



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 29th January 2023
(Candlemass)**

WELCOME

Happy new week to everyone. As we enjoy the lovely weather we've been having I can't help but think you could be enjoying a coffee in the sunshine writing a contribution to YOUR Weekly News sheet (HINT). Hope you enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, on this week ahead of us, let us run into your loving arms. May we treat this week as a celebration, filled with thankfulness, where we can connect with the presence of Heaven, seek your beauty and goodness, and cherish our church family. Come fill our hearts afresh with your love and grace. In Jesus name, Amen.

Encouraging Words.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

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

I know it's nearly February, but I was still thinking about the Christmas story. To notice the very *ordinariness* of how God chooses to come; to be illegitimately and mysteriously born in a mucky stable for goodness sake, in the backwaters of Palestine; with a bunch of foreigners and riff-raff for company. The very detail we *do* know from the gospel writers says something amazing; here's a message that's good, no GREAT, news for all people whose faces wouldn't naturally fit! We are invited, indeed strongly encouraged, to become God's children. Sons and daughters of a whole new order of things; witnesses to God's love for the world he made and has always passionately loved. In Jesus is the glory of real human living; the chance to have life as God always intended it to be. And we're all invited to join in. He promises to transform frail, grey lives and bring instead colour and vibrancy, hope and purpose. Much, much more than survival and merely making it through. Christ didn't even come to invite us to just attend church services on a Sunday or special festival days; but to share in his wider purposes to bring justice and peace, forgiveness and grace to a needy world. To enable us to take part in the adventure of living and share something of what he's like. No matter where we are in life, no matter what condition we find ourselves in, no matter how far we might have strayed away, or messed up, or how unfaithful we think we are. God pursues us with a love that can forgive, restore and transform us. So we celebrate a love that never stops bringing its light into the darkness. Let us pray - "Heavenly Father, you gave us this world and a freedom of choice with how we live on it and in it. Help us as we go through this new year using that freedom to help those who are worse off than ourselves, to do those things that will help our earth so that we can ensure that our children, their children and the children to come can enjoy what it has to offer. And as we face the political difficulties of the times ahead, help us to be caring, unselfish and generous with ourselves to all that we meet. Amen."

God Bless

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny said to his mate, "I have a good feeling about the job interview I had today." His friend asked him why, and he replied, "The manager said they were looking for somebody responsible and I told him that in my last job whenever there was a problem they always said I was responsible!"

NOTICES

REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 29th January 2023 marks the sixth anniversary of the passing of Archbishop Michael & Julia's son George. Please pray for Archbishop Michael & Julia and their family, for those who have died, and for all who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon him.

EVENING SERVICE

Just a reminder that the 6.00pm service at Ayia Kyriaki starts again on 5th February and will continue on every first Sunday of the month.

SAVE THE DATES

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 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

Sunday 5th February – 3 before Lent

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

Readings:

Isaiah 58 1-9a; Psalm 112: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20

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

He Cares

(John McLeod)

Awakening to the fresh dawn of the morning
Not knowing what new paths this day will bring,
But trusting in His gentle hands to guide you
Just as He cares for every mortal thing,
And stumbling forth find strength you lacked so badly
Stream in to give a sense of fullness through,
To me, one fails to count, the kindest people:
Samaritans whose names you never knew.

With dusk the toil of day brings healthy tiredness,
And climbing stairs one wonders all the more
How many friends perhaps you'll meet tomorrow
And what life's traveling onwards has in store.
How often, then, to lie as sleep steals over
And count the blessings that He brings to you,
Through people who are happy just to serve him:
Samaritans whose names you never knew!



“Watch out for the fork in the road!”

Imagine the difference we would make in the world.

Imagine what would happen if every Christian looked around at the people they spend their days with and asked God: how do you want me to be good news to the people here today?



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“Life is a gift to you from God. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one!”

Live life well — Enjoy today — Do something fun — Be happy — Be thankful..... And Praise God For all He's given you! (Psalm 150:6; James 1:17; cf. John 3:27).