



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 22nd January 2023
(Third Sunday of Epiphany)**

WELCOME

Hello again, it's that time of week when the Weekly News hits your inbox. January is flying by and my daughter-in-law tells me that she has all her cards, wrapping paper and some presents for Christmas already! I'm not quite that far ahead but I am looking at all the Easter Services at the moment. Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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, as we start this week, please help us to find your joy in the midst of the mundane. May we live with an attitude of gratitude, take nothing for granted and live life to the fullest. Help us to focus on you and not the turmoil around us. Thank you, in advance, for your strength, energy and grace that will sustain through this week ahead. We pray this through Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Encouraging Words.

"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand." (Psalm 37: 23-24)

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

God gave us this wonderful world and we sometimes barely notice it. When did we last really look at a flower, or the buds coming out on the trees and shrubs? The grass coming back to life? An insect buzzing around? These are all part of our Heavenly Father's creation that he made for us. That is really a powerful statement. He made it for us! So as we go out and about this month let us open our eyes just that little bit more to see what is really out there. My wife's response is "Ants"! She has a phobia against ants, especially as the "little blighters" seem to have decided our house is an ideal location to start their world domination this year. I see her with spray in one hand and powder in the other determined to follow the trail back to their camp and destroy them at source. I find these creatures amazing. They have been around for millions of years according to an article I have recently read, so I don't think the spray and powder will end their existence. I have a live and let live attitude up until I have a little ant just appearing on the edge of my sandwich that I have just taken a bite out of! Mainly because I am aware that where there is one there are a lot more! Where's that spray? I do feel guilty and have to ask for forgiveness when I spray, as God created the ants for a purpose, and I don't believe it was just to annoy my wife. This world and all its creatures (including ants) is a gift that no other gift can surpass. A unique gift that we should look after so that the generations who follow us can enjoy it too. Let all accept that responsibility and do our small part to protect, save and take pleasure in it.

God Bless

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnnie was watching his Vicar, who was in the rectory garden building a wooden trellis for his wife's prize-winning roses to climb as they grew. The Vicar had out all the power tools, the saw, the drill and the hammer. As he was working, he saw Little Johnny intently watching him as he worked. The Vicar was pleased that the young boy would want to learn from his craftsmanship, and so trying to be friendly he said to Little Johnny, "I see you watching me there. Are you interested in how to build things out of wood?" "No" Little Johnny replied, "I'm just waiting to hear what a Vicar says when he hits his thumb with a hammer."

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This week (18th -25th January) we also celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian unity. We should pray for one another in our different churches. There is an Ecumenical Service on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 12.00pm in Ayia Kyriaki. All are welcome. The ecumenical movement is not just for priests or church leaders, but for all members of the one body of Christ! Please get to know a Christian who comes from a different tradition or background than yourself.

NOTICES

SPECIAL SERVICE OF ACCREDITATION.

Bishop Michael is leading a special service to accredit four people from the Diocese as Lay Worship Leaders, which include our very own Jayne Preston (St Luke's) and Bryn Jones (St Stephen's). They successfully completed a training course to become Lay Worship Leaders and this will be recognised at the service, which will be held at **12.30pm** on Saturday **21st January** at St Barnabas, Limassol. It would be good to see members of our Parish support them at the service.

EVENTS

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 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

Monday 23rd January – Service for Christian Unity

12.00pm Ayia Kyriaki (Joint service with Roman Catholic church)

Sunday 29th January – Candlemass

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-5; Psalm 24: 7-10; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

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

ETERNALLY SPEAKING

(Curtis Moorman)

A man named Jesus was heard to say
I am The Life, The Truth, and The Way

No greater word

May ever be heard

Will you accept Him today?





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

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