



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 8th January 2023 (Epiphany)

WELCOME

HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope Christmas was enjoyable and the New Year rung in with hope and anticipation for a better year than has happened over the last few years. Please let me have some 'stuff' from you this year, as it is your Newsletter. That said, enjoy the first edition for the new year. (Edit: there were meant to be pictures of the gifts, Carols in Mall, etc; but the file was too big.)

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PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 the week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

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.

Encouraging Words. *"I have chosen you and not cast you off"; do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you. (Isaiah 41: 10)*

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

It seems to me, when I say 2023, we are in the realms of science fiction dates, yet here we are; still no flying cars, having to use food banks, still fighting each other. For goodness sake we are nearly a quarter of the way into the 21st Century. What on earth is going on. We've had so much time to learn; but still we fall into the same traps. Jesus warned us that things would be like this; but he also didn't say just sit back and let it happen! Let us pray... Please Lord, your Kingdom come. Our New Year's resolution should be to work together to bring that Kingdom closer in whatever small way we can, so roll your sleeves up and let's make 2023 a better year for everyone we know and meet.

God Bless

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was a doctor, and one day a mother brings her daughter to see him. Little Johnny says, "Okay, what seems to be the problem?" The mother says, "It's my daughter Suzie. She keeps getting these cravings, she's putting on weight and is sick most mornings." Little Johnny gives Suzie a good examination, and then turns to the mother and says, "Well, I don't know how to tell you this, but Suzie is pregnant. About 4 months would be my guess." The mother says, "Pregnant?! She can't be, she has never ever been left alone with a man! Have you, Suzie?" Suzie says, "No mom! I've never even kissed a man!" Little Johnny walks over to the window and just stares out of it. After about five minutes the mother says, "Is there something wrong out there, doctor?" Little Johnny replies, "No, not really. It's just that the last time something like this happened, a star appeared in the East and three wise men came over the hill with gifts. I'm not going to miss it this time!"

CHRISTMAS REVIEW

All the church services were well attended, and it was lovely to have Bishop Michael take two of our services at St Luke's and St Stephen's (Don't worry Ayia Kyriaki, he's coming to you in February). I've also got to thank Revd Andrew for taking Midnight Mass at St Stephen's. The Carols in the Mall went extremely well and we received a lovely message from the management thanking us and ending with 'see you next year', which is excellent. Hopefully, Santa Claus was kind and there weren't too many lumps of coal in our stockings ☺.

ST STEPHEN'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you so much to everyone who donated either money or gave Christmas presents as a contribution to the needy children and young people in Paphos. On Monday 19th December Chris, Gwyneth, Roger and Ann delivered 78 gift-wrapped presents to Social Services, which Santa distributed to the children on Wednesday. Your support was very much appreciated especially by the children/young people. God bless you all. Thanks again Ann Bailey.

GIFTS FOR KOFINOU

A very big thank you has come to us from Revd Anne Fitcher for our participation in the gifts for the children at Kofinou. Once again AK came up trumps. Thank you, Jacquie Hammond.

MISSION FOR SEAFARERS

As in previous years St Luke's filled 25 shoe boxes, each with 11 essential items, including toiletries, hand knitted fingerless gloves, a knitted hat, socks and a bar of chocolate. These are for the Mission to Seafarers in Port at Limassol away from their homes and families at Christmas time. They were taken to St Barnabas Church at Limassol, where they were collected and distributed. Our grateful and sincere thanks go out to everyone who helped in anyway.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study sessions start again on Monday 9th January (10.30am to 12.00pm) at St Stephen's on a weekly basis. If you are interested please let me know, or just turn up.

LENT COURSE

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

NOTICES

HELP WANTED

Do you have a strong Yorkshire or Lancashire accent or can you speak with such? If so I would love to hear from you to help raise badly needed funds for ACP. Please contact me on 99175785. Thanks Ann Bailey.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you who sponsored me for my Christmas Morning Swim on behalf of PAWS Dog Shelter. Despite the most awful weather at 11am on Mandria Beach I did complete the swim and managed to raise a magnificent €1065. SUPERB. Evidence can be seen on the Paws Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/marion.lawrence.50/videos/702215438224136/>

Thank you once again, Jacquie Hammond.

EVENTS

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| 20 th January | Bowling |
| 21 st February | Beetle Drive |
| March | Nicosia Coach Trip |
| 25 th March (TBC) | Barn Dance |
| 22 nd April | Spring Fair |
| 8 th May | Coronation Garden Party |
| 3 rd or 10 th June | Mini Golf |

SERVICES

Sunday 8th January – Epiphany

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

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

Sunday 15th January – Epiphany 2

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Carol Service St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-12; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

Mid-week Holy Eucharist every Wednesday (except 11 January) at 9.00am at Ayia Kyriaki

Following One Shining Star

Three wise men from lands afar,
Were following one shining star
Hoping to find the new born King,
That the Prophecy said would bring
Peace and hope for all who believe,
Cause Christ's love is sacred to receive...



Would you like
anything on your
chips?"
"Does it cost
extra?"
"Ten pence."
"All right, I'll have
four sausages and
a steak pie."

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

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