



# Friends @ St Pauls

## JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Chairman's Message

Happy New Year to all our Friends!

Our next talk is on January 2nd and even if you are not fully recovered from New Year's Eve celebrations and family get-togethers, you may think twice when you hear that we are in the very fortunate situation of being able to bring to you an extremely accomplished and informed speaker, Michaél Collins, who will talk about St George.



Normally, we would have scheduled this talk for April, as St George's Day is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, but Michaél is leaving Cyprus in late January.

He is an Oxford graduate with a degree in Modern History and has written several books and is a member of the European Academy of Religion. His book 'St George and the Dragons' has been submitted for the Giuseppe Albergio prize. He has also written about the USA in a book titled 'The American Panorama':

'A Comprehensive Guide to the Culture of the United States'.

He likes old stories, myths and legends like what the traditions of St George might have to say to us today. His talk is:

'St George the Martyr: A Story for Our Time'.

See you!

*Agnete*



### Regular Events



Closed Dec 21 & 28 but will re-open on Jan 4.

Contact - Agnete 99823785

#### Book shop



Open Saturdays from 1000  
Open 'Xmas Saturdays' but closed on Jan 4.

Contact –  
Alexander 99 354303

#### Recycling



*Books to the Bookshop*

Clothes and bric-a-brac to the Thrift Shop.

*Used postage stamps can be put in the envelope on the notice board in the hall. Proceeds go to Release International Humanitarian Charity.*

## Special Events

Next Friends' Meeting  
is **Thursday January 2**



The Flower of the Month in the Cypriot January garden is *Jasminum mesnyi*.



This early flowering jasmine, originally found growing in Western China, is a winter staple in our gardens here, bringing a breath of spring to our colder January days.



### Green Points in Nicosia

There are eight 'Green Points' in Nicosia where you can dispose of household waste free of charge. This might be furniture, electronic equipment, metal or glass objects as well as plastic, paper or fabrics. The busiest centre in Nicosia is in Strovolos where it is situated near Leroy Merlin.

Phone 99950161 for more info.



### Holiday Plans in 2020

Thinking about planning your next holiday once the festivities are over? If the trip involves hiring a car anywhere in the world, try [www.arguscarhire.com](http://www.arguscarhire.com).

We have used this very reputable company for many years now on trips around the world and only once did we have an unsuitable car. We can highly recommend this company, which will search out the best deal for you.



### International Driving Licence

Some countries ask for this licence, but it is easy to obtain on line through this url. You will be asked for a 'selfi', plus front and back images of your current driving licence.

[www.internationaldriversassociation.com/](http://www.internationaldriversassociation.com/)

### Travel Insurance

This can be tricky to obtain if you live in Cyprus permanently, as many of the companies advertised as providing this, will only cover you if you reside permanently in the UK. It also becomes difficult the older you are and if you have any ailments. Hospital

stays, especially in places like the USA, can be costly, so also check your current health insurance in case there is some travel insurance included.

### Travelling to the USA

You will require an ESTA, which superseded the old Visa Waiver system some time ago. You can apply using this URL.

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

### Veterans

If you are a UK Veteran, even if you only did your National Service, then you may be entitled to a Veterans ID card, which entitles you to 10% discount off flights with British Airways, booked on line.

<https://www.afvbc.net/the-veterans-id-card>



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