

St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca
15th December 2024

Notices:

- 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.
- Fr Ken Gabbadon is leading the service today.
- There will be a Eucharist service on Wednesday at 1pm.

Who's who:

Associate Priests - Fr Geoff Graham, phone: 99178068, email: geoffgraham1982@gmail.com; Fr Ken Gabbadon, phone: 99768966, email: kgabba7036@aol.com

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Dates for your diary:

22nd December, 11am – carol service after the Eucharist, 10am

24th December, 6pm – Christmas Night Eucharist

25th December – Christmas Day Eucharist led by +Sean

Hymns: 117 Come, thou long expected Jesus; 563 Rejoice in the Lord always; 469 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; 137 Faithful One, so unchanging; 399 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

This week's readings – Third Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Cantic: Isaiah 12: 2-end; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

Next week's readings – Micah 5: 2-5a; Cantic: Magnificat; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2-end - please join in with the verses in **bold**

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defence;
he has become my salvation.”

³ **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴ In that day you will say: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

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 “the peace of Jerusalem”; for an end to the war in Gaza; for the return of hostages and release of those in administrative detention; for justice, political solutions, peace and wellbeing for all.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

Pray for Bishop Sean and for his task and ministry of responsible episcopal stewardship in the apostolic faith.

Pray for St Paul’s, Kuwait

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**