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 **St Helena's Anglican Church**

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

Sunday	17th December	9.30am 11am – 1pm 6pm	Holy Communion: Ven Dr John Holdsworth Pervolia Charity Shop open Nine Lessons and Carols
Monday	18 th December	10am - 1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop open Pervolia Charity Shop open
Tuesday	19 th December	10am-1pm 7-9pm 2pm 6.30pm	Pervolia Charity Shop open Advent Course Carols in Pervolia
Wednesday	20 th December	10am - 1pm 10am – 1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop open Pervolia Charity Shop open
Thursday	21 st December	10am 10am-1pm 7-9pm	Ladies' Carol Service Pervolia Charity Shop open
Friday	22 nd December	10am --1pm 10am-1pm	Larnaca Charity Shop open Pervolia Charity Shop open
Saturday	23 rd December	10am-1pm	Pervolia Charity Shop open
Sunday	24th December	9.30am 11am-1pm 6pm	Service of the Word Pervolia Charity Shop open Eucharist and Crib Service



17th December,
2017

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, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God of mercy and power,
 whose Son rules over all,
 grant us so to live in obedience to your holy will,
 that at his appearing
 we may be raised to eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please turn off mobile phones before the service starts. We have a hearing loop installed. Please adjust your hearing aid accordingly.

Looking Forward –

One of the signs of the nearness of Christmas is the service of Lessons and Carols, which takes place tonight at 6pm. Please check if there are any gaps among the readers and fill them if there are. On Tuesday we have a Carol service at our Pervolia shop, starting at 6.30pm. Come along to that if you have the chance and swell our numbers there. On Thursday we have the Ladies' Carol service here in church. This is not restricted to ladies and we have always had a number of gentlemen who prefer to come along to a day-time service. After the service there will be refreshments in the Upper Room.

Next weekend, there will be a service of the Word on Sunday morning at 9.30, because, being Christmas Eve, our Eucharist service will be held in the evening (at 6pm). This will also be the service at which the figures are placed in the crib, and we usually rely on children to do that, so if you have access to families with children, do please encourage them to come.

Last week's Christingle raised money for the St Spyriadon School for disabled children and that will be delivered this week. We have taken substantial numbers of shoeboxes to the MTS in Limassol and this week I shall be taking our annual cheque to the SOS Children's Village. Presents were distributed in our name to the children at the Kofinou Refugee Camp last week. Thank you all for your generosity and work in raising these gifts.

Ven Dr John Holdsworth, Parish Priest



Prayer Corner

This week we pray especially for:

Alannah, Berie Norton, Alan Roper, Ann Pickard, Andreas, Miranda and Rachel, Vassiliki Goro, Jackie, James Phelps, Andi and Elizabeth, Carollynne Ellis, Valerie, Helen, Margaret Hutchison, Maureen Spelman, Stacey and family, Jeri, Rodney Yates, Paul and Jan Roddy, Sheila Preetejohns, Jane, Louise Jones, Marian Torchia, Sarah Harwood, Rose Bonsall, Carol Jillings, June Yates, Cat Hill, David Ward, Jill Monk.

Pray for the parishes of Cyprus and for justice and peace across the island.

This morning's readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Next week's readings: 2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16

Romans 16. 25-27 Luke 1. 26-38

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