



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

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Saint Stephen's, Tala



Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos



Saint Luke's, Prodromi, near Polis

16 MARCH 2025

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am	Ayia Kyriaki
Sung Eucharist	Revd Paul
11.00 am	Saint Luke's
Morning Worship	Jayne Preston
11.00 am	Saint Stephen's
Holy Communion	Revd Paul

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 17:1-17
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Luke 13:31-35

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.***

23 MARCH 2025

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am	Ayia Kyriaki
Sung Eucharist	Revd Paul
11.00 am	Saint Luke's
NO SERVICE	/
11.00 am	Saint Stephen's
A Joint Healing Service with Holy Communion	Revd Paul

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-9 (Psalm 23 at StS)
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.***

WELCOME We give you a warm welcome to the Anglican Church of Paphos - especially if you are a visitor. Please introduce yourself to Revd Paul, one of our churchwardens or one of our service leaders - we'd love to get to know you. If you are visiting, be sure to sign your name in the visitors book. Refreshments are served after all of our services - you are very welcome to join with us.

THANK YOU For your good wishes on the announcement of my appointment as the next Archdeacon in Cyprus. This is an unexpected and privileged opportunity and wasn't on my radar when I came to Paphos. I'm flattered by the confidence Bishop Sean has shown in me and I'm looking forward to supporting him in his ministry and enabling his vision for the Diocese to come to fruition. I'm also grateful for the support of the church council in releasing me to serve the Diocese in this way. Do keep me in your prayers as plans are made for my collation on **Saturday 24 May at 12.00 noon** at Saint Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia. Please let Chris Hoskins know if you would be interested in booking a place on a coach to Nicosia. *Revd Paul.*

PALM CROSSES We have received a message of thanks from the Bishop of Exeter who writes: *It's a real blessing to have palm crosses from Cyprus & the Gulf with us for Palm Sunday – our family of Christian communities that make up our diocese of Exeter really appreciate this palpable and material way of being connected together in this season!* (Full letter on ACP website). Well done to everyone who was involved.

ZOOM PRAYERS We meet for Morning Prayer on ZOOM each **Tuesday and Thursday** at 9.00 am for 20 mins. This is an opportunity for members of all three ACP churches to pray together. The ZOOM link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81835740721?pwd=WXJLSC9NYkQybIhaSzRKVWRoaXVGQTQ9>

LENT COURSE 2025: A DEEPER WALK Continues on Tuesday mornings at Saint Stephen's at 11.00 am **until 15 April**. This series examines some of the 'Spiritual Disciplines'. Handouts will be provided. See page 4 for more information. Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline* is well worth reading as an accompaniment to the Lent Course and you can download a **FREE** copy here <https://revpacman.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/richard-foster-celebration-of-discipline.pdf>

JOINT SERVICE The joint service in March will not take place on the fifth Sunday of the month, as we have done previously, but on **Sunday 23 March**. This is because the fifth Sunday is Mothering Sunday and the Church Council agreed to move the service forward one week to enable congregations to be in their own churches on this special day. The service on Sunday 23 March will be a Service of Healing and Wholeness with the Anointing of Oil and Holy Communion.

ACP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Please note the AGM for ACP takes place at 10.30 am on **Saturday 29 March**. As last year, in order to comply with the Articles of Association, we legally require more than 50% of members to be present. Do please make every effort to attend. Those who serve the parish as churchwardens and parish councillors are volunteers and we are thankful for the service and commitment of those who have done so these past 12 months and those committing themselves for the year ahead.

SPRING FAYRE This year's Spring Fayre takes place on **Saturday 12 April** (which raises money for ACP funds) and we are looking for your ideas for new stalls and attractions. (Although space is limited, new attractions can encourage visitors and increase our takings. Our regular, popular stalls, Bric-a-Brac, Tom-bola, Plants, Cakes & Preserves, Refreshments and two new stalls Kitchenware & Fabric/material - are well managed. However, we do need a volunteer to run the Raffle and prizes for it. To help us in planning the event, please contact Chris Hoskins on mobile 97 753973 or email chrishoskins2016@gmail.com with your ideas on running a new stall or activity or organising the Raffle.

THE CAMINO WAY Lynn Frances Lloyd-Jones is a member of Ayia Kyriaki and, from 8 May, is walking 199 km of the Camino Way to raise funds for Alzheimer's Cyprus in memory of her late husband Hugh. Be sure to sponsor Lynn here <https://www.lynnscaminowalkforalzheimerscyprus.com/>

SOCIAL MEDIA Don't forget to browse our website <https://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org/> Revd Paul has a Chaplains Corner under links which include several articles of interest along with his weekly sermons. Revd Paul regularly posts on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/revpacman/> be sure to like and share!

Weekly	ZOOM Prayers, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9.00 am for 20 minutes
Weekly	A Deeper Walk Lent Course takes place on Tuesday's, Saint Stephens at 11.00 am
Weekly	Holy Eucharist for the whole parish, every Wednesday, Ayia Kyriaki at 9.00 am
22 March	Diocesan Online Lent Retreat from 1.00 - 3.00 pm. See page 4 for more details.

We have set up a **WhatsApp Prayer Group** where members of the ACP can ask for prayer and group members will pray for them. However, you do not have to be a member of the group to request prayer. We would also be pleased to receive updates on answers to prayer.

This is a really important ministry and may suit those of you who, for whatever reason, cannot serve more actively. Most important is a heart for those afraid, anxious, suffering or in any kind of pain.

If you are interested in being part of this group, please would you email me with your name and WhatsApp contact details.

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For Your Prayers

THE PROVINCE OF JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST Pray for peace in Jerusalem, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Iran. Pray that Archbishop Hosam and all Christian churches will have a positive presence in the region as they continue to be advocates for peace, justice and hope - in the present and the future.

THE DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF Pray for Bishop Sean, Archdeacon Michael, the Diocesan staff, for the clergy/congregations of all churches and especially Father Drew and Saint Martin's, Sharjah. Please pray for the continuing work of the Diocesan Constitution Review Committee, and the review of Episcopal ministry in the Gulf along with those charged with setting the future vision for the Diocese as agreed at the Diocesan Synod in February. You can read all about it here <https://www.cypgulf.org/synod-2025/> From the Prayer Diary <https://www.cypgulf.org/prayer-diary> we pray for:

w/c 16 March

The Anglican Church of Paphos and the Province of Central Africa

w/c 23 March

Christ Church, Jebel Ali, UAE and the Anglican Church in Central America

THE PARISH OF ACP For our Clergy, Lay Ministers and Worship Leaders. For our Churchwardens, Church Council and all who serve the needs of the Parish - pray that we might be encouraging, generous and thankful for their ministry. Pray for all the services and activities that take place in all three churches and for all those who visit week by week. Pray for the upcoming Parish AGM and for those who have put themselves forward to fill the vacancies on the church council. Pray for the unity, mission and ministry of all churches in Paphos - especially as we look to build on the success of the World Day of Prayer.

OUR WORLD Pray for King Charles, the UK and Cypriot Governments and for the leaders of the nations especially as they look for a peaceful end to the war in Ukraine. Give thanks for the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and pray it will continue beyond the exchange of hostages/prisoners. Continue to pray for peace and stability in all regions of our troubled world.

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL Please remember in your prayers: Adrian H, Sarah S, Pope Francis, Bob M, Sheila (Paul's mum), Kaine (14 yrs), Ruth N, Jilly W, Alan B, Heidi W, Jaxon (4 yrs), Julia L (Bishop Michael's wife), Mary B, Elizabeth, Alexander, Ann & Roger, Brenda P, David H, Bruce & Margaret, Bob W and all those who weigh heavy on your heart, that God would bring healing and restoration to their body, soul and spirit. Do let Revd Paul know if you have any names to add to this list.

THOSE WHO ARE BEREAVED Pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones, as we remember the family and friends of: Ian Brown (Fox), Bob Dye, Carol Proutt, Bob Richardson, David Willetts, Geraint Owens, Kathy Renton, Barbara Tibbles and Edward Hamer. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lent Course 2025: A Deeper Walk

A Six Week Course looking at the Spiritual Disciplines of:

Prayer	11	March
Bible Study	18	March
Worship	25	March
Solitude	1	April
Simplicity	8	April
Confession	15	April

Spiritual Disciplines serve as doorways through which we invite God to change our hearts and draw us closer to Him. Let us use this Season of Lent to deepen our Christian walk.

Tuesday mornings at 11.00 am at Saint Stephen's, Tala

Everyone is welcome to join with us

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An Online Lenten Retreat
led by Rev Roy Shaw

Mary: The perfect example
A time to reflect on the
magnificent

Saturday 22nd March
3-5pm UAE time
1-3pm Cyprus time
All are welcome!

For registration + further details
please contact Rev Gill Nisbet
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A Joint Service of Healing & Wholeness

with
Holy Communion

Sunday 23 March 2025

at 11.00 am

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Nicosia Coach Trip Tuesday 8 April



7.45am Depart OLD Superhomecentre car park
arriving at IKEA/Mall at 10am.
12 noon depart IKEA/Mall for Old Town (Ledera Street)
4.30pm depart the Old Town - 5pm picking up anyone at IKEA/Mall
Onward journey to Paphos, arriving approximately 6.45pm.

**Remember passport and yellow slip
if you wish to cross the border**

**Tickets €18 each
(non-refundable)**

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Everyone Welcome