



# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
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## WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022  
(Lent 5)**

### WELCOME

Welcome to this week's edition, and welcome to that yellow thing in the sky that seems to have been missing for a while. A rushed copy due to time restraints and also not enough input from my parishioners ☺

### PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Collect:

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, 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.

#### A Prayer for this week.

Blessed Lord, thank you for the Grace of this new week, thank you for bringing us safely to this new start. Please God, go with us, keep us from evil, guide our steps and protect us from harm. We pray this week will be better than last week, filled with greater blessings and chances to sing your praises to all we may meet. Thank you for always being there for us. We are forever grateful. Amen.

#### *Psalm 118: 1*

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."*

#### Our Diocese:

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here: <https://www.cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Diocesan-Prayer-Guide-Nov21-May22.pdf>

#### In our own Parish of Paphos:

Almighty father, we bless your name for this beautiful place where we have our Parish. Let your church (us) go out into the community with confidence in your name, bless the works of our hands. You are a faithful God, we commit all spheres of our lives in your hands to make me fruitful in preaching the good news. As we go through the week, open our eyes to see new strategies for success and keep evil away from us. Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

## 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

In a rush this morning, I spill coffee all over myself. *Why, God, why?* Okay, no big deal. Then, I get some difficult feedback at a meeting on something I've been working hard on for a couple of months. *Why, God, why?* That one burns a little more. I then leave the meeting and I find out I have a flat tyre. *Why, God, why?* The truth is, all of those examples are small compared to what some people are experiencing. But we've all been there, haven't we? Nothing seems to be going right, and we ask God that simple question: *Why? Why is this happening to me? After everything I've done for You? I'm such a good person compared to that one person ...* But think about it, if God always met our expectations, he wouldn't be God, he'd be our personal assistant. At times, our expectations of what God should do are different from what he actually does. Our circumstances are not necessarily a reflection of his goodness, but his presence is. You're blessed when you can trust God in the valleys even after you've seen him move mountains. Sometimes the blessing is there even without the breakthrough. If you're going through a difficult patch right now, I pray you'll trust he's good, even when you're disappointed by him.

God Bless

## JOKE SPOT:

*Little Johnny was at Sunday School and the Youth Worker asked why his sister was crying. Little Johnny replied, "Because I helped her." But that's a good thing, why would she cry? The Youth Worker said. "Because I helped her eat her sweets!"*

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional ☺.

## NOTICES

### Donations for Easter Flowers

Easter is fast approaching, and Lisa Smith will be doing the flower arrangements at St Stephen's, Catherine Whyteside at Ayia Kyriaki and Catherine Elliott at St Luke's, for Easter Sunday, if anyone would like to make a small donation towards the cost of the flowers it would be much appreciated, thank you. Donations direct to Lisa, Catherine and Catherine please.

### Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at St Stephen's starting at 10.30am. Still time to join us, just give me a call and I'll send you the homework.

### Fundraising & Social Team

Would you like to be involved in helping us to raise funds for our church, charities and social outreach? Then please consider joining our team. Contact Revd Ken 99555292. **No volunteers yet – HINT, HINT & a third time HINT!**

### Easter Lunch

Easter Lunch. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the Gustoso Restaurant, Tomb of the Kings Road, Paphos, It will be a Meze (Gustoso Style) at a cost of €20 per person excluding drinks. 1.00pm for 1.30pm. Tickets available from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March from the usual sellers at the three churches.

### Food & Necessities Collection Points

Don't forget to think about our food collection points as you do your shopping.

## Legacy Giving

Have you thought about leaving a donation to the church in your Will? Would you like to? If so, full details of how to include a Legacy gift to the church can be found on the church website or take one of the Legacy leaflets, which are on display in each church. Failing this, ask your warden for information. Legacy donations can be made for specific use as prescribed by you, or added to the general income. Any amount of financial assistance is always welcomed and appreciated.

## EVENTS

17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Fayre – St Stephen's
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Service & picnic (Pegeia Forest)
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Jubilee Street Party
Early June	World Day of Prayer service
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Annual BBQ
8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Boat Trip
October	Annual Sponsored Walk

## SERVICES

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April Lent 5

08.15 Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki  
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's  
11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

#### Readings:

Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

### 10<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday

08.15 Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki  
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's  
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

#### Readings:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 19: 28-40

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

## Do Not Wait Until Tomorrow

Do not wait until tomorrow  
If you'd make your life worthwhile.  
Bring a cheer to those in sorrow,  
Bless them, with a happy smile.-.  
Golden moments swiftly passing  
Soon will be forever gone,  
Hasten then to be a blessing;  
Wait not for tomorrow's dawn.

Do not wait until tomorrow  
For the work you have to do;  
If you wait 'twill bring you sorrow  
And of troubles not a few.  
Oh, why should you linger longer  
And consume your time away!  
Christ is yours, and Heaven yonder,  
If you live for God each day.  
(Alfred S. Rctz)



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