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ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES

Every Sunday

08.00am	Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
10.30am	Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
02.00pm	Turkish Language Service (In Hall)
02.30pm	Russian Language Service
05.00pm	N Cyprus International Fellowship Service

Every Thursday

10.00am	Said Holy Communion (1st Thursday there will also be prayers for healing)
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Every Saturday

10.30pm	Seventh Day Adventist Service
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Additional Services

Each First Sunday

12.30pm	Informal Worship Service
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No Worship Service
on New Year's Day

Each Second Sunday

05.00pm	Evening Prayer at the Hermitage
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Each Third Sunday

09.00am	Said Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Informal Worship Service

Each Fourth Sunday

09.00am	SUNDAZE Young Families Service
05.00pm	Evening Prayer at the Hermitage

Each Fifth Sunday

10.30am	All Age Service with Eucharist (Sung)
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Each week refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the 10.30am service, all are welcome.

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For information on the next course please contact Victoria Scurfield on 0533 820 8158 for details



News from *The Hermitage*

of God and Son of Man, has
overcome all and he is our
strength and refuge.

Dear Friends



Every blessing,

Wendy

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"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year..." This poem below stands the test of time, and it is nowhere so poignant as at this time of the year. The days are short and even in Cyprus we experience darkness during the day. We light candles to make us feel cosy and produce an atmosphere. Throughout this season of Advent, we light candles each week in church to prepare ourselves for the coming into the world of the baby Jesus, the light of the world. I think of the power and majesty of the words and imagery of John's Gospel that I have the privilege of reading at Nine Lessons and Carols and midnight mass. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it". Whatever the darkness is, in our lives, in the world around us, it will not ultimately succeed. The light of the world, Jesus the Saviour, Son

"The Gate of the Year" is the popular name given to a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957). The title given to it by the author was "God Knows". She studied and then taught at the London School of Economics in the first half of the twentieth century.

In 1939, the poem had first caught the public attention and popular imagination when the then-Princess Elizabeth -- now Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II -- handed a copy to her father, King George VI, and he quoted from it in his Christmas broadcast to the British Empire near the beginning of the Second World War. Its words remained a source of comfort to the Queen for the rest of her life, and she had its words engraved on stone plaques and fixed to the gates of the King George VI Memorial Chapel at Windsor Castle, where the King was interred. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was also buried



here in 2002, and the words of "The Gate of the Year" were included in a reflection in her funeral order of service.

GOD KNOWS

by Minnie Louise Haskins

And I said to the man who stood
at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may
tread safely into the
unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and
put your hand into the Hand of
God. That shall be to you better
than light and safer than a
known way."

So I went forth, and finding the
Hand of God, trod gladly into the
night. And He led me towards
the hills and the breaking of day
in the lone East.

So heart be still:
What need our little life
Our human life to know,
If God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will is best.
The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until
God moves to lift the veil
From our impatient eyes,
When, as the sweeter features
Of Life's stern face we hail,
Fair beyond all surmise
God's thought around His creatures
Our mind shall fill.

Luke 2:8-14

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,



and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

When contemplating this passage, I am struck not only by what happens, but by what doesn't happen.

It's a quiet evening. The shepherds are doing what they've done all their adult lives: tending their flocks. Nothing distinguishes this night from any other. Several are probably gathered in one spot, resting or eating, while others are

alert for predators or other threats.

Without warning, there is a stranger in their midst, and so much light that it's like the brightest midday sun. They're scared, and some probably raise their staves to defend the flock. The first words of this stranger have to be, "Fear not," followed by a quick statement that this is good news.

Barely has this being finished speaking, than there is suddenly a whole host all around. The shepherds were certainly even more terrified than they were before, despite the calming words. The only thing like this multitude which they might have experienced would have been the Roman army - and they are probably thinking this has got to be an army of some sort.

While this is happening, however, nothing is mentioned about the sheep. If they'd scattered in terror, it would have forced the shepherds to round them up before they could do anything else. I don't think they did. I see the sheep there, wiser for once than their human masters in the presence of this heavenly emissary, calmly continuing to graze or lifting their heads to watch the heavenly host proclaim God's glory.

Even the shepherds got it right, in the end.

Luke 2:15-20 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and

Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
And when they had seen it, they made
known abroad the saying which was told
them concerning this child. And all they
that heard it wondered at those things
which were told them by the shepherds.
But Mary kept all these things, and
pondered them in her heart. And the
shepherds returned, glorifying and
praising God for all the things that they
had heard and seen, as it was told unto
them.

I wish to you the wisdom of the sheep,
the calm understanding that all is well,
that God in heaven sees you and knows
you, and - like the sheep - all you need
do is trust Him and echo the heavenly
messengers: "Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth peace, good will
toward men."

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Christmas time is a time to share
The passing of another year.
Birth of Jesus, a joyful prayer,
To show loved ones how much we
care.

Christmas time is a time for song,
A time for us to get along,
To make us feel Lord Jesus strong,
Forgive all those who did us wrong.

Christmas time is a time to pray,
Put love and kindness on display,
Show compassion along the way.
Christmas time should be every day.

Ronald Doe

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Advent, which started last
Sunday, is all about "coming".
In the Anglican lectionary we
are coming to the end of our
readings in the book of
Revelation which have been
about things to come, and
things to go.

Now is a season of remember-
ing Christ's first coming (and
going), and an anticipation of
his second coming. It's all
about change.

Advent, God's coming, is what
the Retreats ministry is about.
It has been wonderful to sit
with people on Individually
Guided Retreats, and to lead
other day retreats, witnessing
God's coming to people in
different and special ways.
Often for the coming to
happen, some things need to
be let go of.

Rain has finally come to Cyprus
this week! Watching the dry
riverbed in Nicosia suddenly
cascade with water has been a
picture to me of transforma-
tion - another reminder of
what our faith, and what this
time of Advent, can bring to
everyone.

CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES.

Monday

(1 st , 3 rd)	C.E.S.V. (112) Steve Collard	19.15 - 21.15
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Tuesday.

Kemal	Turkish Christians	19.30 - 21.00
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Wednesday.

Sandy Oram	Chamber Choir.	18.00 - 19.30
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Thursday.

Linda Smith	Ladies Group	10.30 - 12.00
(1 st & 4 th)	Prayer Meeting (Acheme)	18.30 - 20.30

Friday.

Loudron	Friday worship	19.00 - 21.00
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Saturday.

Samir Costa	Seventh Day Adventists	10.30 - 12.30
Cheryl	A.A.	13.00 - 14.00
Ebenezer	Youth Fellowship & Bible Study	16.00 - 19.00

Sunday.

Alex	Russian Group	15.30 - 17.00
Ebenezer	N.C.I.C.F.	17.00 - 20.00.

First day of month.

Ebenezer	Choir	06.30 - 07.30
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For further information about any of the above groups please contact our Hall
Manager, Jacqueline McIntyre on 0533 858 4659

Lettings

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'Please remember to inform the chaplain and wardens if someone you know is unwell or in hospital. We cannot contact them or visit [if they would like a pastoral visit] unless we are aware of their situation. We often hear people say 'I thought you knew'. It is better that we hear several times than not at all.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

Q: Why do seals swim in salt water?

A: Because pepper water makes them sneeze!

Q: Where can you find an ocean without any water?

A: On a map!

Q: What vegetable was forbidden on the ships of Arctic explorers?

A: Leeks!

Q: What did the seal say when it swam into a concrete wall?

A: "Dam!"

Q: What do women use to stay young looking in the Arctic?

A: Cold cream.

Q: What do you call a reindeer with no eyes?

A: I have no eye deer.

Q: What did the tree say after a long winter?

A: What a re-leaf. !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Uhhhhhhh!



Kofinou Refugee Christmas

Last year we successfully brought Christmas to the children of the refugee camp in Kofinou. We are working with the other churches to organise a party for them again this year.

Could I ask your parish to help by donating gifts for the children? If, when you wrap a parcel you label it with the sex and suitable age for the gift.

It would also be wonderful if a few members of your parish could join us for this event - spreading some cheer in a very demoralised situation at this time.

Thank you

Rev. Christine Goldsmith

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Limassol Parish



The Chaplain and The Warden's Appeal 2016

There are students at the universities both in Famagusta and here in Girne who are living in poverty. Not through profligate living but because their families cannot get money to them because of political reasons in their home country.

These students have to choose between food, lodging and education to extend their lack of funds. Some, but not all students do manage to find work in North Cyprus however, payment does not always turn up on time, sometimes not at all.

The church warden in Famagusta tries to collect, dried, tinned and packaged foods along with personal toiletries such as shaving items, toothpaste and brushes, shampoo and shower gel, and small amounts of money to help the students with their choices, these will be distributed as required.



We should like the people of St Andrew's to help those students in Famagusta and Girne, these are our brothers and sisters in Christ. "And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40"

We know many members of our congregation have fixed, limited incomes. However, if you can pop an extra item in your shopping basket, please bring these items to us so that we can help these students during their times of need. We will arrange to store and deliver these gifts and welcome anyone who can help us with this.

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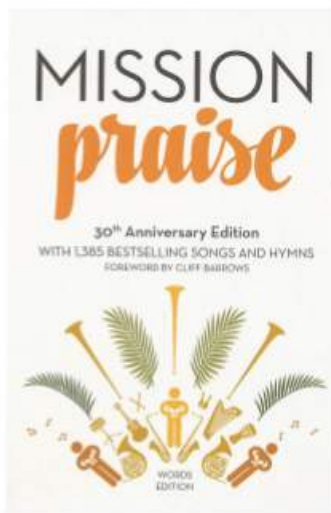
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If you live near Kyrenia most of the year and might be interested in joining a weekly home **Fellowship Group**, please contact Steve 0533 8742076 or stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15:13

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Friends of St Andrew's

From

Pat Etherington



Hello Everyone,

Everything has quietened down here lately as most of the 'swallows' have flown back to their central heating or to warmer climes. It's certainly turned much cooler in the evenings and dare I say I've been turning my electric blanket on for 20 minutes or so before bed!

We really do need some rain here as it has been in last week's paper that one of the reservoirs at Gemikonagn has completely dried up.

On the 7th Nov I held a 'Tea Party' at my house in aid of the Ras Morbat Clinic in Aden. The doctors and nurses do the most

marvellous work there. The clinic provides primary health care to the poorest people in the local community and the eye clinic is really the only place where ordinary people can get treatment for cataracts, etc. It was most ably supported by friends from outside the church as well as from within along with donations from people unable to attend. My heartfelt thanks to you all. The amount raised was just over 1000 TL at the end of the afternoon.

The 13th Nov was of course Remembrance Sunday. As usual there was a very good attendance and we had a very moving service. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Royal Navy by Commander Paul Jones, the Army by Bob Taylor, the Royal Air Force by Frank Gillan and Anne Lloyd, one of our Wardens, laid the People's wreath. The Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph



were movingly spoken by James Gibbs. Quite a number from the congregation went on to attend the Royal British Legion Service at the Old British Cemetery in Girne.

On the 21st Dec we will be holding our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols which everyone seems to enjoy. I think it is one of my favourites too.

Well, Sunday 27th November was certainly a big day for all of us. We had a lovely All Age Advent Service led by Bishop Michael and later he also declared the Church Fayre open. For the first time we invited stall holders who were not church members to join us which widened the scope of goods available and of course added interest. We had mince pies, mulled wine and hot dogs which were all a great success. Father Christmas was in his grotto able to assist by his elves. Everyone seemed very busy when I could take time from selling cakes to look around. It was also nice to hear that Tulips had done well on their stall. There are a lot of great photos posted on the

church website.

The weather was very kind to us and lots of people sat in the courtyard and enjoyed coffee etc in the sunshine. We were luckier than we realised as on Tuesday the rain came down and the thunder rolled.

As this is the last time I write before Christmas I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all, wherever you may be, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Bye till next year.

Pat



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# ADVENT

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forward



We prepare



We Wait



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## *CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS*



Once again "GEORGES" have invited St Andrew's folk to sing carols this year at their cafe at the top of the High Street. So come and join us and help make a joyful noise to celebrate our Lord's birth.

Thursday 15th December at 11 o'clock and

Saturday 17th December at 11 o'clock.

Looking forward to seeing you. More details from John Hodgson



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## Our Greatest Need

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator;  
If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist;  
If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist;  
If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer;  
But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Saviour.

## ADVENT PRAYER

It can be helpful to have an advent prayer discipline, as you may do in Lent. Here are some suggestions you may like to consider:

- at the end of the day consider your own comings and goings. Where has God led you to go and what has he led you to be involved with? Where and to what have you come back to? How has your activity left you feeling? Speak with God about this.
- at the end of the day consider the people who have come and gone into your life in person, on the phone, through email or social media. Pray for those friends or strangers.
- try writing a daily prayer on how God has come to you.
- place model figures of Mary, Joseph, Jesus, stable, etc somewhere in your home. Daily move your figures closer to the stable - allow them to 'come' at the right time. Ponder what this gradual movement also means for you.
- sign up for Brian Draper's daily Advent20 emails: [www.briandraper.org](http://www.briandraper.org)
- sign up for Sacred Advent daily emails: [www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent)
- use an Advent wreath [anglicansonline.org/special/advent](http://anglicansonline.org/special/advent)



## Next Time It Will Be Different

The first time Jesus came

He came veiled in the form of a child.

A star marked His arrival.

Wise men brought Him gifts.

There was no room for Him.

Only a few attended His arrival.

The Next Time Jesus Comes

He will be recognized by all.

Heaven will be lit by His glory.

He will bring rewards for His own.

The world won't be able to contain His glory.

Every eye shall see Him.

He will come as Sovereign King and Lord of all.

- John F. MacArthur Jr.

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## THURSDAY LADIES GROUP

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Thursday.  
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welcome to come along.



## Recognising Jesus



A favourite Christmas story is one about the old shoe cobbler who dreamed one Christmas Eve that Jesus would come to visit him the next day. The dream was so real that he was convinced it would come true.

So the next morning he got up and went out and cut green boughs and decorated his little cobbler shop to get it all ready for Jesus to come and visit. He was so sure that Jesus was going to come that he just sat down and waited for Him.

The hours passed and Jesus didn't come. But an old man came. He came inside for a moment to get warm out of the winter cold. As the cobbler talked with him he noticed the holes in the old man's shoes, so he reached up on the shelf and got him a new pair of shoes. He made sure they fit and that his socks were dry before sending him on his way.

Still he waited. But Jesus didn't come. An old woman came. A woman who hadn't had a decent meal in two days. They sat and visited for a while, and then he prepared some food for her to eat. He gave her a nourishing meal and sent her on her way.

Then he sat down again to wait for Jesus. But Jesus still didn't come.

Then he heard a little boy crying out in front of his shop. He went out to talk with the boy, and discovered that the boy had been separated from his parents and didn't know how to get home. So he put on his coat, took the boy by the hand and led him home.

When he came back to his little shoe shop it was almost dark and the streets were emptied of people. And in a moment of despair he lifted his voice to heaven and said, "Oh Lord Jesus, why didn't you come?"

And then in a moment of silence he seemed to hear a voice saying, "Oh shoe cobbler, lift up your heart. I kept my word. Three times I knocked at your friendly door. Three times my shadow fell across your floor, I was the man with the bruised feet, I was the woman you gave to eat, I was the boy on the homeless street."

Jesus had come. The cobbler just didn't realize it.

by Melvin Newland



## Heavenly signposts

Astrophysicist David Wilkinson considers the Bethlehem Star

The star of Bethlehem is intriguing to me as both a Christian theologian and as a scientist trained in astrophysics. It has been argued that it was a comet, or a time when a number of planets appeared to be together in the night sky, or an exploding star called a supernova. Unfortunately the Bible itself does not give quite enough data for us to be sure. And I don't want to rule out that it could have been a miraculous act of God out of the ordinary processes of the universe.

What is interesting is that the star only raised the curiosity of the Magi. It didn't in the end lead them to Jesus. Matthew in his Gospel is quite clear that it was only when they consulted the scriptures that they knew how to interpret the sign in the heavens.

My own experience as a scientist in astrophysics has not been too different. There are things in the universe which intrigue not just me as a person of Christian faith, but many others about the big questions of the purpose of the universe.

I see a number of significant pointers in the universe, such as the beauty and intelligibility of the laws of physics, the extraordinary balances in law and circumstance which make possible carbon-based life, and the sense of awe that we feel when we see the diversity and simplicity of the universe.

Now I don't think these provide proofs of the existence of God, but for many – whether they have religious faith or not – they are pointers to a deeper story in the universe than just the scientific story.

However, the main evidence does not come from science. It comes from the evidence of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, which for me can only be explained by the Christian belief that here in Jesus was God himself walking in the space history of the universe.

At the heart of my Christian faith is the conviction and the experience that God has revealed himself supremely in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth – and I encounter him in the Bible and in my day to day experience.

Astrophysicist and theologian David Wilkinson is Principal of St John's College, Durham University. He has PhDs in theoretical astrophysics and in systematic theology and is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

# St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – December 2016

## St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – December 2016

| Date                           | Sidesperson             | Services       | Readings                                               | Book                               | Chapter                   | Verses                                         | Readers                                             | Intercessors      | Chalice           |
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| 4 Dec<br>2nd Sunday of Advent  | John & Gillian Hodgson  | 08.00<br>10.30 | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel                  | Isaiah<br>Romans<br>Luke           | 11<br>72<br>15<br>20      | 1 - 10<br>1 - 7, 18 & 19<br>4 - 13<br>27 - 38  | Mavis Steele<br>Izzy<br>Frank Gillan<br>Clergy      | Anne Lloyd        | Pat E             |
| 11 Dec<br>3rd Sunday of Advent | Precious & Linda Lister | 08.00<br>10.30 | Reading<br>Psalm or<br>Magnificat<br>Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah<br>Luke<br>James<br>Matthew | 35<br>146<br>1<br>5<br>11 | 1 - 10<br>4 - 9<br>46 - 55<br>7 - 10<br>2 - 11 | Pat E<br>Christine Ven<br>Alan Carling<br>Clergy    | Richard Dobbs     | Mavis Steele      |
| 18 Dec<br>4th Sunday of Advent | Joan & Frank Gillan     | 08.00<br>10.30 | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel                  | Isaiah<br>Romans<br>Matthew        | 7<br>80<br>1<br>1         | 10 - 16<br>1 - 7, 16 - 18<br>1 - 7<br>18 - 25  | Leonie<br>Nigel Astbury<br>Stuart Hillard<br>Clergy | Sue Carling       | Gloria Tattersall |
| 24 Dec<br>Christmas Eve        | John & Gillian Hodgson  | 11.30pm        | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel                  | Isaiah<br>Titus<br>Luke            | 9<br>96<br>2<br>2         | 2 - 7<br>11 - 14<br>1 - 14                     | Earl<br>Leonie<br>Gloria<br>Clergy                  | Rev Edward Jervis | Sandy Oram        |
| 25 Dec<br>Christmas Day        | Myka & Gave Lubo        | 10.30          | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel                  | Isaiah<br>Titus<br>Luke            | 62<br>97<br>3<br>2        | 6 - 12<br>4 - 7<br>1 - 20                      | Christine Ven<br>Sandy<br>John H<br>Clergy          | Charlie or Gloria | Rev Mike          |
| 1 Jan<br>New Year's Day        | Jewel Pearce & Precious | 08.00<br>10.30 | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel                  | Numbers<br>Galatians<br>Luke       | 6<br>8<br>4<br>2          | 22 - 27<br>4 - 7<br>15 - 21                    | Izzy<br>Gloria<br>Anne Keevil<br>Clergy             | Mavis Steele      | Henri             |

If you are going to be away and are unable to swap your duty please advise Anne Lloyd (0533 841 8306). If you do change your duty please ensure it is recorded on the master list in the vestry.

# St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – December 2016

## St Andrew's Calendar of Services and Duties – January 2017

| Date                                      | Sidesperson                | Services | Readings                              | Book                               | Chapter             | Verses                                   | Readers                                              | Intercessors         | Chalice            |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jan<br>1st Sunday<br>of<br>Christmas    | Jewel Pearce<br>& Precious | 10.30am  | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel | Numbers<br>Philippians<br>Luke     | 6<br>8<br>2<br>2    | 22 - 27<br>5 - 11<br>15 - 21             | Izzy<br>Gloria<br>Anne Keevil<br>Clergy              | Rev Edward<br>Jervis | Henri              |
| 8 Jan<br>1st Sunday<br>after<br>Epiphany  | Stuart & Lyn<br>Hillard    | 10.30am  | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah<br>Acts<br>Matthew          | 42<br>29<br>10<br>3 | 1 - 9<br>34 - 43<br>13 - 17              | Sandy Oram<br>Frank Gillan<br>Steve Bishop<br>Clergy | Richard<br>Dobbs     | Chris Dobbs        |
| 15 Jan<br>2nd Sunday<br>after<br>Epiphany | Joan & Frank<br>Gillan     | 10.30am  | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah<br>1 Corinthians<br>Matthew | 49<br>40<br>1<br>1  | 1 - 7<br>1 - 12<br>1 - 9<br>18 - 25      | Sue Carling<br>Gloria<br>Henri<br>Clergy             | Mavis Steele         | John<br>Hodgson    |
| 22 Jan<br>3rd Sunday<br>after<br>Epiphany | John & Gillian<br>Hodgson  | 10.30am  | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah<br>1 Corinthians<br>Matthew | 9<br>27<br>1<br>4   | 1 - 4<br>1, 5 - 13<br>10 - 18<br>12 - 23 | Alan Carling<br>Anne Keevil<br>Amanda<br>Clergy      | Gloria               | Pat<br>Etherington |
| 29 Jan<br>4th Sunday<br>after<br>Epiphany | Myka & Gave<br>Lubo        | 10.30am  | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel | Micah<br>1 Corinthians<br>Matthew  | 6<br>15<br>1<br>5   | 1 - 8<br>18 - 31<br>1 - 12               | Rev Wendy to<br>arrange<br>Clergy                    | Charlie              | Henri              |
| 5 Feb<br>4th Sunday<br>before<br>Lent     | Linda Lister &<br>Precious | 10.30am  | Reading<br>Psalm<br>Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah<br>1 Corinthians<br>Matthew | 58<br>112<br>2<br>5 | 1 - 12<br>1 - 9<br>1 - 12<br>13 - 20     | Pat E<br>Sandy Oram<br>Henri<br>Clergy               | Chris<br>Brassey     | Mavis<br>Steele    |



## THE ALPHA COURSE explore the meaning of life

The next Alpha Course at St. Andrew's Church, Kyrenia is starting in January 2017.

The course provides an opportunity to explore Christianity in an open and relaxed setting. It will run each Friday from January to March 2017, 1.00pm – 3.30pm. Each session starts with lunch and is followed by a DVD presentation of a talk. This leads on to discussion in groups where there is the chance to ask questions and explore answers.

There is no charge for the course, which includes lunch.

There will be a 'come and see' Introductory Session (including lunch) on Friday 13th January 2017 in St Andrew's Church Hall at 1.00pm. At the end of this 'taster' session there will be the opportunity to register for the course which starts on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January with Session 1.

To book a place at the Introductory Session please either telephone 0533 820 8158 or email Victoria Scurfield [vscurfield@btinternet.com](mailto:vscurfield@btinternet.com)



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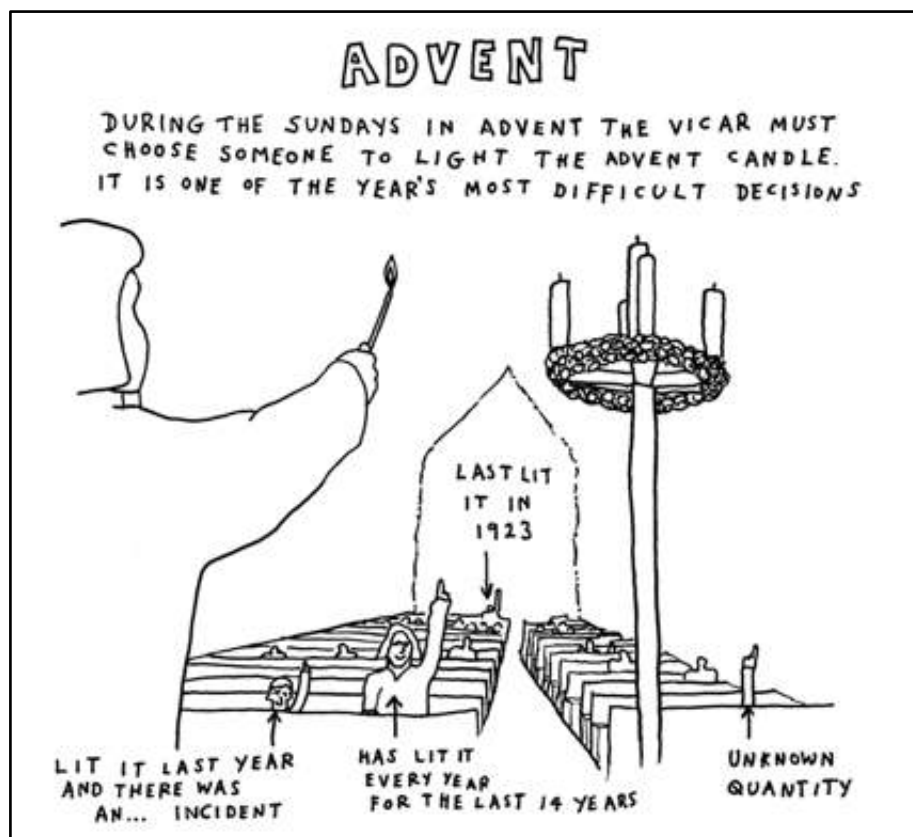
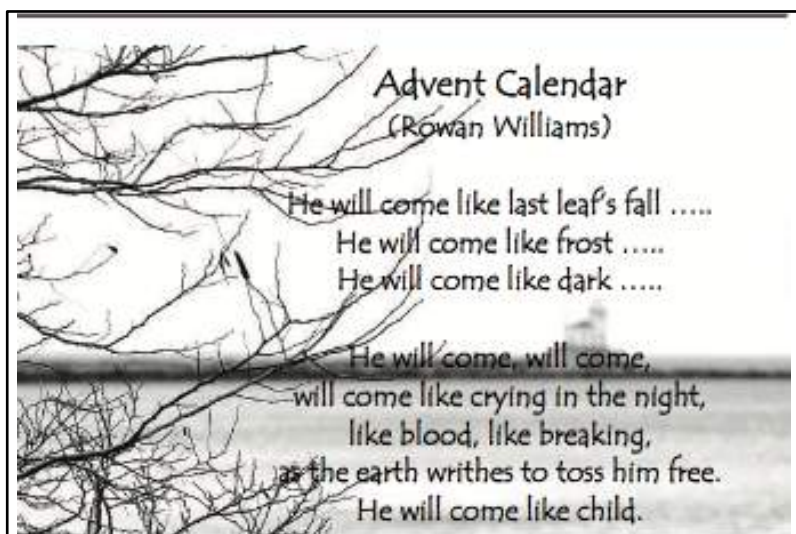


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## WHAT'S ON AT ST ANDREW'S?

| Date                 | Event        | Time   | Venue                   | Contact            |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Each Thursday        | Ladies Group | 11am   | Kervan Restaurant       | Linda Smith        |
| <hr/>                |              |        |                         |                    |
| Friday<br>13 January | Alpha starts | 1.00pm | St Andrew's Church Hall | Victoria Scurfield |



### USED STAMPS

St Andrew's collects used postage stamps to raise funds for the Helen Keller Centre for the Blind in Jerusalem. Special commemorative stamps are particularly desirable, as they are overwhelmed with the regular 1st & 2nd class stamps. If you have suitable stamps, please bring them to church. Post them in the box just inside the entrance door. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

### USED CARDS

Can you help our ladies who enjoy recycling greetings cards to raise funds for St Andrew's by donating your used cards to them. If you are visiting the TRNC and have room in your suitcase do bring them to the church hall where the ladies meet on Thursday mornings.

## Food for family and friends

Catherine Butcher explores Mary Berry's recipe for life

Britain's baking icon Mary Berry is back on our TV screens this festive season with two Bake Off Christmas specials featuring favourite contestants from the show's history. The Bake Off star has come a long way from campfire cooking with friends as a child. As a newly-wed in her first home she even cooked balancing a pan on a two-bar electric fire to boil or fry. Highly dangerous, she says. Not something to try at home!



The Great British Bake Off regularly attracted massive audiences over 10 million, with Mary and co-presenter Paul Hollywood judging the success of tricky technical bakes and stunning showstoppers concocted by competitors in a TV studio kitchen in a giant tent.

Mary attributes her success in the kitchen to an inspiring Domestic Science teacher at Bath High School, nick-named 'Datie'. She writes in her autobiography *Recipe for Life*, 'To be able to put a smile on a loved one's face with something you've created from scratch is incredibly rewarding – especially for someone like me, who had been a total disappointment in all other areas of my schooling.

Inspired by her success at cooking, she went on to train at the Bath College of Domestic Science. Her career started the South Western Electricity Board. When customers bought their first electric cooker, Mary's role was to spend an hour at the customer's home demonstrating how the cooker worked. She has been demonstrating cookery to growing audiences ever since.

Throughout her career she has tested her dishes on family members, sometimes using photos from her own kitchen in her books – she has written more than 80 cook books with more than six million copies in print.

This year she published *Family Sunday Lunches* (Headline). 'My husband Paul's eyes always light up when it's Sunday lunch' she says. 'It means the young or friends are coming and there's bound to be a pudding!' Sunday lunch for Mary is 'all about being at home with family or friends; having a relaxed, delicious lunch followed by a seasonal walk'.

Meals together are especially important during the festive season, Mary says: 'Christmas to me is a time for celebration, for family, for laughter and

good food.'

Until her father died, the family always spent Christmas with her parents in Bath: 'We would always drive to Bath on Christmas Eve, the car overflowing with children, Granny Mop (Paul's mother), the dog and presents. Once everyone had arrived, we always had Granny's famous Fish Pie for supper and then would gather round to sing carols, before heading off to Midnight Service at Charlcombe Parish Church.

But Mary's life has not always been 'sugar and spice and all things nice'! As she told viewers tuning in to 'Mary Berry's Easter Feast' earlier this year, her 19-year-old son William died in a car accident in 1989. Mary says it was her Christian faith that sustained her through the tragedy: 'William's death deepened my faith; without its support, I really would have struggled.' When Mary was at church as usual on the Sunday after his death, she noticed a memorial plaque on the wall commemorating the death of three brothers in the First World War. Wondering how their mother could have coped losing three sons, Mary said, 'After seeing that memorial I would never dream of asking "Why me?" Instead, I just tried to focus on how lucky I was still to have the other two.'

Their Christian faith also sustained Mary's son Thomas and his wife Sarah when they were expecting twins – Mary's first grandchildren. Tests showed there were problems with one of the babies. The initial diagnosis suggested the baby would not live for more than 24 hours. This proved to be wrong, but the signs were that one of the babies would be born with Down's syndrome. Thomas's response was: 'Isn't it lucky that this baby is coming into our family?'

The couple's twin girls Grace and Abby were born completely healthy. Mary says, 'Thomas and Sarah are both strong Christians and I know that their faith was a particular comfort to them during this time.'

Although Mary doesn't talk much about her beliefs, faith and family as well as food are all part of her recipe for life. This Christmas the BBC says goodbye to the Great British Bake Off, but we are sure to see more of Mary on our screens in the future as she continues to inspire us with her classic family fare.



# *Diocesan Prayer Requests*

During this month please add the following  
Diocesan needs to your prayers.



**Pray** in thanksgiving for the life of our Diocese in all its rich particularity.

## **ST BARNABUS, LIMASSOL**

Praise God for the mutual enrichment of different cultures and age groups in church life; for the early results of our stewardship campaign and the hope it gives for the future here; for the enthusiasm of our Church Learning Group; for lives touched by the grace of Christ.

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

## **ST ANDREW'S, ABU DHABI AND ST THOMAS, AL AIN**

Give thanks for the opportunity to minister your love to those expats living and working in our community, praying that you would inspire our worship so that our lives may glorify you in all things.

We praise you Father that Your Son's Incarnation has empowered us to find unity in the midst of diversity. As He came that we might

have life and have it more abundantly, His presence is drawing us together more and more.

**Pray** for the nations of the Gulf archdeaconry and all who live in them, citizens and others.

**Pray** for those who will soon attend diocesan synod and for wisdom and vision in all they plan and do.

## **ST PAUL'S NICOSA**

We praise you God the Father for the increase of our ministry team at St Paul's. May you continue to call, equip and support people to lead all who follow you.

Heavenly Father as we stand of the cusp of a new calendar year, we thank you for all leaders of this island of Cyprus; may they continue to work for the common good of all the people. We praise you for all peoples in our chaplaincy, those that believe and those that don't even know you; may we be a way for you to reach and love others. We pray for our Diocese, that it may continue to listen to your still calm voice amidst the noise and strife of life. Amen.





## A SHORT HISTORY OF ST ANDREW'S ENGLISH CHURCH KYRENIA, CYPRUS

by  
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Canon Emeritus of Rochester, England

Continued

### BRITISH INFLUENCE

In 1878 the British and Turkish governments had entered into an agreement to the effect that the British government would undertake the administration of the Island, in return for the annual tribute of 92,000 piastres (511 pounds sterling) to be paid to the Sultan. The Suez Canal had been opened in 1869, and it suited Britain to have a strategic base in the Eastern Mediterranean.

When the Turks entered World War 1 on the side of Germany in 1914, Britain immediately annexed the Island, and ceased paying the tribute. The annexation was eventually recognised by the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923, and Cyprus became a Crown Colony in 1925. This brought about a considerable influx of British, which is reflected in the life of St Andrew's, by the fact that by 1933 the church was too small to accommodate the congregation.



Various suggestions were made to solve the difficulty, including a proposal to restore St George's Chapel in Kyrenia Castle<sup>2</sup>, and hold services there. Apparently the Department of Antiquities of the Cyprus Government were willing to approve the scheme, but it was later abandoned. To meet the cost of restoration, a large sum of money would have had to have been raised by the Church, and it was argued that it would have been imprudent to spend such a sum on a building which was not the actual property of the Church, and never could be. Then came World War II, and the question of enlarging the church had to be deferred.

However, in 1949 it was found possible to carry out the desired extension. It was largely financed through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Petrides, whose son had been killed in 1944, while serving with the Royal Air Force. He is commemorated by a plaque in the church-porch.

## CHURCH PORCH

It can be assumed that during two world wars and through the political tensions and upheavals that have taken place in Cyprus during the past seventy-five years, St Andrew's Church has had its "ups and downs". This phrase, unfortunately, could be applied also to the foundations upon which the church is built which, being supported on loose filling, were gradually subsiding, causing serious cracks in the walls to the north and east in 1967, the condition of the church became dangerous and a major restoration and strengthening of the foundations was necessary. The cost (nearly one thousand pounds sterling) was met by Miss Hilda Ridler, with a generous donation of five hundred pounds sterling and by other donations from Kyrenia residents.

Unfortunately these remedial measures did not really solve the problem, and again in 1977 it was decided that more drastic action was necessary. This involved pulling down the east end of the church and the two transepts and building a smaller sanctuary. At the same time a new doorway into the vestry was made. All this had the effect of reducing the seating capacity of the church, but at least the building was rendered reasonably safe.

Despite the unsure foundations, the site of St Andrew's Church was well chosen. A few yards from Kyrenia Castle and the Harbour, it is near to the centre of the town and the hotels from which British visitors find it an easy walk to the Church. Indeed, much of the congregation of St Andrew's is composed of holiday visitors.

In 1973 St Andrew's celebrated its Diamond Jubilee, and at a special service on 6th May, the Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev. George Appleton<sup>3</sup> preached.

In 1974 came the War. Fortunately the church was only superficially damaged, and a party from the United Nations contingent, stationed in Kyrenia, helped to clear up the debris, and it was possible after two weeks to resume the services. In the meanwhile the services were held in the home of the Rev. E.H. and Mrs. Chavasse.



## DIOCESE AND PROVINCE

Until 1974, Cyprus, including Kyrenia, came under the direct jurisdiction of the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, but in that year the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf<sup>4</sup> was formed. The Diocese not only includes Cyprus, but also all the Gulf States, Iraq, and North and South Yemen. The first bishop was the Rt. Rev. Leonard James Ashton<sup>5</sup>, formerly Chaplain-in Chief of the Royal Air Force. He was consecrated Bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. A.M. Ramsey<sup>6</sup> at St Clement Dane's Church in London on 22nd January 1974. He paid his first official visit to St Andrew's on 12th May 1974, when he preached at Matins, and afterwards celebrated Holy Communion.

Then in 1976 the Anglican Province of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East<sup>7</sup> came into being, as an autonomous Province in the Anglican Communion<sup>8</sup>. The Archbishop of Canterbury relinquished his jurisdiction over the Province, and vested it in the Central Synod of the new Province. The Province has no Archbishop as such, but the Central Synod elects one of its bishops to be President-Bishop for a period of five years. The province has four constituent dioceses, Jerusalem, Egypt, Iran and Cyprus and the Gulf.

## CHAPLAINS

Little is known of the Chaplains who have served St Andrew's Church, and for the most part the services must have been taken by lay readers, of whom Ernest McDonald and C.K. Seaman are commemorated in the Church. In 1962 the Rev. John E. Grinstead was appointed Chaplain in Kyrenia, but served only a few months till his death in May 1963. He, too, is commemorated by a plaque in the Church. From 1963 to 1971 St Andrew's depended on occasional visits from the Chaplain at St Paul's, Nicosia<sup>9</sup>, and also from Chaplains attached to the Canadian contingent serving with the United Nations forces in Cyprus.

In 1971 the Rev. W.P. Basil Pitt was appointed Chaplain of Kyrenia. In 1977 he resigned from the Chaplaincy, owing to ill-health, and for the next few years the work was carried on by the Rev. E.H. Chavasse and the Rev. Sir Patrick Ferguson- Davie, retired priests residing in the area.

In 1980 the Rev. Arthur W. Rider was appointed Chaplain. He retired in 1987.

On 4th March 1979 the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie<sup>10</sup>, then Bishop of St Alban's visited St Andrew's and preached. It was not known at the time that he was to become the Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Runcie was in the course of making official visits to the Orthodox Churches, including Moscow.

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# **‘Twas the Fight Before Christmas**

By Tony Cooke and David Beebe

‘Twas the fight before Christmas,  
And all through the house,  
Not a creature was peaceful,  
Not even my spouse.  
The bills were strung out on our table with dread,  
In hopes that our checkbook would not be in the red.  
The children were fussing and throwing a fit,  
When Billy came screaming and cried, "I've been bit."  
And Momma with her skillet, and I with the remote,  
She said, "You change one more channel and I'll grab your throat."  
When on the TV there arose such a clatter,  
I sat up on the couch to see what was the matter.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
The cable was out, it was my worst fear.  
"The Cowboys, the Celtics, the Raiders, the Knicks,  
Without the sports channel I'd soon need a fix!"  
And then in the midst of my grievous sorrow,  
I remembered the times I had promised, "tomorrow..."  
"Not now, my children, but at some soon time,  
Dad will play with you, and things will be fine."  
Now under conviction, I looked at my wife,  
Where was my kindness? Why all the strife?  
My heart quickly softened; I now saw my task,  
Some love and attention was all they had asked.  
I gathered my family and called them by name,  
And told them with God's help I'd not be the same.  
We'll keep Christ in Christmas and honor His plan.  
No more fights before Christmas – on that we will stand.  
My children's eyes twinkled; they squealed with delight.  
My wife gladly nodded; she knew I was right.  
It was the fight before Christmas, but God's love had come through,  
And just like He does, He made all things new.





## Keeping Christmas

In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be dissolving, there are some tens of millions of us who want Christmas to be the same... with the same old greeting, "Merry Christmas," and no other.

We long for the abiding love among men of good will which the season brings... believing in this ancient miracle of Christmas with its softening, sweetening influence to tug at our heart strings once again.

We want to hold on to the old customs and traditions because they strengthen our family ties, bind us to our friends, make us one with all mankind for whom the Child was born, and bring us back again to the God Who gave His only begotten Son, that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have "everlasting life."

So we will not "spend" Christmas... nor "observe" Christmas.

We will "keep" Christmas — keep it as it is... in all the loveliness of its ancient tradition.

May we keep it in our hearts, that we may be kept in its hope.

-

Peter Marshall



### SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS CHRISTMAS

*Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value:*

*Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone, "I love you." Give something away--anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer.*

*Visit someone in a nursing home or hospital. Apologise if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work or a neighbour. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy.*

## THE MANGER AT THE BUS SHELTER



### The Seven Churches of Revelation

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ALL VERY WELCOME

**Here in North Cyprus we've endured some extreme storms in the past few days but we had the refuge of a warm dry home while the weather raged outside. But what of our neighbours to the east who also shared the same weather?** We hear much on the news of the distress and tragedies affecting the people of Aleppo but not so much of our Christian neighbours fleeing Isis in Iraq, many taking refuge near Erbil. I received this account this week.

Since the battle for Mosul began last month, the UN estimates that 70,000 civilians have fled the city. Many of these people have spent two years living under the tyranny of Islamic State and have risked their lives to reach safety.

Heavy rain is making life even more difficult for thousands of internally-displaced people (IDPs), who are living in camps and makeshift shelters in Iraq's northern Kurdish region. Tents at the Harsham camp, on the outskirts of Erbil, are now surrounded by mud and water - with residents doing all they can to try and keep dry.



Harsham camp - home to dozens of families who've fled from Sinjar and Mosul.



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Life was already tough here, now heavy rain is making conditions even more miserable.

Janar Hassan, from Mosul, is living in a tent with her husband and daughter. "We have nothing. It's horrible. We have zero, nothing, not a thing. Every day

we find insects in our tent. It's dirty. My husband can't find work. We have no money; these rations aren't enough; and all we have are old clothes. What can we do," she says. "When it rains we are trapped here, left sitting. If there is something to do we do it, maybe cleaning or cooking, nothing more."

Salim, who is from Sinjar, has been forced to dig a culvert around his tent - in a desperate bid to keep the rain water out of the vulnerable structure.



"Just look you can see how horrible the situation is. The rain, the wind, wetness. This house here is only covered by a tarpaulin and is no match for the wind which blows it right over. Often it collapses and we have to rebuild," he says.



Other families living in unfinished buildings have also been badly affected by the rain. Amjad Yacub, from Hamdaniyeh surveys the water on a leaky roof. The building is home to 93 families. "Just look at the children, everyday they are going to the hospital. We are surviving but the weather is changing," he says.

And there will be no respite anytime soon. The wet weather is expected to continue throughout this week.

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|                 | Gazi Mağusa | 366 5310          | Güzelyurt | 714 2140 |
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|                 | Gazi Mağusa | 366 5389          | Güzelyurt | 714 2125 |
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