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Ayia Kyriaki
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St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 10th April 2022
(Palm Sunday)**

WELCOME

Easter's here already; don't blink too much because it will be Christmas. Welcome to our latest edition of the Weekly News. The first Day of Holy Week is commonly called either "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday." It is important to capture the irony; this is the week in which the crowd's cries of "Hosanna!" would soon turn to "Crucify Him!" Worship on this day, as well as other Holy Week services, invites members of the congregation to think of themselves as participants in a kind of dramatic re-enactment of scriptural events. The goal of such re-enactment is to recount the narratives memorably and to help the congregation sense the significance of the narratives for what they teach us about Jesus' ministry, about God's being and character, and about the nature and scope of redemption in Christ.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

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.

A Prayer for this week.

Heavenly Father, as we step into this new week, may you give us the strength, wisdom and knowledge to stay positive, committed to our goals and excel above our expectations. Happy new week! Amen.

Psalm 37: 23-24

"A person's steps are made secure by the Lord when they delight in his way. Though they trip up, they won't be thrown down, because the Lord holds their hand."

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:

Abba, Father, our parish is composed of people like us; we help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if we are. Its pews will be filled, if we help fill them. It will do great work, if we work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if we are generous givers. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if we invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if we, who make it what it is, are filled with these same things. Therefore, with your help, O God, we shall dedicate ourselves to the task of being all things that we want our parish to be. 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>

RESPONSE TO LAST WEEK'S GOD SLOT

"Why God, why?", Father Ken wrote last week. On the 24th of February I was woken at 0530 by the sounds of rockets and explosions in Kiev. And then a phone call telling me "the war has started". Indeed, me and my family asked, "Why God, why?" After enduring two weeks of bombardment, missiles, shells, death, destruction, we left on an evacuation train. By then death was everywhere. An aunty in Irpin, near Kiev said there were bodies of those trying to escape left in cars, because people were afraid to get them out. The Russians were targeting civilians in obscene ways. Beyond my powers of description. Then one asks, "Why God, why?" The suffering of the children is unimaginable. My own child was beginning to ask about all the explosions. I told him they were very, very large fireworks. One particularly large explosion rattled our windows terribly, windows covered with plastic, to protect against flying glass. The missile landed nearby in a park, near to a TV tower. It killed a family of five. One asks, "Why God, why?" One even asks, "Why them, why not us?" And you feel guilty that you are alive. As the missiles flew over, and we heard the thud as they landed, you prayed for the dead. Almost every hour of every day. Each time. So when you get a flat tyre, be happy, give thanks to God that you are alive. Put things in perspective. As a retired organist, my hero, J. S. Bach signed every work with SDG; Soli Deo Gloria. Indeed. To God alone be the Glory. Not "Sultan Mahmud on his throne", or some leader, or other. To God alone. Keep your faith strong. Pray for the people of Ukraine. They need your prayers. Amen. Best wishes to you. Richard, Little Richard, and Suzanna.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of Peace and Justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion^[1] to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

GOD SLOT

Easter Message

A Father and son were out walking. The son asked, "Why aren't you unhappy?" "What should I be unhappy about?" he replied. The son said, "Everything, I guess. There doesn't seem to be anything we can count on anymore. We can't count on the weather. We can't count on being able to afford to buy petrol or pay for our electric or gas. We can't even count on having enough water. Everything is changing." The father nodded and stared out at the path they were walking. He didn't say anything for a while. Finally he looked at the boy, "I know what you mean. Sometimes I feel like things are changing so fast that I can't keep up." The boy said "I feel like that, too. How do you stand it?"

With a knowing smile, he pointed to the sky. "I remember that even though everything in the world seems like it's never going to stop changing, there's one thing that always stays the same." "What's that?" "God's love for us," he said. "That's something that's always there. That will never change." That was the father's secret. No matter how crazy the world was around him, he knew the one truth that would never change: God loved him. Whatever hits us in life we have the one constant to fall back on, and that is the fact that God loves us – no matter what. As a Christian, the story that holds my attention over the last few weeks was obviously the Crucifixion. 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 did for me, and 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 at last go to one of our church services and thank him.
God Bless

JOKE SPOT:

Little Johnny and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate he started eating straight away. 'Little Johnny, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father. 'I don't have to,' the five year old replied. 'Of course you do, Little Johnny,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Little Johnny explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional ☺.

NOTICES

Annul General Meeting

Just a gentle reminder, that we have the AGM on Friday 29th April at the UKCA, 10am for 10.30am start. There are vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Church Council, so if you feel called to this exciting post, please consider putting your name in the hat.

Donations for Easter Flowers

Easter is fast approaching and Lisa Smith will be doing the flower arrangements at St Stephen's and 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 Smith, Catherine Whyteside and Catherine Elliott please.

Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 9th May 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!** News update! One person! Really? Come on folks this is for the good of our Parish and its community.

Easter Lunch

Easter Lunch. Sunday 17th 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 27th March from the usual sellers at the three churches.

Food & Necessities Collection Points

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

Appeal

On May 14th there will be a fundraising event at St. Stephen's. A Spring Fair. Lou and Sue have offered to do a Jewellery/Scarf stall. So we are encouraging you to have a rummage about to find us some of those things that you have not worn for ages. So long as they are not damaged we will attempt to sell whatever you find us. If you have something please pop it into a bag and give it in at church. Thanks in anticipation.
L and S x

Spring Fayre

Could you do a stall? Can you help to man one? The Spring Fayre being held on Saturday 14th May benefits our Parish as a whole, so if you can help out please contact Chris Hoskins on 97753973. Also we need donations of plants and bric-a-brac for the stalls. Thanks.

Queen's Jubilee Street Party

We have obtained permission from the Mayor and the Police to hold our Street Party on Saturday 4th June 1pm to 4pm. Helpers and equipment will be needed and details of the requirements will be published soon in the WNS.

EVENTS

17 th April	Easter Lunch
14 th May	Spring Fayre – Parish event held at St Stephen's
26 th May	Ascension Day Service & picnic (Peyia Forest)
4 th June	Queen's Jubilee Street Party
Early June	World Day of Prayer service
23 rd July	Annual BBQ
8 th September	Boat Trip
September	Songs of Praise in the Park
October	Annual Sponsored Walk
16 th December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall (TBC)

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 10th 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

Monday 11th April

6.00pm Stations of the Cross Ayia Kyriaki

Tuesday 12th April

6.00pm Journey to the Cross St Stephen's

Maundy Thursday 14th April

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

Good Friday 15th April

11.00am A Service of Reflection St Stephen's

12.00pm Ayia Kyriaki A Service of Reflection

2.00pm A 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

Easter Sunday 17th April,

08.15am Holy Eucharist + Incense Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Communion by Extension St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; Luke 24: 1-12

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

God Cares

For many years you walked alone upon this weary road,
And God saw fit to share with you the burden of your load.
He did not leave you stranded to fight it on your own,
But gently claimed your soul one day and seeds of faith were sown.

God's mercy and compassion are greater than we know,
And e're He gives us burdens, His love He will bestow.
He set aside a time for you to lean upon His breast,
In tenderness He watches as you journey through this test.

Dear friend, you're not forgotten, you're precious in His sight,
The battle for survival alone you do not fight.
God's method of refining takes many shapes and forms,
But a multi-coloured rainbow usually follows storms.

Take courage and be faithful, rejoicing in your soul,
Your body may be weakened but your spirit is made whole.

(Greta Zwaan)



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

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