



St. Stephen's
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Ayia Kyriaki
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St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 26th June 2022
(Trinity 2)**

WELCOME

Another week flown by. I'm sure that this Weekly News seems almost daily. I'm no longer thinking well that's this week's written when I'm starting the next edition. Come on folks you must have some news, jokes, events to publicise or something to help fill the spaces. I can offer a tube of smarties as encouragement ☺. (Full disclosure: you have to return the smarties box back to me full of €1 or €2). Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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.

May the Lord bless the week ahead. We pray we will not be overwhelmed or discouraged by its challenges. May we find the grace to overcome everything that comes our way. We pray that we can live life abundantly, having fun, being with friends and thanking God. Amen. Have a blessed week ahead.

Psalm 37: 23-24

"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."

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

Life, as Christians, living together in a Christian community is not always easy. We are humans, after all, and while we may have God, for whom nothing is impossible, we forget and fail and fall out of love with God and each other. That's why Jesus taught us how to deal with the fact that we will fail. Jesus' teaching here is first about reconciliation, restoration of a brother or sister to the community. It's not about pointing out sin for the sake of it. It's not about making us feel better or proving a point. It's about repentance and forgiveness, for without that we perish. Jesus already died, horribly, so that we might have life. He hung on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and salvation. So Jesus is telling us how to win back those who seem lost. He's telling us how to make his payment worthwhile. Our sins have been paid for. We have been redeemed. God, who knows every one of us, our weaknesses, our faults and failings, longs to draw us close to himself and one another. What a world we would live in if we could all reach this standard.

God Bless
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT:

All during the service Little Johnny, the vicar, was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, Revd Little Johnny paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need £4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge £100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The National Anthem." And that's how the substitute became the regular organist!

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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 church website. We look forward to seeing you there.

A Request

Clive and Alice Richardson, members of the St Luke's congregation in Polis, are looking for someone/a family that may be able to look after their African Grey Parrot from the 7th to the 29th July. They will be away on leave. Their parrot Ci Ci is a female bird that loves to be with people and make conversation/provide entertainment. She is quite happy to remain in her cage and only needs to be fed, watered and covered at night. She will sleep from sunset daily until the covers are lifted without any problems. We do not expect her to be let out of the cage.

If you think you could assist, please contact Clive +357 99286132 or e-mail cliverichardson21@gmail.com

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 26th June

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

Readings:

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77: 11-20;
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-62

Sunday 3rd July

08.15am 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:

2 Kings 5: 1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6: 7-16;
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

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

Small Blessings

You thank God for the little things
That make for a brighter day,
The loving mate, the caring child
Who calls when far away.
You're thankful for the gift of health,
Though you may not be as bright,
And not as strong as once you were
And you don't sleep as well at night.
Still, you're better off than others,
Your problems are relatively few,
Compared to those with no roof o'er their heads
Or no sight and unable to do
The simplest things for themselves,
Like walking or fixing a meal.
When you contemplate others' problems
Your little problems don't even seem real.
So, you bow your head to your God
And thank him for being so kind,
And ask the Lord in his mercy
To keep all the others in mind.
(Mary Ellen Butera)



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