

WelcomeA very warm **welcome** to our new Dean,

Archdeacon Dr. Bill Schwartz and his wife **Edie**.

A special service of Installation by Bishop Michael will be held on **Saturday 1st June at 6pm**, so please put that date in your diary: a service followed by a reception.



Lent pots - If you have been collecting through Lent pots, please bring them in and they will be smashed open after our Family Service next week, Friday 3rd May and the money given to the ECC



Building project

Father Chris met with the Crown Prince in order to say farewell and thank him for Chris' time here and to introduce Archdeacon Bill.



His office had picked up Chris' regret through the Gulf Weekly article that we had not been able to move the Building Project forward "due to bureaucracy". Well the bureaucracy has moved! The notarized copy of the title deeds has been accepted and the project is back on track!

Great news with which to finish his time here!



We will be planning Iftar meals during Ramadan. Are you able to arrange and iftar Dinner? Contact the office in order for us to do a sign up sheet for the date and venue. If you are new and are not sure of the process, please speak to Fozia who will be happy to assist.



Your generous contributions total BD 650 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.



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8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

St. Christopher's Cathedral & Awali Anglican Church

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Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf*

The Second Sunday After Easter 26th –28th April 2019

Collect

**Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Amen

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

BIBLE READINGS

Fri/Sat/Sun

Acts 5: 27-32
John 20: 19-end

Next week

Fri/Sat

John 21: 1-19

Sun

Acts 9: 1-6

John 21: 1-19

REFLECTION

Thomas is missing when the other disciples encounter Jesus. Yet he hears from them the same proclamation they heard from Mary Magdalene: “We have seen the Lord!” (20:25; cf. 20:18). Like Thomas, the disciples were not immediately transformed by Mary’s proclamation of the good news. They remain behind locked doors, where they are gathered out of fear (20:19). Like Thomas, the disciples only respond with joy to Jesus’ presence after he shows them his hands and his side (20:20, 27). Although “doubting Thomas” gets his reputation from this story, his response of unbelief is not unique, but instead is typical of disciples of Jesus.



Susan Hylen

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Friday** Give thanks that Jesus meets us where we are even behind our locked doors
- Saturday** Give thanks for the five years anniversary at Easter of our our Tamil- speaking congregation.
- Sunday** Pray for our children and young people as they begin a new school term after the Easter break.
- Monday** Pray for all our young people who face important exams in the coming term.
- Tuesday** *Philip and James Apostles* Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Chris
- Wednesday** Pray that we may be open and responsive to all that God is leading us into as a church community.
- Thursday** Give thanks for Archdeacon Bill, our new Dean and pray for him and Edie as they come among us.



We remember those commended to us :

Mercedes, Hanna, Madevelin, Mark, Jack, Kirsty, Stan, Ingrid, Crystal, Heidi, David, Helen, Thomas, Paula.

Services for week beginning 26th April 2019

Hymns

Fri, Sat, Sun

99: Christ is the King

87: Breathe on me, breath of God

529: Now is eternal life

777: To God be the glory

Friday	9.30 am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Tamil Service
Saturday— Awali	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10.30am 6.15 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Monday— Thursday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Friday	9.30 am 6.00pm	Family Service Tamil Service
Saturday Awali	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday	10.30 am 6.15 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion