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If you wish to include anything in the bulletin, please contact Deb Graham by noon Wednesday on 99173079 or email to debgraham1982@gmail.com

Diary of the week: Please note the activities (*) take place in the Upper Room

Sunday	15th December	9.30am	Holy Communion: Geoff Preaching: Anne
Monday	16th December	10am - 1pm 10am – 1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop open Pervolia Charity Shop open
Tuesday	17th December	10am	Ladies' Carol Service in Church, all are welcome Followed by refreshments.
		6.00pm	Christmas Carols in Pervolia Charity Shop, followed by refreshments
Wednesday	18th December	10am-1pm 10am – 1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop open Pervolia Charity Shop open
Thursday	19th December	10am-1pm	Pervolia Charity Shop open
Friday	20th December	10am --1pm 10am-1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop open Pervolia Charity Shop open
Saturday	21st December	10am-1pm	Pervolia Charity Shop open
Sunday	22nd December	9.30am	Holy Communion: Anne Preach: Christopher
		6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols

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St Helena's Anglican Church



**15th
December,
2019**

Welcome to St Helena's in the name of Christ.

If you are a baptised Christian of any tradition, you are invited to receive Communion.

We will be having coffee in the courtyard after the service, please join us.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Looking Forward –

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's Christingle service. It was lovely to see the church so full and to have the singing led so beautifully by the Oroklini Choir. A total of €300 is being sent to St George's home for young adults with learning difficulties in Larnaka, a Thank you all so much for your generosity.

This morning, Christopher is at St. Andrew's in Kyrenia. And here, on the third Sunday of Advent, we light the third candle in our Advent Wreath. It is the pink candle which symbolises Joy, as we come yet closer to the coming of the Christ child. So far in Advent, in remembering those who awaited the Messiah, we've recalled the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and today we recall John the Baptist.

Details of all our Christmas Services are as follows:

17th December 10.00am Ladies' Carol Service in Church, all are welcome, followed by refreshments

17th December 6.00pm Christmas Carols in Pervolia Charity Shop, followed by refreshments

22nd December 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Church, followed by refreshments

24th December 6.00pm Holy Communion with blessing of the Crib in Church

25th December 10.00am Christmas Holy Communion in Church

Please do join us if you can.

And as we continue our Advent watching and waiting, I want to share with you a prayer by John Birch that I find special:

Advent God,
As we journey with you,
to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King,
keep our ears attuned to the song of angels,
our eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.
Forgive us if on our journey
we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world.
Keep our hearts aflame with the hope
of Christmas, and the promise of a Saviour. Amen

Anne



Pray for The Archdeacon in Cyprus: Pray for his ministry, for the parishes of Cyprus, and for justice and peace across the island

Pray also for St Andrew's Abu Dhabi and St Thomas' Al Ain, for the clergy and people in their worship, mission and service.

Please let one of the clergy at St Helena's know of any prayer and pastoral needs.

This morning's readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5:

7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

Next week's readings: Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans

1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-end

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