



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 9th to 23rd January 2022 (Baptism of Christ, Epiphany 2 & 3)

WELCOME

As I write this Wendy and I are still unsure if we are off to the UK. Something seems to change daily for travel requirements. We seem to be in a constant state of flux, and we're not alone. This pandemic has certainly made us all think about how we live our lives and how much we can miss what we took for granted before. All that aside, I've spent some time recently thinking over the past month and all our services. It was lovely to re-introduce Christingle again. It was all arranged very quickly and I'd like to thank everyone who helped put the service together, particularly the Brownies, Girl Guides and Rangers who prepared the Christingles at such short notice. We did get two children and 32 'older' children who enjoyed having sweets thrown at them! It was also good to see the different Carol services too, which highlighted our broad scope of worship within our Parish. I never thought I'd say this; but, I missed the school Nativity productions that I used to attend in UK (I had five primary and one High School in my patch), which could give you Nativity fatigue, especially if they were all in the same week ☺. The New Year of 2022 faces us now and I hope and pray that we can see an end to the restrictions on our lives and we can look to the joy of the celebration of the resurrection at Easter and then start preparing for a much better Christmas than we've had for the last couple of years. Let's keep the light of Christ in sharp focus this year.

Revd Ken

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Prayer for this week.

As we commence this new week, let us kick it off with a talk with our Heavenly Father. Let us spend some time in prayer, devotion, and praise. The past week is behind us, and new beginnings are ahead.

Heavenly Father, we come before You Oh Lord, our God, thanking You for waking us up each morning to embrace the sunlight that shoots down from the heavens. Thank You for giving us the strength we need to overcome every joy and sadness that may face us. And thank You for loving us unconditionally in the times when we may have failed You. Amen

Psalm 90:14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Our Diocese:

O God, make new, we pray, the wonders of your grace in our hearts, that neither death nor life may separate us from your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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:

Heavenly Father, You have called us at the Anglican Church of Paphos to be the bearers of Good News. Send your light and truth to lead us. Open our minds to worship you in spirit and in truth. Open our eyes to the opportunities you give us. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our hearts to your love, that we may serve you and bring others to your light. In this moment, and in the days ahead, fill us with all joy and peace, as we trust in you, that we may overflow with hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen

God Slot

To talk about one's experience of God is something many English people would steer away from. I am no exception. Although I am reasonably garrulous and outward-going, my experience of God seems like an incredibly private and sometimes very fragile thing. I know that when someone talks in very clear and straightforward terms about what the Lord has been saying to them or doing through them, I often either cringe with embarrassment (at what sounds fake) or (when it sounds authentic) think: "Why don't I find hearing from God and acting on God's wishes so straightforward. Why doesn't it happen to me?" I don't have a hotline to God (sorry to disappoint you). That's not how I experience God most of the time. For a long while now, I have believed my job in praying is simply to sit still in the presence of God and not judge what happens in my own experience too much. God can meet us when and how He wants to – and that may not be in my prescribed time for prayer. He is in charge, not me. The important thing is not what happens, but very simply that I show up. My trust is that, if I do, then the Holy Spirit works at deep levels, even below my conscious awareness. The Holy Spirit has a democratising effect and a powerful energising effect. And my prayer for the Anglican Church of Paphos is that we can know the reality of God's life-giving, animating, creative, merciful Spirit. Poured out in a fresh way in the life of all of us here. Whenever we gather in the name of the Lord, He is present. As a community of faith we are invited to experience the incredible grace found in the Sacraments. We each come with a story to tell; we each come with an experience of God to be revered and celebrated. All of this leads us to the Table where God, in His great love, offers us His Body and Blood.

God Bless,
Revd Ken

GIFTS FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

A message from Revd Anne Fulcher:

I wanted to thank everyone at AK for your huge generosity in providing gifts to fill the Christmas stockings knitted by St. John's Deryneia's 'Knit and Natter' group. My visit to Kofinou had to be delayed twice due to the storms, but it finally went ahead on Thursday 23rd December. From the gifts received from AK together with those from St. Paul's, Limassol and Larnaca parishes, I was able to give every child at the camp a stocking overflowing with wonderful gifts, together with a personalised message. Understandably, photography at the camp is prohibited, so here is a photo of my car loaded with bags of filled stockings! Thank you so much for bringing some much needed joy at Christmas into the lives of these families. The children's faces said it all.



EVENTS

Exercise Class

Julia is going to recommence her exercise class, (Supple And Savvy) on 13th January at 10.30am at St. Stephen's. As we haven't had a class for a while, we shall go back to basics, so if you would like to join us and haven't been before, you are most welcome. Please let me know by phone or text if you are coming, as I need to socially distance everyone. Let's have some fun again and get ourselves more fit and supple! Phone no: 96541639

Julia Stevenson

Bowling & Supper

21st January - Bowling at the Cosmic Bowling, Paphos, commencing 5pm followed by a meal at a local restaurant, total cost €17. Tickets are available from Sunday 9th January - please support this long-standing social event.

Bible Study

I hope to start weekly Bible Study sessions in February. I'm hoping to arrange to hold them in a Coffee Shop (first round on the Vicar). Probably on a Monday at about 10.30 for an hour. If you are interested please let me know.

SERVICES

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

Sunday 16th January

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11

Sunday 23rd January

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19: 1-6; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

Monday 24th January

4.00pm Service for Christian Unity (Joint with the Latins) Ayia Kyriaki

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

Make this day a happy day, make it work for you.
Put the zest and joy of life in all you do or say.
Love and laugh, be positive, enthusiastic, bright.
Say no to all that's negative, soon all will turn out right
(Kathleen Gillum)



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