



The Anglican Church of St Thomas, Kefalas

Reaching our Community through the Gospel message

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

A Holy Lent

So, here we are again. Lent. How shall we do it this year?
On Ash Wednesday, at the beginning of Lent, I will say,

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by (1) self-examination and repentance; (2) by prayer, (3) fasting, and self-denial; and (4) by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

Some of us probably need a good dose of (1), self-examination, and repentance. In the Middle Ages, prior to the Reformation, Shrove Tuesday was the day that people were “shriven” - that is, they would make a private confession of their sins. As a baptized member of the church I have availed myself of this and made my confession to a priest, and as a priest of the church I have heard individual confessions, and on behalf of the church I have pronounced forgiveness of sins to such penitents. The Anglican tradition around private confession is, “All may, none must, some should” – so if any feel burdened by their actions they should feel free to contact me (or any other priest) and set up a time to meet. More recently, in my work on my dissertation on the theological legacy of the Indian Residential Schools in Canada, I have come to repent of my part and that of the church's in the genocide and marginalization of indigenous peoples, and committed myself to be an ally and advocate.

Prayer (2) and the reading of scripture (4) are really things that any Christian probably wants to be doing throughout the year, but many of us struggle with any kind of discipline. The Church of England has created resources at <https://www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim> that can be emailed to you daily, or used through an app on your phone. We will also be offering in this chaplaincy a weekly Lenten Study on the psalms, that three thousand year old hymn book used by saints and sinners generations. Details are still being sorted out on this study, but stay tuned for more information.

So often the focus in Lent is on (3), fasting and self denial. In years past we might have given something up, like desserts, or sweets, or perhaps we would be encouraged to put aside some coins every day of the forty-day period. The late Terry Findlay, Archbishop of Toronto in the Anglican Church of Canada, put a different spin on this when he wrote:

Fast from excess and feast on simplicity,
Fast from negatives and feast on alternatives,
Fast from discontent and feast on gratitude,
Fast from gossip and feast on silence,
Fast from self-concern and feast on compassion,
Fast from anxiety and feast on faith.

May God bless you in these coming forty days and forty nights, as we walk the path from Ashes to Easter.

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



The winners of the draw on Sunday February 24th, 2019 were;

1st prize €25 Diana Silk (*2 months in a row, this is embarrassing! My ticket was not drawn by me, it was drawn by Jan Lovell, one of our Church Wardens.*)

2nd prize €15 Harry Potter (Chris and Charlotte's lovely dog!)

3rd prize €10 Sue Whitehouse.

The next draw will take place on Sunday March 31st.

"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 17 sold so far this year.

Diana Silk.



Come to our **Coffee Morning with Pancakes** on Shrove Tuesday, March 5th at 11am at the Tabernacle. €5 for tea, coffee, biscuits and as many pancakes as you can eat! Bring your friends and neighbours too.

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

**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.

Gill & Jo.

The result of the votes for the 4 CHARITIES to be supported by St. Thomas's in 2019 is as follows:

1. "Anamnisi" Chania (13).
2. Touching the Tonga (13).
3. Agia Sofia (11).
4. Splantzias Food Kitchen, Chania (11).

The number of votes received from members of the Congregational list was very disappointing, with less than 48% casting their votes, whilst 72% of the Electoral Roll members voted.

CHURCH SERVICES INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Feb 03	HOLY COMMUNION	19	€126.00
Feb 10	HOLY COMMUNION	14	€ 95.00
Feb 17	HOLY COMMUNION	18	€ 82.00
Feb 24	HOLY COMMUNION	21	€ 140.00

TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY	72	€ 443.00
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CHURCH FINANCE INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2019

EURO INCOME	€ 468.00
TRANSFER FROM STERLING ACCOUNT	€ 1875.00
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EURO EXPENSES	€ 1258.45

FIGURES AS AT 24/02/2019 (28 JANUARY – 24 FEBRUARY)

The Diocese Office in London are currently inputting the Banking Figures for January & February so I will forward the Sterling Income/Expenses figures as soon as these are received.

Thank you to everyone for your financial support
Mary Hurley

BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH 2019

Mar 3rd	Exodus 34.29-end	Luke 9. 28-36
Mar 6th Ash Wednesday	Joel 2.1-2,12-17	John 7.53-end & 8.1-11
Mar 10th	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Luke 4. 1-13
Mar 17th	Genesis 25. 1-12,17-18	Luke 13. 31-end
Mar 24th	Isaiah 55.1-9	Luke 13 1-9
Mar 31st	2 Corinthians 5.16-end	Luke 15. 1-3.11b-end

CHURCH SERVICES INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday Mar 3rd	Holy Communion	11am	Green
Wednesday Mar 6th	Holy Communion	11am	Purple
Sunday Mar 10th	Holy Communion	11am	Purple
Sunday Mar 24th	Holy Communion	11am	Purple
Sunday Mar 31st	Holy Communion	11am	Purple

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: suewhitehouse1808@gmail.com or on +3028253 00657

Sue.

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

Please would you send any notices or articles for the **APRIL2019** Newsletter to:
Diana Silk at tonydi@otenet.gr by **MARCH24th**

Thank you.

The Newsletter may be downloaded from the
Church website: theanglicanchurchincrete.co.uk
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