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ST. ANDREW'S SCOTS CHURCH

VALLETTA, MALTA



## Saint Andrew's Report for the Presbytery meeting in March 2019.

The congregation of Saint Andrew's would like to send their greetings to the congregations in the Presbytery.

Every March the Annual Congregational Meeting will take place.

One of the items discussed are the review and plans forward the Kirk Session has formed at their annual retreat weekend in Gozo.

The ACM will be followed by the annual Sponsors Council, held by both churches of the LEP in April.

### Worship

#### **Valletta**

The Sunday services take place at 10:30 a.m. followed by enjoyable fellowship with coffee, tea and biscuits in the church hall.

To be pro-active towards the young and more mature generations, we have implemented a schedule of various styles services. Since 5 years we celebrate worship in traditional-, All age-, Holy Communion-, and Mission Services and every now and then we enjoy "Something Different".

**WORSHIP** *with us*

**1st Sunday - All-Age Worship**

**2nd Sunday - Service**

**3rd Sunday - Mission Speaker**  
6:00 p.m. - Worship in Gozo

**4th Sunday - Holy Communion**

**5th Sunday - "Something Different"**  
6:00 p.m. - Worship in Gozo

Christmas season always brings a great deal of visitors to Malta, which does influence the numbers of worshippers especially around the feast. This time we had the pleasure to welcome Cindy Campbell from Bemuda, who was leading and preaching our 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent service.

The weekend before the 25th started with a Christmas Charity Christmas.

Sunday we enjoyed the Carols and Nativity service, Monday eve the greatly loved Christingle Service and on Christmas day an All-Age celebration.



As every year at Easter we will prepare the Passover Meal in our church hall. The fabulous Sunrise Service at Upper Barrakka Gardens is organized, followed usually by a breakfast in the church hall. Some even make it to continue celebrating at the 10:30 worship.

## Gozo

The rather new congregation in Gozo is still on the rise. In fact we have added a service on every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The trip to our sister island by car and ferry on a weekend is always linked with traffic and waiting time at the ferry. Especially Sunday evenings.



As Monday's is her "Off-Day" Revd. Kim has decided last year to take it as an additional pastoral care day for the people over there.

We are very grateful to be able to hold services and Holy Communion at the chapel of Manresa Retreat House in Gozo.

## **Activities**

### **Bible Studies**

Our Bible study and fellowship group continue to meet on a weekly basis. Members prepare and take turns to lead the meetings.

### **Fellowship** (former Home Group)

On Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church hall. The group will pray, have discussions, read the bible and enjoy fellowship. This is an open group where all are welcome.

## **Charities**

Activities are planned throughout the year.

February we were delighted to have Ayman Jarjour with us again with his concert "Guitar Emotions"

April we welcomed the London Welsh Rugby Club Male Voice Choir, performing a lunchtime concert to a thrilled audience.

At the "La Notte Bianca" evening, an annual event in October in Valletta we opened our doors for The Band of the BUGLES AND DRUMS OF THE STEADFAST ASSOCIATION. At the same evening we were presenting Roberta Bugeja Zammit and Anna Krjukova with their concert "An Evening of Classics".

The end of the season was marked by "Christmas around the world" in December with the Maltese Choir of the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mellieha. A great start to the celebrations at Christmas. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the choir chose to sing in aid of our Foodbank.

2018 the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of our little Tugwashanye Cook book was released in December to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our mission partner Sr. Catherine in Zambia.

Charity concert by international artists and other events take place to help our various missions.

See all missions of Saint Andrew's below:

- \* Sister Catherine in Tugwashanye, Zambia                      since 2005
- \* Dar Teresa Spinelli    since 2005
- \* Malta Microfinance    since 2013
- \* Blue Door English    since 2013

The last two missions grew out from our "Out of Africa... Into Malta" project which had started in 2011

\* "The Foodbank"

since 2015

This project has been registered as a foundation in October 2018. It is now called the Foodbank Lifeline Foundation

\* International Presbytery Mission

## Elders Retreat



Last years retreat was held in an old farmhouse in Gozo. The agenda was as would be expected when reflecting on a year past and planning the year ahead. Nevertheless, it gives the Kirk Session a sense of closeness, unity and strengthens them in their roots.



This year's retreat was overshadowed by the terminal illness of one of our fellow Elders. He was with us in mind and in our prayers. Sadly, we lost David in the following month in December.