

Benedictus

Please join in with the verses in **bold**.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 **To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 **Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 **To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen**

Notices:

There will be a **retiring collection**, please leave your donation in the basket at the back of church.

There will be a service of **Nine Lessons and Carols**, led by Archbishop Michael, at St George in the Forest, Troodos on 18th December at 3pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. If you would like to attend, please tell Christopher.

Advent - A reminder that the **Advent Discussion Group** 'Waiting with Purpose' continues this week on Wednesday on the theme of Prophets. If you would like to prepare for this you could look at three very familiar passages from Isaiah, 7.1-16, 9.1-7, 11.1-9.

Could you make a cake, mince pies or sausage rolls for refreshments after the **Ladies' Carol Service** on 14th December? Please see Liz, if so. The Carol Service is at 10am. All are welcome!

Liz would welcome donations towards flowers at Christmas.

St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca

For prayer:

Pray for those being confirmed - pray for the Holy Spirit to be with all who walk the path of the Christian faith.

Pray for St Barnabas, Limassol and its sister church in Pissouri.

Those on our prayer list at the front of church.

If you have somebody that you would like us to pray for, please add them to the prayer list and mention them to a Warden.

If you would like a clergy visit, please see one of clergy or a Warden.

Who's Who:

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5th December, 2021



Today's Readings – Second Sunday of Advent: Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Next Sunday's Readings – Third Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3: 14 – end; Canticle: Isaiah 12.2 – end; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7 – 18

Hymns: 469 O come, O come; 513 On Jordan's bank; 399 Lo he comes; 93 Christ whose glory; 270 Hills of the north

Collect:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**