



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
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WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 6th March 2022
(1 Lent)**

WELCOME

Come on now people. I'm sure when you recruited me that your profile said this was the sunshine island! I look out my window as I'm writing this watching yet another lot of rain falling, and also getting a nudge from my very wet dog! But our Weekly News will bring sunshine into our lives as we read and enjoy it. (That's an order – you will enjoy it!)

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Lord, bless our journey through this coming week. May the pace be steady, paths made safe, no obstacles impede, and conversations with fellow travellers on this earth be fruitful and uplifting. Lord, bless our journey through this coming week. Amen

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Psalm 23: 4, 6

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Our Diocese:

Almighty God, give wisdom and courage to all leaders in our Diocese to spread the good news of your

gospel to all we encounter and to lead your whole church in this part of your creation to be true servants to your people. 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:

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who serve you in our Parish, both ordained and lay, in whatever capacity. Guide us with your Spirit to choose the path that you open for us. May we be given your strength and grace to do your will in this parish. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

GOD SLOT

The God spot this week is just a simple story answering the question that has plagued mankind since the beginning; **DOES GOD EXIST?** A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving a God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT:

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. He asked his mum, "Where'd we get him?" His mother replied, "He came from heaven." Little Johnny says, "WOW! I can see why they threw him out!"

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional ☺.

NOTICES

Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 7th 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.

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.

Confirmation

Anyone interested in being Confirmed please contact Revd Ken.

EVENTS

Possible future Events

17 th April	Traditional Easter Lunch
14 th May	Spring Fayre
26 th May	Ascension Day Service & picnic (Outdoor)
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

The Nicosia coach trip date is being rearranged

SERVICES

6th March Lent 1

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1,2, 9-16; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

13th March Lent 2

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

Readings:

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1; Luke 13: 31-35

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

God's Marvellous Grace

O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful You are!
You have been part of all our days,
Since the beginning of time You were there,
discerning and checking our ways.
We're not aware of the time that You spend,
or at least we tend not to be,
We are engrossed in our own little world,
as if that is how to be free.

But Lord, in Your marvellous grace and Your care,
Your knowledge of our innermost thought,
Have brought us the choice of eternal life;
through Jesus our freedom was bought.
How can we thank You? What can we say?
Is there a response You desire?
Can we pay back a part of this debt?
To what would You have us aspire?

With Your assistance and in Your strength,
give me the grace to be true,
Then I will daily sing of Your praise;
my voice shall ring out, "I LOVE YOU!"
(Greta Zwaan)



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