

Sunday

29 November

Advent 1

The Bishop Pray in thanksgiving for the life of our diocese in all its rich particularity

Kuwait St Paul's Anglican Church celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2008. The Anglican Church in Kuwait has three English, Urdu and Chinese congregations. There are three English worship services in a week and two of them are held at Ahmadi on Fridays and Sundays.

Monday

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Andrew the Apostle, Frumentius of Ethiopia Praise God for the Youth Centre, a new multipurpose building which is now open for worship, Children church, youth meeting and for any church related activities.

Tuesday

1 December

Thank God for the permission that is granted to visit the prisons on a regular basis to meet and pray with Christian prisoners.

Wednesday

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Pray that the new projects that has been signed in Kuwait may bring in people who may come to worship at St. Paul's.

Thursday

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Pray that the finance situation is improved and the church has the needed income to run all the ministries.

Friday

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John of Damascus Pray for the three language worship services (English, Mandarin and Urdu) of St. Paul's that these worship services are relevant and effective to cater to the needs of the people.

Saturday

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Sabbas of Palestine Heavenly Father, apart from you we can do nothing. Let your glory cover St. Paul's and let your ears open to all the prayers that come to you from this church day and night. May it be pleasing as a sweet incense before you. Help us to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Father let your grace always abide. In Jesus name we pray.

Sunday
6 December

Advent 2
Nicholas

Those being confirmed Pray for the Holy Spirit to be with all who walk the path of Christian faith

Limassol St Barnabas' Limassol meets in a beautifully simple church with small groups of children and young people. St Lazarus' Pissouri meets in a municipal hall. Some of us prosper and some struggle. Some live in couples; some in families; some alone. Many are far from home; others now see this as home. Maybe 70% are British with a dozen other nationalities often present.

Monday
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Thank God for the faithfulness of Jesus in his life, death and resurrection. Thank God for those who have managed to focus on him in the first hundred years of St Barnabas' church.

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Thank God for the beauty of the land and the sea, the buzz of the city and the peace of the country. Thank God for those who serve his Church through Table tops, Working party and other sales.

Wednesday
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Pray that we may be a people open to receive from God spiritually as well as seeking to give. May his Holy Spirit equip us daily.

Thursday
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Pray for protection from jealousy of one another's service to God. Pray that each may recognise God's unique call on their own life and to focus on that.

Friday
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For the overcoming of fears about the future and our learning to combine personal commitment with trust in God.

Saturday
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Lord, help us become a people eager to know the Father's plans. May we become a people devoted to honouring the name of Jesus in all that we do. May we learn how to welcome the guidance of your Spirit. So, may we be a people blessed in your purposes.

Sunday

13 December

Advent 3

Archdeacon of Cyprus Pray for the parishes of Cyprus and for justice and peace across the island

Abu Dhabi St Andrew's Church is a compound based in Abu Dhabi with a daughter congregation in Al Ain called St Thomas. We seek to provide Christians of all traditions a safe and legal environment to worship.

Monday

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We give thanks for our growing children's and youth ministry. We pray for the leaders: that they may be inspired to lead in such a way that encourages faith to develop and mature.

Tuesday

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In thankful praise for this season of advent, pray for our welcome and hospitality. Pray we may always be welcoming to the newcomer and stranger.

Wednesday

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Pray for the 'retreat in daily life' and 'spiritually guided quiet days' in late January that this will be a time of spiritual renewal in our Church. Pray that we may find invigorating ways of growing and inspiring people's spiritual journeys.

Thursday

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As we continue with the re-furbishment of our community centre: pray that the new facilities will enable growth and that as a Church body, we encourage and utilise all the different opportunities these new facilities will offer.

Friday

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We pray for Godly vision as we seek new and exciting ways to build again the ministry of the thrift shop. We pray for Godly wisdom as we respond to charitable needs that present themselves in our wider community.

Saturday

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God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, love to our hearts and determination to carry it out, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday

20 December

Advent 4

Archdeacon of the Gulf Pray for the nations of the Gulf archdeaconry and all who live in them, citizens and others

Al Ain St Thomas Church Al Ain is supported by St Andrew's, Abu Dhabi. We have no church building. We are a new international community, a gathered people in Christ, centred upon the Word and Sacraments. Our aim is to help people experience the joy of knowing Jesus.

Monday

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Praise God for the diverse Christian community meeting in the Sand Golf Club, and for the arrival of our new full time Chaplain, Christopher Mann

Tuesday

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Thank God for the warmth of welcome extended week by week to all comers. Pray that this may be a place where people can explore the Christian Faith.

Wednesday

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Pray for our growth in faith as we embark on the Pilgrim teaching and discipleship course, that we may live out our faith every day.

Thursday

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Christmas Eve Pray that we may rebuild the number of this community following the return home of a significant number of people last summer.

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Christmas Day Pray that God may challenge us to greater generosity of spirit in all things as we reflect on the amazing generosity of God towards us in Christ.

Saturday

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Stephen Eternal God and Father, in your Son you showed us that your love for us knows no bounds; fill us with such gratitude for all that you have done for us, that we may freely share the gift of your Son with the whole world.

Sunday

27 December

**John the
Evangelist**

Synod Pray for those who will soon attend diocesan synod and for wisdom and vision in all they plan and do

Nicosia We welcome all those who come through our doors -- as worshippers and pilgrims, as visitors and sightseers, in prayer and in communion -- whether local to Nicosia, visiting us from elsewhere in Cyprus or coming from overseas from anywhere in the whole world.

Monday

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We pray for all in need in Nicosia, especially those who are homeless or refugees and those forced here from other countries. We especially pray and give thanks for the work of Caritas and the Nicosia Mercy Centre.

Tuesday

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We pray for those in hospital in Nicosia, for the housebound; depressed, family worries and for the many who ask for our prayers daily

Wednesday

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We pray for the work of the Cathedral in receiving many visitors and worshippers from all over the world. We pray and give thanks for the mixed congregations at St Pauls - culturally, economically and socially.

Thursday

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We pray for St Paul's new projects to foster a new youth club; in faith development and in providing premises for all with the plans for a new disabled facility. That we may be a place of God's peace and love for all.

Friday

1 January

We give thanks for all those who work on the periphery of St Pauls. We also pray for the social committee, the PCC, Cathedral PA, ministers; Diocesan staff; the choir and all others who help with regular worship.

Saturday

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We pray for all the users of the Cathedral facilities. For the various churches, and for mums and toddlers; rainbows; brownies, guides; and various children's churches. For agencies helping with addictions; the Women's Fellowship; Slimming World and French classes. We give thanks to God that we can support so many.

Sunday
3 January

Christmas 2

Standing Committee Pray for synod's standing and finance committee and its stewardship of synod resolutions

Holy Trinity, Dubai Holy Trinity, near the Creek, is a large compound hosting huge numbers of guest worshippers as well as Anglican congregations. On Fridays, Sundays, and throughout the week both rich and poor come to Holy Trinity to witness, praise, and pray

Monday
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Praise God that Holy Trinity is able to accommodate so many believers from so many nations.

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Rejoice that Christians are both permitted and valued in the Emirates.

Wednesday
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Epiphany Pray that an excellent appointment of a new priest may be made.

Thursday
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Remember before God the many poor migrant workers in Dubai and all without power or influence

Friday
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Ask God for wisdom and charity in the life of Holy Trinity and the whole chaplaincy.

Saturday
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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; kindle in us the fire of your love.

Sunday

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Baptism of Christ Finance Pray for generosity, responsibility, and imagination in the use of money and resources

St Martin Sharjah a long-established presence in this emirate, now has refreshed, reordered, and light-filled space for worship. Hosting many other Christian groups it bears witness to the love of Christ for all nations.

Monday

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Praise God for the faithfulness of worshippers at St Martin's.

Tuesday

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Rejoice in the locum and interim ministry offered by a succession of clergy.

Wednesday

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Pray that, as in Dubai, so here, an excellent new priest may serve God's people.

Thursday

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Remember all who live in Sharjah, Christians, Muslims, and others.

Friday

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Ask God for stability and clarity in the life of St Martin's and the whole chaplaincy.

Saturday

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Keep us , O Lord, steadfast in the faith and evermore defend us from all adversities.

Sunday
17 January

Epiphany 2
Antony of Egypt

Ministry Pray for those who minister and serve to follow the example of Christ the Servant and High Priest

Yemen The congregation of Christ Church is probably the smallest congregation in the Diocese, in what is certainly the poorest country in the Diocese. The congregation are currently not meeting due to the security situation and damage to the church in the bombing.

Monday
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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Let us praise God for safety of all of our people during the recent violence, and that all of the damage to the buildings from 'near misses' is repairable.

Tuesday
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Let us rejoice that, at least in Aden, the fighting has stopped and the medical ministry at the Ras Morbat Clinic has been renewed; that we are able to serve the desperate needs of the community around us.

Wednesday
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Let us pray for the restoration of civil authority and infrastructure in the city/country. Also, pray for the restoration of pastoral ministry and the re-establishment of the congregation as more and more people return to Aden.

Thursday
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Pray for the impaired government to establish authority and counter the activities of radical Islamists. Please continue praying for the safety of our staff members and the patients who come for treatment.

Friday
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Pray for the wisdom and discretion needed for identifying the timing for appointing a new priest to lead the ministry. Pray also for whomever the Lord is preparing to come to Aden to serve as priest and to serve as medical director.

Saturday
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Heavenly Father, help us to know the steps for rebuilding the ministry at Christ Church. Give wisdom to the local staff continuing to minister healing in the community. Give your church grace in the eyes of the renewed government as all work together to be agents of peace, in the love of Christ.

Sunday
24 January

Epiphany 3

Diocesan Director of Ordinands Pray for all involved in discerning and encouraging vocations

Paphos The Parish has 3 places of worship: The church of Ayia Kyriaki Chrysopolitissa, Paphos; the Church of St Stephen in Tala and the Church of St Luke in Prodromi which serves the town of Polis, the resort of Latchi and surrounding villages.

Monday
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Conversion of Paul We praise God for the faithful service of lay people during the ongoing interregnum and for the work of the Church Council during an uncertain period.

Tuesday
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We give thanks that the finances of the parish are in better shape through adjustment of spending and through fundraising and that the finances will allow us to appoint a new Chaplain.

Wednesday
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For God's grace and wisdom as we seek to appoint a new Chaplain and Associate Priest that we may be united and led with a clear vision and commitment to our calling and ministry.

Thursday
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Isaac of Nineveh Our congregations are aging; many people face ill health, operations, frailty and return to the UK. Pray for a loving care of all and that more people would assume responsibility in the parish to fill the gaps.

Friday
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We pray that despite an aging congregation there might be opportunities to reach out beyond the walls of the church so that Christ's love may touch the lives of people and they might be brought into the light on the Kingdom of God.

Saturday
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Samuel Gobat Grant Lord, that we may hold to you without parting, worship you without wearying, serve you without failing, faithfully seek you, happily find you and forever possess you, the only God, blessed, now and forever. (St Anselm)

Sunday
31 January

**Presentation of
Christ in the
Temple**

Communications Pray for thoughtful, courteous, and stimulating communication across the diocese

Mission to Seafarers Bahrain The mission agency, funded entirely by voluntary donations and legacies, offers a comprehensive ministry of care to all who live and work at sea. There are seafarers' centres in 121 ports around the world.

Monday
1 February

Diocesan Synod Thank God for the freedom in Bahrain to work for the seafarers in different ports -Khalifa Bin Salman Port, Arab Shipping Repairing Yard, GIIC and Bapco.

Tuesday
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Diocesan Synod For the Bahrain International Seafarers' Society, the registered body and we work alongside for the welfare of the seafarers.

Wednesday
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Diocesan Synod For the Board members of Bahrain and the Port Authorities

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Cornelius, Diocesan Synod For the Seafarers' Centres in Khalifa Bin Salman Port and Arab Shipping Repairing Yard.

Friday
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Diocesan Synod For the rules and regulations of Safety and Security Department in the ports which will not be hindrances for Seafarers to get access to the Centres.

Saturday
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For the ship agents who may cooperate with seafarers and with mission providing good service to the seafarers.

Sunday
7 February

Next before Lent Friends of the Diocese Pray for those who pray for us

Baghdad St George's church re-opened in 2003 to receive Iraqi people from different Christian denominations. It has now become a compound with a clinic opened in 2007, kindergarten opened in 2011, Mother's Union branch and a big hall for festivals and meetings.

Monday
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Praise the Lord, all you nations. Extol him, all you people. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Tuesday
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O Lord Almighty, because you are our God and our Almighty Lord lives in our midst through your son Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, we are rejoice with all given us and all not give us because we have confidence and faith that all things work together for good Through you.

Wednesday
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Ash Wednesday O Lord, thank you, you give us hope. You know that man can not live without hope so we look through your son Jesus you always give us hope in this life and remembering that we are from the dust and return to dust.

Thursday
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For a better life, this is what we promised the by Lord Jesus and achieved when he said that I come to a better life, O Lord, we thank, you took us out of darkness into light, from impurity to purity.

Friday
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We pray to you, O Lord for today's challenges, such as illness, grief and insecurity in the world, especially in Iraq, so we ask you to help us and aid us on these challenges.

Saturday
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We pray to the Lord for St. George's Church, it's congregation, especially for the displaced people who fled from Daesh. We pray to return to their home again after liberation from the hands of these murderers to enjoy the peace they have lost.

Sunday

14 February

Lent 1

Diocesan Retreat house - Katafiyio Pray for all who need refreshment, light, and peace

Larnaca St Helena's is a relatively small Cyprus Chaplaincy Cyprus with an average congregation of around 50-60. Larnaca is a working Greek Cypriot town, with fewer holiday makers than most other towns in Cyprus, and just a couple of ex-pat enclaves. It is a lovely place to live and work.

Monday

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We praise you Lord for the many gifts and talents present in our congregation and we give thanks that they are used wisely to glorify you in so many ways.

Tuesday

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We rejoice in our links with such a wide variety of charitable and support organisations, especially within the wider ecumenical and international communities in Larnaca District.

Wednesday

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As we continue to attract new members and visitors from a variety of nationalities, we retain the hope of developing our worship to attract younger people to find Christ within our Church.

Thursday

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We pray for your help Lord in the struggle to maintain financial balance and we are thankful to you for the success of our charity shops in Larnaca and Pervolia which help St Helena's to surmount this struggle.

Friday

19

Our key challenge is to be more visible in the local community as a whole and to provide variety of worship to that community. To do and be more to attract as wide a variety of newcomers to St Helena's as possible.

Saturday

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Father God, we are grateful for all that you have provided for us. But we continually need your guiding hand to show us the true way, so that we may be ever active to expand your Kingdom. In Christ's name.

Sunday

21 February

Lent 2

Anglican Consultative Council Pray for the life of the whole Anglican Communion

Bahrain St Christopher's Cathedral is in Central Manama with a church in Awali, the oil compound, that meets on a Saturday. We are a relatively small, but very international community, hosting many other congregations of varying traditions who use our compound during the week.

Monday

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We praise God for signs of growth in the Cathedral community and give thanks for our growing Kenyan community, and their growing confidence and participation, and the continuing blossoming of our Tamil congregation.

Tuesday

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We rejoice in the establishing of a Church Learning Group, using the Exploring Faith material, that has emerged from a Vocations weekend in October.

Wednesday

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We pray in hope that a project to establish purpose-built children's rooms and replace a portacabin, improving facilities for a charity shop will make strides forward.

Thursday

25

We pray for continuity in our links with the ever-changing military community in Bahrain – for a recognition of the value of partnership in ministry with the huge military community from the US and UK.

Friday

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We pray for the response of the Royal family and government for the continuing need for suitable land for a New Christian Cemetery.

Saturday

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for the diversity of people and gifts in our church; may we be a hospitable community, a witness of your gracious love in Christ to the many communities that make Bahrain their home, through all that we are and do and say, for the glory of your name.

Sunday

28 February

Lent 3

Spirituality Pray for our hearts, minds, and souls to be enlarged and enlightened

Kyrenia Pray that St Andrew's might be a place of embracing, engaging and vibrant faith, living out God's love in the community to which it is called.

Monday

29

Please pray for the continued growth of the new children's and young families service each fourth Sunday of the month and for Charlie as she leads the worship.

Tuesday

1 March

As our church continues to grow, help those groups who share our premises share in the unity and diversity in the body of Christ.

Wednesday

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We pray for the newly established two house groups which meet, East and West of Kyrenia. May the word of God continue to lighten their lives.

Thursday

3

May the healing service which takes place once a month, bring relief and comfort of mind to all those who suffer. Guide us as we seek to implement the church's ministry of prayer for healing.

Friday

4

May the Pastoral Care Team reach out into the local community, bringing your love into the lives of the elderly, the lonely and those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Saturday

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We pray for our forthcoming elections of church wardens and church council officers, may we praise God for the varied talents of so many loving and committed people offering their service to our church in Kyrenia.

Sunday
6 March

**Lent 4 /
Mothering
Sunday**

Diocesan Office Pray for those who conscientiously and skilfully serve the administration of the diocese

Doha The Epiphany Church in Doha has six congregations of more than 600 people. Worshipping in English, Tamil, Marathi and Igbo. It is truly a 'global' church with members of more than 30 nationalities. It is a growing church with active children and youth programs.

Monday
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Pray for the ministry team, Father Paul, Father Jebaraj, Father Ian, Father Samuel, Deacon Douglas, Rev Ann, Rev. Bob and their families. Pray for the new Clergy warden Mr. Jaywant Michael.

Tuesday
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Praise God for the newly started Marathi (an Indian language group) congregation, and also the consistent growth of the Tamil congregation.

Wednesday
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We continue to thank God for all who are always ready to serve the Church of the Epiphany in different capacities. Pray that Almighty God continues to give them more time from the very busy schedules of work and family life.

Thursday
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Pray for the growing programs/projects and different ministries in the Church like EpiQ Youth, Friday school, Children's Choir, Adults Choir, Accompanists, Readers, Greeters, Food to the poor ministry, Home visitations led by the Fathers, and Bible study home groups.

Friday
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Job insecurity is a major problem in Qatar. It is hard to say farewell to members who are part of the Church of Epiphany. Pray for those who leave the country and seek employment elsewhere.

Saturday
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Father God, bless this Congregation and use them in your service to be channels of your love, joy, peace and hope. May they know your guidance and security as they follow your prompting for the glory of your name.

Sunday
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Lent 5

Readers Pray for the licensed public lay ministers of the diocese

Ayia Napa Christ Church serves the local English speaking community from the coastal areas of Ayia Napa, Protaras and surrounding villages. This includes an active Migrant Worker group and throughout the year holiday makers of many different nationalities.

Monday
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We thank God for His faithfulness and loving kindness as He uses us to fulfil His purposes in our congregation.

Tuesday
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For grace and guidance as we seek to support all our members, and work with Ayia Napa Municipality, supporting needy families. For the joy of living in such a beautiful part of the world and the opportunities it gives to serve.

Wednesday
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For us to use wisely the opportunity to spread Jesus' message and love to all our neighbours, and especially to the visiting wedding couples and their families, and to support visitors who come seeking help and guidance.

Thursday
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For God's grace and continued healing for those in our congregation and parish who still carry past hurts, so that together we will be able to move forward and do God's work together in the unity of love.

Friday
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For a sense of Christian worshipping community where the gifts given to each one of us by the Lord may help us to build up a true serving church.

Saturday
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Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and convict us as we travel on together in a time of change and challenges together with all men and women of good will.

Sunday
20 March

Palm Sunday

Cathedrals Pray for St Christopher's and St Pauls' Cathedrals, their people, their clergy, and their canons

The Canterbury Group The Canterbury Group is a unique parish composed of expatriates from over a dozen different countries. It serves five different communities in a closed country.

Monday
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We praise God for the privilege and joy of worshipping Him.

Tuesday
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We rejoice at the diversity of our communities, that each time we meet it includes people from around the globe. We delight in sharing cultures, with potluck dishes that are literally a "taste of the world."

Wednesday
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We hope for our numbers to swell as current expatriates tell newly arriving expatriates about our services.

Thursday
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Maundy Thursday Our struggle is that expatriates come and go with their jobs, and we often must find and train new lay leaders for small groups, music, and other ministries. It is difficult to maintain continuity and sad to see friends leaving us to return to their countries of origin.

Friday
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Good Friday Our current challenge is to grow our family ministry so that it is a strong, comprehensive whole – with components for parents, mothers of toddlers ("Mommy & Me"), children's classes and events, and youth group.

Saturday
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Easter Eve : Holy Saturday Father, we pray for encouragement, that You would give it to us that we might share it with others. Help us to so shine with your light that people around us will experience your love and grace, even when words are not possible.

Sunday
27 March

Easter Day

Retreats Ministry Pray for those who bring energy and depth to the work of giving others time and space

Mission to Seafarers Cyprus The Mission to Seafarers serves all those who venture on the oceans of the world by offering care and service to all in need who visit this island regardless of nationality or faith.

Monday
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Give thanks for the strong team of volunteers who enable the work and ministry to continue and develop.

Tuesday
29

Simon of Cyrene Join with us in rejoicing with those who are so appreciative of the support and prayerful care that they receive through Mission to Seafarers.

Wednesday
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John Climacus We hope and work for fairer and safer working practices for all seafarers.

Thursday
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Pray for all who feel isolated and alone whilst at sea, away from their families, for many months at a time.

Friday
1 April

Pray for the necessary funds to enable the work to flourish, giving thanks for all the local fund-raising efforts and generous giving.

Saturday
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Heavenly Father, your Son calmed the storm when his disciples were anxious in the boat, please calm the storms encountered by those at sea and bring your peace to seafarers and all who work in the shipping industry.

Sunday

3 April

Easter 2

Link with Thika Diocese Pray for Bishop Julius Wanyoike and his people and for the links visit next October

Christ Church, Jebel Ali is one of five parishes in the Chaplaincy of Dubai, Sharjah and the Northern Emirates. Its daughter church is St Catherine's Academic City.

Monday

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May Christ's resurrection power fill our churches in Jebel Ali and Academic City this Easter season.

Tuesday

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Give thanks for the 40 congregations that meet at Christ Church and for the six other Churches in our compound.

Wednesday

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May St Catherine's Academic City grow enough to become self supporting.

Thursday

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Happy birthday Revd. Tim! Pray that our priest has a good day with his family and for his ministry in Dubai.

Friday

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Following the AGM last month we have a new Chaplaincy Council and Local Church Committee. May they listen to God and seek His will.

Saturday

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After the struggles of recent years may 2016 be the year that our Chaplaincy finds peace and unity so as to focus our energies on building The Kingdom

Sunday

10 April

Easter 3

Link with Exeter Diocese Pray for Bishop Robert and his people and for the three-way companion link with Thika

Famagusta St Mark's is a church in a predominantly Muslim city. The vast majority of Christians in Famagusta are international students in the local university and thus our church's membership is mostly students. We are a lively church with strong desire to serve God.

Monday

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We give thanks to God for the positive results from the meetings between leaders of North and South Cyprus. We look forward to a day that we can see Varosha to become accessible to the world.

Tuesday

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We give thanks to God for the new structure at Ammochostos Parish, may we use this opportunity to utilise our gifts, and to strengthen ties between St Mark's, Christ Church and St John's.

Wednesday

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Pray that there will be further support from the university authorities and external benefactors to support our church. We call for a life-changing mission to the students and staff at the University of Eastern Mediterranean (EMU).

Thursday

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Pray for the students at EMU who might be struggling financially or spiritually, many new students might be away from home for the first time and struggle to adopt to this challenging environment.

Friday

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For spiritual growth of the church members, may we not only have the aspiration to improve our hardware in church, but a humble heart to enlighten others' devotion and stewardship towards God's Kingdom.

Saturday

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Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing that you have made, help us to grow in our devotion to you; strengthen our hearts and mind, guide us to overcome adversaries of our time. We ask this in the name of your only dear son, our saviour Jesus Christ.

Sunday

17 April

Easter 4

Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association

Pray for those who promote and support our Province

Oman The protestant church in Oman is an historic partnership between the Anglican church and the Reformed Church of America. We serve around 1,000 people in four English language congregations, an Arabic and a Korean congregation and host about 60 other congregations in our two compounds.

Monday

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Praise God for his faithful people in Oman, giving thanks for their enthusiasm and creativity.

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Rejoice with us in the recently established Pastoral Care Network of visitors who have been trained and commissioned to offer care to all church members.

Wednesday

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Hope with us for the streamlining of procedures and meetings to enable the organic growth of the life of the church.

Thursday

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For good communication between all staff and those with particular responsibilities.

Friday

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For good working relationships with the guest congregations. For mutual respect and understanding.

Saturday

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George of Lydda Father, we thank you for your church in Oman in all its glorious diversity. May your church be as a light on the hill and preserving salt in the community and in places of work. To the glory of your Name.

Sunday

24 April

Easter 5

Clergy with permission to officiate Pray in thanksgiving for clergy who offer voluntary ministry

Deryneia St John the evangelist congregation within the Ammochostos parish. We meet in the Orthodox church of St Fanourios at the invitation of the Orthodox bishop and local municipality. We serve the needs of Cypriot neighbours and English-speaking people of all nationalities living in the towns and villages of the District. We work to play our part, alongside other churches, in the mission of God in our spheres of influence.

Monday

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Mark the Evangelist We praise God for the provision of an Orthodox church and ancillary rooms in which to meet and from which to minister.

Tuesday

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We rejoice in the establishment and growth of the weekly knit and natter group which provides a 'soft' place to explore faith and build relationships.

Wednesday

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We hope to strengthen and develop our pastoral outreach through a renewed geographical strategy of care for church members, swallows, migrant workers, those we encounter through hospital visiting and those recently bereaved.

Thursday

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We struggle to do all that is necessary to heal the wounds of the past and to embrace with enthusiasm the new opportunities of the present.

Friday

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We are challenged, through our weekly Life Groups, to a deeper and more authentic place of encounter with one another, learning, service and mission.

Saturday

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Father God we thank you for your faithfulness to your people in this place. May we daily be renewed and empowered by your holy and life-giving Spirit to be Good News to all. May we not only welcome the stranger but also include the stranger in our midst. May your name be honoured and worshipped in all our activities.

Sunday

1 May

Easter 6

Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East Pray for our fellow dioceses of Egypt, Iran, and Jerusalem

St Luke Ras Al Khaimah The large and welcoming church building stands at the centre of a generous Anglican compound, which is itself only one part of a great Christian complex.

Monday

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Athanasius of Alexandria Praise God for the freedom to worship in the Emirate of Ras al Khaimah.

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Rejoice in the multiplicity of Christian traditions represented at the site

Wednesday

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Pray that, as elsewhere in the chaplaincy, an excellent licensed priest may lead the people in Christian witness and develop the congregation.

Thursday

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Ascension Day Remember the many who could come to church and be part of the fellowship but have not yet been reached.

Friday

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Aristoo and Bahram Ask the Lord to help St Luke's grow and flourish within the chaplaincy.

Saturday

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Lord, give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Sunday
8 May

Easter 7

Parishes and Chaplaincies Pray for the network of congregations that make up the diocese and for their witness

Mission to Seafarers, Dubai The Revd Dr Paul Burt leads the work of the Mission to Seafarers in Dubai.

Monday
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Christopher Praise for our occasional success in arranging for abandoned seafarers to return to their families.

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Rejoice because of the standard of living we enjoy because of the dedication and sacrifices made by seafarers.

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Pray for progress in setting up ethically run seafarers employment agencies so that exploitation of seafarers can be reduced and eventually eliminated.

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Epiphanius of Salamis Pray for strength to meet the needs of hundreds of seafarers in dozens of ports in the UAE and beyond.

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Pray that seafarers' families will be able to overcome the challenges of separation, and when salaries are not paid, poverty.

Saturday
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Pray that MtS chaplains will always be able to prioritise the demands made on them in ways that serve seafarers before all else.

Sunday

15 May

Pentecost

Ordinands Pray for those currently in formation and training for ordained ministry as deacons and priests

St Nicholas Fujairah The congregation meets faithfully in a flat, equipped as a church, near the centre of Fujairah, the seaside emirate east of the mountains.

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Praise God for the refreshing life of the fellowship of St Nicholas.

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Rejoice in the lay leadership of committed worshippers.

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Pray for pastoral leadership and care to be set on a firm footing by the chaplaincy.

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Remember those in Fujairah currently unaware of the church's existence.

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Ask God for a spirit of mutual support and Christian love across the whole chaplaincy.

Saturday

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Helena Grant, Lord, that we may seek your face and know ourselves to be in your presence.

Sunday

22 May

Trinity Sunday

Temple Gairdner

Licensed Clergy

Pray for ordained clergy, both stipendiary and self-supporting, with licensed responsibility

Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus

The Sovereign Base Areas are administered by the UK Ministry of Defence with over 3000 British service personnel, civil servants and their families living and working for peace in the area. Eight congregations are served by military chaplains from three denominations, assisted by Officiating Chaplains to the Military.

Monday

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Praise God for former service personnel in training for Anglican ordination or licensed lay ministry, and for all Christian people serving within HM Forces and the MOD. Pray for Alpha for Forces and the Armed Forces Christian Union.

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Rejoice that God's people who gather to worship each week in military churches within the sovereign base areas are growing in commitment to Christ by serving the wider community.

Wednesday

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Please pray for commanders and troops deployed in challenging and often dangerous roles; for the strategic mission of British Forces Cyprus in its work for peace and security.

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Pray that the resident team of BFC Chaplains (Fr Daren, Padre Matt, Padre Geoff and Padre Peter) will work effectively together and collaborate with military and civilian colleagues to the glory of God.

Friday

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Pray for our children's ministry, our Sunday schools, and the GoFish holiday club. Please pray for refugees and asylum seekers throughout Cyprus.

Saturday

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Almighty God, protect all who serve in H M Forces; strengthen them in danger and temptation; give them courage and loyalty, that they may remain true to the highest traditions of their profession; and keep them steadfast when faced with the perils of action in war; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

