

Notice Board



Two Nativity Plays will be presented today by Friday Club . Thank you to **Sara, Natasha, Angel**

and all the helpers for all that you do for the children throughout the year. Well done to all the children.



Welcome
Andy Bowerman

Regional Director
Mission to Seafarers for the Middle East and South Asia to our Friday morning service.



Sunday, 9th December

at 7.30pm is our Living Room Dialogue – an invitation to bring and share not only food, but poetry, carols, Advent or Christmas traditions from your own country.

If you have not had a copy of The Christmas Newsletter, there are some available in the porch or email Fozia at the Cathedral office for a copy.

Your generous contributions total **BD 605** last week towards the growth of St . Christopher's Cathedral and Awali Church. All that you give enables regular worship encourages the building of Christian community and provides pastoral care. It also facilitates the wider life of the Anglican Church through our diocese and releases resources for mission here in Bahrain, the wider Middle East and beyond.



Homegroups meet on **Monday 10th December , 10am at 7 Layla Gardens**

for Christmas Carols & Lunch
Contact Sara : Tel 39449017

Wednesdays home group will have their **Christmas Dinner on 12th December, 7.30pm** Flat 51 Al Aradi Suites Juffair.

Contact Angel : 38173042



Please bring your gifts for Seafarers to the service next week. Wrapping the presents will take place in the Coffee Room on **Saturday 15th December starting at 10am.** Adults, Young people children are all welcome



Christmas Gift Ideas for sale

We have Gold or White Gold **Jerusalem Pendants**

with a diamond selling for **BD 70.000**

We also have 2 **St Christopher's Silver Medallions** with a chain for **BD15.000**

Get yours from Fozia after the service or call 38883560 to place your order.



St. Christopher's Cathedral & Awali Anglican Church

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**The Second Sunday of Advent
7th December 2018**

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If you receive communion in your home church, you are invited to receive at the Lord's table here. If you are not a communicant member, you are warmly invited to receive a prayer of blessing. May we all meet the living Christ, who welcomes all of us. *Please join us for refreshments in the Coffee Room after the service .*

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Cathedral Office is open:

Sunday to Thursday
8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.



BIBLE READINGS

Fri/Sat/Sun

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3: 1-6

Next weekend

Fri/Sat/Sun

Zephaniah 3: 14-end
Luke 3: 7-18

REFLECTION

The Chosen One-

by Shereen Abraham

Mother Mary, you were the Chosen One,
Was it your Jewish piety?
That made you most blessed among women?

Mother Mary, was it your kindness?
Or was it your humility?
That made you oh so revered?

The Annunciation became,
Your first defining moment,
For all Christians everywhere.

Was it the Crucifixion?
Or the Resurrection?
That defined you Mary?

Or was it simply that
Basic, primal fact
You were His mother

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Friday** Give thanks for our young people that they may gain new in sights into the Incarnation through their Nativity play.
- Saturday** Pray for today's service at Awali and for all the seasonal services in Awali Church.
- Sunday** Pray for our Living Room Dialogue for the sharing of Advent and Christmas readings and carols.
- Monday** Pray for the Christmas assembly at St Christopher's School this morning.
- Tuesday** Give thanks for the community of churches in Bahrain and pray for mutual respect and fellowship.
- Wednesday** Pray for all who will be travelling in this season, and for family get-togethers both here and overseas.
- Thursday** Pray for those who work in the airline industry as pilots, flight engineers and cabin crew.



We remember those commended to us :

Mercedes, Ned, Hanna, Madevelin, Josie, Mark, Jack, *Anne & Family, Johan*
RIP: Admiral Scott Stearney

Hymns

Friday

See order of Service

Sat/ Sun

589: On Jordan's bank

451: Long ago prophets knew

91: Brother sister, let me serve you

556: Oh Jesus I have promised

Services for week beginning 7th December 2018

Friday	9.30 am	Family Service & Nativity Play
Saturday Awali	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10.30am 6.15 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Mon- Thurs	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Friday	9.30 am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Tamil Service
Saturday Awali	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10.30 am 6.15 pm	Holy Communion Evensong