



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 30th January 2022

(Candlemass; the presentation of Jesus in the Temple)

WELCOME

Arriving back from UK to a very different Cyprus that I'm used to... Brrrr it's a bit cold, wet and miserable. I heard we even missed an earthquake. Roll on spring so I can get out of my thermal underwear. This edition is a little hurried as my diary is quite full at the moment. Don't forget this is a parish publication, so please don't leave it every week for your poor old vicar to find things to put into the pages. Please.

Revd Ken

COLLECT and 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 this week.

Lord Jesus Christ, the length, breadth, depth and height of your love is beyond our understanding: grant that this love may so transform us through Your suffering as to make us reach out to the despairing and the desperate, and work for justice, reconciliation and peace among all people; for Your Name's sake. Amen

Psalm 111; 10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it; his praise endures for ever.

Our Diocese:

Pray for generosity, responsibility, and imagination in the use of money and resources, and for Canon John Banfield, Honorary Director of Finance.

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 sent our Lord Jesus to be acclaimed as the glory of Israel. We are your people, called to serve and worship you. Look with mercy on your church, guide your church in right paths that we may know the tasks to which we are called, and strengthen us, for we know that it is only in your power that we are able to fulfil your purposes. As we pray for our Parish we remember the mission to preach the Good News of the Gospel. We give thanks for those who are generous; with prayer, with time, with money, with consideration, with energy, with kind words. Guide us all Lord with your grace to serve you here in the Anglican Church of Paphos. Amen

God Slot

I was chatting to some people and the topic of holidays came up, which took me by surprise as I am still enjoying Christmas. But it set me thinking about white sands, palm trees and blue sea, which was rudely stopped by the phone ringing. It was our Norwegian friends telling us how lovely it was over there, with blue skies, -12C and 3 foot of snow. I immediately went back to dreaming about white sand, palm trees and blue sea. My truthful thinking is that I don't want to think about holidays yet as I like to savour the time I am in first, before jumping ahead. This also got me thinking about food. You may ask how this links in, but bear with me. I think back to when I was a young lad (not that long ago really) when we had certain times of the year when certain foods were only available during their season. For example; strawberries, lettuce, other salad stuff, oranges, new potatoes, etc. When I think back I remember them as tasting much better than they do now. I don't know if that is because you only had them at certain times and now you can have anything at anytime. Anybody else think this way or is it just me being nostalgic? I am not complaining because I know that God gave us the land and the knowledge to grow our food. He gave us the advances in our technology to produce food 'out of season', in fact he has given us everything. But what we have not done is use our intelligence to the best use. We can manufacture computers, we can produce fantastic effects on the cinema screen, we can send men into space – but why can't we cure the cold or cancer, feed the hungry and talk instead of fight? We've got something wrong somewhere. God put us on this wonderful planet, gave us the tools to do something with it – we just don't appear to have found out how to prioritise our needs as humans yet. Lord help us.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

Joke Spot: *Little Johnny was the local Vicar and it was his birthday; the congregation decided to give him a new suit. He was so touched by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "Today I will be preaching to you in my birthday suit." The congregation immediately left the building!*

NOTICES

CHARITY POTS

I was flabbergasted a couple of weeks ago, when someone strode up to me and gave me their pot. "When's the last day for handing them in?" they asked. This week I got another one. So the decision has been made. The last Sunday in February will herald the end of the 2021 Charity Collection. Don't fear, I'm now making new pots for 2022. I am always overwhelmed by the care and generosity of people here, especially for such great causes. I've chosen a Mother Theresa quote for the pots. "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." When you are ready to hand in your pot, please give it in at church and take a new one. A massive thank you to each of you.

Lou

PARCEL

A parcel has arrived at the Church Post Office Box with no name on it. If you were expecting a parcel from someone called Karen Robinson could you please contact Revd Ken. Please make sure that if you get things sent to the Church Post Office Box please ensure that your name is on the address. Many thanks.

LEGACY GIVING

Have you thought about leaving a donation to the church in your Will? Would you like to? If so, full details of how to include a Legacy gift to the church can be found on the church website or take one of the Legacy leaflets, which are on display in each church. Failing this, ask your warden for information. Legacy donations can be made for specific use as prescribed by you, or added to the general income. Any amount of financial assistance is always welcomed and appreciated.

EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study sessions will be at 10.30am starting on 21st February. I was hoping to start earlier but a Clergy Meeting and the Synod put a stop to that. It will probably take place at the Atlas Coffee Shop (first round on the Vicar) at the top left of Mesogi Road if you're heading from Paphos (waiting for numbers before confirming with owner). We will be looking at the first 16 chapters of the Acts of the Apostles over 4 sessions, take a break then look at the rest of the book over 4 sessions again. I need an idea of numbers to let the Coffee Shop know, so please email or phone to let me know if you want to take part. Thanks, Ken.

SERVICES

Sunday 30th January

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-5; Psalm 24: 1-6; Hebrews2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

Sunday 6th February

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

13th February

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

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

We'll Get Through This

Lord, our troubles are so great,
We don't know what to do;
The price for our Iniquity
Is finally coming due.

The world is crumbling all about;
No safe place can be found.
Right is wrong, Wrong is right;
The change is quite profound.

Lord, we need Your guiding light
To lead us out of here;
We'll focus on Your Word, and prayer,
To take away our fear.

Temptations of this dying world
We'll rule out and let go;
Give our burdens all to you,
Shed all worldly woe.

That's how we'll get through this, Lord,
Fixed on heaven above,
Assured of your protection, help,
And everlasting love.

(Joanna Fuchs)



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