



## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
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# WEEKLY NEWS

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

### WELCOME

England was cold, grey and permanent drizzle. Great! It got me out of all the outside jobs that needed doing at our house in UK (there's always a silver lining ☺). We got to meet up with lots of friends and family but it was still good to get back home, even if the temperature is dropping and the fleece has come out of the cupboard and the gas fire checked that it is working. Welcome to this week's edition of the Weekly News.

### PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Collect:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Heavenly Father, help rid us of the lies we tell ourselves. "I am too old to speak effectively", "I am too inexperienced to lead", "I am too small to make a difference." Help us to see our usefulness through the eyes of the Kingdom, not the expectations of the world, recognising that you do not call the qualified, but qualify the called. Help us not only with the presumptions that hold us back in our own journey with you, but open our eyes to the biases and presumptions we possess that hold back the potential of others. When, consciously or unconsciously, we don't recognise the skills, capabilities, and dignity of other people. When we place limits on what we think you can achieve through others. Prevent us from idolising the kinds of people we have traditionally given responsibility to. Do away with the assumption that people in global poverty need the solutions of westerners like us. Discourage us from thinking that someone's appearance or background disqualifies them from any role in your Kingdom. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to your Kingdom. Amen.

**Psalm 23: 4.** *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me"*

## **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**

Along with so many church leaders around the world, I have been preparing for the Christmas services and all the social events over this period. Part of that preparation has been sorting out the various readings that will form the backbone of the services. I always find it fascinating to reread the narrative and see afresh the people God draws into his salvation story (even those people who appear to only have a walk-on part) and also to read of the time spent in the planning and the preparation for the events that took place on that first Christmas morning. Right at the beginning of Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist bursts onto the scene with the words of the prophet Isaiah echoing around him: *"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."* (Mark 1: 3) John's role was to prepare the way for Christ. John wasn't the 'main attraction' (and he recognised that) but his vocation was to prepare the road, to be part of the delegation who carry out the pre-visit preparation for any state visit. That role is not always an easy one, Isaiah describing it as a 'voice in the wilderness.' We are called to be part of that faithful delegation who are 'preparing the way for the Lord' in today's world. Helping our world to encounter *"the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie."* (Mark 1: 7) We will all be engaging in a time of preparation over the next few weeks in order to help the salvation message be more clearly heard and understood by our communities. The message doesn't change, but how we communicate it might. Our culture is different to John's, our time is different to John's; BUT our message is the same. Let us be prepared and ready for Jesus to come again as he promised and to make sure we let others know that they too should be ready.

God Bless

Revd Ken

## **JOKE SPOT**

*Little Johnny was really bored at school; but picked up when he heard the Teacher say, "whoever answers my next question, can go home. Little Johnny immediately throws his bag out the window. The startled Teacher said, who just threw that?!" Little Johnny, with a big grin on his face said, "Me! That's your question answered, can I go home now?"*

## **BIBLE STUDY**

We are looking at starting up our Bible Study sessions again from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January (10.30am to 12.00pm) on a weekly basis. If you are interested please let me know.

## **LENT COURSE**

2<sup>nd</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am to 12.00pm. Location to be decided, depending on numbers. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

## **NOTICES**

### **FIRST AID TRAINING**

We are still looking for volunteers, from each of the churches, to take an accredited First Aid Course so that we are compliant with our church policies. The course costs €65 per person (if you can donate towards the cost that would be excellent; but not mandatory). Please contact Chris Hoskins (97753973) if you are interested

## **HYMNS FOR JANUARY**

Do you have a favourite hymn? Well I'd like to fill January's services with hymns chosen by the congregation. So get emailing (or dropping a note) of your favourite hymns and we'll celebrate them in our services throughout January. I've only had ONE person so far ☺.

## **EVENTS**

10 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols for Christmas at St Luke's (5.30pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall (4.00pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at St Stephen's (4.00pm)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Stephen's (11.00am)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at Ayia Kyriaki (6.00pm)
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Bowling
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Beetle Drive
March	Nicosia Coach Trip
25 <sup>th</sup> March (TBC)	Barn Dance
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Spring Fair
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Garden Party
3 <sup>rd</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Golf

## **SERVICES**

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2**

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

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

5.30pm Carols for Christmas St Luke's

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#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 146: 4-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

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

### **Missionary Eyes**

Lord, help me to see,  
with missionary eyes  
so I may observe . . .  
other's heartfelt cries.

Let me bring hope,  
to someone today  
by showing to them  
the Life and the Way.

Let my inspire,  
just one, if You will  
how they can learn  
to wait and be still.

Send someone to me,  
who feels all alone  
so I may show them  
the way to the throne.

Give me a chance,  
to help carry a load  
so someone's burden  
I can help unload.

Lord, give to me,  
missionary eyes  
let me be Your light . . .  
to the heart that cries!

(Deborah Ann Belka)

### **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

(Answers on the website closer to Christmas)

#### **Name That Christmas Carol or Song - Clues:**

1. Bleached Yule
2. Castaneous-coloured Seed Vesicated in a Conflagration
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Arrival Time 2400 hrs – Weather Cloudless
6. Loyal Followers Advance
7. Far Off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridor
9. Bantam Male Percussionist
10. Monarchial Triad
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness



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

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**Weddings:**

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Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector  
that shuts off  
when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"