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St Helena's Anglican Church

Diary of the week

Sunday	22nd December	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion: Rev Anne Futcher Preaching: Ven Christopher Futcher Nine Lessons and Carols
Monday	23 rd December	10am - 1pm 10am -1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop closed Pervolia Charity Shop open
Tuesday	24 th December	10am 6.00pm	Pervolia Charity Shop open Holy Communion with blessing of the Crib
Wednesday	25 th December	10am-1pm 10am -1pm 10.00am	Larnaca Charity Shop closed Pervolia Charity Shop closed Christmas Day Holy Communion
Thursday	26 th December	10am-1pm	Pervolia Charity Shop closed
Friday	27 th December	10am --1pm 10am-1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop closed Pervolia Charity Shop closed
Saturday	28 th December	10am-1pm	Pervolia Charity Shop closed
Sunday	29th December	9.30am	Holy Communion and Preaching: Fr. Gabriel Amat



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.*

22nd December, 2019

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Looking Forward –

This past week has been punctuated by singing - and by wonderful seasonal refreshments! We've sung carols in St. Helena's on Tuesday morning and at the Pervolia charity shop in the evening, and we look forward to the nine lessons and carols on 22nd December.

Today as we light the fourth candle in our Advent wreath we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she waited for the birth of her son. As we wait too, we reflect on the astonishing willingness of the God who made the universe, to come among us as a tiny baby.

During the first Holy Communion of Christmas on Christmas Eve, we will be blessing our new set of nativity figures. As we do so, we give thanks for the crib's beautifully hand-painted backdrop; and for the generosity of two members of our church community who have donated towards the purchasing of the nativity set. Please do take time to enjoy it.

Details of our Christmas Services are as follows:

This evening (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 join us if you can. And if you are travelling to be with friends and family over Christmas, our prayers and love go with you.

*Let us each go in faith
to ponder in our hearts
the mystery of this moment.
And may life be born within you,
Christ Jesus be seen among you
and joy surround you like the angels' song.*

We very much look forward to being with you in 2020.

Anne



Please pray for the Archdeacon in the Gulf: Pray for his ministry, for the nations of the archdeaconry, and for all who live in them, citizens and others.

Please pray also for St Thomas Church in Al Ain, which is supported by St Andrew's, Abu Dhabi. St. Thomas' currently worships at a golf club, but it has been gifted land by the ruling family to build on. The church congregation is from many backgrounds and nations, but it is united in its desire to see Christ lifted up amongst them and to help more people experience the joy of knowing Jesus.

This morning's readings: Isaiah 7:10-16	Romans
1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-end	
Next week's readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9	Hebrew
2: 10-end Matthew 2:13-end	

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