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PRAYER GUIDE

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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

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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 29 May **Easter VII** **The Archbishop** Pray for Archbishop Michael and for his oversight of the Diocese and the Province.

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

Tuesday 31 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 June 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 June **Pentecost** **Those being confirmed** Pray for all considering and preparing for Confirmation, that the Spirit will lead and inspire them.

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 June

The Holy Trinity

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.

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We give thanks for the freedoms to worship and deepen our walk with Christ in such a diverse and enriching location.

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We rejoice with the many, and varied, communities of Christians in the region, that remind us of the gift of rich diversity in our unity.

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We pray for our church-building project across from the work camp in Mussafah and for the rebuilding of the St Thomas congregation.

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We pray for a spirit of reconciliation and hope in the future at St Andrew's.

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We pray for guidance and wisdom in the transitions of leadership in our diocese and province

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We pray that we may live more fully into our vocation as the light of the world in this region.

Sunday
19 June

Trinity 1

The Archdeacon in the Gulf Pray for Archdeacon Michael's ministry, for the nations of the archdeaconry, and for all who live in them, 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.

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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.

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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 June **Trinity 2** **Synod Pray** for the good governance of the diocese at all times of each year.

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 27 We thank you Father for the Cathedral Church. For the worship; the faithful community; for pilgrims, for all those that support this place with time, money and prayer. May it continue to be a centre of peace in your community. We pray for the new Barnabas Chapel.

Tuesday 28 Father, we know that every person is precious to you, we rejoice and thank you for so many people at the Cathedral who strive to bring hope and happiness to those in need. We pray for the continuing ministry (after the end of the UTO project) to our local families.

Wednesday 29 Father, we give thanks that at your Cathedral we have been able to worship you during this pandemic, for all the blessings you have given us over this difficult time. We pray with hope for our City, Country and World over the coming months, especially for all those facing financial hardships and tragedy.

Thursday 30 Father, we bring to you today children and adults who suffer abuse, violence, neglect. Those who are sick, depressed, isolated and/or waiting operations. Those who have been far from home and will not know love and happiness.

Friday 1 July Father, we are fortunate in so many ways. We pray for all who will find this time very challenging. We pray for countries close to us who are at war, countries without food and clean water, and countries close to us who are without medical assistance.

Saturday 2 Father, bless our efforts in building your kingdom. May your Holy Spirit continue to guide us in love and service to you and others living in the community around St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Nicosia. AMEN.

Sunday 3 July **St Thomas the Apostle** **Standing and Finance Committee** Pray for the business of synod to be carried on faithfully between Synod meetings.

Dubai: Holy Trinity Church (HTC) has three worship services in a week and hosts 85 congregations of different denominations and language groups in its premises. HTC also runs a Resource Centre (Christian Bookshop) which is one of the few in UAE. All Church compound activities are back after the pandemic.

Monday 4 The hybrid/virtual services have been lifted and all our Church services and ministries are held in person. Our week-end worship is now shifted to Sunday and people have quickly adopted the change. We thank God for the good participation by our congregation members during the Holy Week and Easter services.

Tuesday 5 People's enthusiasm to participate in Church ministries has been very remarkable. We rejoice in the Lord for the many opportunities to serve him even during the pandemic. The many marriages that were held in the Church and many prisoners who were sent home by providing air-ticket after completion of their sentences was a source of great joy.

Wednesday 6 HTC is expecting their new Chaplain to join the Church in the next six months. We are also hoping to add new ministries like music school in our compound. A new singing team "Living Stone Quartet" is visiting our compound in June to encourage the local choirs in the compound.

Thursday 7 Pray for the people who are studying. Pray for the people who are struggling to find jobs. Pray for new programmes to be launched for all age groups at HTC.

Friday 8 Continued good relationship with the Government. Compound to be utilized to its maximum. Permission to meet prisoners in-person as this facility has not been open after the pandemic. Smooth running of our Church compound.

Saturday 9 Dear Lord, as we try to exhibit gospel values and as we proclaim the gospel through our word and deed, we pray that you strengthen and make us effective witness of your son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Sunday
10 July

Trinity 4

Finance Pray for generosity, responsibility, and imagination in the use of money and resources and for the Honorary Director of Finance, Canon John Banfield.

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

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We praise God for some relaxation in Covid-19 regulations, allowing adults over 60 and children, 6 and above, to attend church in-person for the first time in over 2 years!

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We rejoice in the ongoing church ministries via zoom, whatsapp, and in-person. We celebrate the distribution of "40 items for 40 days", our 2022 Lenten programme, which encouraged individuals and families to give to our migrant labour ministry and clothing ministry.

Wednesday
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We look forward to a time when the church is fully open and operational, and for new opportunities to engage our local communities, especially in terms of ecumenism and interfaith.

Thursday
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As government policies and regulations change, we look forward to new ways of reaching migrant labourers and others in need; we also look forward to restarting our Drama Ministry, Altar Guild, Welcome Team, and various other ministries which were on pause during the pandemic.

Friday
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We pray for our many guest congregations, their pastors and people, and for the increase of our members especially in this challenging economic situation. 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
17 July

Trinity 5

Ministry Pray in thanksgiving for faithful clergy and others ministering Word and Sacraments in all parts of the Diocese.

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**.

Monday
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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.

Friday
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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.

Saturday
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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
24 July **Trinity 6** **Director of Ministry** Pray for Archdeacon Christopher as he with others promotes a culture of learning, vocation, and discernment in the diocese.

Paphos: The Parish consists of three places of worship: The church of **Ayia Kyriaki**, (by St Paul's Pillar), Kato 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
25 Heavenly Father, we thank you for this great week ahead of us, for the plans you have made for us, and for the blessings we will receive and share with others.

Tuesday
26 Lord, we entrust to you all aspects of our lives and pray that you will make us fruitful, in this place, in the things that we do in your name.

Wednesday
27 Almighty God, open our eyes to see your miracles at work, open our hearts to share your love with all those we meet, and give us the words to preach your Gospel.

Thursday
28 Merciful Lord, bless our Church Council, our Churchwardens, our Wedding Ministry, our Fundraising Team, our Pastoral Care Team, and all our Volunteers, in all that they do in their ministries.

Friday
29 Creator God, we pray for your world and what we are doing to it. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us to ensure the survival of your people and the gift of this earth.

Saturday
30 Father/Abba, open our souls and grant us a new vision of your truth; inspire us with the spirit of joy and gladness; and make us the cup of strength to suffering souls. Amen.

Sunday
31 July **Trinity 7** **Lambeth Conference** Pray for the Lambeth Conference of Bishops, formally beginning today in Canterbury, and for wise and loving interchange, counsel, and communication.

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

Thursday
4 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
5 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
6 We pray that the spiritual assistance, literature, counselling, and Holy Communion offered to the Seafarers will strengthen them in their faith journey.

Sunday
7 August

Trinity 8

Friends of the Diocese Pray for those who continue to intercede, work for, and celebrate the lands and churches of the diocese even when they are far away.

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

Thursday
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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
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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
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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
14 August

Trinity 9

Diocesan Retreat House – Katafiyio Pray for Maggie Le-Roy and all who make Katafiyio, in Cyprus, a place of refreshment, growth, and depth.

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 international, and includes residents, those seeking asylum in Cyprus, seasonal regulars and holidaymakers. We seek to serve God through our welcome, hospitality and care, to all and especially to those in need.

Monday
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We praise God for worship faithfully offered at St Helena's. We give thanks to God for our fellowship with each other and for those who join us online. We also give thanks for our local outreach through charity shops and our booksale.

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

Wednesday
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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 and to be intentional about our discipleship.

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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
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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
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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
21 August

Trinity 10

Anglican Communion Pray for the laity, clergy, and bishops of the whole Anglican Communion worldwide, and especially Archbishop Justin of Canterbury.

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
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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.

Tuesday
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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.

Wednesday
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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.

Thursday
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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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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.

Saturday
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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.

Sunday
28 August

Trinity 11

Spirituality Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep leading the People of God, for the network of the diocese's Barnabas Team, and for all who teach and illuminate the Spirit's ways both old and new.

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
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Praise God for continuing to uphold us during this difficult time. We thank Fr Mike for acting as Priest in Charge of St. Andrew's and pray for him and Janet as they move on.

Tuesday
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We give thanks for the return of familiar faces, both resident and swallows, and we welcome those who have joined our parish family. We thank all who contributed for our Lenten appeal for Ukraine.

Wednesday
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We pray that the Church Council will be successful in finding a new Incumbent for St. Andrew's and that problems of accommodation for the new appointee will be overcome.

Thursday
1 September

We pray that we may all work together for St. Andrew's, putting aside personal wishes and instead focus on the common good.

Friday
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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.

Saturday
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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

Sunday
4 September

Trinity 12

Diocesan Office Pray for those who conscientiously and skillfully serve the administration 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. Based at the Religious Complex, The Anglican Centre is the spiritual home of more than 80 Christian congregations, where thousands of worshippers meet every week from 65 countries. There are two full-time ministers, Revds Mark Derry and MD Johnson, assisted by self-supporting ministers, Revd Patrick Salvage and Revd Samuel Igwuneri, along with Deacon Kingsley Douglas, and ordinand-in-training Stanley Alfred.

Monday
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Almighty God, we praise you that Fr Mark Derry and Fr MD Johnson have settled into the parish, that there has been an increase in numbers attending church and that we are emerging from the restrictions of the pandemic. We pray too for the new Admin Manager of the Anglican Centre, Stanley Alfred.

Tuesday
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The Church of the Epiphany and the Anglican Centre occupy a unique sacred space. We pray for those attending the four Anglican services, English, Igbo, Tamil and English-led Sunday Night. We thank you that over 50 different nationalities belong to our Anglican Church. We pray too for the sister congregations, having risen above 80 in number, who use our facilities on a regular basis. We pray too for the various teaching series, including Alpha, currently running in the parish. That the new Parish Council, including seven newly-elected members, will bring a freshness and unity to the leadership roles undertaken in the church. We pray for the time when fellowship will be restored. We pray for the FIFA World Cup and for the teams, organisers and fans that will be attending.

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We pray for the opening up of our sacred spaces free of restrictions due to the pandemic and the return of fellowship ministries that unite us as a congregation before God.

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With a membership made up of migrants we pray for our families back in our countries of origin, especially those who are unwell, and those, such as from Sri Lanka, who are struggling under tremendous economic hardship.

Saturday
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The Epiphany has so many gifts and talents to unlock as we look forward to the next few months, keep us united as a Body of Believers, that despite our different ethnicities, languages and customs, that "we may be one" in Christ Jesus. May a spirit of compassion and kindness pervade our dealings with each other, as we grow together in the faith.

Sunday
11 September

Trinity 13

Readers Pray for all Readers and thank God for their varied ministries of worship, preaching, teaching, and care.

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
18 September

Trinity 14

Cathedrals Pray for St Christopher's and St Paul's Cathedrals, their deans, their canons, and their people.

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.

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Praise for the creative way in which the Spirit works in each individual who comes on retreat, leading them to discern what is important for them to respond to.

Tuesday
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Give thanks for the setting of the Katafiyio Retreat in God's beautiful creation and the good cooperation there is with the Angel's Hills staff.

Wednesday
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Pray that parishes, individuals and the Retreats Ministry will have creative ideas to draw people to a deeper place spiritually.

Thursday
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People and parishes are busy. Pray that our creator God will draw congregations to personal recreation through quiet and reflection, and for some to take up the opportunity for spiritual direction.

Friday
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Ask that even though the Retreats Ministry is based a long distance from parishes, that people will be drawn together through the creative resources that are circulated through the Newsletter and Bread for the Journey.

Saturday
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Creator God, create in all of us a desire to know you more, a heart to understand you more, a response to love you more, and joy to serve you more.

Sunday
25 September

Trinity 15

Retreat Ministry Pray for all who plan and lead retreats and quiet days across the diocese, and all who give and receive skilled spiritual direction.

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

Saturday
1 October

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
2 October

Trinity 16

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.

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We praise God for the new lay leadership emerging.

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We rejoice in the labour ministry; bringing hope to those in need.

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We are discerning God's movements; joining in God's work.

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

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

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

Sunday
9 October

Trinity 17

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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
16 October

Trinity 18

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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Praise God for those who actively seek to serve the body of Christ here. Pray that we would deploy people wisely and well, according to their gifts and abilities, for the glory of the LORD.

Tuesday
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We've recently used 'Alpha' (online) as a discipleship tool. Grateful for the access it allows for those who are at a distance, have time constraints or care commitments that would otherwise prevent them attending.

Wednesday
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Pray that the LORD would grow prayer among Christians in Oman, that there would be an upsurge in people gathering to intercede for the church, the nation, and the world.

Thursday
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The PCO has struggled to think clearly about its identity and calling, especially with reference to separate campuses, guest congregations, government liaison & the spiritual life and growth of the congregations under its direct care.

Friday
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There are significant financial and structural problems that require creativity, energy and godly wisdom to overcome. Please pray that people would come together to pray and work towards real solutions.

Saturday
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Almighty God, strengthen feeble hands, steady the knees that give way, transform that which is desert into streams of living water. Come in saving power, may Your great Name be glorified in this place. *(A prayer based on Isaiah 35)*

Sunday
23 October

Trinity 19

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

Deryneia: St John's Anglican Church. We 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
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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
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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
30 October

All Saints Sunday Ordinands Pray for all who are in formation for ordained ministry and for those who love and cherish them.

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

Monday
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Faithful God, we praise you for your goodness and all your blessings, despite the many hardships we may encounter. At all times and in this place, through word and deed, may we reveal our faith and trust in you.

Tuesday
1 November

Merciful God, we rejoice in the many and varied ways we serve one another. Strengthen our relationships, guide us in our working together for the betterment of mankind, and inspire us to be faithful stewards of your creation.

Wednesday
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Everlasting God, direct the Church, that through her sacramental presence, she may be a beacon of hope for the hopeless and a place of belonging for all who are searching.

Thursday
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Compassionate God, to all in their daily struggles, be the light that shines in the darkness. To all people give courage, a steadfast trust in your love, and a deep sense of your divine peace.

Friday
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Loving God, give us vigour to overcome the challenges that lie before us; never forgetting that nothing is insurmountable if our hearts are lifted heavenward, uttering complete dependence upon you.

Saturday
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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

(The Collect for St Luke)

Sunday
6 November

Trinity 21

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

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

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

Wednesday
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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.

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

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

**Remembrance
Sunday**

The Departed Pray in grateful remembrance for the departed, not least for all who died in war and conflict as well as from illness and affliction.

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.

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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
20 November

Christ the King

Licensed Clergy Pray for ordained clergy, both stipendiary and self-supporting, with licensed responsibility and accountability.

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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Everlasting God, we praise you for your goodness and for the many blessings you bestow upon us in our everyday lives.

Tuesday
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Merciful God, we give thanks for the love and fellowship we share with one another, both in the breaking of bread, and in the mutual support along this earthly pilgrimage.

Wednesday
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Faithful God, go before us in all our doings, 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.

Thursday
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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.

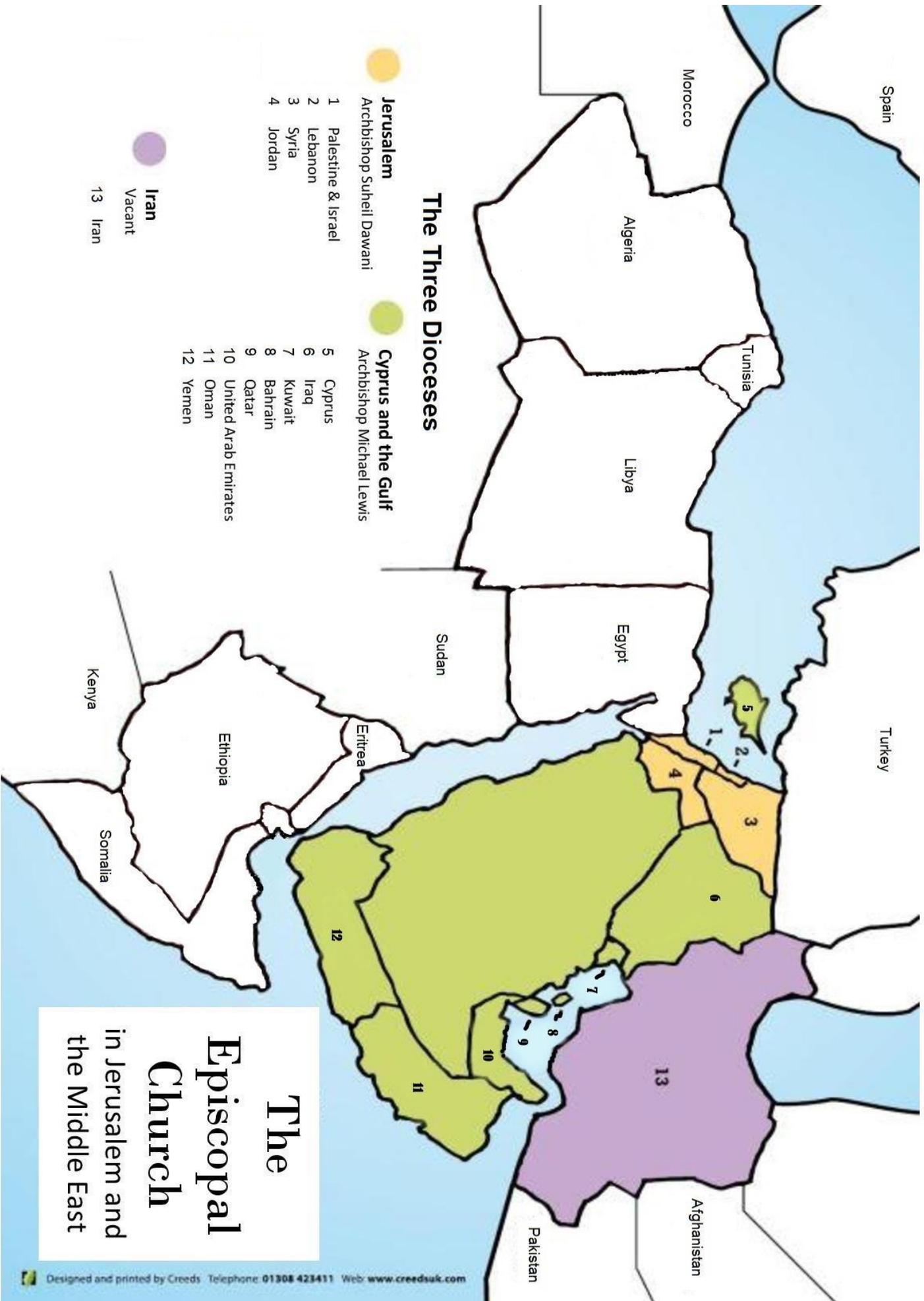
Friday
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Loving God, help us, at all times, to be Christ to others and to see Christ in all people.

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

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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

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