



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 30th April 2023
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

WELCOME

Well, here we are again, another week has flown by and the weather finally seems to be improving and it almost seems we are living on a beautiful sunny island in the Mediterranean Sea. There are a number of things coming up in the calendar, so I hope you have them all marked in your diary. Fundraising is so important to our church to help us keep going and also to share with our nominated charities, so please support the events and do encourage your friends and neighbours to come along (especially to the Variety Show on 27th May). Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

We come before you O Lord, as the sun rises each morning this week, may your hope rise up in us. As the birds sing may your love flow out of us. As the light floods every new morning, may your joy shine through us. We come before you, O Lord, and drink in this moment of peace, that we may carry something of your hope, love and joy all week in our hearts to share with all those we will meet. Amen.

Encouraging Words.

"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good." (Romans 12: 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

God's plans are wonderful when you can look back in hindsight. The task of the twelve apostles was unique: they were to be guarantors of the Gospel tradition because of their companionship with Jesus in his earthly ministry and to be witnesses to the reality of his resurrection because they had seen the risen Christ. Here was the beginning of the Christian church: this small group was the grain of mustard-seed that grew into a tree. The speaker was Peter, who had been, and still was, the most forward man; and therefore notice is taken of his zeal, to show that he had perfectly recovered the ground he lost by his denying Jesus before the cock crowed. He was the man to lead and grow the church.

When each of the disciples was called by Jesus to follow him, we remember that most of them dropped what they were doing with hardly a second thought. We were amazed by their clarity and direction, and we certainly had to acknowledge the obvious charisma of Jesus. But this was not something that could be handed down from generation to generation. When the disciples needed to fill the gap created by Judas, it became clear that discernment was not an easy process. Jesus had not called the next apostle; it was up to the community to act, using the model he left them.

Why isn't it easy then to recognise a call, or to affirm a call, or to act on a call? There are the lucky few who seem to know, with great confidence, what they are called to do. For others it is not so obvious, but with any luck, or grace, they listen and act. My own journey is witness to this. Why didn't I go for ordination when I was younger? Was I fighting against the call or was I frightened? It might have been a bit of both; but I also think it was that I wasn't ready and I had a few things to learn before God decided the time was right. So where is your calling? "No, not us Lord, we can't do anything!" Well the result of the jury is in and we have **all** been chosen. So let us be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Let us move from the joy of Easter as a re-creation of new life with the hope that guides us all to be God's love in this world.

God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was at university and an MIT linguistics professor was lecturing the class. "In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. However, in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative." Little Johnny, from the back of the room, says, "Yeah, right."

(Note from editor: Think about it.)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'...Jesus is found in the neighbourhood of human confusion and suffering, defencelessly alongside those in need. If being baptised is being led to where Jesus is, then being baptised is being led towards the chaos and the neediness of humanity that has forgotten its own destiny.' (Rt. Rev'd Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury))

NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study will start on Monday 15th May at 10.30am at St Stephen's, if you are interested in joining this lively group then please contact me. The study is aimed at people who are new to the faith and those of us a bit long in the tooth in our journey. We meet in a safe place where no topics are off the table and questions are encouraged. Why not come along and give it a try.

THINGS ON AT THE CATHEDRAL

On **Friday 5th May at 5 pm** there will be a Street Party around the Cathedral car park, in celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III. Please book a pitch at the Cathedral office, and bring your own food and drinks.

On **Sunday 7th May at 5 pm** there will be a service at St Paul's Cathedral to give thanks for the life and service of King Charles III, followed by High Tea in the Cathedral Hall and garden. All welcome.

On **Saturday 3rd June at 4 pm** there will be an Island-wide service at St Paul's Cathedral in thanksgiving for the many years of service Archbishop Michael and Julia have given to this Diocese. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall and garden. All are warmly invited.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Worship Leader? The Diocese are arranging another course in July/August this year (I'll be one of the instructors, so you've got a friendly face). There are two face-to-face sessions at the start (3rd July, 9.30am to 3pm) and end (7th August, 9.30am to 5pm) of the training with the remainder of the training being held on Zoom on Tuesday evenings (7pm to 9pm). Come and have a chat with me to see what it involves (Revd Ken 99555290).

SPRING FAYRE

The Spring Fayre held on Saturday 22nd April raised €1320 for church funds. Photographs and a review can be found on the website.

VARIETY SHOW

Saturday 27th May at Stage One Theatre, Emba. Tickets are available price €15 each from your usual sellers at church. **Please** support this event which is raising funds for the church and three local charities.

CHURCH AGM

Unfortunately, due to technical problems, the video produced by ACP for Synod could not be shown. It can be viewed on the website found on the top line menu in Galleries, Services. Link:

<https://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org/services1.html>

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

The annual Holy Communion service followed by a 'bring your own' lunch will be held in Pikni Forest, Peyia starting at 11 am.

SAVE THE DATES

8 th May	Coronation Garden Party (Tickets still available)
18 th May	Ascension Day Service in Peyia Forest
27 th May	Variety Show (Don't forget to invite your friends & neighbours)
24 th June	Mini Golf
22 nd July	Annual BBQ

SERVICES

Sunday 30th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's	Revd Andrew
11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's	Revd Ken

Readings:

Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10

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11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's	Revd Ken
6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken

Readings:

Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14

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

Church Suppers

Church suppers in town are such fun,
And the genuine home cooking is second to none.
One man said to the server, “They ran out of my favourite pie!”
“Take it out of the tip,” was her hurried reply.
With a wink and a smile she picked him a different slice.
Then he left thinking, “Oh these church ladies are just so nice!”
(McGrath)



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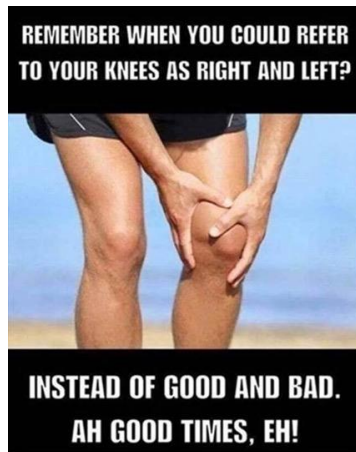
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“You know you’ve reached old age when you’re told to slow down by your doctor instead of the police”