



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 7th May 2023
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)

WELCOME

This is the weekend of our new King's coronation. We will have special prayers and intercessions at our services. I was waiting patiently for the phone call to ask if I would take the service at the Abbey; but it didn't ring so maybe they didn't want a Little Johnny joke on such a serious occasion. Hope to see lots of you at the Coronation Tea on Monday afternoon (Tickets still available) and don't forget the Variety Show on 27th May. Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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.

Lord God, we ask that in the week ahead we dwell in your house, drink in your presence and find peace and rest in your arms. We believe in your name, ask for your grace, your healing and we believe and trust in your love. We thank you and pray and ask for restoration. We need your touch. We wait on you. You are our Saviour, our friend, and our hope. Amen.

A Prayer for a new Incumbent.

Please pray for someone to see the advert in the Church Times for a new Priest for our Parish and feel called to come and serve you lovely people.

Encouraging Words.

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16: 14)

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>

A PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT

God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust, watch over our sisters and brothers in Sudan, Ukraine and all other countries caught up in conflict. Bring comfort to those who grieve, shelter to those who are homeless, and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst. God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace, so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit, and inspire us to take action. Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm, which brings hope in place of despair. *Amen.*

GOD SLOT

Jesus and others in the Bible used stories frequently to impart truths that may have otherwise not been understood. For instance, take Jesus' story about the "Good Samaritan." (Luke 10:25-37) He was able to help his listeners understand how to love God and love others. Remember when God used the prophet Nathan to tell a story? He told a story about a shepherd that had his sheep stolen so that King David would recognise the truth of his own sin. (2 Samuel 12: 1-10) A Christian story can open our eyes to truths about ourselves through the passive, non-threatening telling of a story about someone else. Whether a story is true or fictional, it really doesn't matter. What matters is that the listener becomes involved in the story and is transformed by its meaning. A Christian short story taps into our emotions and thereby locks in the experience in our memory. Here is a story on peace:

There once lived a very wealthy man who was willing to pay a small fortune to the artist who could best illustrate the presence of peace. Several artists brought paintings of sunsets and quiet meadows, but the man did not accept any of these. One day as he was walking through looking at the most recent attempts, two paintings captured his attention. One was a painting of a beautiful calm lake surrounded by lush green mountains. The water seemed as still as glass and wispy white clouds danced in the bright blue of the sky. Next to this painting was another with vast differences. It was also a picture of a lake surrounded by mountains, but the strong winds had whipped the lake into a tempest and the dark clouds hovered about the rugged mountain landscape ready to release a downpour of torrential rains. The audience standing about watched with anticipation to see which one the man might choose to depict the story of peace. All were shocked when he did not choose the first, but instead chose the second. How could such a stormy scene tell a story of peace? The rich man explained. The first painting was beautiful and peaceful, but it didn't tell the truth of where peace can be found. Anyone could feel peaceful upon a crystal-clear lake with white clouds drifting across the sky and barely a breeze blowing across the water. Then he pointed out something in the second painting, which everyone else had overlooked. If you peered closely into the mountains of the second, there was a waterfall, and tucked into a crevice of that mountain near the waterfall was a small nest on which a mother bird sat upon tiny blue eggs. The man spoke. "This second painting is a picture of true, perfect peace because it is within the storms of life we find real peace tucked into the side of God knowing his presence will guard and protect us even in the midst of this world's storms."



God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was at a party with his wife who admonished him, saying, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?" Little Johnny told her, "Why should it?" Then with a smile he said, "I keep telling them it's for you."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder." (*Snoopy*)

NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study will start on Monday 15th May at 10.30am at St Stephen's, if you are interested in joining this lively group then please contact me. 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. We meet in a safe place where no topics are off the table and questions are encouraged. Why not come along and give it a try.

THINGS ON AT THE CATHEDRAL

On **Saturday 3rd June at 4 pm** there will be an Island-wide service at St Paul's Cathedral in thanksgiving for the many years of service Archbishop Michael and Julia have given to this Diocese. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall and garden. All are warmly invited.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Worship Leader? The Diocese is arranging another course in July/August this year (I'll be one of the instructors, so you've got a friendly face). There are two face-to-face sessions at the start (3rd July, 9.30am to 3pm) and end (7th August, 9.30am to 5pm) of the training with the remainder of the training being held on Zoom on Tuesday evenings (7pm to 9pm). Come and have a chat with me to see what it involves (Revd Ken 99555290).

VARIETY SHOW

Saturday 27th May at Stage One Theatre, Emba. Tickets are available price €15 each from your usual sellers at church. **Please** support this event, which is raising funds for the church and three local charities.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

The annual Holy Communion service followed by a 'bring your own' lunch will be held in Pikni Forest, Peyia starting at **11am on Thursday 18th May 2023**.

LENT OFFERINGS

If you have any Lent Offering envelopes still to hand in, could you do so as soon as possible. Thanks you.

SAVE THE DATES

8 th May	Coronation Garden Party (Tickets still available)
18 th May	Ascension Day Service in Peyia Forest
27 th May	Variety Show (Don't forget to invite your friends & neighbours)
24 th June	Mini Golf
22 nd July	Annual BBQ

SERVICES

Sunday 7th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Readings:

Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14

Sunday 14th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's Revd Jill Wheatly
11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's Ann

Readings:

Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 7-18; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21

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

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

Psalm 23

This I know:
My life is in your hands.
I have nothing to fear.
I stop,
breathe,
listen.

Beneath the whirl of what is
is a deep down quiet place/
You beckon me to tarry there.

This is the place
where unnamed hungers
are fed, the place
of clear water,
refreshment.
My senses stilled,
I drink deeply,
at home in timeless territory.

In peril, I remember:
Death's dark vale holds no menace.
I lean into You;
Your eternal presence comforts me.
I am held tenderly.

In the midst of all that troubles,
that threatens and diminishes,
You have set abundance before me.
You lift my head; my vision clears.
The blessing cup overflows.

This I know:
You are my home and my hope,
my strength and my solace,
and so shall You ever be.

(Psalms, Poems and Prayers by A Grosch-Miller)



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