



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 15th January 2023
(Second Sunday of Epiphany)

WELCOME

Another week has flown by. I sometimes think I'm writing a Daily News sheet as it comes around that often ☺. Our beautiful winter weather came to a rather wet end ☹; but we need the rain (someone whispers in my ear). Enjoy this week's edition and keep those articles and notices rolling in (haven't had any!).

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 the week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, Help rid us of the lies we tell ourselves. "I am too young 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. Do away with the assumption that people in global poverty need the solutions of westerners like me. Discourage us from thinking that someone's appearance or background disqualifies them from any role in your Kingdom. Amen.

Encouraging Words. *"Make God the utmost delight and pleasure of your life, and he will provide for you what you desire the most."* Psalm 37: 4

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

In years gone by, when it was possible, on New Year's Eve in the Waters household, it is something of a tradition for the family to gather and for each member to look back at the year just passing and say what their highlights and lowlights have been and then to also look forward and share what their hopes are for the year ahead. In the course of that time of sharing, not only do we learn what has been significant for individuals, but there is also a time of 'collective remembering'. People will mention times and experiences that have been important that may well have been forgotten by other members of the family. I am always amazed that it is not always the 'big' things (holidays or times of transition) that necessarily have the greatest impact. Looking back and seeing where God has been at work in the life of our Church in the past year is an important feature of our life together. Reflecting on what has been helps us to look forwards and step into the New Year with a renewed sense of hope, expectation and anticipation. I rather like the Covenant Prayer that many Methodist Communities use at the beginning of a new year. The prayer was also used at the enthronement of Dr Rowan Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury in February 2003.

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

God Bless
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny, age 92 and Emily, age 89, are excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way they pass a Chemist. Little Johnny suggests they go in. Little Johnny addresses the man behind the counter, "Are you the Owner?" The Pharmacist answers, "Yes." Little Johnny tells him that they are about to get married and asks, "Do you sell Heart Medication?" Pharmacist, "Of course we do." Little Johnny then asks, "How about Medicine for Circulation?" Pharmacist, "All kinds." Little Johnny carries on with, "What about Medicine for Rheumatism, Scoliosis? Medicine for Memory Problems, Arthritis, Jaundices? What about Vitamins, Sleeping Pills? The Pharmacist says, "Yes, all of those things." Finally Little Johnny says, "Do you sell Wheelchairs and Walkers?" To which the Pharmacist replies, "All speeds and sizes. Why do you ask? Is there something I can help you with?" Little Johnny says to the Pharmacist, "We'd like to nominate your store as our Bridal Gift Shop."

NOTICES

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL'S RETIREMENT

Archbishop Michael announced his retirement as Diocesan Bishop as of 8th June 2023, the Feast of Corpus Christi, in accordance with the constitution of our Province. Please pray for him and Julia and pray also for the Synod and Search Committee of the Diocese as they start the process to select our next Diocesan Bishop. As Archbishop, he relinquishes this position to Archbishop Hosam of the Diocese of Jerusalem on 12th May 2023. Archbishop Michael will be leading the service of Sung Eucharist at Ayia Kyriaki at 8.15am on Sunday 12th February. Please do take the opportunity to come along to the service and wish him well in his retirement.

A BIG THANK YOU.

Richard (our organist) writes:

I and my family would like to thank everybody for all the gifts, and best wishes for Christmas. We frankly have been shocked, but in a positive way, of course, by the wonderful, caring and sincere wishes over the past weeks. This includes gingerbread "people" for the little one (two deliveries!), chocolates, money anonymously in envelopes, clothes, cards, and so on. We would like to express our profound thanks and gratitude for the wonderful feelings that all these gifts and indeed spoken thanks, have generated. They have really contributed to a wonderful Christmas. Thank you, and blessings to you all.

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.

EVENTS

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 15th January – Epiphany 2

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

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

Sunday 22nd January – Epiphany 3

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23

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

DON'T CHANGE ON MY ACCOUNT (An ode to Floki)

If you're sloppy, that's just fine.
If you're moody, I won't mind.
If you're fat, that's fine with me.
If you're skinny, let it be.
If you're bossy, that's all right.
If you're nasty, I won't fight.
If you're rough, well that's just you.
If you're mean, that's all right too.
Whatever you are is all okay
You're my dog and I love you anyway.

(adapted from original by Shel Silverman)

I wanted to go jogging, but it looks like rain



A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" Not yet. The floor's still wet.



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

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