



## The Anglican Church of St Thomas, Kefalas

### *Reaching our Community through the Gospel message*

Welcome today and throughout **April**.  
Thank you for sharing in worship with us.

The Collective is “An Unsettling of Deacons”

God and the Bishops willing, Julia Bradshaw will soon be ordained as a deacon. The Church Council willing, she will serve a curacy of about three years at St. Thomas, Kefalas. Julia and I will work out an agreement of learning goals and practical training, and the Council will need to approve the curacy and provide some funding towards it; while Julia will be non-stipendiary, there are some expenses that are not covered by the Diocese in Europe.

This is all very good news! But, it will be a change not only for Julia but also for me and the congregation, as we renegotiate our relationships.

Julia is being ordained as a deacon, and it is intended that she remain as one, and not be ordained further as a priest (or a bishop). What does that mean? The Church of England has had the three-fold ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons (the episcopate, the presbyterate, and the diaconate). We have had it since Christianity came to the British Isles in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> century, and the Reformation continued with that. By the 16<sup>th</sup> century the diaconate was treated as a transitional stage for people wanting to be priests, and indeed, it was exactly that for me. However, in the past fifty years, across the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and even among the Lutherans, there has been a recovery of the diaconate as an ancient and equal order. Deacons trace their foundation back to Acts 6.1-6:

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.’ What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Deacons have a ministry that is focused, as the ordination services states:

in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless,  
reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

I have had the honour of working with some amazing deacons. One worked among ex-psychiatric patients in a rundown part of Toronto, and another was involved in advocacy for street people in Victoria. They held up their own lives the image of Christ as a servant, calling all of us through our baptisms to service for others. Where bishops have a ministry of leadership and unity, and priests are their delegates in congregations, deacons are like the official opposition of the church, speaking truth to power and calling us back to our responsibilities in Christ.

Over the next few months I will be talking more about the diaconate as we prepare for this event in Julia's life, and that of our congregation. Pray for her and all of us called to ministry.

Bruce +

## **NEWS, REPORTS, FORTHCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION**

Rev Canon Bruce's Sunday sermons may now be found on the CHURCH NEWS page of the Church website: [anglicanchurchincrete.co.uk](http://anglicanchurchincrete.co.uk)



The winners of the draw on Sunday March 31st, 2019 will be announced next month. The next draw will take place on Sunday April 28th.

"Tickets" for the draw may be purchased on any Sunday, and will cost just €2 per month. The earlier in the year that you buy, the greater your chances of winning a prize, as there are fewer names in the draw (as my luck has proved!) So don't delay, buy next Sunday! (The Club is so named because it is hoped that 50 "tickets" will be sold! Come on everybody, we have a long way to go. Only 18 sold so far this year.

*Diana Silk.*



### **Coffee Morning with Pancakes**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> a splendid Shrove Tuesday Coffee Morning was held at the Tabernacle. Masterchef was the indefatigable Diana Silk, ably assisted by her sous- chef Tony, who quietly supervised the never-ending queue. Coffees and tea were in constant supply by Jo and Chris Cheslyn-Hall, and a splendid time was had by 24 people. Some had two pancakes, others three, four or even five! The pancakes were delicious with lemon and sugar, Nutella and/or the yummy maple syrup provided by Bruce and Franny. **€110** was raised for church funds.

*Charlotte Potter.*



### **LENTEN LUNCH**

It has been decided by the Church Council that owing to poor support last year, instead of organising a lunch this year, we will instead have a collection basket at the Church for donations for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. His chosen charity is Mental Health and Livelihoods Support for the Vulnerable in Greece. This Charity was set up following the terrible forest fires disaster in July 2018. Please give generously – perhaps at least the amount that you would spend on a meal out?

*Diana Silk.*

The next **Church Council Meeting** will take place on Monday, April 8th at 10am.

**VISIT TO ANAMNISI on FRIDAY 12TH APRIL at 11am.**

Anamnisi is one of the Charities which we have voted to support in 2019. Therefore it would be good for us to go and see the work being carried out at this “drop-in centre” for refugees and other poor people in our area. If you would like to join our party from St. Thomas’ please either add your name to the list on the Tabernacle notice board, or contact me, as will be organising shared transport for those who do not wish to drive to/park in Chania. My contact details are on the last page of this Newsletter.

*Diana Silk.*

**REMINDER!**

**GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER CELEBRATION**

**“CRETAN CORNER, TAVERNA, APTERA on SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL**

If you have not yet booked to join the party from St. Thomas’ for the above Easter lunch, please do so as soon as possible.

The cost will be €20 per head for a full traditional menu: Roast lamb, (chicken & vegetarian options), mixed salad, oven lemon potatoes, Easter kalitsounia (cheese pies), Easter tsourekia (sweet bread), koulourakia (Easter biscuits), red eggs and chocolate treats. Wine or soft drinks and water are also included!

Cretan dancers will entertain after the meal.

**VINTAGE ROSE Second Hand Shop,  
79 Sifaka Street. Chania. A/C 395**

**(A map with the location of the shop is on the Church notice board).**

Please continue to take unwanted clean, **seasonal** clothing in good condition, shoes, accessories especially jewellery, books, DVDs, CDs, furniture and household items, tools, flower pots, pet accessories etc to the shop to raise funds for the Church. **€67** was collected in March.

*Gill & Jo.*

**The 4 CHARITIES which we are supporting at St. Thomas’ in 2019 are:**

1. “Anamnisi” Chania. 2. Touching the Tonga. 3. Agia Sofia. 4. Splantzias Food Kitchen, Chania.

**Reminder: Please collect all your plastic bottle tops and bring them to the Church for recycling to fund wheelchairs for the disabled.**

**CHURCH SERVICES INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2019**

Mar 03	HOLY COMMUNION	19	€ 99.20
Ash Wednesday	HOLY COMMUNION	15	€ 20.00
Mar 10	HOLY COMMUNION	19	€ 97.00
Mar 17	HOLY COMMUNION	18	€ 86.80
Mar 24	HOLY COMMUNION	21	€102.00

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**TOTAL FOR MARCH** **€ 405.00**

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## **CHURCH FINANCE INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2019**

EURO INCOME € 582.00  
EURO EXPENSES € 1208.56  
**FIGURES AS AT 24/03/2019 ( 25 FEBRUARY – 24 MARCH)**

STERLING INCOME £ 905.00  
STERLING EXPENSES: COMMON FUND 2019 £ 2589.00  
**FIGURES AS AT 25/03/2019 (22 FEBRUARY – 25 MARCH)**

## **BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL 2019**

7th April Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12. 1-8  
14th April Palm Sunday Luke 19.28-40, Isaiah 50.4a-9a Philippians 2.5-11, Luke 22.14 - 23.56  
21st April Easter Day Isaiah 65. 17-25 Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24. 1-12  
28th April Acts 5. 27-32 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31

## **CHURCH SERVICES INFORMATION FOR APRIL 2019**

Sunday Apr 7th Holy Communion 11am Purple  
Sunday Apr 14th, Palm Sunday Holy Communion 11am Red  
Thursday Apr 18th Holy Communion, Foot washing, Potluck meal 6.30pm  
Friday Apr 19th, Good Friday Reading of the Passion according to St. John 2pm  
Sunday Apr 21st Sunrise Service at Kefalas Cemetery 6.40am  
Sunday Apr 21st, Easter Sunday Holy Communion 11am Gold  
Sunday Apr 28th Holy Communion 11am White

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Are you struggling with a difficulty, needing support and would like to chat to someone?  
If so, please contact our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator at St Thomas:

**Pat Worsley** 28257 71001 or 6992 653784

## **PRAYERNET**

Are you experiencing a rough patch in your life? We all have times when we are having problems, either healthwise, mentally or emotionally. Or do you know of someone who is in a difficult place at present? The PrayerNet consists of people who pray for others in need, either for a week or two, or sometimes longer. If you would like the support of extra prayers, or would like to join the PrayerNet to pray for others in need, please contact me. All this work is done by email and is confidential to the members of the PrayerNet. The PrayerNet is a vibrant, worldwide community of people who enjoy being able to support people through prayer. Do contact me for help or further information:  
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Sue.

## **MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

Please would you send any notices or articles for the **MAY2019** Newsletter to:  
Diana Silk at [tonydi@otenet.gr](mailto:tonydi@otenet.gr) by **APRIL 24th**

Thank you.

The Newsletter may be downloaded from the  
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