



## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's  
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# WEEKLY NEWS

## Sunday 28 November 2021 (Advent)

### WELCOME

Phew! A week has gone by already. They say time flies when you're enjoying yourself; so I must be as the time has certainly flew. I'd like to thank everyone for their support at my Licensing Service last Saturday at Ayia Kyriaki with Archbishop Michael. The most commented thing was the fact that I managed to get up from my knees without help! We are now moving into Advent and Christmas and things are getting busy. I've put out a separate sheet with all the services listed and you can stick it on the fridge as a handy reminder. We are trying to get enough children and families (need at least 10 children) to be able to have a Christingle service at St Stephen's at 3.00pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December. So if you know of any families around you, please let them know. Gerald will be producing some flyers.

Revd Ken

### COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Advent:

Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things. Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly. Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it. Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of a loving community. Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances. Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways. Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more. Pray for joy and a sense of humour. Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life. Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others. Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully. Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others. Pray for a passion to pursue justice. (*Adapted from Whitney Hopler's "Pray for Simplicity this Advent".*)

**A Prayer for this week.**

Heavenly Father, help us to hear your voice. Touch us once again. Give us the courage to be your beloved. Give us courage to choose joy. We need you now this Christmas. Be born in us again. Today. In Jesus' name. Amen. (*From Bonnie Gray's 'Why it take courage to choose joy'.*)

**Our Diocese:**

Loving God, may your holy word be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve, at all times giving glory to your holy name.

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here: <https://cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Diocesan-Prayer-Guide-May21-Nov21.pdf>

**In our own Parish of Paphos:**

Heavenly Father, thank you for our churches. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our Parish may grow. Help us to see you in everyone we meet and fill our lives with your praise. We pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our church and parish: in the ministry of word, prayer and sacrament; in teaching, learning together and pastoral care. We pray for all members of the congregations, that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**God Slot**

Advent is the start of a new Christian year, and like any New Year maybe we should make resolutions. You and I are encouraged to pay attention to what's going on around us and Jesus is telling us to be prepared to be accountable to God for our choices, individually and as a human race. At the moment we have global chaos, violence in all parts of earth, global pandemic and our beliefs being more and more eroded as people turn away from our faith. It all seems to be doom and gloom, however, we can look around and see such beauty, kindness and love and, surprisingly, they far outweigh the doom and gloom, but they are just not newsworthy so we hear very little about those stories. But we must continue to take our stand with Christ, holding fast to the truth, and declaring our allegiance to Him and living our life for Him. So we should make a resolution to try harder, pray harder and live life to the full harder. His is the light that shines in the darkness. Let's all look to the light.

Revd Ken

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

At the recent Pastoral Care Team Meeting we have been discussing 'What happens if ....' Who do we contact? For example if Wendy and myself were injured, or worse, in an accident, no one knows who to contact. It was thought that we are not alone in this so we have decided to issue an Emergency Contact form, which would be held securely in the Church Office, with limited access, and would only be used if an emergency arose. We would follow all the legal guidelines for holding such information. This is not compulsory, however, it is encouraged. A copy of the form is going out with this Weekly News sheet and please seriously consider filling out the form and handing it in to myself or Di Sylvester.

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## **SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER**

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

8.15am Sung Eucharist + Incense - Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion - St. Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship - St. Stephen's

6.00 pm - Advent Carol Service – Ayia Kyriaki

**Readings:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36

## **DECEMBER SERVICES**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

8.15am Sung Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship – St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion – St Stephen's

**Readings:** Malachi 3: 1-4; Cantic: Benedictus; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

For the full December services see separate sheet.

## **LATEST NEWS**

### **Revd Ken's Day off.**

Please note that from December 1<sup>st</sup> Revd Ken will be taking Friday as his day off. This is VERY important whilst we are operating a ONE priest parish. If you need a priest on this day then please contact one of your Churchwardens or the Church Secretary; they WILL be able to help you and they alone have contact with Revd Ken on this day. Thank you, Church Council.

## **EVENTS**

### **Parish Priest:**

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