



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
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Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 2nd January 2022 (Epiphany)

WELCOME

Here it is folks, a New Year is upon us. Have you noticed that when you say 2022 out loud it sounds so science fiction, well it does to me. What does 2022 hold for us? Well the truth is none of us know. Who could have predicted that at the start of the new year we'd be having record number of infections from Covid still? But it is still with us and we have to learn to live with it and adjust our lives accordingly. Vaccinations, probably a pill coming this year, social distancing and masks will be with us for a while yet. But it's not all doom and gloom. We live on this beautiful island with a wonderful climate most of the year, good friends and for some of us family too. We can't allow our lives to be stolen by this infection, so let's start looking for the silver linings.

Revd Ken

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Prayer for Epiphany:

O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, we thank you that you have brought both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice, and from their number you have gathered and established your Holy Church, and perfected your praise out of their mouths. Keep us in that wisdom which you revealed to the Wise Men. Amen

A Prayer for this week.

God of all heaven and earth, from the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children. Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for kingdom love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes this week to see your eternal life shining brightly, leading us home. Amen.

Our Diocese:

We thank God for Jesus is our light in the darkness, He is our warmth in the cold, He is our happiness in sorrow. Amen

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here: <https://cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Diocesan-Prayer-Guide-Nov21-May22.pdf>

In our own Parish of Paphos:

We thank God for the challenges we face every day, grant us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can be changed and the wisdom to know the difference. We particularly pray for our Church Council Meeting on 5th January and ask God to guide us in our deliberations. Amen

God Slot

A few years ago a friend of mine had been having doubts over his faith and he was explaining to me that his antidote to his doubts was to get out into the country side at night and look at the stars and think about the immensity of the universe (Big Bang theory notwithstanding), and a voice behind him suddenly chirped in with “And God is bigger than that!” It wasn’t the actual voice of God or an angel, but the voice of his 10 year old daughter. And, as I can’t top that with anything else I’ll leave you with the thought that ‘God is bigger than we could ever imagine in every sense.’

God Bless,
Revd Ken

ST STEPHEN'S GIVING TREE

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who via the St Stephen's Giving Tree donated presents or money to purchase gifts to be distributed via Social Services to orphans, foster children and other needy children in Paphos. We were able to provide 74 gifts as well as chocolates and selection boxes. Chris Hoskins, Kathy & Phil Renton and Roger and myself delivered the presents on Monday 20th December and on Wednesday Chris was there to see Santa distribute them. Once again on behalf of Social Services and every child and young person who had a present to open, thank you for your wonderful generosity it is very much appreciated.
Ann Bailey.



EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (REPEAT CONTENT)

(Because we’ve not had many returns for such an important document)

At the recent Pastoral Care Team Meeting we have been discussing ‘What happens if’ Who do we contact? For example if Wendy and myself were injured, or worse, in an accident, no one knows who to contact. It was thought that we are not alone in this so we have decided to issue an Emergency Contact form, which would be held securely in the Church Office, with limited access, and would only be used if an emergency arose. We would follow all the legal guidelines for holding such information. This is not compulsory, however, it is encouraged. A copy of the form is going out with this Weekly News sheet and please seriously consider filling out the form and handing it in to myself or Di Sylvester.

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd January

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke’s

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen’s

Readings:

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 10-15; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday 9th January

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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

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