



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 5th December 2021 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

WELCOME

Well, another week and another variant is found sending people into panic, yet again, without knowing the full facts of this new variant. We have the media full of contradictions again, with some saying it's the worst variant yet, and others saying it only shows mild symptoms. Who do we believe? Personally I tend to avoid the media analysis and only look or listen to the headlines and then get on with my life. I'm a glass half full person. If I wake up breathing then it's a brilliant day. So life has to go on, pandemic or not, so let's make the best of it and enjoy what we can, when we can. When's the next social function? I can't wait ☺.

Revd Ken

COLLECT and 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, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

A Prayer for this week.

Lord our God, dear Father, you have made yourself known on earth so that we may love you and be loved by you. Give us your Spirit to strengthen us in the life and work you offer us. Watch over us on all our ways. Wherever your children are sighing and calling for you, protect and guide them with your mighty hand. Let your kingdom spread over the whole world, over all people, over all races and nations, that we may become united as servants of Jesus Christ to your honour. Amen.

Our Diocese:

We praise God for our faithfulness and continuance in prayer and worship in recent difficult times and for the deepening of our solidarity and Christian fellowship. We pray that our parishes visions will guide us in coming months: **Glorify God, Open doors, Share faith, Proclaim Jesus, Encourage all, Love others.** See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here: www.cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Diocesan-Prayer-Guide-Nov21-May22.pdf

In our own Parish of Paphos:

We pray for all those travelling back to visit family over this season. May their journeys be as stress free as possible and safe. Bless their time together and bring them home safely. We also pray for those remaining on island. That we can celebrate Christmas time in worship and fellowship with each other. We pray that we can be generous with others not so fortunate as ourselves and give Christ's blessings to all we meet. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

God Slot

Recently I had to fill out an annual review form and one of the headings had "Leisure Activities (what do you do for fun?)". And it totally stumped me. What do I do for fun? I thought I should be putting lots of things down like, skiing, running marathons, dancing and saving the world. But I don't do any of those. I don't even garden or socialise. Panic started to set in. These people are going to think I'm a really dull person if I don't put anything in the box. Oh my. What do I do for fun? So I had a cup of tea, which is a good cure for all ailments and sat back down with this application form. Nope, still nothing. I asked my wife, Wendy, what do I do for fun and her answer was 'when do you have time to have fun?' That was it! My answer. I have a full time job, I spend time studying and reading to prepare for my sermons, I'm a member of a few committees, prepare a weekly Newsletter, home visits, and, oh yes, I take a few services at church. Occasionally I bump into Wendy around the house and we catch up on things. Apparently Wendy has retired and my younger son is working for a living – when did all that happen? I think my fun is learning new things, attending committee meetings, leading services and bumping into my family every now and then. Mind you, I also have time to watch films, listen to music and I can't miss Biffa on You Tube and walk the dog. God made us all different, which is great, and that is something I thank him for daily. We all have just this one chance on earth and we have to live life to the full or we make a mockery of what God has given us. I for one thoroughly enjoy my type of fun – how do you enjoy yours? God created this world for us to live in, not to survive on. Take a deep breath. Put down this magazine for a minute and stare out of the window. Enjoy what you see. Whatever it is, see it and value it as the precious gift of the created universe presented to you in this gracious moment. What a gift!

Revd Ken

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Haven't received any completed forms, other than mine and Wendy's so far?

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 5th December

8.15am Sung Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship – St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion – St Stephen's

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Cantic: Benedictus; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Saturday 11th December

3.00pm Christingle – St Stephen's (To be confirmed)

5.30pm Carols for Christmas – St Luke's

Sunday 12th December

8.15am Sung Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion – St Luke's

11.00am Carol Service – St Stephen's

Readings:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Cantic: Isaiah 12: 2-6; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

For the full December services see separate sheet issued last week.

LATEST NEWS

Website/Facebook

Have you checked our Parish website. There are photographs of the latest events, information about our services and forthcoming events. Check out Facebook too.

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