



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 July 2023
(Trinity 8)

WELCOME

Another new week is upon us. The weather is wonderful, although I do admit to writing this newsletter with the air conditioning on full blast. Not a lot in this week's edition; but I hope you enjoy it still.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 weeks ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, in this coming week we remember that you have given us such wonderful blessings. We are rich in so many ways and we ask that you make us aware of your love for us. We are so grateful for such lovely friends and family, for their warmth and their love and support. We are blessed by the beauty of your creation that we enjoy each day. And we are so thankful for the grace you have poured into our lives, for your truth that guides us, your hope that leads our hearts and your love that dwells in our spirit. We are surely rich and so thankful. Amen.

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>

Encouraging Words.

"This is what the LORD says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

GOD SLOT

Just a rambling set of thoughts this week. We have this Jesus guy come into our life saying 'Follow me'. Great! Another demand on our time and energies! As if we don't have enough people and ideas to follow already! So what's our reaction to this challenging call? Should we choose to follow Jesus or not? Well it seems we must already follow Jesus because I see you in church on Sunday. We want to choose what we do with our life. We want to be in control. We want to be the decision maker. Therefore we might consider faith and following Jesus as a choice and don't want to give up that control of our life. But is following Jesus really as simple as making a choice? Can we really choose to follow Jesus? Let's think about it. Did we choose him or did he choose us? Do people naturally choose to obey traffic signs, keep to the speed limit, and always do the right thing? No, you'll find that people are naturally rebellious and self-centred. In the main, I think, they choose to do things only if it suits them or if they can get away with it. Is it any different in regards to our relationship with God? Although we'd like to think we're naturally attracted to him, it's probably actually the opposite. Because of our sinful, selfish and rebellious nature, we're naturally against him! So how can we choose to follow him when we're naturally against him? I actually believe it's a miracle if anyone does choose to follow Jesus. So seeing you in church I see you as a load of miracles ☺.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was drunk and stumbled upon a baptismal service one Sunday afternoon down by the river. He walked right down into the water and stood next to the Preacher. The minister turned and noticed the drunk Little Johnny and said, "Mister, Are you ready to find Jesus?" Little Johnny looked back and said, "Yes, Preacher. I am." The minister then dunked him under the water and pulled him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the preacher asked. "No, I haven't!" said Little Johnny. The preacher then dunked him under for a bit longer, brought him up and said, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I haven't Preacher." The preacher in disgust held him under for at least 30 seconds this time, brought him out of the water and said in a harsh tone, "Friend, are you sure you haven't found Jesus yet?" Little Johnny coughed and spluttered, wiped his eyes gasping for breath and said to the preacher, ..."No mate, are you sure this is where he fell in?"

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." (Forrest Gump)

"But leave the caramel one's for me!" (Revd Ken)

NOTICES

I haven't got any!

SAVE THE DATES

16 th September	Songs of Praise in the Park
7 th September	Sunset Boat Trip from Latchi Harbour
24 th September	Harvest Lunch at the Kamares Club
7 th October	Annual BBQ
27 th October	Quiz Night at St Stephen's
7 th November	Nicosia Coach Trip
16 th or 23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
15 th December	Carols in the Mall

SERVICES

Sunday 30th July – Trinity 8

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd William
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's	Revd Ken
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's	Revd William

Readings:

Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Sunday 6th August - Transfiguration

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's	Ray
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's	Revd Ken
6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken

Readings:

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Luke 9: 28-36

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

In remembrance of worshippers past and present

(Chris Price)

I hail a quiet hero, the champion of the age,
Unknown to fame and fortune, no strutter on life's stage;
The humble representative of folk like me and you:
I sing an unsung champion - the person in the pew.

He'll never hit the headlines; he'll rarely cause a stir
(Forgive me, ardent feminists, if I say 'him', not 'her')
But faithfully on Sundays you'll find him on his perch
Upholding the traditions - a pillar of the church.

He sits where he has always sat while, all around him, change
Brings odd new prayers and modern hymns and service orders strange;
He pays his dues discreetly, signs covenants on cue:
What would we do without him - the person in the pew?

Though prelates may pontificate and curates come and go
The layman's there to hold the fort, and it was ever so.
Should you seek a staunch supporter, you'll not have far to search:
His presence keeps the roof on - he's a pillar of the church!

On High days and on holidays you'll find him in his place,
In sober dress and countenance, and Church of England face.
But mock him not nor spurn him, but give the man his due:
He's the ultimate survivor - he's the person in the pew.



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

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