



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

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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
27 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
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We praise God for keeping the congregation together during this time of the Coronavirus despite not being able to physically meet.

Tuesday
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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
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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
1 December

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

Saturday
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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
4 December

Advent II

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

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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
11 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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We praise God for our growing and faithful children's and youth ministry. We pray for the leaders: that they may be inspired to lead in such ways that encourage faith to develop, and mature.

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Rejoicing in this season of Advent, we pray for our welcome and hospitality, praying that we may always be welcoming to the newcomer, the needy, and the stranger in our midst.

Wednesday
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We pray for the spiritual lives of all your people. May this time of Advent be a time of spiritual renewal in the life of our Church family. We pray that we may continually seek new and invigorating ways of growing and inspiring people's spiritual and faith journeys.

Thursday
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We pray for wisdom for the Church council in all its prayerful decision-making, particularly the All Saints Mussafah building project.

Friday
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In an ever-changing community with people coming and going, we pray for Godly vision as we seek new and exciting ways to build Church family. We pray for Godly wisdom as we respond and reach out to the needs of all in our ex-pat community.

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

Sunday
18 December

Advent IV

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

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 you Father for the Cathedral. We give thanks that we can mark/celebrate the big events of the life of our civic community. A place that brings together peoples from across the world. We give thanks that you continue to equip us with the diverse gifts needed. For the worship, the faithful community. For the new Children's Garden dedicated, and for the many who will come and have fun.

Tuesday
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Father, we know that every person is precious to you, we rejoice and thank so many people who strive to bring hope and happiness to young people and families in need. We pray for the migrants and refugees, the various agencies and peoples from across the world who shares in this place and activities. We give thanks for all those who help to bring support to the needy, and sustain all that happens in this place.

Wednesday
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Father, we give thanks that at your Cathedral we have been able to worship you. We pray with hope for our City, Country and World over the coming months, especially for all those facing hardships and tragedy.

Thursday
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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
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Father we are so 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
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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 25 December **Christmas Day** **Ministry:** Pray for those who publicly minister to know that they do so in the name of Christ the Incarnate Son of God, born today.

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 26 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 27 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 28 HTC is expecting their new Chaplain to join the Church in the near future. 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 29 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 30 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 31 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 1 January **The Circumcision of our Lord** **Communications:** Pray for thoughtful, courteous, and stimulating communication 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 2 We praise God for now being fully re-opened from covid-restrictions, and we continue to pray for those who are sick and suffering from any disease in body mind or spirit. We pray especially for those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation.

Tuesday 3 We rejoice in our Children and Teen's Ministries, along with Men's & Women's Fellowships that foster deeper understanding of how to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves.

Wednesday 4 We pray for the ongoing construction and renovations at St. Martin's leading up to 2026 (our centenary year) as well as spiritual growth and health of our people and ministries.

Thursday 5 We pray for our Migrant Labourers who face many challenges and increased opportunities for them to have access to church, and thank God for our Clothing Ministry and the generosity of donors.

Friday 6 We are challenged to continue to reach out to others in Jesus' name, even when sometimes responses are not immediate. And we pray for our guest congregations and their pastors.

Saturday 7 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
8 January

The 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.

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.

Tuesday
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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.

Wednesday
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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.

Thursday
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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
15 January

Epiphany II

The Friends of the Diocese: Pray for those who pray for Cyprus and the Gulf.

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
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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.

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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
22 January **Epiphany III** **Cathedrals:** Pray for St Paul's and St Christopher's, our twin cathedrals, their deans, their canons, and their people.

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 reimagined with potential expansion in Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Monday
23 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
24 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
25 We pray for God's wisdom and leading towards the new endeavour for working among the "Fishermen".

Thursday
26 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
27 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
28 We pray that the spiritual assistance, literature, counselling, and Holy Communion offered to the Seafarers will strengthen them in their faith journey.

Sunday
29 January **Epiphany IV** **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.

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
30 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
31 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
1 February We pray that all ministers, staff, and congregations throughout our diocese remain safe by the grace of God.

Thursday
2 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
3 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
4 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
5 February

Septuagesima

Synod: Pray for those who are currently taking part in diocesan synod, and for wisdom and vision in all that is planned and done.

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.

Thursday
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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
12 February

Sexagesima

Standing and Finance Committee: Pray for synod's standing and finance committee, and for its stewardship of synod resolutions.

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.

Friday
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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
19 February

Quinquagesima

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

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
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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
26 February

Lent I

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

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 91 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, Revd Samuel Igwuneri, and Revd Capt Dorothy Rose; 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 now settled into the parish, and that there has been an increase in numbers attending church and that we are emerging from the pandemic and the World Cup. 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 non-denominational sister congregations, having risen above 90 in number, who use our facilities on a regular basis.

Wednesday
1 March

That the new Parish Council and Church Wardens 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 thank God for the successful hosting of the FIFA World Cup and for the teams, organisers and fans that attended.

Thursday
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We pray for rejuvenation of the parish prayer ministry, LinkEd communities and other church outreaches that are re-emerging post-pandemic. We pray for the new leaders of these various ministries that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit in a servant-led way.

Friday
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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, as the early Church Fathers prayed for unity and peace, 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 5 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 6 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 7 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 8 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 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 March **Lent III** **Licensed Clergy:** Pray for ordained clergy, both stipendiary and self-supporting, who have licensed responsibility.

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 13 Praise that God is being recognised and responded to in the meditations, silences, and reflective input that is offered on retreats.

Tuesday 14 Thank God for the Katafiyio Retreat at Angel's Hills with the quiet and stillness it provides to help people listen to God. Give thanks for the staff at Angel's Hills who make it available to us.

Wednesday 15 Ask that God would continue to draw people to take time to be spiritually resourced whether this be through the Retreats Letter, other resources on line or elsewhere, or on retreat.

Thursday 16 Pray for an openness in parishes to promote and encourage busy people to slow down, rest and connect with God.

Friday 17 Pray that people in the parishes would learn of spiritual direction and that the spiritual directors in the Diocese would be able to be used more in accompanying others on their spiritual journey.

Saturday 18 Lord, you continue to offer us much for our spiritual journey through life. May we take what you offer and grow us in love of and service to you. We ask this for your praise and glory, Amen.

Sunday
19 March

Lent IV

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

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
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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
26 March

Lent V

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

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
1 April

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

Sunday
2 April

Palm Sunday

Retreats Ministry: Pray for those who bring energy and depth to the work of giving others time and space, and pray too for a good keeping of this Holy Week.

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
9 April

Easter Day

Parishes and Chaplaincies: Pray for the network of congregations that make up the diocese and for their work and witness, that all may glory in the resurrection of the Lord.

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
16 April

Easter II

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.

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
23 April

Easter III

Link with Exeter Diocese: Pray for Bishop Robert Atwell, his clergy and people, and for the three-way link with us and Thika.

Ras Al Khaimah: St Luke together with **St Nicholas** in **Fujairah**, is a parish comprising various nationalities, and 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
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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 light, a pillar of strength, and a sign of hope in this world.

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
30 April

Easter IV

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

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
1 May

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.

