



**St. Stephen's
Tala**



**Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos**



**St. Luke's
Prodromi**

WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 17th April 2022
(Easter Sunday)**

WELCOME

On Easter Sunday, all the hopes and expectations of Christians are realised in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making The Feast of the Resurrection one of the most celebrative days of the church year! The Easter service is a time of joy, celebration, and renewal. In contrast to the sombre starkness of Holy Week, on Easter the worship space should be bright and celebratory. Music and songs reflect the full joy of the victorious Christian faith because of Christ's resurrection. Because the good news of Easter cannot hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of 50 days of Eastertide, leading up to Pentecost; in addition, every Sunday is a mini-Easter service. Easter joy at the resurrection,

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

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 this week.

I wish you a very wonderful and successful week, may your path be filled with God's favour as you go through the week. Have a blessed week ahead. Amen

Psalm 91: 11

" For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways

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:

The Almighty is trying to turn his people to the ways of obedience and righteousness. Only he can prepare them, he is working mightily for those who have ears to hear what the spirit is saying. What are we doing with our life? Our Saviour is urging us to wisely spend and not foolishly waste our time left on earth. He loves us and wants us to have eternal rewards. Beware, Satan wants to rob us of those heavenly dividends. May the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through this prayer refresh and renew all who walk on the narrow path of “the way, the truth, and the life” that leads to Jesus and his eternal Heavenly Kingdom. 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

During my walks I've been watching the changes that have been occurring in the land around us. The buds, the early flowers and the signs of life, the green appearing everywhere. It just makes me think how can people think there is no creator behind this.. It also makes me think about life in general. When you're young, life seems this long way and time you have in front of you, then suddenly age creeps up and catches you by surprise. In your head you are still young but the body and the mirror tell you something different. I'm very happy about the age I am and wouldn't like to be young again. However, I am disappointed that as fast as my hair is getting longer the bald patch seems to be outpacing it. Wendy has refused to let me have a comb-over so I am in a battle of conscience as to whether I admit defeat, be sensible, and get it all cut off or I say to hell with it all and keep growing what I have left! I like having long hair so I think the latter is my course of action (at the moment). Although it sometimes has its downfall – in that I used to do some work at a homeless shelter and sometimes I was mistaken for one of the guests rather than one of the workers; but I could live with that. What do I derive from the above rambling? Well, I think that the Good Lord gave us one life and we should live that to the full. Jesus told us that the two greatest commandments were to Love God and Love your neighbour and if we live our lives with these in mind what a great place we would live in and what a great life we could have.

God Bless

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT:

Little Johnny was at Sunday School and they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Little Johnny, what's the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional ☺.

THE LIFE OF A PARISH PRIEST IN PAPHOS

I thought it might be good to share my diary for the next two weeks with you all to show you what the life of a Parish Priest is like here in Paphos:

Mon 18 th April	-	Day off
Tue 19 th April	-	Day off (hopefully)
Wed 20 th April	-	Service; Funeral; Prepare for Sunday Services; Prepare Newsletter
Thu 21 st April	-	Wedding interview; House blessing; Zoom meeting
Fri 22 nd April	-	Day off
Sat 23 rd April	-	Renewal of Vows; Final preparation for Sunday Services
Sun 24 th April	-	Services

Mon 25 th April	-	Newsletter production; Preparation for meeting
Tue 26 th April	-	Working Group meeting; Home Communion; Preparation for meeting
Wed 27 th April	-	Service; Pastoral Care Team meeting; Prepare for Sunday Services; Preparation for meeting
Thu 28 th April	-	Worship Team Meeting; Home Communion; Preparation for meeting
Fri 29 th April	-	AGM; EGM
Sat 30 th April	-	Day off; Final preparation for Sunday Services
Sun 1 st May	-	Services

OUR PARISH

Easter Eggs to eat, hopefully a couple of days to catch my breath then back into the full swing of Parish life. I hope you are all enjoying the better weather and making plans for trips for holidays or to see family and friends. Please remember to consider making your Church Donations as monthly pledges so we don't take a dip in our finances as you don't attend the weekly services when you are away. This is really important to keep our Parish going. If you can also look into your hearts and see if you can consider increasing your donation, if we all do this it can have a positive effect on our survival. The Wedding Ministry is still struggling to reach pre-pandemic numbers so we cannot rely on this to match any deficiency we have at the end of the year. The Pandemic really hit our finances and we need to ensure we are financially secure for the future.

NOTICES

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.

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 the usual sellers at the three churches.

Stop your spoken voice from aging!

Julia Stephenson is going to repeat her class again this year. It's a one-off class to help stop your voice from aging. This was very popular when Julia ran it last November. It involves some breathing exercises, face massage and exercise and articulation. The reason our voice ages is because we don't breathe as deeply as we age, so our facial muscles tighten, as does the larynx and we also lose the ability to articulate as well. Please come and join us on Thursday 28th April at 10.30am at St Stephen's (it will be less than an hour). We'll have fun doing tongue twisters too!!

Annual 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.

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.

Food & Necessities Collection Points

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

Spring Fayre - Saturday 14th May 2022. 10am - 2pm at St Stephen's, Tala

Can you please help? Items/products/produce is required for the following stalls: Bric-a-brac, Clothes, Craft, Jewellery/scarves, Cards, Plants, Cakes/preservatives, Raffle prizes, Refreshments. Also, if anyone can help man the stalls on the day please contact Chris Hoskins - 97753973. This is a fundraiser for the Parish. Thank you in advance.

“Smarties” Tubes

The wonderful Christmas Gift from your Parish Priest of a tube of Smarties is due to be returned this weekend (or soon after) filled with a gift for those less fortunate. Many thanks.

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 (Pegia 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)

SERVICES

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

Sunday 24th April

08.15am Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-30

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

No Poem – Just some thoughts

The ability to speak several languages is an asset,
but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision.

The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, “Close enough.”

I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine.
I’m ageing like milk: Getting sour and chunky.



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