



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
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WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 1st May 2022
(Third Sunday of Easter)**

WELCOME

Welcome to this week's edition of the Weekly News. Please note the clarification of what we need for the Jubilee Street Party in the Notices. At last we seem to have proper Cyprus weather back and I've got a smile on my face again and my shorts on ☺. Please think about any articles or stories you can contribute to the News as wedding season is starting and my time will be stretched, so without help from you the News may only be the Collect and Services. Thanks.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, give us strength to see the week ahead as an opportunity; Let us not turn cowardly before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties; Let us not lose faith in other people; Keep us sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness; Preserve us from minding little stings or giving them; Help us to keep our hearts clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten us or take away the joy of knowing you are with us; Open wide the eyes of our souls that we may see good in all things; Grant us this week ahead some new vision of your truth; Inspire us with the spirit of joy and gladness; and make us the cup of strength to suffering souls; in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalm 27: 1

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

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

The month of May is upon us; with longer days and fantastic mornings and evenings. Will the weather be kind and allow us to sit out and enjoy a meal and drink in the warmer evenings, I don't know about you, but I have found this winter/spring just like living in the UK as the weather has been much more exciting! We knew the sun would shine but never when. Hopefully that is behind us now and we can back to living in Cyprus ☺. God gave us this wonderful world and sometimes we barely notice it. When did we last really look at a flower, or the buds coming out on the trees and shrubs? An insect buzzing around? These are all part of our Heavenly Father's creation that he made for us. That is really a powerful statement. He made it for us! So as we go out and about this month let us open our eyes just that little bit more to see what is really out there. My wife's response is "Ants"! She has a phobia against ants, especially as the "little blighters" seem to have decided our house is an ideal location to start their world domination this year. I see her with spray in one hand and powder in the other determined to follow the trail back to their camp and destroy them at source. I find these creatures amazing. They have been around for millions of years according to an article I have recently read, so I don't think the spray and powder will end their existence. I have a live and let live attitude up until I have a little ant just appearing on the edge of my sandwich that I have just taken a bite out of! Mainly because I am aware that where there is one there are a lot more! Where's that spray? I do feel guilty and have to ask for forgiveness when I spray, as God created the ants for a purpose, and I don't believe it was just to annoy my wife. This world and all its creatures (including ants) is a gift that no other gift can surpass. A unique gift that we should look after so that the generations who follow us can enjoy it too. Let's all accept that responsibility and do our small part to protect, save and take pleasure in it.

God Bless

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT:

Little Johnny was in the men's changing room at the gym, he heard a mobile phone ringing and after a dozen rings the man next to him picked it up. It was on speaker phone, so he could hear the whole conversation. A ladies voice said, "Hi Honey, I stopped at the mall there's an awesome sale on. You know that leather coat I wanted, well it's reduced to €1,200, can I get it?" The man says "Sure." The lady replies, "Thanks! That's great!...I really love you. Ohh baby I just remembered that the car I wanted, is in a huge sale too! Can I get it?" The man was quiet for a while and then asks "how much are they asking for it?" The lady replies, "Oh, its down to €18,500....???" The man quickly replies "Fine sweetie if you're going to spend that much I want it with ALL the options" the wife, very happy and thanking him, says "OK honey I'll see you when I get home!" The man hangs up the phone, with a funny grin on his face, he turns around facing Little Johnny and the 3 other men changing near him and he asks "Do you any of you guys have any idea who's mobile phone this is?"

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

We are looking at starting the 6pm Evening Service at Ayia Kyriaki on a limited basis. We would hold it on the **first Sunday of each month**. To see if there is any interest in this service, and that we have sufficient congregation to make it worthwhile, can you let Revd Ken know by telephone (99555290) or email anglicanpriest.acp@cytanet.com.cy by next Friday (6th May) if you would be a regular attender.

NOTICES

Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 9th May 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.

Food & Necessities Collection Points

Don't forget to think about our food collection points at all three churches as you do your shopping.

Spring Fayre - Saturday 14th May 2022. 10am - 2pm at St Stephen's, Tala

Can you please help? Items/products/produce is required for the following stalls: Bric-a-brac, Clothes, Craft, Jewellery/scarves, Cards, Plants, Cakes/preservatives, Raffle prizes, Refreshments. Also, if anyone can help man the stalls on the day please contact Chris Hoskins - 97753973. This is a fundraiser for the Parish. Thank you in advance.

"Smarties" Tubes

The wonderful Christmas Gift from your Parish Priest of a tube of Smarties is due to be returned filled with a gift for those less fortunate. Many thanks to those who have returned them so far.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations (Clarification)

The Jubilee Street Party on Saturday 4th June 1pm to 4pm. There appears to be some confusion about the requirements for volunteers. On this occasion WE ARE NOT looking for donations of food but for volunteers to assist on the day. We are asking for HELPERS ON THE DAY to prepare and cook food provided and NOT to provide food items yourself. Tickets are now available from the usual sellers at the churches. Why not bring your friends, family and neighbours - everyone is welcome. Further information is on the church website.

EVENTS

14 th May	Spring Fayre – Parish event held at St Stephen's
26 th May	Ascension Day Service & picnic (Pegia Forest)
4 th June	Queen's Jubilee Street Party
24 th June	World Day of Prayer service
23 rd July	Annual BBQ
8 th September	Boat Trip
September	Songs of Praise in the Park
October	Annual Sponsored Walk
16 th December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall

SERVICES

Sunday 1st May

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

Readings:

Acts 9: 1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

Sunday 8th May

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

Readings:

Acts 9: 36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30

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

Do Not Wait Until Tomorrow

Do not wait until tomorrow
If you'd make your life worthwhile.
Bring a cheer to those in sorrow,
Bless them, with a happy smile ☺
Golden moments swiftly passing
Soon will be forever gone,
Hasten then to be a blessing;
Wait not for tomorrow's dawn.

Do not wait until tomorrow
Do what good you can today;
Richest blessings then will follow,
And your life will surely pay.
Human hearts are all around us
Who are waiting to be led
To the blessed feet of Jesus
And be fed with living bread.

(Alfred S. Rctz)



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

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