

Psalm 126 - Please join in with the verses in **bold**

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.**
- 3 Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.**
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Refrain: **The Lord has indeed done great things for us. Lord, as you send rain and flowers even to the wilderness, renew us by your Holy Spirit, help us to sow good seed in time of adversity and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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**

For prayer –

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

Pray for St John's Anglican Church, Deryneia whose congregation meets in the Orthodox Church of St Fanourios at the invitation of the Orthodox Bishop and the local municipality with which they have good relationships. They aim to serve the needs of their Cypriot neighbours and English-speaking people of all nationalities living in the towns and villages of our district. They have a tendency to be evangelical in their worship but retain the traditions of the Anglican Communion.

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

If you would like a visit by one of the clergy, please see a member of the clergy.

Notices:

- Creation Season continues this Sunday leading up to Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, 1st October. Contributions of non perishable foodstuffs are welcomed and will be distributed to asylum seekers.
- The next Book Sale will be held on Wednesday, 27th September from 10am – 12 noon. Please see Marina if you would like to help in any way.
- You are invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Canon John Holdsworth's Ordination with a Holy Eucharist Service on Thursday, 28th September at 4pm at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Nicosia. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Deanery
- Please check that all mobile phones are off, or on silent, during the service.
- There will be a retiring collection. The basket is at the back of church.
- There is a quiet day with reflection at the Jubilee Hotel, Troodos on 6th October. Please see the poster in the foyer for more details.

St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca

24th September 2023

Today's readings – Creation Season – Restoration: Job 42: 10-17; Romans 8: 8-22; John 6: 1-13

Next week's readings – Creation Season – Harvest: Joel 2: 21-27; Benedicte 1-3, 8-12; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 17: 11-19

Hymns: 36 Angel voices; 376 Let all the world; 155 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness; 183 Give me joy in my heart; 218 God's Spirit is in my heart

The Collect and Post Communion prayers are in the service book.