



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

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PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, 28 November 2021 – Saturday, 28 May 2022

A Prayer for the Diocese

God of infinite compassion and gentleness,
you call us to be your people
in every place to which you lead us.
In this our earthly pilgrimage
walk alongside us as our guide,
sustain us by your Word and holy sacraments.
Raise our eyes to see your glory
in all you have made
and to be your new creation,
through Jesus Christ our ascended Lord.
Amen

+ Michael Cyprus and the Gulf

Introduction

Welcome to this instalment of the diocesan prayer guide and directory.

The largest part of every week's suggested intercessions and thanksgivings comes out of and has in most cases been written from within our parishes and chaplaincies. They – priests and people – ask the rest of the diocese, and all who use the guide, to be with them in prayer.

Additionally, at the start of each week I, as bishop, make a prayer request for one or other aspect of the life of the wider diocese and indeed sometimes of our Province and of the whole Anglican Communion, and at the same time mention is made of those ministries that serve our diocesan life across or beyond our parishes and chaplaincies.

I hope this framework will help the diocese and all its friends know that the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.

As we are bound together in worship, service, and solidarity with one another and are very much richer for it, so we are one in Christ and find our true identity and life in him.

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Sunday 28 November **Advent Sunday** **The Archbishop** Pray in thanksgiving for the life of our diocese in all its rich particularity.

Kuwait: The Anglican Church in Kuwait, **St Paul's**, has three - English, Urdu and Mandarin - congregations. There are three English worship services in a week and two of them are held at Ahmadi on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. The Centre hosts nineteen other congregations.

Monday 29 We praise God for keeping the congregation together during this time of the Coronavirus despite not being able to physically meet.

Tuesday 30 We rejoice in the joy of having our people maintaining contacts and attendance of services via livestreaming using ZOOM. Four other meetings are conducted weekly with encouraging participation.

Wednesday 1 December We are hopeful of returning to the church and worship in our space and to see life returning to normalcy for all the people.

Thursday 2 We seek God's intervention for our depleting financial resources, as this ultimately affects our budget. Jobs are insecure for our members especially due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Friday 3 The future is uncertain. We pray for our parishioners to remain positive, committed, and dedicated amidst current challenges.

Saturday 4 Heavenly Father, we are delighted to experience your love. Give us hope and trust in you amid challenges we encounter as a parish. Inspire your people to be thankful to you for all your grace and divine protection. Continue to bless the goodwill we receive from the State of Kuwait and other stakeholders and bring more people to our fellowship. Amen.

Sunday 5 December **Advent II** **Those being confirmed** Pray for the Holy Spirit to be with all who walk the path of the Christian faith.

Limassol – St Barnabas: Limassol is the principal port of Cyprus and a vibrant cosmopolitan city. Pissouri is a village with significant tourism and many second homes. We have wealth and poverty around us and among us. British military bases are nearby. We serve a varied expat, English speaking, community from a fascinating variety of nations, countries and cultures.

Monday 6 We praise God for our faithfulness and continuance in prayer and worship in recent difficult times and for the deepening of our solidarity and Christian fellowship. We pray that our parish vision will guide us in coming months: **Glorify God, Open doors, Share faith, Proclaim Jesus, Encourage all, Love others.**

Tuesday 7 We celebrate the rich diversity of these churches, the gifts of young and old, the spectrum of cultures, nationalities and traditions. We rejoice in our rich fellowship and social life, and in opportunities to learn together and deepen our spirituality.

Wednesday 8 We pray for openness to God and for alertness to needs around us. We pray for a renewal of our ministry and outreach to children, young people and families. We pray for the Missions to Seafarers based at Limassol port.

Thursday 9 We intercede for all who struggle in this city and its environs, including the homeless and refugee, the bereaved and lonely, the stressed and the seeking. We pray for deep healing of the wounds, spiritual and emotional, that recent months have brought.

Friday 10 Recalling that Acts 15:26 describes Barnabas as one who 'risked his life for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ', we pray for courage, steadfastness and imagination as we move forward under God.

Saturday 11 Father God, unlock the gifts you have placed within us, release fresh ministries and hidden talents, deepen our apostolic charism of bringing the encouragement of Jesus to all we meet, for the sake of your Kingdom, Amen

Sunday
12 December

Advent III

The Archdeacon in Cyprus Pray for Archdeacon Christopher's ministry, for the parishes of Cyprus, and for justice and peace across the island.

Abu Dhabi: St Andrew is a compound based in Abu Dhabi with a mission Church in Al Ain, called St Thomas. We have recently celebrated our 50th anniversary. We seek to provide Christians of all traditions and denominations a welcoming, safe, and legal environment to worship.

Monday
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Lord, we give you thanks for all the good things you give to us as a Church family. For the appointment of our new Chaplain and for the spirit-filled, serving community residing in this place: thank you Lord. In this season of waiting ... we wait with joyful, thankful hearts. Come Lord Jesus Come.

Tuesday
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Lord, we give you thanks for those who have ministered amongst the lost and lonely during Covid. We pray that we will continue to minister to those who are lonely, questioning, hurting and lost in our community.

Wednesday
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God of mercy, help the newly-formed Church Council to listen to your voice and fill all with hope. Renew our faith as we seek to build your Kingdom (on earth as it is in heaven) in this place. We pray for the Christmas-themed services this coming weekend and for lives to be touched and renewed by you, Our Lord and Saviour.

Thursday
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Lord, we pray for those in our expat community who are overwhelmed by the artificial glitz of preparations for Christmas. We pray too, for those who are struggling with lack of certainty for the future. May Christ's light shine in those areas of darkness and searching.

Friday
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God of hope we cling to you. We pray that your community of faithful people at St Andrews will be built up and encouraged to continue walking the way of faith and of 'doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with you, our God.'

Saturday
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Lord, let your light shine through us all, so that through our actions we may be salt in this place and a light in people's sight and that we may reach out to you in one another, especially those in need. Amen.

Sunday
19 December

Advent IV

The Archdeacon in the Gulf Pray for Archdeacon Bill's ministry as both Dean and Archdeacon, for the nations of the archdeaconry, and for all who live in them, both citizens and others.

Al Ain: St Thomas Church is supported by St Andrew, Abu Dhabi. We have been gifted land by the ruling family to build on. We are from many backgrounds and nations, but we are united in our desire to see Christ lifted up amongst us and to help more people experience the joy of knowing Jesus.

Monday
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We thank God for his provision over many years.

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We give thanks and pray for the continuing ministry among those most in need in our community.

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We pray for Godly guidance to find suitable worship space for us to meet together as a Church.

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We continue to give thanks for the land that has been granted to us by the UAE and we pray for funds to start and complete the project.

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We pray for all the people of St Thomas worshipping in other Churches while we look for suitable worship space.

Saturday
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Lord, you have given us what seems like an impossible task. Bind us together as a Church community while we are unable to meet together. Guide us and teach us to always trust in you and walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. Amen.

Sunday
26 December

St Stephen

Diocesan Staff Pray for those who adeptly and energetically serve the administration of the diocese.

Nicosia: At **St Paul's Cathedral** we welcome all nationalities and faiths through the doors as worshippers and pilgrims, as visitors and sightseers in prayer and communion. May your stay in these walls reflect our loving kindness and friendship.

Monday
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We thank God for the continued help and support to feed our refugees once a month, and our ongoing battle against poverty.

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We thank God for the diversity of our congregation, for their talents in organising services, fund raising events and the outreach by zoom services.

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We thank God that we are free to serve, we look forward to a world where we can move more freely once again, without the covid virus.

Thursday
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We thank God for the generosity of our congregation and friends in order to maintain the upkeep of this beautiful building in which we worship our God.

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We thank God for the challenges we face every day, grant us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can be changed and the wisdom to know the difference.

Saturday
1 January

We thank God for you are our light in the darkness, you are our warmth in the cold, you are our happiness in sorrow. Amen.

Sunday
2 January

Christmas II

Ministry Pray for those who publicly minister to know that they do so in the name of Christ the Servant and High Priest.

Dubai: Holy Trinity was dedicated in December 1970 and the premises houses over 80 denominational churches and though not fully active at the moment due to the pandemic, during normal times, over 20,000 people use the complex every week. We are now partially opened for in-person communion services which is indeed a great blessing and God's immense grace. We hope all normal activities will commence very soon and 2022 will see a transformation to pre-pandemic times.

Monday
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With the continued support of the Rulers/Government, the Church has now restored physical worship services. The Church is open for Friday/Sunday in-person Holy Communion services, with Covid19 restrictions in place. We thank God for having given us a 'virtual platform' for the last 18 months to conduct all our services. After a year gap we held our "Thanksgiving Harvest Festival" in the church in November 2021.

Tuesday
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Our continued gratitude for the front-line workers and the allied services, whose efforts have brought the pandemic under control. We thank the UAE Government for the successful vaccination programme, which has seen almost 90% of the residents fully vaccinated. We are almost back to pre-pandemic times. We thank God for the 'Confirmation Service' where 27 youth became full members of the Church.

Wednesday
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Our biggest HOPE is that God will bring all Guest Congregations back to the Church compound and restore Holy Communion services to all worshipping in our compound. Children under 10 years are currently restricted in Church activities and we hope and pray their gathering will soon be established. We pray 2022 will see the entire world 'virus free'

Thursday
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Pandemic is still not over. Many people have lost their livelihood and are currently under great financial strain. Their struggles are great and we pray God in his timing will solve their problems. Also, we need volunteers to run our Pathfinders and Junior Church. The pandemic has made many go back to their home countries whereby we struggle with a shortage of committed people to guide our children and youth.

Friday
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Though the Government has relaxed much of the Covid restrictions that were in place, complete removal is needed to restore all the activities of the compound. While we desire to see all pre-pandemic worshippers, in our compound, we understand that letting the guard down could be fatal. The Post pandemic people are concerned over their future and many worry about their jobs. We pray God will safeguard us from any 'variants' that could raise their head in the future, thereby causing much hardship to the people again.

Saturday
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Father, we pray that we may run all our Church and Compound activities smoothly and everyone visiting our compound is truly blessed. We also pray that through all our programmes we may spread the knowledge of God and draw people closer to you. Amen!

Sunday
9 January

Baptism of Christ **Director of Ministry** Pray for Archdeacon Christopher as he, with others, promotes a culture of learning, vocation, and discernment across the diocese.

Sharjah, UAE: St. Martin's Anglican Church, a spiritual oasis in the midst of a desert, focuses on Word and Sacrament, with a particular ministry to migrant labourers. St Martin's also facilitates worship for guest congregations of various languages and nationalities.

Monday
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We praise God for the opportunities to meet online during these challenging months of coronavirus, and that hopefully the church will be fully open soon without any restrictions. We especially give thanks for the migrant labour ministry for whom we have distributed hundreds of food parcels; and for the upcoming shoe-box project for Christmas distribution.

Tuesday
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We rejoice our church ministries are going well via Zoom and Whatsapp, in addition to our in-person services on Sunday nights. We have lost some members to Covid, and some families have repatriated, but there are also new families joining online and in person, and the ministry of the church continues to reach people for Jesus.

Wednesday
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We look forward to a time when the church is fully open and operational, seeing children and adults over 60 again at church.

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In June 2021 we reduced two faithful staff members, Rev. Arul Raj and Rev. Daniel Sadiq. We continue to pray for them and their futures, as well as the ever-changing needs of and outreach to the migrant labourers in the UAE. We are grateful for our partnership with churches and charities for our clothing ministry.

Friday
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We pray for our guest congregations and their pastors, for those who have lost jobs or moved this year, and for the challenging economic situation for us and all the churches in our Diocese. Yet we give thanks to God in all circumstances. We pray for wisdom for the Ruler of Sharjah, and the leaders of the UAE.

Saturday
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O God, who are glorified in the Bishop Saint Martin both by his life and death, make new, we pray, the wonders of your grace in our hearts, that neither death nor life may separate us from your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Sunday
16 January

Epiphany II **Synod** Pray for those who will, in February, take part electronically in diocesan synod, and for wisdom and vision in all that is planned and done.

Yemen: The congregation of **Christ Church** is currently not meeting due to the security situation in Aden. A functioning expatriate population has not yet re-materialised because of the instability, and threat of kidnapping. Please pray for the people of Yemen, and our staff at the **Ras Morbat Eye Clinic**.

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We continue to be grateful for safety for our staff through times of conflict.

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It is incredibly encouraging to see the impact and witness of the clinic among the people of Aden. Patients, their relatives, and the medical community all affirm this outreach in many ways.

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Pray for wisdom to prepare for the day when the fighting stops and there will be expatriates in Aden looking for sacramental ministry – that we will be in place to meet the need appropriately.

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Please pray for an end to the civil war, and reconciliation between the various interests that make it so difficult for Yemeni leaders to trust each other.

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The economic effects of Covid have an impact of donations for the work of the clinic. Please pray that generous support for this hugely important ministry may help it thrive.

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Pray for support and planning to place a priest in Aden to serve Christ Church, the clinic, and the Christian presence in Aden.

Sunday 23 January **Epiphany III** **Standing and Finance Committee** Pray for synod's standing and finance committee, and for its stewardship of synod resolutions.

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 24 We praise God for his provision for the parish giving particular thanks for the faithful witness and service of so many parishioners to the ministry of the parish and to loving service and pastoral care to one another.

Tuesday 25 We rejoice in the generous response of parishioners and friends to our Pandemic Financial Appeal. Pray that the final total will provide sufficient funds to supplement regular giving and provide for the parish for the immediate future.

Wednesday 26 As we cope with the uncertainty and difficulties that COVID brings, we pray for a return to 'normal' life. We pray for those couples who plan to come to us for weddings and we pray for the local tourism and hospitality sectors.

Thursday 27 We pray for our elderly and frail parishioners, especially those who feel alone. We remember those who have been unable to receive family visits and those who have been unable to travel. We pray for renewed links with families.

Friday 28 We pray for the challenging financial situation facing the parish. We uphold the work of our Parish Working Party as they examine and make recommendations concerning the future direction of the parish and for the deliberations of the Parish Council.

Saturday 29 Loving God, assist us as we seek to share your love with all whom we meet in these difficult days. Encourage the disheartened, the weary and those in declining health. May your ongoing care enfold all Christians in Paphos.

Sunday 30 January **Epiphany IV** **Finance** Pray for generosity, responsibility, and imagination in the use of money and resources, and for Canon John Banfield, Honorary Director of Finance.

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. The work in Bahrain is being reimaged with potential expansion in Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Monday 31 We Praise God for the people whom God has given in St Christopher's Cathedral and Awali who are generous in supporting this ministry through prayer and for all those who seek the welfare of the seafarers.

Tuesday 1 February We rejoice for the partnership with Bahrain International Seafarers' Society. We pray for the Seafarers' Centres in Khalifa Bin Salman Port and Arab Shipping Repairing Yard where the seafarers are welcomed and united with families and friends.

Wednesday 2 We pray for God's wisdom and leading towards the new endeavour for working among the "Fishermen".

Thursday 3 We pray for new ways to serve the seafarers after Covid -19, that we may be permitted to visit ships and that the Seafarers' Centre may be opened.

Friday 4 We pray for the ecumenical spirit we have with other churches who support our ministries – Sacred Heart Church and guest congregations in the St Christopher's compound.

Saturday 5 We pray that the spiritual assistance, literature, counselling, and Holy Communion offered to the Seafarers will strengthen them in their faith journey.

Sunday 6 February **4th Sunday before Lent** **The Friends of the Diocese** Pray for those who pray for Cyprus and the Gulf.

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. With the construction process finished, the Redeemer School is running very well.

Monday 7 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 8 We thank God for giving us faithful people and a beautiful place to worship at St George's where we can meet and hold various activities that help us to know the Word of God in a deeper way.

Wednesday 9 We pray that all ministers, staff, and congregations throughout our diocese remain safe by the grace of God.

Thursday 10 We pray that there will be peace in our country and throughout the world. We pray for the end to persecution of any individual or community in the world because of religion, nationality or race.

Friday 11 We need the Lord to intervene and according to his will, change the hearts of those who kill innocent people in his name and who believe that by doing so they serve the Lord and will gain entry into his kingdom.

Saturday 12 God, we lift up to you all our ministers in the Church and ask for your blessing and guidance to be poured upon them in their various activities. Amen

Sunday 13 February **3rd Sunday before Lent** **Communications** Pray for thoughtful, courteous, and stimulating communication across the diocese.

Larnaca: St Helena's Church is located near the centre of Larnaca town, opposite busy bus stops. It is primarily a Greek Cypriot town, but with growing provision for tourists. Our weekly congregation is varied in nationality, and includes residents, seasonal 'swallows' and holidaymakers. We seek to serve God through our welcome, hospitality and care, to all and especially to those in need.

Monday 14 We praise God for worship faithfully offered at St Helena's. We give thanks to God for staying connected with one another through modern technology. We also give thanks for our local outreach through charity shops and our booksale.

Tuesday 15 We rejoice that our volunteers are willing to give so much of their time and skill to our local ministry.

Wednesday 16 We pray for the leadership of our clergy and the church council as they work together. Pray with us as we continue to draw closer to God through worship, discussion, biblical reflection and prayer.

Thursday 17 Please pray with us also for all who struggle with frailty or incapacity. May they know the comfort of God's healing touch and be restored to good health.

Friday 18 With us, please continue to pray for peace and reconciliation on this divided island; and for its ongoing support and care of asylum-seekers, refugees and those who are victims of human-trafficking. Pray for us at St Helena's in our contribution to this work in the Larnaca district.

Saturday 19 Faithful God, we are privileged and challenged to serve you here. Give us enquiring minds and the desire to know you more deeply; kind hearts to welcome and love others; hands to serve as we reach out to those in need, and feet to walk the way you would have us go.

Sunday 20 February	2nd Sunday before Lent	Anglican Communion Pray for the Provinces of the whole Anglican Communion, their people and Primates, especially Archbishop Michael and our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.
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Bahrain: St Christopher's Cathedral is in Central Manama with services on Friday and Sunday, and in Awali, the oil compound, on Saturday mornings. We are a relatively small, but very international community, hosting many other congregations of varying traditions who use our compound during the week.

Monday 21	We are overjoyed to be hosting our own and many other congregations as Covid restrictions are diminishing bit by bit. There is much enthusiasm for in-person worship among all.
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Tuesday 22	We truly rejoice that the compound is open for all of the congregations to renew worship in person. The joy of fellowship is very strong.
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Wednesday 23	We anticipate a time of transition in many ways. Most obviously we look to gradually return to whatever will become the new post-Covid normal.
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Thursday 24	The cathedral congregation must develop a commitment to stewardship that will support the ministry of the cathedral without depending on rental income from other congregations.
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Friday 25	Land for a new Christian cemetery has been granted. All of the Christian congregations will need to work together to fund the work on this very necessary project.
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Saturday 26	That our vision for ministry may go beyond our current needs, and will encompass our responsibility to those who will come after us fifty years from now.
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Sunday 27 February	Sunday next before Lent	Cathedrals Pray for St Christopher's and St Paul's, our twin cathedrals, their deans Jeremy and Bill, their canons, and their people.
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Kyrenia: St Andrew's is located in the heart of the beautiful port city of Kyrenia. The congregation consists mainly of resident expatriates, seasonal visitors (swallows), and tourists. St. Andrew's is also greatly blessed by the presence of a large population of multi-national students who have been welcomed and found a home among us.

Monday 28	Praise God for continuing to uphold us during this difficult time. We welcome the return of Fr Mike as Priest in Charge of St. Andrew's and pray for him and Janet as they continue their ministry among us.
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Tuesday 1 March	We give thanks for the return of familiar faces, both resident and swallows, and we welcome those who have joined us as new members of our parish family.
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Wednesday 2	We continue to pray for a return to some form of normality and that the scourge of Covid may be overcome throughout the world.
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Thursday 3	As we continue to struggle with the restrictions imposed on social interaction due to the Covid pandemic so we pray that these will soon be lifted and that we can once again welcome all who come to join us for worship week by week.
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Friday 4	At this time of change and uncertainty at Provincial, Diocesan and Parish levels so we ask for God's guidance for Archbishop Michael and those in positions of leadership and responsibility that all that they think and do and say may only and ever be to the glory of God and the furtherance of God's kingdom.
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Saturday 5	God the Holy Spirit, come in power and bring new life to St. Andrew's; renew us in love and service, and enable us to be faithful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen
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Sunday
6 March

Lent I

Readers Pray for the licensed public lay ministers of the diocese.

The Anglican Church in Qatar consists of **The Church of the Epiphany** and **The Anglican Centre**. The Epiphany has four congregations of more than 500 people; worshipping in three languages – English, Tamil, and Igbo. It is truly a 'global' church with members of more than 50 nationalities. The Anglican Resource Centre is the spiritual home for more than 60 Christian congregations, where thousands of worshippers meet every weekend from 65 countries. There are two fulltime ministers, Revds Mark Derry and MD Johnson, along with support from Revd Bob Jackson, and Deacons Patrick Salvage and Kingsley Douglas.

Monday
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We praise God for blessing us with innovative ideas to broadcast our services online through which many people join us to worship from various parts of the world. We are pleased to welcome back an increasing number of families and children to worship physically as Covid restrictions are increasingly eased.

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We thank God for blessing the Church with Revd Mark Derry (Senior Priest) and Revd MD Johnson (Associate Priest). We pray for the Friday school that has resumed allowing children to attend physically, and the virtual Friday school and Epiq Youth.

Wednesday
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We pray for all the churches in the religious complex, including the Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Evangelical sister churches, along with the Church of the Epiphany, so that a smooth transition back towards full capacity for every congregation may be attained. Yet, we still bear in mind the protocols and precautions during the pandemic. We also pray for the those involved in the planning for a successful FiFa World Cup to be held in Qatar in November 2022.

Thursday
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We pray for grace, peace and mercy upon all those who are still facing the effects of the pandemic. Bless those who have lost jobs, may new opportunities open and may God's blessings reside upon them for good health. May we have a heart to reach out to those who are in need.

Friday
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Eternal God, we pray for peace and unity among all the congregation members who worship here. We pray for good finances and provisions. Bless us with Your wisdom and guidance to work together, whatever the challenge may be, to glorify your name.

Saturday
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O God, we thank you for the gift of this diverse Epiphany family. By Your grace and Holy Spirit, help us to build the Church strongly in this land and may it be a blessing and beacon of light to all those around us. In Jesus name, Amen.

Sunday
13 March

Lent II

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

Ayia Napa: Christ Church congregation is made up of mainly retired British expats and serves within the centre of one of the island's busiest holiday resort. It plays a key role in welcoming visitors while recognising its ministry to them, in particular, the thousands of young people who are attracted to the resort's vibrant nightlife.

Monday
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We praise God for the many visitors who bless Christ Church with their enthusiasm and encouragement. They are from many nations and a wide age range from singles, young families through to elderly, many returning year after year. We pray that they would meet with the spirit of Jesus in this place.

Tuesday
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We rejoice in the opportunities we have to minister through the generosity of many of gifts of food and clothes passed to people in need in our community, to the seafarers as well as to the Asylum Seekers, some of whom join us in worship.

Wednesday
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We ask for God's guidance in our ministry in this place and that He will make clear the way ahead. We give thanks for our faithful congregation that includes ladies from the Philippines.

Thursday
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We pray for all who suffer loneliness, sickness or pain and give thanks to God that, despite these challenges, our congregation remains faithful in worship and continues to give practical help within the Church.

Friday
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We are so thankful to the Scandinavian Church for their continued support in allowing us the use of their building; and we pray that the friendship between us would flourish and grow and we will continue to work together to the glory of God.

Saturday
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May our dear Lord give us the strength to always do His will in reaching out to those in need of practical assistance and care; and may the faith of His people stay strong whatever the future may hold.

Sunday
20 March

Lent III

Diocesan Retreat House - Katafiyio Pray for all who seek refreshment, light, and peace at Katafiyio.

The **Retreats Ministry** has its office in Nicosia run by the Retreats Facilitator. The main ministry being that of the Katafiyio Retreat at Angel's Hills, Cyprus, the running of group and individually guided retreats in the Diocese and Province, and the giving of spiritual direction.

Monday
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Give thanks for the way God's Spirit moves to draw people into a more peaceful, restful, joyful, and hopeful place.

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Thank God for the location of the Katafiyio Retreat with all its natural beauty, and the welcome and cooperation of the Angel's Hills staff.

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Ask God to draw more people, whatever their culture, age and background into creative ways of listening to and responding to God.

Thursday
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Pray that communication of what the Retreats Ministry is about, and what is on offer through organised events and spiritual direction, will reach everyone in our congregations.

Friday
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Ask that despite the busyness of life and church activities, there will be quiet spaces on offer which will resource minds, hearts, and souls.

Saturday
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May the ever-present Christ, who walks with wounded feet, walk with us on the road. May the ever-present Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out our hands to receive what is given. May the ever-present Christ, who loves with a wounded heart, open our hearts to love. Amen.

Sunday
27 March

Lent IV

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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We give thanks to God that the Cyprus government has recognized Seafarers as key frontline workers, and are progressing with ways to repatriate when their contracts have finished.

Tuesday
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We rejoice and give thanks for the Seafarers who despite fatigue and many months onboard, with no access to shore leave, still work hard to keep the supply chains open.

Wednesday
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We hope for the relaxing in international legislation of crew change protocols, so the 200,000 men and women working beyond their contracts, may once again be united with their loved ones and families.

Thursday
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Though many crew are struggling with anxiety for their families welfare and wellbeing, we pray they may be strengthened in the knowledge that the mission is raising funds to support their families in times of need.

Friday
1 April

We pray that the ongoing challenge of ways to vaccinate crews may soon be resolved.

Saturday
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Lord bless us that we may continue to be a strong bridge between the isolation, loneliness and concerns of those who serve at sea and the loved ones who eagerly await their safe return, giving hope and reassurance. Amen.

Sunday 3 April **Lent V** **Link with Thika Diocese** Pray for Bishop Julius Wanyoike, his clergy and people, and for the three-way relationship between Cyprus and the Gulf, Thika, and Exeter.

Jebel Ali: Christ Church hosts 42 diverse congregations including the resident Anglican Congregation. It has a broad ministry but 350 weddings annually make them a particular feature.

Monday 4 We praise God for keeping us together as His people.

Tuesday 5 We rejoice in God's faithfulness in keeping us safe and secure.

Wednesday 6 We are discerning God's movements, joining in God's work.

Thursday 7 We pray we find ways to re-engage with one another after losing members.

Friday 8 We pray, despite the circumstances, that we are able to remain connected and engaged.

Saturday 9 We pray for courage as we strive to become God's beloved community, bearing witness to God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

Sunday 10 April **Palm Sunday** **Link with Exeter Diocese** Pray for Bishop Robert Atwell, his clergy and people, and for the three-way link with us and Thika.

Famagusta: St Mark is a church in a predominantly Muslim city. The vast majority of church members are international students at the local Eastern Mediterranean University; and being part of the Ammochostos Parish. The parish is partly divided by the border between northern and southern Cyprus, which, at the present moment, is closed therefore, as Chaplain, I am unable to cross into the north where the Church is situated. Nevertheless, it is a vibrant church with a strong desire to serve and praise God.

Monday 11 We give thanks to God and Praise his Holy name at St Mark's. We give thanks for the freedom of our Charismatic worship, both in Prayer and Praise.

Tuesday 12 We give thanks to God for those who despite their dedication to their studies are eager and keen to serve the church according to the gifts God has given them.

Wednesday 13 We hope and pray that despite the difficulties of not being able to meet because of the Coronavirus we will soon recapture the spirit and desire for worship when our doors are re-opened.

Thursday 14 We pray that St Mark's will be guided by the Spirit of God, that despite the present and recent circumstances it will be restored to former times very soon.

Friday 15 We continually face the challenges of a continuous changing congregation. May Almighty God renew our strength as we seek to bring more people, by his grace, into a loving relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Saturday 16 Help us, as Church, to teach and serve the needs of its people reflecting the words of John 14 v 6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life".

Sunday
17 April

Easter Day

Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association Pray for those who support and promote 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 500 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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We praise God for this beautiful country and its people. Thank the Lord for His faithfulness through the Covid19 pandemic, for comforting those who mourn, deepening Christian family life and the joy of worshipping together again in person.

Tuesday
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A wonderfully international congregation, Anglicans and other Protestants with rich and varied styles of worship; thank God we are free to worship on two compounds in Muscat. Pray for the congregation in Sohar and Christians in other towns and cities.

Wednesday
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Our hope is to be wiser and stronger emerging from the Covid pandemic. For good fruit from the Marriage and Parenting courses. For the Alpha courses and those new in the faith. For good relations with the government, and freedom of worship and witness.

Thursday
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For increased congregational giving, a better financial foundation, alongside spiritual foundations deep in God's word. For the half-completed building project; wisdom and resources for a way forward. For decisions about staffing in the short and long term.

Friday
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For our leadership; Chris Howitz, Joshua Bode, Lee Siu Quek (Children & Youth), Peter Francis (Sohar), the office and site staff, Deacon Ros Yates, the local Jesus Family Network groups, the Bible Study Fellowship, the '3rd Friday' ministry to migrant workers.

Saturday
23

Lord, by your Spirit renew and strengthen the witness of your church in Oman. Deepen their unity and provide resources, courage and faith to be ambassadors for Christ among their neighbours, both Omani and the many nations gathered there.

Sunday
24 April

Easter II

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

Deryneia: St John's Anglican Church is its new name. We continue to meet in the Orthodox church of St Fanourios at the invitation of the Orthodox Bishop and local municipality with which we have a good relationship. We aim to serve the needs of our Cypriot neighbours and English-speaking people of all nationalities living in the towns and villages of our district. We have a tendency to be evangelical in our worship but retain the traditions of the Anglican Communion. All are welcome to praise and worship God here.

Monday
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We give thanks to God for his gift of an Orthodox church in which we praise and worship him. We thank God for the way he has guided us during the past year.

Tuesday
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We rejoice in the God-given activities of St John's, and we hope to resume them once the Pandemic has passed: ladies knit & natter group, Tuesday and Thursday life group, Wednesday prayer meeting, Friday singing group, monthly breakfast, and hospital visiting groups.

Wednesday
27

The Pandemic has caused the curtailment of many of our plans and wishes for the future but we, as a congregation under God, remain united and optimistic that he will lead us in his way for the next six months and well beyond.

Thursday
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We continue to pray and physically help those who are struggling during this difficult time. We preach a compassionate God, so we hold before him those who suffer due to sickness, grief, circumstance, and despair. Grant them your peace.

Friday
29

St John's was created out of prayer, but despite the restrictions in meeting together for prayer, we continue to pray individually. Help us as a praying church to bring before his mercy seat the challenges that will face us in the coming days.

Saturday
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We pray for God's continuing help and guidance in the building and growth of Christ's ministry here at St John's in Deryneia. Praise the Lord! Amen

Sunday **Easter III** **Ordinands** Pray for those currently in formation and training for ordained ministry as deacons and priests.
1 May

Ras Al Khaimah: St Luke, a parish comprising various nationalities, worships in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Through our life, work and witness, we strive to bear the light of Christ through Word and Sacrament.

Monday We give thanks for the life, and witness of *St Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria*; and for his steadfastness in the true doctrines of the Church. Holy God, keep us steadfast in the faith, enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love.
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Tuesday We celebrate our diversity and rejoice in our unity as brothers and sisters; all created in the image of God. We pray that our interfaith relationships may be strengthened as we further find ways to work together for the betterment of mankind.
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Wednesday As we commemorate the *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation*, we pray for all who are persecuted for their faith, for victims of intolerance and the oppressed. May the Almighty be their strength and protection, and lead their oppressors toward compassion.
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Thursday We pray for all who are sick and suffering and in any kind of need; for God's healing in body, mind, and spirit; and for a steadfast trust in his love.
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Friday We pray for refreshment, growth, and depth in our spirituality. At all times may our prayers and actions be Spirit-led, and our faith and mission utterly dependent on God.
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Saturday Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the Gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
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(The Collect for St Luke)

Sunday **Easter IV** **Clergy with permission to officiate** Pray in thanksgiving for clergy who offer voluntary ministry.
8 May

Mission to Seafarers, Dubai: The welfare team visits more than 2000 ships per year and in 2021 helped to repatriate more than 100 seafarers.

Monday Praise for our occasional success in arranging for abandoned seafarers to return to their families.
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Tuesday Rejoice because of the standard of living we enjoy because of the dedication and sacrifices made by seafarers.
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Wednesday 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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Thursday Pray for strength to meet the needs of hundreds of seafarers in dozens of ports in the UAE and beyond.
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Friday Pray that seafarers' families will be able to overcome the challenges of separation, when salaries are not paid, and poverty.
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Saturday Pray that MtS chaplains will always be able to prioritise the demands made on them in ways that serve seafarers before all else.
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Sunday
15 May

Easter V

Licensed clergy Pray for ordained clergy, both stipendiary and self-supporting, who have licensed responsibility.

Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus: The SBAs are administered by the UK Ministry of Defence. There are over 6500 British service personnel and dependents, civil servants and locally employed civilians. Four military chaplains lead congregations in Dhekelia, Ayios Nikolaos, Episkopi and Akrotiri. They proclaim the Gospel, pray for, and are present with, those serving the UK overseas.

Monday
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May we at all times walk in a way worthy of the Gospel.

Tuesday
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Through our daily living may we resist the temptation to follow the world.

Wednesday
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We pray for a revival in the military, BFC, UK and the World.

Thursday
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At all times, may we hear from Jesus in the Bible.

Friday
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At all times, may we experience God in the Holy Spirit.

Saturday
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In all that we do, through word and deed, may we witness to the community, ROC and TNRC.

Sunday
22 May

Easter VI

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

Fujairah: St Nicholas is a mission-church of St Luke, Ras Al Khaimah. Even though we are small in number, we are great in generosity, heart, and spirit.

Monday
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We praise God for his goodness and for the many blessings he bestows upon us in our everyday lives.

Tuesday
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As we celebrate the lives of *John and Charles Wesley*, may our hearts be warmed by the presence of God, our faith strengthened, and our eyes fixed on Christ.

Wednesday
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We celebrate the life of *St Bede*, and give thanks for his monastic fidelity, and love of teaching. Loving God, may your holy word be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve, at all times giving glory to your holy name.

Thursday
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As *St Augustine of Canterbury* was called to preach the Gospel, may we remain faithful to our individual vocations, that what we say with our lips we believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we show forth in our lives.

Friday
27

Compassionate God, we hold before you the sick and suffering, and all in need. Grant them healing, and in their troubles be their comfort and hope.

Saturday
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Almighty God, as we give thanks for the life, work, and witness of Saint Nicholas; may we also learn from his example. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(adapted from the Collect for St Nicholas)



The Three Dioceses

Jerusalem
Archbishop Suhell Dawani

- 1 Palestine & Israel
- 2 Lebanon
- 3 Syria
- 4 Jordan

Cyprus and the Gulf
Archbishop Michael Lewis

- 5 Cyprus
- 6 Iraq
- 7 Kuwait
- 8 Bahrain
- 9 Qatar
- 10 United Arab Emirates
- 11 Oman
- 12 Yemen

Iran
Vacant

13 Iran

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