



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 20th February 2022 (2 Before Lent)

WELCOME

We're getting closer to the warmer weather arriving so we can change our conversation about being too cold to being too hot (which I much prefer). I survived Synod 2022 and am still smiling so it couldn't have been too bad. The diary is not too full for this week, so, hopefully, it will give me a chance to catch up on some reading. I've been looking forward to delving into a couple of books; 'A History of God' by Karen Armstrong and 'Lost Christianities' by Bart D Ehrman. Not exactly light reading but fascinating topics. But don't worry the Weekly News is good light reading.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

A Prayer for this week.

Let us keep our faith in God strong, and may God answer our prayers this week, let us bless all those around us with the Good News of Jesus, the Christ, our saviour. Let us face the week ahead with joy in our hearts and a spring in our step. Amen

Psalm 33: 20-22

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

Our Diocese:

Pray for the Provinces of the whole Anglican Communion, their people and Primates, especially Archbishop Michael and our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here: <https://cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Diocesan-Prayer-Guide-Nov21-May22.pdf>

In our own Parish of Paphos:

Loving and gracious God, our lives are often pushed and pulled by hundreds of decisions and activities. In this busy pace of life we realise we should pause, take a breath and think about our need to be in touch with the meaning of our faith. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us to be our Helper and Guide as we go into this new week. Guide us in our pastoral care, gift us with a spirit of openness and generosity, as we walk with each other as companions on this journey, seeking ways to bring the Good News to all. Make us aware of our many opportunities and responsibilities to be the witnesses of your love, mercy, and call to new life. May we all grow in faith through prayer, the Gospel, and the Eucharist. Help us to be a people of courage, faith, and holiness. Amen

GOD SLOT

A question that I'm asked as a Priest - Where is God when it hurts and life is difficult? Jesus Himself faces this challenge on the cross when he asked, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27: 46) In His time of pain, it appeared as if God the Father did not care or was not there. Yet it's clear that Christ's pain on the cross later served as part of God's glorious plan to reveal the resurrected Jesus and bring salvation to many. This insight also applies to times of struggle in our own lives. In times of trouble, we tend to rely upon emotions. These emotions question whether God is really there because he doesn't appear to be at work during our struggle. Yet just as with Jesus on the cross, God is still at work even when it doesn't feel like it. In Romans 8: 28 it says "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." In times when God feels distant, we can continue to trust that he is there, that he loves us, and has a purpose for our lives. We can rest in his promises from his Word, knowing that his power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12: 9-10).

God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT:

Little Johnny was in the Religious Education class where the story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained to the children. Following the story, the children were asked to draw a picture that would illustrate the story. Little Johnny drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Johnny was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional ☺.

WHAT DO YOU CALL THEM?

Some of you have asked what is the difference between the titles **Reverend, Father, Pastor and Chaplain**, and what should the priest be called? The following is an oversimplification: In standard Anglican use the "Reverend", or "Revd" or "Rev" is the written title for a priest, and "Father" is the spoken title; just like "The Right Reverend" is the written title and "Bishop" is the spoken title. A "Chaplain" is often a priest who provides spiritual care for individuals in a non-religious organisation (such as a hospital, hospice, school, prison, military, etc.). For Paphos this word "chaplain" was a carry-over from an earlier time when we were a Chaplaincy rather than a Parish as we are now. A "Pastor" is a leader of a religious community or congregation, whether ordained or not, and whether educated or not (most non-denomination and independent churches use this term). So, what do I prefer? While I don't mind what you call me (as long as it's not an Anglo Saxon term), I'm happy with Ken, Revd or Father, whichever you are comfortable with. (With thanks to Fr D)

THANKS

Songs of Praise - St Stephen's 13/02/22: Many thanks to all those who helped to make the Songs of Praise service last Sunday such a success: Paul (for playing so well); Phil (for getting the videos to work); Julia

(for her research on the hymns); all those who either read bible readings or poems and everyone who came and joined in singing so enthusiastically. Your support was very much appreciated. *Ann Bailey*.

NOTICES

Care Days

A help for cancer patients or those bereaved through cancer. Care Days was set up 7 months ago by a member of our congregation from Ayia Kyriaki, Andrew. He was diagnosed with cancer 2 years ago, together with 576 other patients in Paphos in 2020, and after immunotherapy every 3 weeks for 2 years he is now in remission, so he wanted to give something back to those less fortunate than himself. Thanks to incredible support from Viva fm Radio and The Paphos Post and the generosity of his sponsors, Care Days is able to offer to Cancer patients diagnosed with cancer in the Paphos District during the last 3 years, and those bereaved through cancer, the following wonderful pampering sessions completely FREE OF CHARGE.

1. Hair shampoo and treatment at Markos My Hair.
2. Full body or facial massage at the beauty salon by Elena at Markos My Hair.
3. A champagne (cava) breakfast for 2 at the beautiful Elysia Breeze restaurant.
4. A day pass, for a cancer patient or person bereaved through cancer at the wonderful Annabelle Hotel with €15 credit.
5. A 3-hour session at the Leonardo Laura Hotel Splash Park for a youngster with cancer under 18 years old, plus parent.
6. A half day at the peaceful Ayii Anargyri Health Spa (for cancer patients only.)

Already over 70 people have benefitted from Care Days! For more details and an application form please go to Facebook or www.caredayscyprus.com

Bible Study

Our sessions will be on 21st, 28th February and 7th, 14th March at the Atlas Coffee Shop on Mesogi Avenue starting at 10.30am. All those booked in should have received their homework, if you haven't please contact me.

News from UK

I received the following email from Helen Smith. "Dear Rev'd Ken, You were asking, recently, for contributions for the WNS. We recently went to Anglesey for a week and sought out Eric Dickinson who, I believe, left for the UK around 2 years ago. He retired to Rhosneigr where his son Graham could care for him as he lives in Llangaffo, about 10 minutes away. Keith worked closely with Eric over many years and it was so good to catch up with him as they had lots to reminisce over. Eric will be 92 in September, and Keith is 85 in June. Eric was married to Edna whose resting place is in Tala new cemetery. Bruce and Carole McCandlish were very supportive of Eric in the latter years. We are still in touch with many people, with Cyprus being our home for many happy years. We hope to visit Cyprus this year. With very best wishes Helen Smith.



EVENTS

Beetle Drive

This will take place on Shrove Tuesday, 1st March, at the Stephanie Restaurant, Tala. Tickets are available from Sunday 6th February at a cost of €17. There will be a raffle and proceeds will go to Church funds.

Possible future Events

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| 15 th March | Nicosia Coach trip |
| 17 th April | Traditional Easter Lunch |
| 18 th April | Annual Sponsored Walk |
| 23 rd April | St George's Day |
| Mid May | Spring Fayre |
| 26 May | Ascension Day Service & picnic in the forest |
| Early June | World Day of Prayer |

Mid July Annual BBQ

SERVICES

20th February

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25; Psalm 65; Revelation 4: 1-11; Luke 8: 22-25

27th February

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11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-18, 4: 1-2; Luke 9: 28-36

Mid-week Eucharist every Wednesday at 9.00am at Ayia Kyriaki

God's Eternal Blessings

God's eternal blessings
Flows down from above
To equip us in His mission
To spread His wondrous love

So He can always use us
And stretch us in our faith,
So we may be a blessing
To others by His grace

For everything we need,
God will graciously provide
Through His eternal blessings
That's abundant in our lives.

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