



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 20th March 2022
(Lent 3)**

WELCOME

Another week of cold weather; what on earth has happened? The blessing is the last few days have seen more sunshine, so if you can get out of the wind you have a chance of feeling some warmth ☺. Even Floki (our dog) only dipped her feet in the sea and immediately ran back to land. Don't forget to continue to pray for Ukraine, for our world, for yourselves. Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 this week.

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 27: 1-2

"God, You are my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? You are the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"

Our Diocese:

Almighty God, look with love upon your people. In your mercy, bless Archbishop Michael. Guide this shepherd you have chosen to lead us. Give him the grace of your Spirit so that he may bring us to you in the footsteps of Jesus our Lord. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

Almighty and ever loving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, we pray for the people of our Parish. Help us to grow as your disciples and be a beacon of God's love in our communities. Renew our energy and resolve to love and care for each other while inviting and welcoming all who desire such a community of faith. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

GOD SLOT

Change is essential, but continuity is also necessary. We are living in a changing world everything is going to be changed according to space and time. Nothing is permanent except change. We should realise the change of this world and its orders. God led us from chaos to cosmos, disorder to order. We should have order and routine in our life; but we should always be open to change, where that change improves us as an individual or as a community. In this time of Lent as we think of our Saviour's journey to the cross, we should reflect on the cost of discipleship. As we look back since Lent 2021 we should think, 'what we have done for the expansion of the kingdom of God?' Remember: "*The time has come, Jesus said the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news.*" (Mark1:15). Now let us look forward and see what we can do in the next twelve months to further the kingdom of God in our Parish.

God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT:

Little Johnnie who was 4 years old was out walking with his mum. He picked something up off the ground and started to put it in his mouth. His mum immediately asked him not to do that. 'Why Mummy?' came the reply. 'Because it's been lying outside and is dirty and probably has germs,' said mum gently. At this point, Little Johnnie looked at his mother in absolute admiration and asked, 'Wow, Mum, how do you know stuff like that?' 'Oh, em,' said his mum thinking quickly, '... everyone knows this stuff. Um, it's in the Mummy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mummy,' she finished triumphantly. Mother and son strolled along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, as Little Johnnie pondered over this new information. Finally he beamed a smile and said, 'I get it. If you fail the test, you have to be the Daddy.'

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional ☺.

NOTICES

Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 21st March at St Stephen's starting at 10.30am. Still time to join us, just give me a call and I'll send you the homework.

Fundraising & Social Team

Would you like to be involved in helping us to raise funds for our church, charities and social outreach? Then please consider joining our team. Contact Revd Ken 99555292. **No volunteers yet – HINT.**

Charity Pots

CORRECTION. Last week's notice of the €1850 collected for the 2021 appeal, is being divided between the Friends Hospice and the Cancer Patients Support Group. There has been a further €332 handed in this last week, which brings the total so far to 2182. Don't fear... if you still want to make a donation you can. If you haven't collected your 2022 pot (bottle really), they are available at all the churches, don't forget to take a couple for friends too ☺. Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Many, many thanks for your support and kindness. Lou Scott.

Food & Necessities Collection Points

Please don't forget the collection points in each of our churches. Please consider adding some food and/or toiletries to your weekly shop to help support our outreach programmes to the community.

Ukraine Appeal

The intense conflict in Ukraine is threatening the lives and livelihoods of civilians across the country. The UK Disaster Emergency Committee has set up an appeal for aid. If you have a UK bank account and would like to donate, go to the website www.dec.org.uk for more information. More than £100million has been raised and is being matched, up to £25million, by the UK Government. Please help if you can.

Ukraine Appeal 2

The appeal at the weekend at Ayia Kyriaki for donations to Ukraine raised a magnificent total of €1700, which was in Poland by mid-afternoon Monday. Fr Jim sends his thanks to everyone.

Easter Flowers – St Stephen’s

Easter is approaching and Lisa Smith will be doing the flower arrangements at St Stephen’s for Easter Sunday, if anyone would like to make a small donation towards the cost of the flowers it would be much appreciated. Please speak with Lisa.

Volunteers for work with Caritas

Caritas are looking for assistance in the distribution, which takes place from their Storeroom, opposite the Priests house, in Kato Paphos every Friday from 10am till around 2pm. If you are interested please contact Richard Daly on 99282385

Weekly News

Anyone out there interested in taking on the production of the Weekly News? As the wedding season approaches and I look at my diary it looks quite difficult for me to keep on producing the weekly editions. Please feel free to have a word with me if you are interested. Thanks, Revd Ken.

EVENTS

26 th Mar	Pilgrims Holy Eucharist (Ayia Kyriaki)
29 th Mar	Nicosia coach trip
17 th April	Traditional Easter Lunch
14 th May	Spring Fayre – St Stephen’s
26 th May	Ascension Day Service & picnic (Pegia Forest)
4 th June	Queen’s Jubilee Street Party
Early June	World Day of Prayer service
23 rd July	Annual BBQ
8 th Sep	Boat Trip
October	Annual Sponsored Walk

SERVICES

20th March Lent 3

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

Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

26th March Pilgrims Service

2.00pm Said Eucharist with hymns led by Archbishop Michael at Ayia Kyriaki (**All welcome**)

27th March Mothering Sunday

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

Readings:

Exodus 2: 1-10; Psalm 34: 11-20; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Luke 2: 33-35

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08.15 Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

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

**To Do List
From God**

I ran my life in search of worldly things;
My time and will were firmly in control.
I thought I had no need for what God brings;
I gave no heed to murmurs from my soul.

“You’re planning, doing all the time,” it said,
“But something else is missing deep inside.
Your mind is whirling, but your heart is dead,
So turn to God and let go of your pride.”

I did, and God said, “Here’s My plan for you:
Give your life to Me, and just let go.
Have faith and pray, and read the Bible through,
And you’ll have blessings more than you can know.”

So simple, yet it brings me perfect peace,
Living life for God the way I should.
Direction, purpose, fullness and release—
Life with God is very, very good.
(Joanna Fuchs)

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(Don't forget Friday is my day off)

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