



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 10th July 2022
(Trinity 4)

WELCOME

A little ray of light shone for me, I got something from somebody to put in the Weekly News – Yea. Don't worry though, I won't get carried away ☺. Thank you for reading and for the comments I've received. Please enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 for our Parish and Ourselves.

God our Father, at the beginning of another week, help us to remember why we are here and not to be tempted away from our mission by what is expedient. Help us to remember especially our mission to those who are vulnerable and marginal, those who most need our help. As we look ahead to another week, we pray for the intentions of the community, for the grace to meet the particular challenges we face, for the generosity to remember the needs of others, to "make room" for each other. Let us never become so busy that we overlook the human need in front of us; that we look after the brother or sister in our midst who is struggling, who needs to be "carried" for a while. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 27: 1

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

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 was thinking about food, which I often do. 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!

GREETINGS FROM AFAR

ONE

To all who remember Guide Dogs Dipper and Joey, (We never trained the dogs to only allow a 15 minute sermon before grumbling - honest- perhaps it is because dog is an anagram of God), and all in the parish who don't remember us, and not forgetting those we were never fortunate enough to meet. We send you greetings from Swindon and try to keep up with you all via the Parish Newsletter, kindly sent via email, and via the parish web site. Give Ken a break and fill some space with your news and views. Let us know how you are all getting on, we are interested in the 'new faces in the pews' as well. We are keeping going, just, Jan is completely reliant on a wheelchair and being blind has to be pushed, imagine her in a motorised version. We attend Christ Church, a Victorian edifice in Swindon Old Town, it is the big spire on the hill to the North that you see from the M4 when passing Swindon. Being a large church, which is welcoming to all, the intimacy, fellowship and friendship does not compare to that we felt in Cyprus when we attended St Luke's. That said we always felt the 'love' whichever one of the parish churches we were in, or Ascension Day service, Songs in the Park, parish BBQ, car treasure hunt etc, even the AGMs were fun, never quite reaching the 'Seconds out, round 2' stage! We miss you all but the time arrives when the travelling becomes just too much, the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak as it takes us a full two weeks to recover from the journey. We never actually attended AK because of the dog, but we did visit many years ago, late 90's I think, as tourists. Love Jan & Roger Gibson

TWO

Memory is a wonderful blessing and a news item on UK TV yesterday helped jog mine. People were getting very excited on the English East coast, a farmer had mown a field to make a car park for the anticipated influx of ... well, if I said twitchers it would somewhat give the game away. But yes, it was the sight of not just a rare bird for our shores, but a small flock of them, and showing signs of nesting. So why was this a special memory for me?

Well, when we lived in Drouseia, and worshipped with many of you, we anticipated their arrival each Spring. In fact, one year our daughters were visiting and early one morning I heard the long anticipated sound and rushed onto our balcony to catch my first glimpse, calling to the girls to come and see, which only elicited the response, “Seriously mother, at this hour.” Max on the other hand, as only he could, called out that they had to come and see because he’d ordered a special fly past for mother’s birthday! And what were the arrivals and why the excitement; the gorgeous colours flitting from branch to branch, tree to tree, meant the Bee Eaters were with us again, bringing their joyful antics and now for a few short weeks it is hoped they will breed and bring joy to many new watchers, old and young, with this unexpected treat in Norfolk because of a little off course navigation. Max was so appreciative of the prayers of many of you attending the Paphos churches that the memory of these beautiful birds linking our time worshipping with you, has helped me to know how to send our love and thanks to so many of you for supporting us both during such a difficult few months as his cancer spread so painfully and aggressively. The Church family is a very special gift from a God who loves us all, and the years Max and I spent with you are a very special memory and comfort for me now, so thank you for your friendship, and for this weekly news sheet, Revd Ken, which keeps me close to you all so regularly. Revd Kay Watters

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You could have put an article or two in here! ☺

NOTICES

Annual BBQ

The annual BBQ returns this July after a two-year absence due to Covid restrictions. Saturday 23rd July at the Pikni Forest picnic area in Peyia, starting at 5pm. A full range of BBQ'd meats, vegetarian kebabs, salads, baps, jacket potatoes, etc. will be on offer all for a ticket price of €12. (Bring your own drinks, desserts, crockery, cutlery). Friends, family and visitors will all receive a warm welcome. Tickets are available now from the usual sellers after church services. Location maps can be found on the Parish Website under ‘announcements’. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wanted

Do you have a push bike you no longer use or need? Or, maybe you could sponsor a 2nd hand bike? Please contact Revd Ken (99555290). We are trying to get some transport for our new congregation members to get around, including to and from work.

Food & Necessities Collection Points

Don’t forget to think about our food collection points at all three churches as you do your shopping.

EVENTS

23 rd July	Annual BBQ in Peyia Forest at 5.00pm.
8 th September	Boat Trip from Latchi.
10 th September	Songs of Praise in the Park, Polis.
October	Pet Blessing Service, outside Ayia Kyriaki
October	Annual Sponsored Walk.
16 th December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall.

SERVICES

Sunday 10th July

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke’s
11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen’s

Readings:

Amos 7: 7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

Sunday 17th July

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

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

God is Light

Lord, give me a warm heart,
a spirit that is bright . . .
let me see everything
through Your amazing light.

Let me see morning's dawn,
even when it's bleak
let me see Your splendour
whenever You I seek.

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Let me be grateful,
for each new day given
let me be thankful
even when storm driven.

Let me see the sunshine,
even when there's rain
let me see the blue skies
even when I am in pain.

Lord, keep my heart warm,
uphold my spirit bright . . .
so when the night turns dark
I'll see Your amazing light!

(Deborah Ann Belka)





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