

# Notice Board

Many thanks to **Philip Shepherdson** and **Fozia Prince** for all the arrangements for the St Christopher's Day Dinner last Friday. It was a great evening.



Many thanks to **Erin and Tony Grayson & Trey and Amy Whitworth** for all the arrangements for Ascension Day . And many thanks to Erin for speaking

**TGIF** go bowling on Friday 25th May at Bahrain City Centre followed by food at the Food Court. Please bring BD4 for bowling and enough to buy food afterwards ò ò .



Reader Training group are getting together for a meal at The Deanery at 6.30pm on Saturday 26th May.

Your generous contributions totalled **BD 857** 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.

## THIS WEEK IN AND AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

**Monday homegroup at 9.30 am at 7 Layla Gardens, Road 1725 Saar.** Encounters with the risen Jesus. Contact Tricia Tel: 36418997.

**Monday at 7,00pm Cup of Faith** in the Cathedral office: Relating faith to everyday life.

Contact Carol Melrose Tel: 38342845

**Wednesday 7.30pm in the Deanery Reader Training:** Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament- led by Tricia Butt

Today is **Mark and Pricilla Fox's** last Friday with us. We thank them for all they have given in our life together and wish them well for the future. Mark's next appointment is in the US Navy Staff, Operations, Plan and Strategy- based in Washington. The change of Command Ceremony is on Thursday 24th May 2012



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**Cathedral Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday &  
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# St. Christopher's Cathedral & Awali Anglican Church

part of the worldwide Anglican Church in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf  
the province of Jerusalem & the Middle East

**18th -20th May 2012**  
**Sunday after Ascension**

## Collect

**Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only- begotten Son Jesus Christ to have ascended into heavens, so we in heart and mind also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## Post Communion

God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome at our Altar. If you are not a communicant, you are still invited to come forward for a blessing.

Please join us in the Coffee Lounge after the service

## Bible Readings

**Fri/ Sat/ Sun am**

**Acts 1: 15-17**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, %Brothers and sisters,<sup>[4]</sup> the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.+

**John 17:6-19**

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

**Next week's readings**

**Acts2: 1-21**

**John 26-27; 16: 4-15**

## REFLECTION

His Ascension marked a stage in His revelation, but it only brought him nearer to us. To have lingered among the early disciples would have limited His mission and sequestered Him from the later Church .

As the Resurrection opened the grave, the Ascension opened heaven.

## INTERCESSION FOR THE WEEK

- Friday** Pray for us all as we respond to the challenges and opportunities of change
- Saturday** Give thanks for the ministry of St Andrews Abu Dhabi. for Andy Thompson in his leadership and encouragement.
- Sunday** Give thanks for our Reader training and pray for Robert Oq Meara as he preaches this evening.
- Monday** Give thanks for our new Council and pray for wisdom in their meeting this evening.
- Tuesday** Pray for the Standing Committee of the Diocese and Bishop's Council as they meet in Cyprus today.
- Wednesday** Pray for Cameron & Claire as they are married tomorrow in the Cathedral.
- Thursday** Pray for the Change of Command as Mark Fox hands over command to Admiral John Miller today and pray for Mark and Pricilla for a refreshing holiday before taking up new responsibilities in Washington.

### We remember those recommended to us

Lydia, Heidi, Sumaya, Mary, Clare and family,  
Anthony, Billy, Michelle, Chris, Katherine,  
Hermas, Samuel, Dennis, Hanna.  
RIP: Dennis

### Services for week 18 May 2012

#### HYMNS

**103:** Christ triumphant

**34:** Amazing Grace

**277:** Hail the day that sees him rise. ( Omit vs 3& 4)

**160:** Eternal Father (Friday am)

**14:** All hail the power of Jesus name.

<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Saturday (Awali )</b>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	10.30 am 6.15 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion
<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
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