



## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St Luke's  
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## WEEKLY NEWS

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Holy Week & Easter)

#### WELCOME

A two week bumper issue today. Easter is upon us with all the special services we have planned (see Services below) and just think of all the chocolate you can eat (Easter Eggs have no calories apparently). Have a good couple of weeks and hope to see you at some of our services. HAPPY EASTER.

#### PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

##### Collects:

##### Psalm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

##### Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

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

We come before you O Lord each day as the sun rises and ask that our hopes rise up in your blessings for us. As the birds sing may your love flow out of us to others. As the light floods into this new day, may your joy shine through us to all whom we meet. We come before you, O Lord, and drink in this moment of peace, as each new day begins and pray that we may carry something of your hope, love and joy each day in our hearts. Amen.

##### 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)*

## **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>

## **GOD SLOT**

*OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING.* As I sit and think about what I am going to write about it's a lovely sunny morning with a glorious blue sky. I've just come back from an early morning walk with Floki, our dog. It's just one of those days that brings a smile on your face, a spring to your step and a joy in your heart. Wow! That's a nice poetic start, it can only go downhill from here. I've just had another thought. Where is this year going? I'm sure that when I wake up in the morning someone is stealing the days because they are just flying by so quickly. How does that work? I need someone with a bigger and better brain to explain to this thick Geordie how time can be quick and slow at the same time! Now for the God spot: As a Christian, the story that holds my attention this month is obviously the Crucifixion and resurrection. It's an extremely sorrowful and joyful story all at the same time. Sorrowful that Jesus was crucified but joyful that he rose again. He came to show us what God's love meant and to die for our sins so that we could be saved. I have to admit that even on the Good Friday service when everyone is a bit dour I have a great big smile inside, which I find hard to keep in. I love the fact that we have a God that loves us so much that He came to us in the form of Jesus to guide us back to Him. Personally, I am always on a high over this time because I know what this means for me. I know the Lord and what he done for me, and can do for you. I much prefer Easter to Christmas from a Christian point of view. Christ died for us, let's do something for Him this Easter – let's go to one of the many services on offer around Paphos and thank Him.

God Bless, Revd Ken

## **JOKE SPOT**

*Little Johnny who was 6 years old had attended the Ash Wednesday service and had the cross marked in ash on his forehead. On the way home he bumped into Rachel, a friend from school. She asked Little Johnny what that smudge was on his forehead. He replied, "Its Ash Wednesday." "What's Ash Wednesday?" Rachel asked. "Oh, its when Christians begin their diet," he replied.*

## **NOTICES**

### **BARN DANCE**

Well done to Chris Hoskins and the Team for organising a superb evening, venue, food and dancing was excellent. Photographs of the event can be seen on the church website on the News - Events and on Gallery - Events sections. A lot of hard work went into this event. Well done.

### **SPRING FAYRE**

The Spring Fayre is planned for **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at St Stephen's in Tala. We are looking for bric-a-brac items, handbags, cakes, preserves, jewellery, tombola prizes, scarves, plants and, of course, refreshments that will help raise money for the church. Any new stall ideas would be much appreciated. Contact Chris Hoskins on 97753973.

### **EASTER FLOWERS – ST STEPHEN'S**

Message from Lisa Smith.... "I will be arranging the Easter Flowers for St Stephen's again this year; if you would like to contribute a small donation towards the cost of the flowers it will be much appreciated. Many thanks, Lisa.

### **ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10.00am for 10.30am at St Stephen's, Tala. Please make sure this date is in your diary and that you can attend this important meeting.

## **FOOD BANKS**

Please don't forget donations of food at each of our churches. This is a vital outreach to those in the community who need help.

## **BIKES**

We have now donated a total of eleven bikes to our friends in the migrant community. We have joined with the Learning Refuge and with the help of the Diocese Social Concern Officer (Revd Anne Futcher), we have applied for a grant to be able to purchase more bikes. With the recent law change in Cyprus when we supply the bike we also have to ensure that they are fitted with lights and a bell and we are also supplying a safety helmet, bicycle pump, lock and puncture repair kit. We have negotiated a deal with a local company who will supply refurbished bikes with all the equipment. Please keep this bid in your prayers that it is successful.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Lunch (Yiannis Taverna, Kathikas)
21 <sup>st</sup> April	AGM
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Spring Fayre
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Garden Party
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Variety Show
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Golf
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Annual BBQ

## **SERVICES**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki  
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's  
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's  
6.00pm Holy Communion Ayia Kyriaki

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14 –75, 27: 1-66

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – The Way of the Cross**

6.00pm Ayia Kyriaki

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Tenebrae Service**

6.00pm St Stephen's

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Holy Communion Ayia Kyriaki

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday**

11.00am Holy Communion + Stripping of Altar St Luke's  
6.00pm Holy Communion + Stripping of Altar St Stephen's

#### **Readings:**

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116: 1,10-17; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**

11.00am Service of Reflection St Stephen's  
12.00pm Service of Reflection Ayia Kyriaki  
2.00pm Service of Reflection St Luke's

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 52: 13-15, 53: 1-12; Psalm 22: 1-11; Hebrews 10: 16-25; John 18: 1-40, 19: 1-42

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

8.15am Sung Eucharist + Incense Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

### Readings:

Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew 28: 1-10

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

### Heaven's Surprise (Be careful how you judge)

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its decor.  
But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp –  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.  
There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbour who never said anything nice.  
Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.  
I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.  
'And why's everyone so quiet, so sombre – give me a clue.'  
'Child,' He said, 'they're all in shock. They never thought they'd be seeing you!'  
(J Taylor Ludwig)



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(Don't forget Friday is my day off (most weeks☺))

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