to an AGM.)

In their declaration they confirm that they are communicant members of the church over 18 years of age and intend to be diligent in their duties. These are the main qualifications for office. It is not wise to appoint to roles that involve handling money people with convictions for money related offences. It is good practise according to our policy for the protection of vulnerable people to voluntarily opt for a CRB or similar check as appropriate. Anyone with a conviction for an offence which might put vulnerable people at risk should not be considered for appointment. An informal inquiry in this regard can avoid embarrassment at a later stage,

Wardens are appointed or elected annually. The maximum number of consecutive years for which a person may accept nomination, or appointment varies but a generally accepted maximum is 6 years. In some places, three years is the norm. A longer period may bring stability but a shorter one shares out the load more equitably and gives greater emphasis to progression planning. A situation to be avoided is one in which a senior and respected figure holds office for so long that anyone else is afraid to take on the role for fear of unfavourable comparison. There are usually two wardens in each parish. Historically it was often the case that one was elected by the annual meeting, the **People's Warden**, and one was appointed by the priest, the **Chaplain's Warden**. Some parts of the Anglican Communion have moved to a system of election for both wardens. A case can be made for both practises but however they are appointed or elected

**they are equal partners in their office**, and not individually especially answerable to the priest or the congregation. As members of the council they accept the collective responsibility of that body towards the congregation

Wardens are responsible for the infrastructure of the church that is with all that makes church possible and provides a proper context for the priest to work and the congregation to worship,

In practise this means that the wardens are responsible stewards of the church fabric and all the property of the church, they are responsible for keeping inventories and terriers they are responsible also for the organisation of sides people and generally for the ministry of welcome

In the absence of an elected treasurer a warden is expected to take on that role wardens will be signatories to the church accounts and ex officio members of the Church Council in the occasional and unexpected absence of a licenced minister a church warden may read prayers and lead worship, on special occasions it will be the wardens who are primarily involved with the priest in their organisation. If an interregnum occurs in a parish the wardens have a special responsibility to liaise with the Archdeacon or their nominee regarding both day-to-day matters that need decisions and with all arrangements for seeking, appointing and settling a new priest.

Wardens are expected to cooperate with their priest and council in all that furthers the Christian faith and the mission of the church in the parish. They have a duty of care towards their priest.

They should be a first port of call for a priest to exacts experiencing practical problems Wardens are responsible for keeping order in church, what this might mean is that the wardens can have a mediating role in disputes and have a Direct Line of communication with the Bishop or Archdeacon if they have problems in the exercise of these or other duties. In this way wardens are one bridge between the diocese and the parish they should ensure that communication is a two-way process

Wardens should set an example of diligence faithfulness and probity. They will make an annual report to the AGM and may be required to report to diocesan authorities on particular matters from time to time.

To be a church warden is an honour and great responsibility and should be regarded as such by both clergy and lay people alike.

## Sides Person Duties

Sides Persons are there to welcome and enable people to worship. They have the task of welcoming God's people to God's house. This involves most attention to those least familiar with what happens. Think what it is like going to a church you do not know. The quality of welcome from the sides person will be the most important element in how welcome you feel.

- The smile, the right book, news sheet and ease of finding a suitable place will make more difference than the style of worship to most of us.
- Somewhere to sit that helps you feel part of things, but not on show is ideal. The back row is not ideal; the front row is highly embarrassing.
- Visitors may have questions to ask. If you don't know the answer, offer to try and find out.
- Sometimes you might ask a "regular" to look after visitors near to them.
- Afterwards, do they know where to come for coffee? Are they shy and wanting someone to take them rather than point the way?
- If we mistake for a newcomer x and y who have been attending for 25 years, it is ok. If x and y fail to recognise that, what have they been doing for those 25 years!
- Be familiar with what materials we have in other languages and who reads these languages- Mandarin Chinese and Sinhala.

## Practical Guidelines

In cooperation with the **Minister** and **Sacristan** please ensure that before the service starts-

- 1) Lights are on
- 2) Air Conditioning is on ( if needed)
- 3) Fans are on (if needed)
- 4) Seating is clear of all except Bibles and Hymn books
- 5) Collection baskets are in position at Chancel Step.
- 6) Service books with current news sheet are ready at church doors.

### **NB: After the service**

Ensure all the lights, fans and a/c units are turned off and the church doors are closed.

( If you don't know how and where please ask Wardens or Council members)



**GRAND DRAW** with many exciting prizes  
including **€300** cash.

Tickets available throughout November

Draw will take place at our Bazaar on

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN  
CHURCH LIMASSOL, CYPRUS

CHRISTENINGS  
BABY  
CHILDREN  
TEENAGERS  
ADULTS



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*May our children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim your word.*

If you are baker and would like to bake a cake, make some biscuits, cook loaf of bread or some other delicious home made product for our bazaar. Please have a word with Linda Rich, she will be pleased to hear from you.

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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Leafing through an old file which contained records of Christmas Past, I came across an item headed "The St Barnabas Annual Bazaar 2007". It was a detailed statement of the takings for that event which took place on the last Saturday in November and was the Christmas Bazaar for that year. It was a surprise to see that the net income in 2007 was 5100, and even more of a surprise

when I realised it was not 5100 Euros but Cyprus Pounds! Cyprus changed to the Euro on 1st January 2008. Probably not many of us remember (or ever knew) that the exchange rate, fixed for all time and not too favourable, was 0.585274 Cyprus Pounds to the Euro. If you do the conversion, it comes to something over 8,700 Euros, without allowing for inflation.

That may well have been the highest figure of all the Christmas Bazaars over the years. Since then, the total has inevitably been much less. The financial crash had a big effect on people's pockets, but fortunately the church has found other ways of raising money. Anyway, we don't run the Christmas Bazaar just to raise funds for our self-financing church. As the leaflet for this year reminds us, the day is going to be a fun-filled day, full of friendship and fellowship. As well as fundraising. "Apt alliteration's artful aid".

And so to Christmas Present. Quite a lot has been going on, largely behind the scenes: entertainment and refreshments are booked and being planned, all the stalls have at least one name attached to them (more names, please), extra tables and a new banner have been ordered, prizes are trickling in. Ten of us spent three hours on a Saturday morning in October clearing and cleaning the garage, making it ready to receive Secret Santa gifts for children, bottles, jewellery, plants, good quality clothes and all kinds of saleable items which people can spare or no longer need.

Charles

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am-1.00pm

We invite you to come along and join in the fun

**Lots of stalls:** Crafts, plants, home produce, cakes, books,  
CD's and DVD'S,  
Christmas decorations, bags, scarves, jewellery,  
bric-a-brac, kitchen items, etc.

**Refreshments:** Pancakes, tea and cakes, and more

**Limassol Coeur de Lion Lions Club** will be cooking their famous  
sausage, bacon and egg baps.

**Entertainment** by Cyprus Police Band, Silverline School and The Fun  
Band.

All of this plus much more

We also have various activities where you may win a prize including

**GRAND DRAW** with many exciting prizes  
including **€300** cash.

Do come along and join in the fun

For more information contact Charles Dodd - [charlesdodd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlesdodd@yahoo.co.uk)

Info also on our website, Facebook page and in the weekly news sheet.

[www.stbarnabas-cyprus.com](http://www.stbarnabas-cyprus.com)

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## WEDDING IN CYPRUS?

**Church**

**Beach**

**Hotel**

**Mountains**

Would you like a Church Wedding or to Renew your vows  
or have your beautiful location Wedding Presided over or  
even just a blessing?



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*God of loving devotion, may this couple be filled with love for each other that reflects your love for them. Your love always trusts, may they always trust each other. Your love always hopes, may they always be filled with the hope that is found in you. Your love always perseveres, may their love for each other endure through the difficulties of life. Your love never fails, may their love remain strong until the end. Fill them with your love, that they may love each other in the same way. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*



## Table Top Sales



- Are you are struggling to make ends meet?
- Do you have unwanted items cluttering up your home?
- Are you raising funds for a charity or community group?

If your answer is 'Yes,' St Barnabas will be having a Tabletop Sale on Saturday 2 November. This is a great opportunity for you to make some extra cash.

Cost is €12.50 for a pitch the length of one long table. A limited number of tables are available for hire at an additional cost of €5 per table. These have to be pre-booked. Chairs are not provided.

Remember you are helping the environment by recycling things rather than consigning them to a landfill site.

Buyers you can pick up bargains. Previous items for sale have included art, baby items, books, bric-a-brac, DVDs, household goods, jewellery, small collectible antiques, good quality new and second-hand clothing, handmade

crafts, pre-loved treasures, toys, yummy home baking and much more besides.

This is always a great day out for the family so come and join us. Free car parking in various locations around the church grounds.

Hot and Cold Refreshments, Bacon/Egg/Haloumi Bread Rolls and Homemade Cakes will be on sale in the church hall where you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Text Nora 99356451 or email [nora.ananiades@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:nora.ananiades@cytanet.com.cy) if you would like to reserve a pitch.

Future Tabletop Sales: 7 December

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Saturday  
30th November  
10.00am-1.00pm  
Christmas Bazaar

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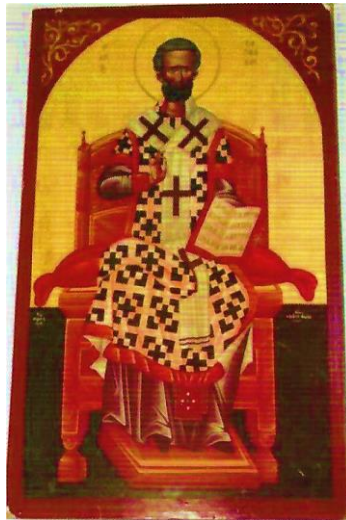
Please be vigilant when on church premises. Check that lights and air conditioning units are turned off, lock doors, close gates.

If you see something that is broken, please report it to a Council member.

We are all responsible for our church and surrounding area, let's look after it.

## BARNABAS, THE SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT

St Barnabas was born in Cyprus, probably at Salamis, in the first century AD. He was a Hellenic Jew, originally called Joseph. He sold his land and gave money to the apostles in Jerusalem. They named him Barnabas. With Paul and Mark (who may have been his cousin) he travelled across Cyprus as far as Paphos on the first of his two missionary journeys in the island; the second journey was only with Mark. This is almost all we know about him from the Bible (Acts 14 and 15). There is also the tradition that he was martyred at Salamis in or about 61 AD, tortured and stoned to death. Mark buried the body secretly a few miles west of the town.



Icon of St Barnabas on the wall near the altar.

## ANGLICANS COME TO CYPRUS

In 1878, under the terms of the Congress of Berlin, the administration of Cyprus was ceded to Great Britain after over three centuries of Ottoman rule. In the same year the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote to the head of the Orthodox Church in Cyprus asking for his agreement to establish a ministry for “our fellow countrymen in the island of Cyprus”. Eight years later, the Bishop of Gibraltar, the Rt Revd Charles Sandford consecrated the Church of St Paul in Nicosia. The first Anglican Church building in Limassol was in a row of cottages. A pointed window in the centre of the row identified its purpose. Then, in 1912, the

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts purchased the site on which St Barnabas' Church stands today. The original site was a field costing just over 41 Cyprus pounds (several thousand euros in today's prices). The builder worked to a specification of 250 Cyprus pounds and the plan to "afford room for 70 people when the church is quite full". [see the plan of the church, with subsequent extensions, on page.



### **St BARNABAS' CHURCH**

The first service was held in the church on 12 September 1915, the Revd Canon Frank Newham presiding, with 14 communicants at 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

In 1921 the congregation decided to plant trees around the church, and in 1925 a porch was built to the north side of the church and a door was fitted to the west wall.

Over the years the trees grew very high and have been

pruned back; the congregation also increased, sometimes to more than double the maximum originally expected. During the 1990s the nave was extended, and the opportunity occurred to replace the single west door with wide double-doors, and the whole of the roof (which had always leaked) was replaced. The extension to the nave was dedicated by the Rt Revd Clive Handford on 15 June 2003.

Less than ten years later, it was recognized that several regular attenders lived at some distance from Limassol, and so a "daughter church" of St Lazarus was "planted" in Pissouri (dedicated by the Rt Revd Michael Lewis on 12 May 2013). In addition, with fluctuating but generally rising membership, a further extension was built to St Barnabas' widening the church by building on the south side from the short transept as far as the east end of the 2003 extension. Bishop Michael Lewis dedicated this second major extension on 2 March 2014.

## DIOCESE

Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf Who are we? A brief guide The clergy and lay people of our diocese are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion—supported in prayer and in practice by its traditions and international standing. The Most Reverend Dr Hosam Naoum, from Palestine, is Archbishop of our Province—Jerusalem and the Middle East (centre) Jenny and the Right Reverend Sean Semple are from South Africa; Sean is Bishop of our diocese—Cyprus and the Gulf, the Right Reverend Anthony Poggo, from South Sudan, is head of the Anglican Communion Office—the heart of the global Anglican family Our shepherds in Christ The Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf was formed in 1976, with churches in nine countries of the Middle East region. We are one of three dioceses that make up the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East . The Bishop of our diocese is the Right Reverend Sean Semple. Our Archbishop—the head of the Province—is the Most Reverend Dr Hosam Naoum, who leads the Diocese of Jerusalem. Our third sister diocese—Iran—does not at the moment have a bishop. Our diocese is a rich mix of cultures brought together in Christ to worship in the tradition of the global Anglican Communion. We are proud to have congregations worshipping in English, Tamil, Igbo, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, Mandarin and more. Visit our website [www.cypgulf.org](http://www.cypgulf.org) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCyprusAndTheGulf](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCyprusAndTheGulf) to find out more about our Diocesan family How does our diocese work? House of Bishop/s House of Clergy House of Laity “The diocese is like a three-legged stool: the bishop, priests and laity are partners and fellow-workers for Christ. Each has their place and particular ministry; and each depends absolutely on the other”

Synod is the seat of democracy in our diocese, bringing together members of the three Houses of the diocese once a year, to share news of life and worship in our churches, and to discuss the priorities, programmes and budget for the year ahead. There is often also a second Synod meeting by Zoom. Synod is a truly special period of togetherness in Christ—singing, praying, eating, laughing together—and sometimes, of course, disagreeing. But even in disagreement, Synod is a celebration of the gifts each brings to the diocese, as people of faith living by God’s word, guided by the light of Jesus in churches across the region. Make sure your name is on the church roll. You can then attend council annual general meetings, take part in parish elections—and may be selected to represent your parish at Synod Each parish pays to send two lay representatives

to Synod. This is the House of Laity. Members hold their post for one year, representing their parish at Synod, and in online House meetings and WhatsApp discussion groups. Let your council know if you are interested in being a lay representative for your parish. The House of Laity is represented on the many committees set up to examine important issues affecting the diocese. Members who want to be part of a committee stand for election in the House. There are also elections for co-chairs, from the Gulf and from Cyprus—and to approve the candidate for bishop when the post is vacant. Episcopally led, synodically governed The Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf functions according to the natural system of checks and balances that is a defining feature of Anglican practice: episcopally led but synodically governed, according to the terms of our constitution—itself a living document, subject to debate, committee scrutiny and amendment, in response to the needs of changing times. Led by our spiritual shepherds—our bishop and, at the heart of our parishes, our clergy—we are prayerfully dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming space for all who seek it. True to global Anglican tradition, our diocese strives to support and encourage people of faith, and to model for all the life of Christ in our work and in our worship. Every parish of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf has designated trained Safeguarding Officers, with clear reporting standards and procedures. The congregations of our diocese draw strength from their unity in Christ, led by clergy committed to worship in the global Anglican tradition, enriched by the gifts and energy of the laity. That tradition includes an understanding of how important it is for every part of a congregation—clergy and lay—to know that they are valued and respected in their work and prayer for the life of the church.

Learn more:

[www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCyprusAndTheGulf](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCyprusAndTheGulf) to keep up to date with events in the diocese, and explore our website [www.cypgulf.org](http://www.cypgulf.org).

Did you know the diocese offers a Retreats ministry, an online prayer diary and spiritual resources? Celebrating our church



# Photographs

Mike Syme  
Jenny Dodd  
Andrea Beatty  
Rev Deborah Moorgas  
Maria Evangeli  
Rita Overton



Maria Evangeli – Last day at St Barnabas Church as Ordinand in training



Samuel & Nerina receiving their accreditation certificates from Bishop Sean, after completing the Worship Leaders course.



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September friends greeting Father Ian before our Parish lunch.



Father Ian led us in Wednesday morning worship on 11<sup>th</sup> September during his visit to Limassol.



## Farewell to Archdeacon Christopher and Rev Anne Futcher



Presentation by Samuel and Russel to Archdeacon Christopher and Rev Anne Futcher on their retirement

## DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf has a rich history in Cyprus with diverse and faithful congregations. With 11 different parish churches around the island, the beautiful historic St. Paul's Cathedral, located in the vibrant capital of Nicosia is the hub of Anglican life in Cyprus. You can contact the Diocese by

**Email:** [info@cypgulf.org](mailto:info@cypgulf.org) **Telephone:** +357 2267 1220



**Bishop Sean Semple**

# Harvest Festival

We celebrated Harvest Festival on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Bishop Michael presided and preached and the church looked lovely. Brian decorated the area behind and above the altar, Christine did the fruit and food display and Jane & Andrea did the pedestal.



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## Social Outreach

Bishop Sean is pleased to announce the appointment of Stella Lail Perrin as Community Outreach Coordinator in Cyprus with effect from 1 October 2024. Introducing herself, Stella writes: Greetings in the name of Christ! My name is Stella Lail Perrin and I am humbled to be serving in the role of Community Outreach Coordinator, Cyprus (formerly Social Concerns Officer, a role previously held by the Revd Anne Fletcher.



I am originally from the US but have been living and working in Larnaca, Cyprus for a year working as a mental health educator for All4Aid (formerly Oasis). My education includes a Master of Divinity and a Master's in Counselling, having served as an Associate Pastor and School Counsellor in the past. I will be working with Bishop Sean to coordinate efforts with other humanitarian organizations in Cyprus to be prepared for an influx of asylum seekers from the escalating conflict in the region, should an influx occur. I also want to dialogue with parish leaders to help churches be prepared to respond in a way that honours Christ and our call to love our neighbours.

A few practical things you can do to begin preparing yourself and your congregation for a sudden rise in asylum seekers includes: 1. Prayer - use the intercessions during Sunday services to prayer for those who are in danger and for those who may have to flee, and encourage parishioners to pray daily for refugees. Pray for open hearts to receive asylum seekers and to meet them where they are. I will soon be sending out a prayer guide if you would like to use it or distribute it among congregants. It's easier to love and serve those for whom we have prayed. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Mark 6:34 2. Assess your strengths and your assets-What is it that your church might have to offer? Time to volunteer? Space for persons or organizations to use? What skills might your congregants have to offer that could be needed (Including simple language teaching, making hats/scarves/blankets) Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13 (continues next page) Visit the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf at [www.cypgulf.org](http://www.cypgulf.org) and [www.youtube.com/@cyprusandthegulf](http://www.youtube.com/@cyprusandthegulf)

To share news from your parish, please contact [helen.perry@cypgulf.org](mailto:helen.perry@cypgulf.org) 3. Become familiar with resources in your area. What nonprofits or humanitarian aid organizations are in your area? What services do they offer? Have you introduced yourself to them? How could your congregation offer support to them? We are stronger more effective when we work together. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12 For such a time as this we have been called to this little island of Cyprus to be the hands and feet of Christ. May Christ find his faithful! Grace and peace! Stella Lail Perrin

## Retreats Ministry

### “Come with me, by yourselves, to a quiet place and get some rest”

The aim of the Retreats Ministry is to equip and resource Christians living in an increasingly busy world, by providing them with quiet and restful places, where they can take time out to listen to God. This is offered to individuals, churches of any denomination, and organisations, both at the Katafiyio Retreat on Cyprus and in other locations around the Diocese and Province. We can offer:

- Retreat space (*see below*) – a place to rest and pray.
- Day or Half Day Retreats – with group input and times for individual reflection.
- Retreats in Daily Life – an opportunity for a small group, over 4-5 days, to have individually guided retreats whilst carrying on with their regular activities.
- Spiritual Accompaniment (Spiritual Direction) – for individuals wishing someone to come alongside them in their Christian faith, meeting every 6-8 weeks.
- Seminars & Workshops on Spirituality
- Prayer Resources
- Church Service Input

Please get in touch with us – we look forward to serving you.

**General Coordinator & Katafiyio Bookings: Sarel du Plessis**

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If anyone wants to speak confidentially about your life-in-God please feel free to contact one of the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf’s, Spiritual Directors Group:

Rev Roy Shaw, UK based for Cyprus - [revroyshaw@protonmail.com](mailto:revroyshaw@protonmail.com)

## The Association of Friends of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

The Friends exist to support the work of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Membership is available to anyone who wishes to support and keep in touch with the work of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, as well as maintain contact with others who have lived and served within the Diocese. Membership of the Friends runs from July to July. Subscriptions are currently £22 for a couple and £15 for individual membership. To become a member or find out more information, visit the diocese website [www.cypgulf.org](http://www.cypgulf.org)

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## Sadly Departed

### **R.I.P. John Beatty 6/11/47 – 10/7/24**

John died peacefully after a long physical and mental deterioration and, as he wished, there was a simple committal in the British Cemetery in Erimi on Wednesday 17th July at 10am for Andrea and friends to say goodbye.”

**May he rest in peace.**

## **R.I.P. Diana Di Blasi 10/07/54 - 20/9/2024**

Diana came from a close-knit family and had seven siblings. She lived an amazing life in her younger years as a model, dancer and silver service waitress. She lived and worked in London, Italy and Japan before moving to Cyprus where she became a carer to several people, the first being Elizabeth Bailey whom some of you may remember. Diana was always impeccably dressed and usually sported a silk flower on her lapel and sometimes on one of her broad brimmed hats.

During her graveside funeral service at Erimi, mourners were invited to speak about Diana. All remembered her for her kindness and generosity most especially during the Christmas season.

“Diana was caring, thoughtful and kind. She gave her time, love and help to those who needed it. She loved animals and people.

We should remember this lovely soul as she was. Living life to the full. Laughing. This stylish, beautiful soul will be so sadly missed.

Rest in peace Diana. I will always love and remember you. Vicki.

“Diana, a very caring lady who looked after others but not herself so much. Would do or give you anything she thought you needed. She had a great sense of humour which showed through her caring. Laughter. Better than tears. May she rest in peace in a better place than here. Margeret”

**May she rest in peace.**

## **R.I.P. Lewis Moore**

Lewis, husband of our dear friend Lynda Moore, sadly passed away on Friday 11th October. He had been very ill since they moved back to live in the UK, his health deteriorated in his last week and he was in hospital receiving palliative care.

**May he rest in peace.**

## **R.I.P. Steven Michael Cawood**

A message from Steve's wife:

On behalf of myself and all the family of Steven Michael Cawood, I want to thank everyone for their overwhelming outpouring of affection and deepest love for that amazing man we all know as - Husband, Son, Brother, Dad, StepDad, Father in Law, Brother in Law, Granddad, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Great Uncle, Steve, Steven, friend, mate, neighbour or colleague.

We are all still in shock and utter sadness as we begin to grieve - the volume of messages of condolence and support have completely floored us and we know we are not alone in our loss and heartbreak.

Thank you each and everyone for keeping us all close in your hearts and minds.

I'm sorry for not personally responding to you all. Please know that your sincerity continues to hold us up and helps us to face each new day and experience without him in this world.

Steven is already well into his next adventures - he was transported to Greece for cremation at Ritsona Crematorium near Athens. His ashes should be returned to me here in Limassol around 19 August.

There were two Thanksgiving/Memorial Services, just as Steven requested, one was held in Cyprus and one in Yorkshire, in the U.K

I want to thank the Medical team at the Mediterranean Hospital of Cyprus in Limassol - namely Wards 3, ICU/ CCU and, especially, Dr Adam Petsanas and Dr Gounaris - the Neurosurgeons who cared for Steven far, far above and beyond.

**May he rest in peace.**

[Psalm 23:4](#): *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*



## Spectacles for Lions



Thank you for your donations of spectacles, lenses etc. we were able to hand over two large bags full to the Limassol Coeur de Lions in October. These will be sent to France for repair and reconditioning before being distributed to parts of Africa where there is a great need.

We shall continue to collect and a large yellow box is on the table at the rear of the church where you can put any unwanted spectacles, sunglasses, lenses or cases.

Any further information please speak to Christine Taylor or Brian Goodburn and they will be happy to help

*Jesus, the Great Physician, you are my healer and the giver of life. You are the same God today, yesterday and forever. I believe that you can restore my eyesight the same way you healed blind people in the Bible. Lord, I know that it is not your wish for me to go blind; this is the plan of the enemy. Please restore my eyesight that I may be able to see clearly. May my vision get better each waking moment. In Jesus' name, I believe and pray, Amen.*

## Cans for Kids

We have a cage at the front of the church, by the kitchen, where you can deposit your empty aluminium cans. These are collected and sent away for recycling and the money raised goes towards helping children in need.



## Wednesday morning craft group



**Sheila Day and Anita Stringfellow**

After 13 years leading craft group it was time for a change and Anita reluctantly agreed to swap jobs, so she has taken on the job as group leader and Sheila is now assisting her.



The group meet every Wednesday from 10.00am until 12 noon in the school room. Come along for a couple of hours of crafts and friendship, conversation and cake, fun and laughter. For more information have a word with Anita Stringfellow.

**Blankets made by the group and donated to AGAPI**



## Wednesday Morning Communion

The service is held midweek and serves a small, but regular congregation. Do come along and join us at 9.30am, the service lasts for approximately 30 minutes.

## Tuesday Prayer Group

This group meet in St Barnabas Church at 9.30am each Tuesday for prayers followed by fellowship in the school room. A different member leads the prayers each week and everyone is welcome. Meeting lasts approximately 15 minutes.

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## Sunday refreshments

Each week after the Sunday service we gather together with our friends in the church hall to enjoy refreshments and catch up with one another.

If you would like to be part of the team that provides refreshments or serves them on the day please let Constantina know so that we can put you on the rota.

Constantina is always there early with her husband, Sylvester, to get everything ready and always with a smile and friendly greeting.

This is a time of fellowship and friendship and an opportunity to see what is going on in the church calendar



It was the end of **August**, the temperature was about **34oC**, Constantina was serving refreshments wearing a **Christmas** apron, on the tray she was serving **Hot Cross Buns**.

Crazy days of summer

## Birthday Sunday

We have had some lovely 'Birthday Sundays', each month we are able to share the celebrations with one another.

It doesn't matter what day of the month your birthday falls on we will share it together on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

If you want to join in with the celebrations, let Christine Taylor or Brian Goodburn know what date your birthday is.

In the church hall after the service we will gather together to sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY and share cake.

## Outreach

As an important part of the local community, we set aside part of our budget to donate to charities both in Cyprus and overseas. The charities are nominated by members of the congregation and reviewed by an outreach committee before being submitted to the PCC for authorisation.



As a church community, we regularly tithe to local and international charities nominated by members of our churches. Each nominated charity is discussed and the donations agreed at Council meetings.

## Mission to Seafarers

**The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** is well under way. The box at the rear of the church will be there until mid November when we will fill the boxes, wrap them in festive paper and have Rev'd John bless them before he takes them away. There is still time to put something in the box or make a monetary donation. Please have a word with Christine, Brian or Rev'd John.

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## Joint project St Barnaba Church & AGAPI

In 2024 AGAPI Cyprus embarked on a joint project with St Barnabas



Church in Limassol. Donors through the Anglican Church provided funds and grocery vouchers for Plus Supermarket were purchased. These were distributed to over 120 beneficiary migrants/asylum seekers/refugees who have been experiencing particular hardship eg. homelessness, unemployment, ill

health, overcrowding, single parent, large families, etc.

In February 2024 the organisation Cyprus Center for Social Innovation (CSI) organised an event jointly with Agapi Cyprus (ACL) Ltd at the St. Barnabas Church premises, preparing international food and sharing a meal. Migrants and refugees from all countries were invited to attend to share in the preparation, cooking and eating the delicious dishes offered by professional Nepalese, African and Moroccan chefs. Cooking secrets were revealed. Sharing food is a binding experience everywhere

WHERE WE ARE Our **AGAPI CYPRUS** Migrant Charity Shop is located at 23A Andreas Drousioti 3040 Limassol on a corner with Zenonos Street. Tel: 99 774461 (mobile) CONTACT US Address: AGAPI CYPRUS (ACL) LTD P.O.Box 53308, Limassol 3302, Cyprus Email: [agapi.cyprus@gmail.com](mailto:agapi.cyprus@gmail.com) website: <https://agapi.org.cy> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AGAPI-Limassol-Cyprus-1037082223070252/> Dolores Savvides (CEO) Paraskevi Kyriakou (Company Sec.)

## VISION STATEMENT

### G O S P E L

*God our Father, send us Your Spirit as we,  
the Parish of Limassol, commit ourselves.  
to work together as one united family in Christ,  
living and sharing the GOSPEL.....*

**GLORIFY** God in prayer and worship

**OPEN** doors to all ages and backgrounds

**SHARE** faith by study, fun and friendship

**PROCLAIM** Good News by witness and outreach

**ENCOURAGE** the gifting & potential of all

**LOVE** others as Jesus loves us, in care and support

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

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