

Sunday
November 28th
The First Sunday of
Advent

**BAHRAIN: MANAMA, ST CHRISTOPHER'S
CATHEDRAL, WITH AWALI**
Give thanks for those who are to be confirmed by Bishop Michael tonight both adults and young people and pray that they may be released and empowered as disciples of Christ. For the Dean Chris Butt and the Bahrain Anglican Church Council; for a shared vision for the Cathedral and Awali Church.

Monday
November 29th
Day of Intercession
and Thanksgiving
for the Missionary
work of the
Church

In thanksgiving for the quiet mission of the Cathedral to those from the local community who find their way to share in our life and for the work of the Bahrain Bible Society in providing appropriate scriptures and other resources.

Tuesday
November 30th
Andrew the Apostle

In thanksgiving for the Revd Stephen Thanapaul's ministry to seafarers, for the support of Mission to Seafarers and the encouraging signs that a purpose-built welfare centre will be built in the port in the coming year.

Wednesday
December 1st
Clement of
Alexandria (c.150)
Priest and Scholar

In thanksgiving for the recent Vocations weekend with Andy Thompson and for all who have been challenged to use their gifts in God's service. For a Lay training course which is a follow-up to the weekend.

Thursday
December 2nd

Give thanks for Fozia and Angelique our newly appointed Administrator and Secretary in the Cathedral Office and pray for strength in facing the demands on them in this busy season.

Friday
December 3rd

Give thanks that we have been able to start a third children's group on Friday mornings and pray for the children and leaders as they rehearse for their Nativity Play

Saturday
December 4th

Awali Church in the oil compound meets regularly on Saturdays. Pray for this small but faithful community that they may be encouraged in their faith in meeting together for worship.

Sunday
December 5th
The Second Sunday
of Advent

THE CANTERBURY GROUP
Join with us as we celebrate with anticipation the appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in both the Nativity and his Second Coming.

Monday
December 6th
Nicholas, Bishop of
Myra (c.326)

Please pray for our special teacher, Wally Schilling and his wife, Kathy, who are living in Dhahran. Pray for our Study of Early Church History that lives will be touched and hearts transformed.

Tuesday
December 7th
Ambrose, Bishop of
Milan (397)

Please pray for our special teacher, Rocki Proffitt, and his wife, Boo, who are living in Ras Tanura. Give thanks with us for the new families that have joined us in Ras Tanura.

Wednesday
December 8th

Pray for re-forming of the group in Abqaiq, as some have retired. Ask the Lord to enable us to reach out to the new families who are moving into this community.

Thursday
December 9th

Pray for the lay ministry of the Canterbury Group, for the vestry, the lay readers, the Eucharistic ministers, the altar guild, the Friday school teachers, the social and hospitality committees, the acolytes, the lectors, the music director and choir, the sound system coordinators, and all who work for the building up of the Body of Christ in the Canterbury Group.

Friday
December 10th

Pray for the Canterbury Group in all its multiple locations that the financial resources needed for 2011 will be provided so that we will be able to continue with the ministry of two clergy.

Saturday
December 11th

Join us in giving thanks for the new dedicated space, which has been provided for the group that meets in Udhailiyah. Ask the Lord to bless us with new contacts and friends so that we can fill it!

O God our Father, we are preparing to celebrate the birthday of your Son Jesus Christ. While we recall his coming as a tiny baby in weakness and humility, may we be reminded that one day he will come in power and glory.

We make this prayer to you through the same Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

A Catholic Prayer Book

Sunday December 12th The Third Sunday of Advent	DIOCESAN MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATION For Michael, bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf, and Julia his wife.
Monday December 13th	For the Archdeacon in the Gulf, Bill Schwartz, and Edith his wife.
Tuesday December 14th	For the Archdeacon in Cyprus, John Holdsworth, to be collated this Saturday at St Helena, Larnaca, and Sue, his wife.
Wednesday December 15th	For the Bishop's Council/Standing and Finance Committee, for unity in decision-making, sharing of ideas and vision.
Thursday December 16th	For the work of John Banfield, consultant.
Friday December 17th	For the Deans of the Cathedrals of the Diocese, John Tyrrell at St Paul, Nicosia and Christopher Butt at St Christopher, Bahrain.
Saturday December 18th	For the work of all in the Diocesan Office, especially Georgia Katsantonis, Anetta Stylianou and Savvas Demetriou.

We ask for your help, Father of Christ, Lord of all that is, Creator of all the created, Maker of all that is made; we stretch out clean hands to you and lay bare our minds, Lord, before you. Have mercy, we pray you; spare us, be kind to us, improve us; fill us with virtue, faith and knowledge. Look at us, Lord; we bring our weaknesses for you to see. Be kind and merciful to all of us here gathered together; have pity on this people of yours and show them your favour, make them equitable, temperate and pure; send out angelic powers to make this your people - all that compose it - holy and noble. Send the holy spirit into our minds, I beg you, and grant that we may learn to understand the holy scriptures he inspired. May we interpret them correctly and fittingly, for the benefit of all the faithful here present. Through your only Son, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit. Through him may glory and power be yours, now and age after age. Amen.

Athanasius (c. 296-373)

Sunday December 19th The Fourth Sunday of Advent	SPIRITUALITY AND RETREAT MINISTRY For Maggie Le-Roy and Judy Cannan in their work as expectantly they WAIT, looking to see what new things God may bring to birth in the Retreats ministry.
Monday December 20th	For OPENNESS of minds and hearts to the development of the Retreats ministry in other countries in the region (e.g. the Gulf and Egypt).
Tuesday December 21st St Thomas the Apostle	That the Morning Star will ENLIGHTEN each Chaplaincy member at this Advent time, that each person's spirituality will deepen.
Wednesday December 22nd	For all clergy to help their Chaplaincy members increase their DESIRE for more of God in their lives.
Thursday December 23rd	That the Katafiyio Retreat House will continue to attract people from many nations, bringing them HOPE and providing spiritual resourcing.
Friday December 24th Christmas Eve	For all in the Diocese and Province to take time each week to be STILL, wait and listen to God for themselves personally and for their churches.
Saturday December 25th Christmas Day	For God's abundant love shown to us in his gift to the world of Jesus his Son, we give grateful thanks. We pray that the LIGHT of Christ will shine out of everyone who has been on Retreat during this past year.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine apostles, come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile, for there were many coming and going; grant, we beseech thee, to thy servants here gathered together, that they may rest awhile at this present time with thee. May they so seek thee, whom their souls desire to love, that they may both find thee, and be found of thee. And grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in thy name, that thy may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading them onward through the toils of their pilgrimage, to that rest which remaineth to the people of God; where, nevertheless, they rest not day and night from thy perfect service; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest ever one God, world without end.

Richard Meux Benson, 1824-1915

Sunday
December 26th
The First Sunday
of Christmas
Stephen, Deacon,
1st Martyr

CYPRUS: NICOSIA, ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand: and for all Deacons serving at the Cathedral.

Monday
December 27th
John,
Apostle and
Evangelist

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist, John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life.

Tuesday
December 28th
The Holy Innocents

We remember today the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace.

Wednesday
December 29th

In this Octave of the Nativity, we give thanks for all babies born in our parishes this past year and pray for their continued growth in the faith within the Body of Christ.

Thursday
December 30th

Let us pray for the peacekeepers and the peacemakers throughout the whole world as they wind up another year of often unappreciated effort and move forward into 2011 with renewed vigour guided always by your Holy Spirit.

Friday
December 31st

On the eve of the secular new year, we pray for peace and understanding on this island. That hatred may cease to be inculcated, that forgiveness may reign, and a spirit of reality and brotherhood may settle over all who dwell in this beautiful part of God's creation.

Saturday
January 1st
The naming and
circumcision of
Jesus

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world.

A Prayer for Greater Love in 2011

O Lord, enlarge me in your Love, that I may learn to know how sweet it is to love. Let me be holden by your love, mounting above myself through excessive fervour and wonder. Let me sing the song of Love; let me follow you, my Beloved, on high; let my soul spend itself in your praise, rejoicing through Love. Let me love you more than myself, nor love myself but for you, and in you all that truly love you, as the law of love commands, shining out from yourself.

Thomas a Kempis

Sunday
January 2nd
The Second Sunday
of Christmas

QATAR: DOHA, THE EPIPHANY

Give thanks for this New Year and pray for what lies ahead for us as a Church family.

Monday
January 3rd

Give thanks and prayer for Fr.Bill, Edith, Pamela and all who minister in God's name in this place. Pray for the new assistant Priest and his family as they prepare to join in Ministry in Qatar.

Tuesday
January 4th

For all who worship at the temporary buildings at the Anglican Centre site. In thanksgiving for the wonderful progress of phase 1 of the new Church building. In thanks for the life and witness in Qatar of Christians of many traditions working together. Pray for all involved in this important work, that the Lord may be glorified.

Wednesday
January 5th

Pray for the outreach ministry in Qatar that it will bear fruit. Pray for the congregation, that it will be perceived as welcoming to newcomers and more intentional about reaching out to the broader community.

Thursday
January 6th
The Epiphany

In thanksgiving for the marriage ministry in Qatar, for the opportunity to share God's love with all concerned. Pray for all who have recently been married, may they know God's love in their lives and homes. Pray for families in distress.

Friday
January 7th

For all in our Diocese meeting in the name of Christ today (and Sunday) to share with those in Doha as they pray for the growing number of children attending Friday school. Pray that they and their leaders will learn and grow together in the joy of sharing God's love.

Saturday
January 8th

In thanksgiving for the peace Christians experience in Qatar. For the rulers of the country giving thanks for the cooperation and practical assistance enjoyed with various departments of the government.

Make us peacemakers, O Lord, that we may be called children of God and joint-heirs with Christ. May we never suffer calamities, never fear temptation. When the struggle is over, may we rest in the peace of God, the peace of utter tranquility, through our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leo the Great (d. 461)
Adapted from the sermon of the Beatitudes*

Sunday
January 9th
The First Sunday
after Epiphany
The Baptism of
Christ

**CYPRUS: PAPHOS, AYIA KYRIAKI
CHRYSOPOLITISSA;
TALA, ST STEPHEN; PRODROMI, ST LUKE**
As the Spirit descended on Christ at his baptism, pray that same Spirit will empower the three Paphos Anglican Churches. That their diverse riches of liturgy, worship and service to others may find unity in faithful and loving witness to Jesus Christ in western Cyprus.

Monday
January 10th

Pray with St Peter that the Body of Christ in this Chaplaincy, 'having tasted that the Lord is good, may crave pure spiritual milk in order to grow in its salvation' (1Peter 2:2). Especially that the healing and reconciliation ministries, community meditation and the liturgies of Word and Eucharist will increasingly be excellent instruments of God's grace in Paphos.

Tuesday
January 11th

Pray for the gifting of discernment, responsibility, courage and action to allow and to facilitate cooperation with the Lord Jesus to move the Chaplaincy forward in its endeavour to find powerful ways to minister to expatriates, visitors and the unchurched. For a fostering of dialogue with the Roman Catholic community.

Wednesday
January 12th

Offer thanksgiving for Fr Andrew the Chaplain. For protection from all evil. For his leadership and vision and efforts to celebrate Christ in Paphos, for the flock to know the salvation of our God. And for those clergy who assist him: the Revd John Wash, the Revd Kay Watters, the Revd Sue Place, the Revd Dr Michael Ellis.

Thursday
January 13th

For the extensive network of pastoral and administrative support the parish is blessed with, which enables Christ to reach out to comfort and cradle the sick, dying, bereaved and to share in the joy of the sacrament of marriage and the ministry to visitors. Pray also that Christ may be the focus of our activities.

Friday
January 14th

Give thanks to Almighty God for the privilege of worship at the U.N. World Heritage Site of Ayia Kyriaki Church, and for the probability of St Paul's visit and preaching on this site. For the fellowship of the Communion of Saints with whom prayer is offered. For the ongoing generosity shown from the Holy Orthodox Church.

Saturday
January 15th

Acknowledging and confessing before God those things we do to nail his Son to the tree - gossip, discord and bickering, pray that these divisive actions may be overcome. Pray for our senior Anglican Communion leaders especially Michael our Bishop that they may be strong, powerful and loving in these matters so that the Light of the Resurrection may shine bright in Paphos.

Sunday
January 16th
The Second Sunday
of Epiphany

CHRISTIAN UNITY
For the unity of all Christians.

Monday
January 17th
Anthony of Egypt,
Hermit, Abbot
(c 251-356)

For deep immersion in the gospel of our salvation.

Tuesday
January 18th
Beginning of the
Week of prayer
for Christian Unity

For intelligent engagement with scripture, tradition and reason.

Wednesday
January 19th

For courage in addressing hard questions.

Thursday
January 20th

For delight in celebrating the faith delivered to the church.

Friday
January 21st

For penitence and sorrow over division among Christians.

Saturday
January 22nd

For trust that God the Holy Spirit will lead Christians into all truth.

Prayer for Peace

We beg and beseech the God whom the enemies of the Church are forever provoking and irritating that he would tame their wild hearts. May their rage subside and calm return to their hearts; may their minds, clouded by the darkness their sins produce, repent and see the light; may they seek the bishop's prayers and not his blood.

Sunday
January 23rd
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

CYPRUS: KYRENIA, ST ANDREW
"A light has dawned" Pray for the congregation at St. Andrew's as they are introduced to and welcome their new chaplain, the Revd Richard Frost, and his wife Sue.

Monday
January 24th

Just as Jesus "began to preach" give thanks that Richard has "begun to preach" at St Andrew's. Pray that he may be inspired by God's word and in equal measure inspire others.

Tuesday
January 25th
The Conversion of Paul

Today remember St. Paul's conversion and pray that the mission of the church in Kyrenia may be blessed beyond measure. Pray that those people living in darkness will see a great light.

Wednesday
January 26th
Timothy and Titus, Companions of St Paul

In remembrance of St. Paul's encouragement to Timothy and Titus, pray this day that St. Andrew's church will continue to be built up. Pray particularly for all those that work tirelessly on the church council.

Thursday
January 27th

Pray for those who will attend the bible study and ask that they will be encouraged, edified and educated. Pray for the leaders seeking wisdom and discernment for them.

Friday
January 28th

As preparations continue for Richard's licensing, pray for his family and all those who will participate in the service in whatever capacity. Give thanks for the privilege of being able to invite others to St Andrew's.

Saturday
January 29th

As Richard is licensed as the chaplain at St. Andrew's, give thanks for him and his willingness to serve, asking that he and his family will be protected and blessed with every spiritual blessings as they seek to minister in Christ's name.

A Prayer for the Middle East

**Let us pray for Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Middle East, people of Abraham, people of faith :
Lord of life and resurrection,
bring your healing into fractured relationships,
and through the prompting of your Holy Spirit,
enable new beginnings and fresh possibilities
in the troubled lands of the Middle East,
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

From the Anglican Communion official website

Sunday
January 30th
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Samuel Gobat,
Bishop in Jerusalem
(d.1879)

THE PROVINCE OF JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST
For the Province of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East formed on 6th January 1976 from the former Archbishopric in Jerusalem. It covers the lands of the Bible and the countries in which Judaism, Christianity and Islam were born. This week, for clergy and people of our Province.

Monday
January 31st

For the Diocese of Jerusalem. It includes Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. For the many pilgrims who visit Jerusalem and the Holy Land. For the Right Reverend Suheil Dawani, and Shafeeqa, his wife.

Tuesday
February 1st

For the Diocese of Iran. It continues its life and asks for the love and prayers of the whole Church in its faithful witness. For the Right Reverend Azad Marshall, and Lesley, his wife.

Wednesday
February 2nd
The presentation of Christ in the temple
Purification of the Virgin Mary:
Candlemas

For the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa. It includes Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia/Somaliland. For the President Bishop, the Most Reverend Mouneer Hanna Anis and Nancy, his wife. For the Right Reverend Dr Bill Musk and Hilary, his wife, in Tunisia. For the Right Reverend Andrew Proud and Janice, his wife, in Ethiopia.

Thursday
February 3rd

For our Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. It includes Cyprus, Iraq, the Gulf States, Yemen and the countries of the Arabian Peninsula. For the Right Reverend Michael Lewis and Julia, his wife.

Friday
February 4th
Cornelius,
Roman Centurion,

For the members of the Provincial Synod and Standing Committee.

Saturday
February 5th

For the Middle East Council of Churches, founded in 1974 as a regional fellowship of the families of Middle East Churches, bringing together Oriental Orthodox, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Evangelical churches under one body. For the General Secretary, Dr Guirgis Saleh and the Executive Committee. For the four Presidents of the Council, HH Catholicos Aram I, HB the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III, the Reverend Dr Safwat El Bayadi, and His Excellency Archbishop Boulos Matar.

Sunday
February 6th
The Fifth Sunday
before Lent
Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany

**DIOCESAN SYNOD AND BISHOP'S
COUNCIL/STANDING COMMITTEE**

This week pray for the Synod of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus. For the leadership of Bishop Michael.

Monday
February 7th

For the Bishop's Council/Standing and Finance Committee.

Tuesday
February 8th

For the work undertaken by the office staff and for the management and staff of the Lordos Beach Hotel.

Wednesday
February 9th

For guests and observers who share in the fellowship.

Thursday
February 10th

For unity in decision-making, sharing of ideas and vision, for daily worship together and for fellowship.

Friday
February 11th

For the successful closure of Synod proceedings.

Saturday
February 12th

That Synod members and all others may travel safely.

Sunday
February 13th
The Fourth Sunday
before Lent
Sixth Sunday
after Epiphany

**UAE: THE CHAPLAINCY OF DUBAI, SHARJAH
AND THE NORTHERN EMIRATES**

Lord, prepare us for the weeks of Lent ahead as we feel both deep sorrow for our sins and your undying love for us. Pray that the search for a senior chaplain for the chaplaincy bears fruit and the appointment will herald new beginnings for the Chaplaincy.

Monday
February 14th

CHRIST CHURCH JEBEL ALI: Pray for Christ Church's busy wedding ministry, and Karen the weddings secretary.

Tuesday
February 15th

HOLY TRINITY DUBAI: Pray that all be inspired by your words and by the actions of your son, Jesus. Guide everyone to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self-denial and with greater attention to you and to those around.

Wednesday
February 16th
Ash Wednesday

ST MARTIN'S SHARJAH: Pray that all at St Martin's may enter the season of Lent in the spirit of joy: giving themselves to spiritual strife, cleansing soul and body, limiting food and trusting and living on the virtues of the Holy Spirit.

Thursday
February 17th

ST LUKE'S RAS AL KHAIMAH: That St. Luke's congregation may grow in number and fervour, and be strengthened and united. For families affected by financial crises and left for good.

Friday
February 18th

ST NICHOLAS FUJAIRAH: Pray especially for teachers and hospital workers.

Saturday
February 19th

HOLY TRINITY DUBAI: Pray that all may see God's love in the passion, death and resurrection of his son.

Sunday
February 20th
The Third Sunday
before Lent
Septuagesima

UAE: THE CHAPLAINCY OF DUBAI, SHARJAH AND THE NORTHERN EMIRATES: Pray for renewal throughout the chaplaincy. Pray for mutual love across the barriers of race and culture. Furthermore, pray for all ministries of prayer, worship and learning across the Chaplaincy.

Monday
February 21st

HOLY TRINITY DUBAI: Pray that all may see God's love in the passion, death and resurrection of his son.

Tuesday
February 22nd

ST MARTIN'S SHARJAH: Pray for the construction of new Church buildings and halls at St Martin's, that all municipal approvals may be obtained. Pray for the Migrant Ministry Church workers, Daniel Sadiq and Arulraj as they serve the many migrant labourers in Sonapur and Sajja.

Wednesday
February 23rd
Polycarp, Bishop of
Smyrna, Martyr
(c.155)

CHRIST CHURCH JEBEL ALI: Pray that, mindful of those who have walked before us, the prophet of Christ Church may devote themselves to God this Lent.

Thursday
February 24th

ST LUKE'S RAS AL KHAIMAH: For the new church building fast progressing, and for all the consultants, contractors and workers involved. For the building up of the Body of Christ at St. Luke's with committed children, teachers, youth and adults.

Friday
February 25th

ST NICHOLAS' FUJAIRAH: Pray for the Fujairah Protestant clergy group, that they may go from strength to strength.

Saturday
February 26th

MISSION TO SEAFARERS: Pray for the many seafarers ministered to by the Reverend Stephen Miller and the Reverend Peter Chase. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they liaise with authorities on their behalf.

Sunday February 27th The Second Sunday Before Lent Sexagesima	THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Dr Rowan Williams. For a spirit of imagination, charity, trust and unity among Anglicans worldwide.
Monday February 28th	For the Primates of the Anglican Communion, especially Mouneer, our Primate.
Tuesday March 1st	For the dioceses and the people of all Provinces of the Anglican Communion, especially the Church in Wales on the feast of St David.
Wednesday March 2nd	For groups, councils, and gatherings within our Communion graciously to promote and advance fellowship.
Thursday March 3rd	For true and charitable unity within the Anglican Communion.
Friday March 4th	For the recovery and development of authentic Anglican scholarship and learning.
Saturday March 5th	For the deepening of Anglican spirituality.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy division. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church of England, Accession Service, 1714

Sunday March 6th The Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima	CYPRUS: S E CYPRUS For those who plan to attend the lent Course that God may bless them and the church through the studies and devotions
Monday March 7th Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs at Carthage (203)	For the Church Wardens, PCC and all those who serve the church in whatever role. The Pastoral Action Group - bereavement visitors, the Social Action Group, the Finance Group, the leaders of 'Men's Breakfast' and 'Ladies Lunch' The sides persons, readers, intercessors and those who lead 'Prayers Before Church'
Tuesday March 8th	For the musicians and singers as they faithfully aid and lead worship.
Wednesday March 9th Ash Wednesday	For the congregation who gather in SE Cyprus as Lent begins, that they may bear the mark of the cross towards Calvary in the weeks ahead.
Thursday March 10th	For the Lay Ministers; Licensed reader, Stuart Plowman and Lay Preacher, Peter Day; that God may inspire them in their leadership and teaching ministry amongst us.
Friday March 11th	Ask God to bless members who live a good deal of the time abroad (mainly the UK), the so called 'Swallows'. Bless them in their church life at home and bring them safely to SE Cyprus in due time.
Saturday March 12th	For the ongoing 'Discipleship Course' each Monday evening, part of the 'Five Stages of Discipleship' program in place in SE Cyprus. May those who prepare be blessed and inspired and those who attend be encouraged in the faith.

As the grain from which the bread we break was made were once scattered over the fields, and then gathered together and made one, so may your Church be gathered from all over the earth into your kingdom.

From the Didache (first or second century)

Sunday
March 13th
The First Sunday
of Lent

KUWAIT: AHMADI, ST PAUL AND KUWAIT CITY

For the new Chaplain Keith Brimacombe and his wife Chrissy, that they may settle into life in Kuwait and the leading of St. Paul's. That they will be blessed in their service to the Lord and their new ministry, and that the congregation of St. Paul's will find them a blessing as well. For all Christians serving and worshipping in the Middle East. That as we enter the Lenten season we may focus on true repentance, and that this will be expressed through obedience to the commandment of our Lord to "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Monday
March 14th

For the many new Christians in the Chinese congregation, that they may continue to experience the love of God and grow in His knowledge and grace daily.

Tuesday
March 15th

For the relationship between the church and government in Kuwait, that it may be strengthened and provide opportunities for Christian worship to continue with adequate space for growth. That all may be sensitive to the faith of Muslim neighbors.

Wednesday
March 16th

For the Christian community at St. Paul's to continue to reach out in the love and compassion of Christ to assist those in Kuwait who are suffering from poverty or injustice.

Thursday
March 17th
Patrick, Bishop
in Ireland

For thanks and praise to God for the opportunity to worship at St. Paul's among such a diverse Christian community, with brothers and sister from every nation, tribe and tongue.

Friday
March 18th
Cyril, Bishop of
Jerusalem, Teacher
of the Faith, 386

Give thanks of the diligent work of the leaders of our Diocese, that they may be strengthened by the love and grace of God in their service to the Lord in Cyprus and the Gulf.

Saturday
March 19th
Joseph of Nazareth

For the fellowship among believers to grow, as they continue to work, live and worship in a foreign land away from family and friends in their home countries.

Sunday
March 20th
The Second Sunday
of Lent

**SERVICEMEN, SERVICEWOMEN AND POLICE
AND SECURITY PERSONNEL**

For all men and women who serve in forces worldwide. For security personnel, including those who guard chaplaincy premises. For all who risk their safety and lives daily for the good of others.

Monday
March 21st

For the Bishop to UK Forces, the Right Reverend Stephen Venner.

Tuesday
March 22nd

For the Bishop to US Forces, the Right Reverend George Packard.

Wednesday
March 23rd

For the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, UNFICYP, and for local military and police personnel.

Thursday
March 24th

For peace in Iraq and for service personnel, police, and security staff there.

Friday
March 25th

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
For peace in Palestine and for service personnel, police, and security staff there.

Saturday
March 26th

For peace everywhere in the world, and our responsibility to promote it.

Prayer for All Needs

Let us pray to the Lord without duplicity, in tune with one another, entreating him with sighs and tears, as befits people in our position-placed as we are between the many, lamenting that they have fallen away, and the faithful remnant that fears it may do the same itself; between the weak, laid low in large numbers, and the few still standing firm. Let us pray that peace may very soon be restored to us, help reach us in our dangers, to draw us from our dark retreats, and God's gracious promises to his servants find fulfillment. May we see the Church restored and our salvation secured; after the rain, fair weather; after the darkness, light; after these storms and tempests, a gentle calm. Let us ask him to help us, because he loves us as a father loves his children, and to give us the tokens of his divine power that are usual with him. So will our persecutors be stopped from blaspheming, those who have fallen away repent to some purpose, and the firm, unwavering faith of the steadfast be crowned with glory.

Cyprian of Carthage (d. 258)

Sunday
March 27th
The Third Sunday
of Lent

CYPRUS: LIMASSOL, ST BARNABAS
That we may all have a happy and holy Lent in which our faith, hope and love of the Lord deepens. For the spiritual development of each generation.

Monday
March 28th

For the Greek Mission, the Arab, Persian, German and Scandinavian Churches that share the church. For other groups who meet on the site of St Barnabas' buildings.

Tuesday
March 29th
Simon of Cyrene,
the African who
helped Jesus carry
the Holy Cross
to Calvary

For those whose work can become a source of joy "with this tincture, for Thy sake."

Wednesday
March 30th

For the developing relationship of St. Barnabas with Pissouri Anglican Group. For a shared vision for growth, ministry and mission. That it may all bear much fruit.

Thursday
March 31st

For inspired and inspiring words and expressions of true love.
"Batter our hearts, three personed God,
That we who have been overthrown by our sins,
May at the last rise with your servant John Donne,
And sing with him the wonders of your love."

Friday
April 1st

On this day of humour, may we learn to laugh with not at one another. F.D.Maurice was a theologian with a passion for social justice. Pray that the biblical passion for justice may lead us to care for the poor.

Saturday
April 2nd

For Annual Meetings full of Christian charity and vision. For those laying down old responsibilities and taking up new ones.

**Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,
who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas
and gave him grace to encourage others:
help us, by his example,
to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

CW Collect for Barnabas

Sunday
April 3rd
The Fourth Sunday
of Lent
Mothering Sunday

OMAN: THE PCO
For the PCO (Protestant Church in Oman) - a partnership between our Anglican Diocese and the Reformed Church in America.

Monday
April 4th

For the congregations at Ruwi, and for building and development work to proceed.

Tuesday
April 5th

For the congregations at Ghala, and for continuing consolidation and growth.

Wednesday
April 6th

For Christians in Sohar, Salalah, and elsewhere in the Sultanate of Oman.

Thursday
April 7th

For all concerned about global recession and the economy.

Friday
April 8th

For the al-Amana Centre for Christian-Muslim encounter.

Saturday
April 9th

For all Christians in Oman, and for the Omani people and nation. For the appointment of an Anglican priest.

Sunday
April 10th
The Fifth Sunday of
Lent

YEMEN: ADEN, CHRIST CHURCH
For all Christians in Yemen, that they may grow in their relationship with God.

Monday
April 11th

For the staff of the Family Department at Ras Morbat Clinic, that through God's love they may heal the sick.

Tuesday
April 12th

For the staff of the Eye Department at Ras Morbat Clinic, that through God's love they may bring sight to the blind.

Wednesday
April 13th

For all seafarers who pass through the Gulf of Aden, that under God's protection they may remain unharmed.

Thursday
April 14th

For the Somali refugees who live in Yemen, that they may find hope for the future.

Friday
April 15th

For Nigel and Catherine Dawkins, that their ministry in Yemen may be fruitful.

Saturday
April 16th

For the Yemeni people, that they may be drawn together by God's spirit of love and fellowship.

Sunday
April 17th
Palm Sunday

CYPRUS: FAMAGUSTA, ST MARK

Pray for worship today. Turkish Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m., English Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. and Evening Praise & Worship at 5:30 p.m., each of which draws different people.

Monday
April 18th
Monday of
Holy Week

Pray for the leadership of the church, the Revd Zinkoo Han and the pastoral council composed of leaders of various ministries in church.

Tuesday
April 19th
Tuesday of
Holy Week

Oasis Cafe. Pray for those who frequent the cafe and the opportunities that there are to share about Christ and spiritual matters. Pray also for another worker who would be willing to come and be a part of this ministry.

Wednesday
April 20th
Wednesday of
Holy Week

The church is within the university campus by a kind permission of the local university. Pray that the good relationship may continue. Also pray for the university that it may provide good education.

Thursday
April 21st
Maundy Thursday

On this day of institution of Eucharist, pray for the unity of all Christians in Famagusta. There is a Catholic Chapel in the UN base and two student-led Christian groups meeting at the church premises.

Friday
April 22nd
Good Friday

Famagusta is a predominantly Muslim city. Pray for good relationship and good dialogue with Muslim neighbors and for ministry to them as well

Saturday
April 23rd
Holy Saturday

As we await the day of our Lord's resurrection, we also pray that this good news may be heard among traditionally Christian people including British expatriates in the area. As a very small portion of them attend church, pray that more of them may be in church tomorrow.

O Lord, the helper of the helpless, the hope of those who are past hope, the saviour of the tempest-tossed, the harbour of the voyagers, the physician of the sick; you know each soul and our prayer, each home and its need; become to each one of us what we most dearly require, receiving us all into your kingdom, making us children of light; and pour on us your peace and love, O Lord our God. Amen.

The Liturgy of St Basil the Great

Sunday
April 24th
Easter Day

OTHER CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS

For the Orthodox family of Churches and especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

Monday
April 25th
Monday of
Easter Week

For the Roman Catholic Church, both eastern and western rite, and especially for Benedict, the Pope.

Tuesday
April 26th
Tuesday of
Easter Week

For the Oriental Orthodox family of Churches: Armenians, Copts, and Syrians.

Wednesday
April 27th
Wednesday of
Easter Week

For the Ancient Church of the East, in both its branches, in Iraq and in the diaspora.

Thursday
April 28th
Thursday of
Easter Week

For the Lutheran tradition and for Lutheran Churches across the world.

Friday
April 29th
Friday of
Easter Week

For all Protestant and evangelical denominations, fellowships, and movements.

Saturday
April 30th

For us who are Anglicans to have the grace, in Christ, to see God's work in all our fellow believers.

Be kind, dear Teacher, to us your children. You are our Father, Defender of Israel; God the Son and God the Father, united as one Lord. Grant to us who obey your commands that we may become more perfectly like you, and know you to the utmost of our ability as a good God and a tolerant judge. Keep us all in your peace, citizens of heaven, having sailed calmly over the stormy waters of sin, wafted soothingly along by the wind of your Holy Spirit, your Wisdom beyond words. Night and day, until the last day; may we praise you with thanksgiving to the only Father and Son, Son and Father, the Son, our Teacher, together with the Holy Spirit. You are the one, in whom and for whom all things exist in unity, who has given us a share in eternal glory. All things exist for the one God, who is all goodness, all loveliness, all wise and all just. To God be glory, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-c. 215)

Sunday
May 1st
The Second Sunday
of Easter

IRAQ: BAGHDAD, ST GEORGE

Continue to give thanks for the reality and power of the Resurrection that gives us hope in our chaos, even in the daily violence and corruption faced in Baghdad. Pray for the two chapel services in the US Embassy and all who work in the diplomatic service in Iraq.

Monday
May 2nd
George of Lydda,
Martyr, c.304
(transferred from
April 23rd)

Give thanks for the many young people and children. May God give them faith, protection and direction in life.

Tuesday
May 3rd
Mark the Evangelist
(transferred from
April 25th)

As we celebrate the life of St Mark, pray that, despite great opposition in Baghdad and restrictions, the love of Jesus may be shown through the clinic, school and relief work.

Wednesday
May 4th
Philip and James,
Apostles
(transferred from
May 1st)

Pray that all in St George's and the whole diocese may be filled with the Spirit, Love and Wisdom of God.

Thursday
May 5th

Pray for the Mothers Union at St George's as they meet today, that their prayers may be answered, their relief may be sustained and their love and dynamism may be used to draw people closer to Jesus.

Friday
May 6th
Aristoo and Bahram,
Martyrs in Iran,
(d.1979 and 1980)

As we remember the Martyrs in Iran, remember also the huge number of Iraqi people who have been killed for their faith. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Saturday
May 7th

For all Christians in Iraq, in all their historic richness.

Sunday
May 8th
The Third Sunday
of Easter

FRIENDS, COMPANIONS AND SUPPORTERS

For the many prayer partners and supporters of the diocese around the world.

Monday
May 9th

For the UK Friends of the Diocese: chairman, Dr John Worton-Griffiths, and secretary, Mrs Mary Banfield. For the ministry of All Hallows by the Tower in London, and for Fr Bertrand Olivier, the parish priest.

Tuesday
May 10th

For the Endowment Fund: for its chairman, Mrs Jane Kellett, and all the trustees who manage the fund in the UK.

Wednesday
May 11th

For the Mission to Seafarers: the General Secretary, the Reverend Tom Heffer and staff at the central office in London.

Thursday
May 12th

For the Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association, and for the Jerusalem and the East Mission Trust: chairman, Mr John Clark and secretary, Mrs Shirley Eason.

Friday
May 13th

For the Cyprus Trustees of JEMT: Archdeacon John Holdsworth, Mr David Henchie, Mr Ken Wiseman, Mr John Hodgson, Mrs Felicity Christofides, and Mr Bill Hatfield, co-opted member.

Saturday
May 14th
Matthias the
Apostle

For the Diocese of Exeter: Bishop Michael Langrish and the clergy and people of the diocese.

O God, our heavenly Father, who has commanded us to love one another as thy children, and hast ordained the highest friendship in the bond of thy Spirit, we beseech thee to maintain and preserve us always in the same bond, to thy glory, and our mutual comfort, with all those to whom we are bound by any special tie, either of nature or of choice; that we may be perfected together in that love which is from above, and which never faileth when all other things shall fail. Send down the dew of thy heavenly grace upon us, that we may have joy in each other that passeth not away; and, having lived together in love here, according to thy commandment may live for ever together with them, being made one in thee, in thy glorious kingdom hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John Austin, 1613-69

Sunday
May 15th
The Fourth Sunday
of Easter

CYPRUS: LARNACA, ST HELENA

For Archdeacon John and Sue, the chaplain and his wife. In thanksgiving for them, and for the growth and unity of St Helena's Church.

Monday
May 16th

In thanksgiving to God for the support and bonding families bring. Although sadly, often families may be separated by the necessities of life, requiring them to live in all parts of the world, pray they will always enjoy God's love and protection in keeping them safe and well. Pray, too, that families may be reunited, sharing in the joy God's love brings.

Tuesday
May 17th

For all people engaged in voluntary work, that they may be given strength, patience and courage as they care for the elderly, infirm and bereaved. Help them to console those sick in body or mind. Reassure them that you, Lord, are ever present with them as they go about their daily work. Remind them that your love knows no bounds and that the work they do is in your name and that your promises endure for ever.

Wednesday
May 18th

Remember the elderly in the community; that they may find support, fellowship and spiritual comfort in the church.

Thursday
May 19th

In prayer this week, bring to the Lord the many foreign students attending colleges in Larnaca and district, who often arrive with false hopes of combining their studies with local work, which, in many cases, is not permitted by law, who then find their continuing existence in Cyprus in great peril, through lack of funding. Give concern, not only for their physical welfare, but also for their spiritual needs while they are guests of this island.

Friday
May 20th

Larnaca, like many congregations in Cyprus, has a small but significant number of non-Europeans in the congregation. The largest group at the moment are Filipinas who work mostly as housemaids. Pray that they may have a real sense of belonging to St Helena's. Pray for those who face difficulties in their employment, for those who are anxious about their families back home, and for those who have recently left Cyprus to return to their homes.

Saturday
May 21st
Constantine,
Emperor,
and Helena,
Protector of the
Holy Places, 330

In thanksgiving for the life of St Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, give thanks for her faith, her steadfastness and all the work she did for the island of Cyprus. In thanksgiving that the church in Larnaca bears her name.

Sunday
May 22nd
The Fifth Sunday of
Easter
Temple Gairdner,
servant of the
Church in Egypt
(d.1928)

ABU DHABI: ST ANDREW

Remembering the example of Temple Gairdner, pray that all will have warm and deeper relationships with Muslim neighbours. Pray particularly for the mosque leaders right next door to St Andrews church, that bridges may be built between their worshipping community and St Andrew's.

Monday
May 23rd

This day of the week is set aside for Wedding preparations. There are 150+ weddings a year, so pray that this will be an opportunity for witness to the Gospel and that the wedding ministry may bear fruit in the shape of lives touched by the love of God.

Tuesday
May 24th

Pray for the administrative and support team, especially, Helen (secretary), John (Bursar), Bernardo (Bookings Sec), Sheldon (assistant), Kareem (watchman) and Aslam, ever reliable support. Thank God too for the team of cleaners who faithfully keep the compound spotless.

Wednesday
May 25th

Pray for the children's ministry under the leadership of Marie Claire and Anne Amour.

Thursday
May 26th

Pray today for the congregation in Al Ain. Pray that the chapel attached to the Crematorium may become available for public worship and that it will be a centre of spiritual encouragement and growth. For those in the Municipality of Al Ain as they seek to understand the needs of the Christian Community and seek to address them.

Friday
May 27th

Pray that the four congregations may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God grant that the musical aspect of worship may be enhanced by the involvement of more musicians.

Saturday
May 28th

For Andy & Navina and their children that they may continue to settle in their new home and routine. Finally for the Reader Jo Henderson, as she continues in her ordination training.