



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



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

Sunday 4th June 2023
(Trinity)

WELCOME

Another week gone by and still the glorious Cyprus weather is trying to avoid us; come on Mr Sunshine, come out and see us. Never mind, this edition of the Weekly News is full of sunshine; enjoy.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son 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.

Creator God, thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do. We are sorry that we only seem to turn to you in the down times of our lives, and forget to thank you for the good times. Help us to remember you are with us always. 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.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15: 13)

GOD SLOT

'It does exactly what it says on the tin' is one of the most successful slogans in UK advertising history; the statement is now used way beyond preserving wood! Colloquially it means, of course, that the name of something is an accurate description of its qualities. What an amazing, beautiful name is 'Jesus'! Joseph was told that he must call the baby 'Jesus', 'because He will save His people from their sins.' (Matthew 1:21) The name Jesus literally means 'Saviour' and He does exactly what it says, written not on the tin, but written on the heart of God. In the centuries before this Saviour was born, there were so many indications that Father God is one who saves (e.g. 1 Chronicles 16:35; Psalm 40:13). However, with the arrival, life, and death of Jesus, our experience of the God who saves us from sin and its consequences is taken to a new level. For sure, we cannot save ourselves! Paul explained, 'He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour.' (Titus 3:5) Our cooperation, however, is vital. 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' (1 John 1:9) He is the God who saves us!

God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny and his friend are walking through the woods one day when they stumble across a big deep hole. Little Johnny peers into it and says, "Wow! That looks deep." His friend says, "It sure does. Let's throw a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is. We'll be able to tell the depth by how long it is before we hear the noise of the pebbles landing." So they pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait. Nothing. There's no noise. Little Johnny says, "Cor, that must be really deep. I know, let's throw one of these great big rocks down there. Those should make a noise." So they pick up a couple of football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait... and wait... Again, nothing. They look at each other in amazement. Then Little Johnny gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey, over here in the weeds, there's a railroad sleeper. Help me carry it over. When we toss that sucker in, it's gotta make some noise." So the two of them drag the heavy railroad sleeper over to the hole and heave it in. Once again, not a sound comes from the hole. Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, then right past them, running as fast as it's legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole. Little Johnny and his friend are astonished with what they've just seen and look at each other in amazement. Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over. He asks them, "Hey, you two guys seen my goat out here?" Little Johnny says, "You bet we did! Craziest thing I ever saw. It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole and disappeared!" "Nah", says the farmer, "That couldn't have been my goat. My goat was chained to a railroad sleeper."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." (Walt Disney)

NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY

Remember, Bible Study resumes on Monday 5th June at 10.30am at St Stephen's, if you are interested in joining this lively group then please contact me. We are studying a different topic each session so you can join anytime. The study is aimed at people who are new to the faith and those of us a bit long in the tooth in our journey. Why not come along and give it a try.

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

THE VARIETY SHOW

Well done to everyone who organized and performed at the Variety Show on 27th May. A lot of hard work and a few sleepless nights went into arranging the show. It was an excellent evening and really showed that there is a lot of local talent out there. A full report and photographs of the event can be found on our website - go to Galleries, Fundraising or to News, Events. It can also be found on our Facebook page.

FUNDRAISING

Lent Appeal. This has raised €1305 and will be going to the Ras Mobat Clinic.

Friends Hospice. We have a total of €2265, which will be paid to the Friends Hospice this month.

Variety Show. We raised €3122, which was an excellent effort. More news on how it will be split will be in next week's Weekly News.

OUR DIOCESE *(In the words of Bishop Leonard Ashton)*

Beyond the vast horizons of sand and dust,
Where the palm trees lean
against the blue skies and the lazy waters,
somewhere there is hidden
the traditional site of the Garden of Eden.

Southwards amid the misty sea was the land of Dilmun.
This was the place of Noah's flood,
the home of Abraham of Ur,
the Tower of Babel,
the ruins of Babylon and Cresephon

Across these lands
the Queen of Sheba made her way
to visit King Solomon in Jerusalem
and the Magi brought
gold and frankincense and myrrh to Bethlehem.

From the great rivers Tigris and Euphrates
through a thousand and one nights in Baghdad.
Leaning eastwards from the Holy Land to the Mediterranean,
we approach the lovely land of Cyprus.
This was a land of the Greek Gods
where Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty,
was said to have been born of the sea foam.
In this place Saint Barnabas lived
and Saint Paul began his missionary journeys.

Deep in these territories is the heart of Islam,
where the Prophet Mohammed (upon whom be peace)
rode to conquer.
This is the geographical area
of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf,
rich with history, tradition and mythology,
where Christians of many nations
are working and worshipping together.

Submitted by Carole McClandish

SAVE THE DATES

24th June

Mini Golf

22nd July

Annual BBQ

SERVICES

Sunday 4th June – Trinity

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

Readings:

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20

Sunday 11th June – Trinity 1

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

Readings:

Genesis 12: 1-9; Psalm 33: 1-12; Romans 4: 13-25; Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

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

It's Really Up To Me And You

To make the world a better place, we need to start with ourselves, that example, Thus being something for others to see and copy, where they've the sense and will. Nothing achieved by force here, it having to come from one's heart and mind, you see, They, hopefully, catching the vision, noting the benefits, which there will be.

Yes, it's no good waiting for others to change, but rather, being that change, and Thereby doing what you can to improve things, courtesy of that mature stand. And change having often come about because of the few who sought to do What the others didn't, and so, my dear friend, it's really up to me and you

(Lance Landall)



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

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