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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

+ Michael Cyprus and the Gulf

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

+ Michael Cyprus and the Gulf



Sunday 30 May **Trinity Sunday** **The Bishop** Pray for Archbishop Michael and for his oversight of the Diocese and the Province.

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

Monday 31 We praise God for keeping the congregation together during this time of the Coronavirus despite not being able to physically meet.

Tuesday 1 June 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 2 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 3 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 Covid - 19 pandemic.

Friday 4 The future is uncertain. We pray for our parishioners to remain positive, committed, and dedicated amidst current challenges.

Saturday 5 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 6 June **Trinity 1** **Those being confirmed** Pray for all considering and preparing for Confirmation, that the Spirit will lead and inspire them.

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

Monday 7 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 8 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 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 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
13 June

Trinity 2

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 daughter Church in Al Ain, called St Thomas. We have recently celebrated our 50th anniversary. We seek to provide Christians of all traditions a safe and legal environment to worship.

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Praise for resilience and faithfulness in testing times.

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Rejoice in having partial freedom to assemble, and in good relations with the Government.

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Hope for a return to normal activities/assembly.

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Finding a solution to the stalled church building project at Mussafah.

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Guidance in the appointment of a new Chaplain/Vicar

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For unity and generosity

Sunday
20 June

Trinity 3

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

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

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We pray that all who come experience the friendly atmosphere and fellowship at St Thomas. We give thanks for those who share their gifts and talents in worship each week.

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We are thankful for the growing ministry towards the low paid migrant workers in Al Ain.

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We pray for continued blessings on all ministries and projects over the next few months.

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We pray that those who attend worship find a space for spiritual refreshment.

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We pray that, despite what the future holds, we continue to be a nurturing, friendly, welcoming church, where people of all ages find a spiritual home and experience the love of God.

Saturday
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Council: May they be given wisdom to lead the church forward. Community: May we experience the joy and peace of knowing Jesus amongst us. May we never lose sight of the fact that church is people, not a building, and that we are here to glorify God and be the hands and feet of Jesus in the local community and beyond.

Sunday 27 June **Trinity 4** **Synod Pray** for the good governance of the diocese at all times of each year.

Nicosia: At **St Paul's Cathedral** we welcome all those who come through our doors -- as worshippers and pilgrims, as visitors and sightseers, in prayer and in communion -- whether local to Nicosia, visiting us from elsewhere in Cyprus or coming from overseas from anywhere in the whole world.

Monday 28 We thank you Father for the Cathedral as we mark the 40th anniversary. For the worship, the faithful community; and all various support over many years. For the new Children's Garden being dedicated, and for the many who will come and have fun.

Tuesday 29 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 launch of the UTO project in early June, and for the families in need.

Wednesday 30 Father, we give thanks that at your Cathedral we have been able to worship you during this pandemic, for all the blessings you have given us over this difficult time. We pray with hope for our City, Country and World over the coming months, especially for all those facing hardships and tragedy.

Thursday 1 July 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 2 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 3 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 4 July **Trinity 5** **Standing and Finance Committee** Pray for the business of synod to be carried on faithfully between Synod meetings.

Dubai: Holy Trinity houses over 80 different languages and denominational churches and though not fully active at the moment due to the pandemic, during normal times, over 20,000 people use the complex every week. We are now partially opened for in-person services which is indeed a great blessing and God's immense grace. The Church is a beacon of hope for the people in Dubai in this difficult time.

Monday 5 With the continued support of the Rulers/Government and the people of God, the Church continues to grow and flourish. The Church is partially opened for Friday/Sunday in-person services, with Covid19 restrictions in place, in addition to the virtual platform. After the gap of one year, we conducted our Annual General Meeting in March 2021 and elected 12 new Council Members to serve the Church.

Tuesday 6 Our continued gratitude for the front-line workers and the allied services, who continue to fight/care for the Covid19 patients. We thank God for the vaccines HE has provided to the world to combat this virus. The UAE vaccine programme started in early 2021 and continues successfully and most of the UAE population has taken at-least one dose.

Wednesday 7 The greatest HOPE is that God will rid Covid19 from the face of the earth and the Church and the premise will be fully open to the worshippers. We pray, Covid restrictions will be lifted soon and we will be able to celebrate Holy Communion in Church.

Thursday 8 People to work together for the unity and growth of the Church and community. Pray for the people struggling to find suitable jobs, those in dire financial difficulties and people with health issues. People who are now back in the service/field jobs and children attending in-person classes to have God's protection.

Friday 9 Need for new volunteers for the local ministry – like Junior Church, Pathfinders, Junior/Senior choir etc. We pray for the New Church Council members so that they will serve wisely and discharge their duties to the glory of God. People who lost loved ones to experience God's peace that exceeds all understanding.

Saturday 10 Dear Lord, you have helped us to go through this difficult time with a virus threatening around us. You have taken care of us for the last 15 months. Continue to be with us. Grant us the grace to come back to your Church to worship you and partake Holy Communion. Heal our sickness, solve our problems and make your face shine upon us. Heal the world! Amen

Sunday
11 July

Trinity 6

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

Sharjah, UAE: St Martin 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 over 100 guest congregations of various languages and nationalities.

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We praise God for His faithfulness and for the many opportunities for the Body of Christ to grow, even through the many challenges we all are facing. Our theme for 2021 is praising God in all circumstances.

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We rejoice in our ongoing fellowships, especially our home groups that have Bible study twice a month and our monthly prayer meetings online.

Wednesday
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We have made a simple renovation to our toilets to be more sanitary with automatic sinks, soap dispensers, and toilets; we hope in the next 6 months to have the church fully open without covid-19 restrictions, and to return to in-person worship on Fridays rather than zoom services online.

Thursday
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We are struggling with letting Rev. Daniel & Rev. Arul Raj go as of 30 June 2021 who have served many years faithfully in the Migrant Labour camps; the ministry will continue on through volunteers in this changed landscape. We will miss them and we pray for them as they find other jobs.

Friday
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We pray for those members who have to repatriate to their home countries, and those who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time. We pray that all will know the hope of Jesus no matter where they are.

Saturday
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Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(BCP: Collect for Guidance)*

Sunday
18 July

Trinity 7

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

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

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We give thanks for wonderful relations with the people of Aden and government departments, which encourages the staff and promotes the work of the clinic in many ways.

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We give thanks for the commitment and dedication of the staff members of the clinic. Their Christ-like compassion for the people they serve is a great testimony of God's love for the poor and downtrodden.

Wednesday
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As hope grows for a political settlement to end the civil war, there is anticipation of an influx of aid workers and other kinds of expatriate presence. We need wisdom and financial backing to prepare and restore the congregational aspect of our ministry in Aden.

Thursday
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The financial support for the work of the clinic is an ongoing struggle in many ways. Pray that the good news of this wonderful ministry may be more widely known and supported.

Friday
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Continue praying for the people of Yemen in the catastrophe of the civil war. Basic infrastructure like water and electricity supply is meagre at best. The health system and education system are incapacitated. Covid is only one of many endemic health problems. The people of Yemen need our prayers.

Saturday
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Almighty God, we pray for your peace to be established in Yemen, in the hearts of the people and in the relationships between warring factions - that the work of Christ Church and the Ras Morbat Clinic will flourish and your love may be known to the people of Yemen.

Sunday
25 July **St James the Apostle** **Director of Ministry** Pray for Archdeacon Christopher as he with others promotes a culture of learning, vocation, and discernment in the diocese.

Paphos: The Parish has 3 places of worship: The church of **Ayia Kyriaki Chrysopolitissa**, Paphos; the Church of **St Stephen** in Tala and the Church of **St Luke** in Prodromi, which serves the town of Polis, the resort of Latchi and surrounding villages.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
1 August **Trinity 9** **Communications** Pray for thoughtful, courteous, and stimulating communication across the diocese.

Mission to Seafarers Bahrain: The mission agency, funded entirely by voluntary donations and legacies, offers a comprehensive ministry of care to all who live and work at sea. There are seafarers' centres in 121 ports around the world. The work in Bahrain is being reimaged with potential expansion in Dammam, Saudi Arabia

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

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

Sunday
8 August

Trinity 10

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

Baghdad: St George's Church re-opened in 2003 to receive Iraqi people from different Christian denominations. It has now become a compound with a clinic opened in 2007, kindergarten opened in 2011, Mother's Union branch and a big hall for festivals and meetings. With the construction process finished, the Redeemer School is running very well.

Monday
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Praise the Lord, all you nations. Extol him, all you people. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
15 August

The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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

Monday
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We praise God for worship faithfully offered at St Helena's for so many years and continued online during the COVID-19 lockdowns. We give thanks to God for staying connected with one another through modern technology.

Tuesday
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We rejoice that through the installation of our new 'Cans for Kids' collection point, we are contributing both to recycling initiatives and to the donation of needed medical equipment for children in hospitals locally.

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 through worship, discussion, biblical reflection and prayer.

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
22 August

Trinity 12

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

Bahrain: St Christopher's Cathedral is in Central Manama with services on Friday and Sunday, and in Awali, the oil compound, on Saturday mornings. We are a relatively small, but very international community, hosting many other congregations of varying traditions who use our compound during the week.

Monday
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In this time of financial crisis give thanks for generous financial support for the Cathedral from people outside the church.

Tuesday
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With the economic downturn a number of congregation members have lost jobs and have had to leave the country. We rejoice that they stay in touch, and we rejoice that others are stepping up to keep things going and that our fellowship is strong.

Wednesday
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After a whole year of church lock-down we are preparing for the day when we will be allowed to open the compound again. We need God's special wisdom to manage the transition wisely and appropriately.

Thursday
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Facing a financial crisis, we look forward to the time when we will be allowed to renew fund-raising events to recover and move into the future. Pray for creative ideas and continued help from the society in which we live.

Friday
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Let us pray that as the local economy picks up and new people come to Bahrain looking for jobs, our ministry may extend broadly to welcome as many as possible into the Church community.

Saturday
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Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your grace and presence in our midst, strengthening us to do your work in all things and for the privilege of testifying to your love and power.

Sunday
29 August

Trinity 13

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

Kyrenia: St Andrew's is located in the heart of the beautiful port city of Kyrenia. The congregation consists mainly of resident expatriates, seasonal visitors (swallows), and tourists. St. Andrew's is also greatly blessed by the presence of a large population of multi-national students who have been welcomed and found a home among us.

Monday
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Praise God for sustaining us through a difficult year; We pray St Andrews will be a consistent testimony to God's love that never changes, the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit and the peace that passes all understanding.

Tuesday
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We give thanks for the new relationships, means of communicating and worship that have developed during the pandemic; praying for the adjustment back to in-person meetings and the reintegration of those who have felt isolated or drifted away.

Wednesday
1 September

After a long interregnum, the church building being closed for most of the last year and the absence of all our swallows, we pray for the rebuilding of our Christian community in worship, prayer and fellowship

Thursday
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Pray that there may be unity and harmony amongst all God's people in the TRNC and especially genuine forgiveness for everything from the past.

Friday
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We thank God for the provision of our new Priest-in-Charge and ask that Rev Mike will have wisdom, grace and patience to lead St Andrews forward into all that is in God's plans and purposes.

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.

Sunday
5 September

Trinity 14

Diocesan Office Pray for those who conscientiously and skillfully serve the administration of the diocese.

The Anglican Church in Qatar consists of **The Church of the Epiphany** and **The Anglican Centre**. Epiphany has five congregations of more than 600 people. Worshipping in three languages – English, Tamil, and Igbo. It is truly a 'global' church with members of more than 35 nationalities. The Anglican Resource Centre is the spiritual home for more than 80 Christian congregations, where thousands of worshippers meet every weekend from 65 countries.

Monday
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We praise God for the opportunity to have developed an effective media ministry via YouTube and Facebook, which has significantly extended our ministry through live-streaming and recordings, with people participating throughout Doha, the Middle East, and around the world.

Tuesday
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We rejoice in the gift of Revd. & Mrs Peter and Nancy Crooks who served on an interim basis as we worked to recruit a permanent Senior Priest.

Wednesday
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We pray that God will develop our youth ministry under our new Youth Coordinator, Rotua Simbolon, so that the youth in our church will grow in their knowledge of God's all-embracing love for our world.

Thursday
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We pray for the many in our community that have suffered financially from the economic fall-out as a result of the pandemic. Pray that our church will serve their needs effectively and compassionately.

Friday
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We pray for the challenges faced by our Anglican Centre. Many guest churches have not been able to fully resume their worship due to social distancing safety protocols and financial hardships. Pray that the Anglican Centre finds creative ways to serve these other Christian communities.

Saturday
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"May those who suffer from dire and grievous illnesses of the body be remembered before you; send to them an angel of compassion and assuage their souls, which are grievously tormented by terrible afflictions... Save them from their plight. O my Lord and my God, send comfort to all those who are constrained by whatever kind of hardship."

(St Isaac of Qatar, 7th Century)

Sunday
12 September

Trinity 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
19 September

Trinity 16

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

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

Monday
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Thank God that despite the restrictions around Covid some people have been showing an interest in booking retreats at Katafiyio. Others in the Middle East and the Gulf have participated in Retreats in Daily Life on Zoom.

Tuesday
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Thank God too that the Diocese has been able to use the Katafiyio Retreat at Angel's Hills for group events following Covid guidelines. Give thanks for the staff at Angel's Hills who have made us so welcome.

Wednesday
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As Cyprus begins to open up after an unsteady year, ask that God would lead people to Katafiyio to be refreshed for life and ministry.

Thursday
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Ask that Priests and Parishes would be open to offering a variety of retreat opportunities to their congregations which will meet the needs of different personality types, cultures, and Christian backgrounds.

Friday
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As life seems to be returning to some kind of normal, ask that Maggie would know God's leading as she plans for the future. What now needs to be done differently and what ways of doing things will be helpful to revert back to.

Saturday
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Lord, breathe your life into us. Open our ears to listen for sounds of you around us; open our eyes to see evidence of your life in our world; open our minds that we will be challenged by knowing your life in us; open our hearts that we may be moved by you sending us out. We pray that as you breathe in us, we might breathe you out to our needy world. In the name of Christ, Amen

Sunday
26 September

Trinity 17

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

Mission to Seafarers Cyprus: The Mission to Seafarers serves all those who venture on the oceans of the world by offering care and service to all in need who visit this island regardless of nationality or faith.

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

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

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

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

Friday
1 October

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 October

Trinity 18

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

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

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We praise God for keeping us together as His people.

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
10 October

Trinity 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
17 October

Trinity 20

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

Oman: The Protestant Church in Oman is an historic partnership between the Anglican church and the Reformed Church of America. We serve around 500 people in four English language congregations, an Arabic and a Korean congregation and host about 60 other congregations in our two compounds.

Monday
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Luke the Evangelist : Praise God for the Christian doctors and nurses serving the people of this country both now and in the past. Pray that the LORD would use their faithful service as a light bringing Him glory.

Tuesday
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Henry Martyn : We give thanks to God for those who have been inspired by the life of Henry Martyn, who have likewise dedicated their lives to the translation of the Scriptures, and those who have been led into missionary service in this region, and especially in this land. Giving thanks for the continued legacy of Bishop French and Samuel & Peter Zwemer.

Wednesday
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Pray for the continued development of 'Jesus Family Network' area groupings across the city of Muscat, that Jesus' family in each area would grow in fellowship, discipleship and witness.

Thursday
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Pray for the continuing work of the regathering of the flock after the disruption to gathered worship of the past one and a half years.

Friday
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Prayer for wisdom regarding governance and finances, as the church seeks a pathway out of the destruction accelerated by the pandemic.

Saturday
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Heavenly Father, build your church in this land, not with bricks and mortar, but with living stones. May your church, gathered here from the four corners of the globe, be united in Your Son, by Your Spirit, and may Your people be compelled to be salt and light for You.

Sunday
24 October

Trinity 21

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
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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 **All Saints** **Ordinands** Pray for all who are in formation for ordained ministry and for those who love and cherish them.
31 October

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

Monday On the *Feast of All Souls*, we entrust into God's mercy and protection all who have died. May their souls find eternal rest in his everlasting care; and to those who mourn, may God comfort and uplift them in their grief.
1 November

Tuesday 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.
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Wednesday We give thanks for the example of *Richard Hooker* in defending the catholic and reformed religion. Everlasting God, direct the Church, that through her sacramental presence, she may be a beacon of hope for the hopeless and a place of belonging for all who are searching.
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Thursday 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.
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Friday 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.
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Saturday Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
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(The Collect for St Luke)

Sunday **Trinity 23** **The Departed** Pray in grateful remembrance for the departed, not least for all who died in war and conflict as well as from illness and affliction.
7 November

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

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

Remembrance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
21 November

Christ the King

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

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

Monday
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As we celebrate the memorial of *St Cecilia*, venerating her in our worship, so we pray that we may remain faithful to our individual vocations, that what we say with our lips we believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we show forth in our lives.

Tuesday
23

As we celebrate the commemoration of *St Clement*, we give thanks for the love and fellowship we share with one another: in the breaking of bread, in prayer, and in mutual support along this earthly pilgrimage.

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

Thursday
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As we celebrate the life of *St Catherine of Alexandria*, may we grow from strength to strength; living lives of faith and good works, and inspiring many to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

Friday
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Loving God, may your holy word be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve, at all times giving glory to your holy name.

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

(adapted from the Collect for St Nicholas)



The Three Dioceses

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Archbishop Suhell Dawani

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- 2 Lebanon
- 3 Syria
- 4 Jordan

Cyprus and the Gulf
Archbishop Michael Lewis

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

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