



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 7 May **Easter V** **The Bishop:** Pray for Bishop Michael and for his task and ministry of responsible episcopal stewardship in the apostolic faith.

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 8 We praise God for keeping the congregation together during trying times.

Tuesday 9 We rejoice in the people who are actively involved in all parish ministries.

Wednesday 10 We pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the months ahead.

Thursday 11 We seek God's intervention for our depleting financial resources, as this ultimately affects our budget.

Friday 12 The future is uncertain. We pray for our parishioners to remain positive, committed, and dedicated amidst current challenges.

Saturday 13 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 14 May **Easter VI** **Diocesan Staff:** Pray for those who conscientiously and skillfully 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 15 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 16 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 17 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 18 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 19 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 20 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
21 May **Ascension Sunday** **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 been here since 1968. We seek to provide Christians of all traditions and denominations with a welcoming, safe, and legal environment to worship.

Monday
22 We praise God for St Andrews's vibrant children's and youth ministry, praying for the young people and their families. Pray for the young people's spiritual health as they begin the stressful season of exams.

Tuesday
23 We rejoice and thank God for the many people of so many nationalities and Church expression who find their spiritual 'home' at St Andrew's. Thank you, Lord, for our diverse body of Christ making up St Andrews Church. Please pray for St Thomas Al Ain, as we prepare to relaunch services at a new location.

Wednesday
24 Accompanying Spirit, breathe your resilience and reassurance in all St Andrews Church family that through the calming strength of your presence, all people may grow in faith, confidence, and commitment.

Thursday
25 Please pray for the resilience of new Council members in all its decision-making and forward planning, particularly around the area of Church finances.

Friday
26 Please pray for the weighty decisions that St Andrews Council needs to make regarding the future of All Saint's Mussafah Church which still requires much work and wisdom to be completed.

Saturday
27 Heavenly Father, give us hope and trust in you amid the many challenges we encounter. Inspire St Andrew's Church family to be thankful for your grace, mercy, and protection.

Sunday
28 May **Pentecost** **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. St Paul's Cathedral welcomes all nationalities and faiths to partake in worship within these walls. May your stay on this Island of Cyprus reflect our loving kindness and friendship. Holy Spirit, sent by the Father ignite in us your Holy Fire.

Monday
29 Spirit of the living Christ, come upon us in all the humility of your wondrous love; spirit of the living Christ, come upon us that new life may course within our veins, new love bind us together in one family.

Tuesday
30 Heavenly Father we rejoice in the Monday meals given to refugees within our community, for all volunteers who make and prepare the food, for the food parcels given to anyone in need at this time. We bless you, Lord.

Wednesday
31 God our Father, you sent your Son to us: grant that filled with your Spirit we may be renewed in faith and inspired in the hope and love. Bless the selection committee as they strive to appoint a new Bishop for the diocese.

Thursday
1 June Heavenly Father, in a world of broken promises, help bring peace to all war-torn countries around the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine. Help families who are struggling to put food on the table and clothes on their children's backs. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday
2 Grant your help, O Lord, to all who feel ill-equipped for the demands life makes upon them, whether through age or illness, tiredness or poverty. Sustain them in overwork or anxiety. Give them friends in their need, and enable them to find your will in changed circumstances, and to rejoice in your love even amid hardships and difficulty; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday
3 Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sunday **Trinity Sunday** **Ministry:** Pray in thanksgiving for faithful clergy and others
4 June ministering Word and Sacraments in all parts of the diocese.

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 We thank God for the good participation by our congregation members in all Church
5 activities.

Tuesday People's enthusiasm to participate in Church ministries has been very remarkable. We
6 rejoice in the Lord for the many opportunities to serve him.

Wednesday We are hoping to add new ministries on the Church compound.
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Thursday Pray for the people who are studying. Pray for the people who are struggling to find jobs.
8 Pray for new programmes to be launched for all age groups at HTC.

Friday Pray for continued good relationship with the Government, for the compound to be utilized
9 to its maximum, and for the smooth running of our Church compound.

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

Sunday **Trinity 1** **Vacancy-in-See Committee:** Pray for wisdom and discernment as
11 June the next diocesan bishop is sought.

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 We praise God for the Gospel being preached and the Sacraments being duly administered. We also
12 give thanks for those who recently were baptised at the Easter Vigil, for those confirmed and for the
ordination of Innocent on 21 May, as well as the catechism of our faith which is being taught to the
entire church.

Tuesday We rejoice our church ministries are going well, especially the choir and music team which seems to
13 grow weekly, the recent VBS in March, and the various regional Home Groups that are studying the
Bible and applying it to their lives.

Wednesday We look forward to seconding a Telugu speaking priest and an Arabic speaking priest for ministry at
14 St. Martin's and in cooperation with other Anglican churches in the UAE. We also hope to start
regular Evensong and Taizé services, and to make the right connections to be able to start Prison
Ministry in Sharjah.

Thursday We pray for the permits and finances as we are starting several renovation projects looking towards
15 2026, our centenary celebration. We also pray that there be minimal impact on us and guest
congregations during the construction.

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

Saturday O God, who are glorified in the Bishop Saint Martin both by his life and death, make new, we pray,
17 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
18 June

Trinity 2

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.

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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
25 June

Trinity 3

Communication: Pray for thoughtful, courteous, and stimulating communication across 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
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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.

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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.

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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.

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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
1 July

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 2 July **Trinity 4** **Cathedrals:** Pray for St Christopher's and St Paul'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 3 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 4 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 5 We pray for God's wisdom and leading towards the new endeavour for working among the "Fishermen".

Thursday 6 We pray for new ways to serve the seafarers, that we may be permitted to visit ships and that the Seafarers' Centre may be opened.

Friday 7 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 8 We pray that the spiritual assistance, literature, counselling, and Holy Communion offered to the Seafarers will strengthen them in their faith journey.

Sunday 9 July **Trinity 5** **Finances:** Pray for generosity, responsibility, and imagination in the use of money and resources.

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 10 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 11 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 12 We pray that all ministers, staff, and congregations throughout our diocese remain safe by the grace of God.

Thursday 13 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 14 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 15 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
16 July

Trinity 6

Standing and Finance Committee: Pray for the business of Synod to be carried on faithfully between Synod meetings.

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
23 July

Trinity 7

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

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
30 July

Trinity 8

Spirituality: Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep leading the People of God, 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
1 August

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.

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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
6 August

**Transfiguration
Sunday**

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

The **Anglican Church in Qatar** consists of **The Church of the Epiphany** and **The Anglican Centre**. The Epiphany has four congregations of more than 500 people; worshipping in three languages – English, Tamil, and Igbo. It is truly a 'global' church with members of more than 50 nationalities. Based at the Religious Complex, The Anglican Centre is the spiritual home of more than 94 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 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
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That the new Parish Council and Church Wardens, Moris Tumwesige and Jessy George, will bring a freshness and unity to the leadership roles undertaken in the church. We pray for the time when fellowship will be fully restored. We pray for unity and peace in the congregation especially because of the transitory nature of Gulf employment opportunities.

Thursday
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We continue to pray for rejuvenation of the parish prayer ministry, re-established 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
13 August

Trinity 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
20 August

Trinity 11

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

The main work of the **Retreats Ministry** is 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 that God continues to meet personally with those who take time out to be quiet, reflect and listen.

Tuesday
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Give thanks for the large number of people from different countries and cultures who have come on retreat at Katafiyio and in other settings over the years.

Wednesday
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As the Diocese seeks the way forward for this ministry following the departure of the Retreats Facilitator, ask that this ministry will continue.

Thursday
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In the busyness of church life, pray that clergy and laity will be drawn to take quiet days away for relaxation and prayer.

Friday
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Ask that those offering Spiritual Direction will be given the wisdom to know what to say and how to say it when they meet with individuals.

Saturday
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Lord of the journey, you who have spoken faithfully over the years to individuals and groups as they have listened to you, please continue to draw many into deeper friendship with you into the future. Amen.

Sunday
27 August

Trinity 12

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Friday
1 September

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

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

Sunday
3 September

Trinity 13

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

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 give thanks for our teen ministry and the faithfulness of our volunteer leaders in shepherding our teens.

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

Wednesday
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We are discerning God's movements; joining in God's work. We are especially seeking God's guidance with our children's ministry and with our expanding musical offerings.

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We pray we find ways to re-engage with one another and continue building a vibrant and spirit-filled community of faith.

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We pray that we will reignite our prayer ministry and Home Groups.

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
10 September

Trinity 14

Anglican Communion: Pray for the Provinces of the whole Anglican Communion, their people and Primates.

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
17 September

Trinity 15

Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association: Pray for those who support and promote our Province.

Oman: The Church of Saint John - Muscat (CSJM) is the new congregation under Anglican governance.

Monday
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Praise God for new beginnings, CSJM is less than a year old! May we grow up into the things God has for us in this place. Bearing fruit for His glory.

Tuesday
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Trinity 15 additional collect: "defend the Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth". Rejoice that many in the congregation desire to be rooted in God's Word. Pray that being united in the truth we would also display God's love.

Wednesday
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May we as a community of believers grow together, being rooted in Christ and in this place, reaching out in love to those around and to the world. Pray for possible visiting interns and other church links.

Thursday
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On the feast of Saint Matthew, prayers for provision regarding the finances for the new church, yet mindful of Christ's call to forsake the possessive love of riches.

Friday
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Over the last few years, the ex-pat population has been more transitory than previously. With a small congregation pray that the church has some consistency and stability, as well as growth, in the membership.

Saturday
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Almighty God, equip your servants in their life of worship, witness and service, that together they may be built up and gain maturity in the faith, bearing fruit unto eternity, in the name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday
24 September

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.

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
29

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

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

Sunday
1 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.

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
8 October

Trinity 18

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

Mission to Seafarers, UAE: Throughout the UAE ports, we care for all seafarers despite rank, nationality, gender, or religion.

Monday
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We praise God for the good work being done in caring for the well-being of all seafarers.

Tuesday
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We rejoice in the strengthening of relationships with port authorities and governments.

Wednesday
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We pray for ongoing progress in the development of programmes offered in the Seafarer Centres.

Thursday
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We give thanks for the support offered by many organizations and companies; without whom we would not be able to offer vital services in the UAE ports.

Friday
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We pray that seafarers' families will be able to overcome the challenges of separation from their loved ones.

Saturday
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Loving God, we sincerely pray for your deep blessing on The Mission to Seafarers in our service to seafarers and their families. Give us a clear vision and enable us to act wisely and compassionately.

