



## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St Luke's  
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# WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

(Advent 3)

## WELCOME

This will probably be my penultimate issue of the Newsletter so there is a tinge of sadness as I try and find things to put into this issue. I hope you've enjoyed the last couple of years of the musings that have made you laugh and groan and this week's issue will be no different ☺, enjoy.

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Collect:

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### A Prayer for the week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, make this week ahead special. Let us run into your loving arms. May it be a week celebration, filled with thankfulness, where we connect with the presence of Heaven, seek your beauty and goodness, and cherish special family time together in this season of goodwill. Come fill our hearts afresh with your love and may it overflow with Heaven's bounty, moving through us to all whom we may meet in the week ahead. Amen

### Our Diocese:

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here: <https://www.cypgulf.org/prayer-diary/>

### Daily Readings

For readings and the daily service of morning prayer, evening prayer and compline, please download <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

## ENCOURAGING WORDS

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1: 9)*

## **GOD SLOT**

The tree and decorations are up, Christmas films and Christ Carols a plenty and the shopping done – life is good. I can now concentrate on the real reason for the season, that little baby’s birth is going to be celebrated again. Oh that the world would listen to that baby’s cry and learn that we can live in peace and harmony with each other and that this world of ours, of God’s, could see a return to Eden. Picture that, a world where we live how God has always wanted us to, a world we can only pray for. We each can make a difference, let’s make that a priority in 2024.

God Bless,  
Revd Ken

## **JOKE SPOT**

Little Johnny was one of four men who are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, “Congratulations! You’re the father of twins.” “That’s odd,” answers the man. “I work for the Minnesota Twins!” Another nurse walks in and says to the second guy, “Congratulations! You’re the father of triplets!” “That’s weird,” answers the second man. “I work for the 3M company!” A third nurse walks in and tells the third man, “Congratulations! You’re the father of quadruplets!” “That’s strange,” he answers. “I work for the Four Seasons hotel!” All the people in the waiting room suddenly turned when they heard a ‘thump, thump, thump’. They could see Little Johnny banging his head against the wall. “What’s wrong?” the others ask. Little Johnny said, “I work for 7 Up!”

## **SAVE THE DATES**

15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols in the Mall - GOOD TURNOUT PLEASE
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service St Stephen’s 11.00am
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Lessons and Carols Ayia Kyriaki 6.00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> January 24	Revd Ken’s final service in the Parish to be held at AK at 11.30am
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christian Unity Service, Ayia Kyriaki 12.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Beetle Drive (Stephanie Restaurant)
30 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Easter Lunch
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 24	Nicosia Coach Trip
27 <sup>th</sup> April 24	Spring Fair
18 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Mini Golf
September	Sunset Cruise to the Blue Lagoon
October 24	Annual BBQ
November 24	Quiz Night

## **NOTICES**

### **REVD KEN’S FINAL SERVICE & ‘BUN FIGHT’.**

The confirmed details are now as follows: A service of Holy Communion on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 11.30am at Ayia Kyriaki, which will be followed by refreshments at Neos Sports Bar in Peyia. This is a change of venue to first published, but due to demand we have had to find bigger premises (I think Wendy bought loads of tickets to make me feel as though I was popular ☺). Tickets already issued will of course be honoured and further tickets are available at a cost of €10 each. Please buy them as soon as possible so we can let Neos know the final numbers to cater for.

### **VERITY CARE HUB**

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind you about the Verity Care Hub, run by our very own Phil and Kath, on the Tomb of the Kings Road. Current open 10am until 2pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There are also a number of Christmas events running. Please check their Facebook page for full details of what the Verity Care Hub can do for you.

*Today’s 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favourite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.*

## SERVICES

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd William
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's	Jayne Preston
11.00am Carol Service St Stephen's	Ann Bailey
6.00pm Lessons and Carols Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken

#### Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-4, 8-11; Magnificat; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve/Advent 4

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's	Ray Elliott
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's	Revd Ken
11.00pm Midnight Mass St Stephen's	Revd Andrew

#### Readings:

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

St S 11.00am – 2 Samuel 7: 1-11,16; Magnificat; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

8.15am Sung Eucharist + Incense - Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's	Revd Ken
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's	Revd William

#### Readings:

Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

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

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm	Kings Mall	Carols in the Mall ( <i>Compulsory</i> for all good singers 😊)
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	St Stephen's	Carol Service
	6.00pm	Ayia Kyriaki	Lessons & Carols Service
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00pm	St Stephen's	Midnight Mass
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.15am	Ayia Kyriaki	Sung Eucharist (with Incense)
	11.00am	St Luke's	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Stephen's	Holy Communion
	1-3.00pm	Home or friends	Christmas Dinner (Don't forget to sing Happy Birthday to Jesus)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Sometimes you lie in bed at night and don't have a single thing to worry about. That always worries me!"*  
(Charlie Brown)

### Puppies' Christmas

It's the day before Christmas  
And all through the house  
The puppies are squeaking  
An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily  
Hung on the door  
Is scattered in pieces  
All over the floor.

The stockings that hung  
In a neat little row  
Now boast a hole in  
Each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected  
To bright-eyed whims,  
And now, although splendid,  
It's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them.  
"Be good", I insist.  
They lick me, then run off  
To see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them  
The thought comes to me,  
That theirs is the spirit  
That Christmas should be.

Should children and puppies  
Yet show us the way,  
And teach us the joy  
That should come with this day?

Could they bring the message  
That's written above,  
And tell us that, most of all  
Christmas is love  
(Anon)



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## Snowball

I made myself a snowball,  
As perfect as could be,  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,  
And let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pyjamas,  
And a pillow for its head,  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first - it wet the bed!

*(Shel Silverstein)*



And one to finish off with.....



*Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror & think, "That can't be accurate!"*