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## WEEKLY NEWS

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Harvest Festival)**

#### **WELCOME**

Well, what an emotional rollercoaster this last week has been. Glued to the TV watching the funeral of the late Queen it made me think that even she would have been amazed at the outpouring of affection for her. Didn't we put on an amazing display of pomp and pageantry, which makes you feel proud to be British. Even our own small tribute of a service of commemoration held at Ayia Kyriaki last Sunday, attracted over 150 people, heart warmingly, the largest congregation we have seen in along time. We now have to look forward and start living in the age of a kingship. Let's all keep King Charles III in our prayers. Enjoy this week's edition.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

##### **Prayer for our Monarch**

With the state funeral for Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, of blessed memory, on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel, Windsor, we pray that the faithful departed through mercy of God would rest in peace and rise in glory. We also pray for His Majesty, King Charles III, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. From the Book of Common Prayer, in traditional language: *O Lord our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles III; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

##### **Collect:**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons: as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, 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.**

We pray for the new week ahead of us. May we step out and encounter our destiny, find favour in the sight of God and be blessed in all that we do for him. May he protect us from all evil and help us to be people of strong faith and love who are there for our neighbours. Have a blessed week. Amen.

**Psalm 3: 3** *“But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.”*

## **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**

When Apollo 11's *Eagle* lunar module landed on the moon's Sea of Tranquility on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1969, the space travellers took time to recover from their flight before stepping on the moon's surface. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin had received permission to bring bread and wine so he could take communion. After reading Scripture, he tasted the first foods ever consumed on the moon. Later he wrote, "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curried slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup." As Aldrin enjoyed this celestial communion, his actions proclaimed his belief in Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The apostle Paul encourages us to remember how Jesus sat with his disciples 'on the night he was betrayed' (*1 Corinthians 11: 23*). Christ compared his soon to be sacrificed body to the bread, he declared the wine as a symbol of the 'new covenant' that secured the forgiveness and salvation through his blood shed on the cross (v25). Whenever and wherever we take communion, we're proclaiming our trust in the reality of Jesus' sacrifice and our hope of salvation. Just like Aldrin on the moon, no matter where we are, we can celebrate our faith in the one and only risen Saviour with confidence. (*Extract taken from "ourdailybread.org"*)

God Bless

Revd Ken

## **JOKE SPOT**

*Little Johnny was the new boss in an office, and he wanted to get a really fierce reputation. He's walking through the office for the first time when he spots a guy just leaning against a doorframe, doing nothing just staring in mid-distance. Little Johnny decides to show everybody how things are going to be from now on. He approaches the guy and asks him sternly, "What is your monthly salary?" "£1,200," replies the man, a bit surprised. Little Johnny whips out his wallet, thrusts £600 at the guy and yells, "There's your two weeks' notice pay, now get out of here and never show your face again!" The guy takes the money and leaves. Little Johnny, feeling good that he's shown everybody how idle hands are dealt with, asks, "So what was that lazy jerk doing in this place?" One clerk shrugs, "He just delivered our pizza."*

## **'SONGS OF PRAISE' AS THE SUN SETS**

Join with us in the wonderful setting of Ayios Andronikos Park in Polis for the annual 'Songs of Praise in the Park' on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 5.30pm**, organised by St Luke's Church. This outdoor event, which has been running for many years, is an enjoyable occasion to sing well-known hymns and listen to memorable poems and readings on this year's theme of 'Faith'.

## **A MEMORY OF THE QUEEN**

Trevor Brewster writes, "Joan, my late wife, took her class of disabled children to meet the Queen as part of the silver jubilee celebrations in 1977. The Queen stopped in front of them and asked Joan why one boy was so still and quiet. She told Her Majesty that he was blind. The Queen bent forward and took the little boy's flag and wiggled it about, telling him who she was. He grinned from ear to ear!"

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You could have put an article or two in here! ☺

## NOTICES

### BIKES

We've now given out seven bikes and we currently have two more being refurbished, which should be ready sometime this week. Thank you to everyone who has donated. I also have €397.27 in the pot to buy more bikes should they be needed. However, we have become aware that our family at St Stephen's laptop is broken, so we may be able to purchase a refurbished laptop from the pot.

## EVENTS

25 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival Lunch – Yannis, Kathikas
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Praise in the Park, Polis ( <b>NEW DATE</b> )
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Pet Blessing Service, outside Ayia Kyriaki
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Big Sing (Fr Jim), Ayia Kyriaki
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Annual Sponsored Walk.
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicosia Coach Trip
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Barn Dance
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols for Christmas at St Luke's
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE KINGS MALL

At long last we have permission to sing Carols again in the Mall. If you are interested in singing (don't have to be a good singer) for this community sing along, please let me know so we get an idea of numbers. We **need** a large group of people to lend us their voices. Let me know on [anglicanpriest.acp@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:anglicanpriest.acp@cytanet.com.cy)

## SERVICES

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Festival

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Songs of Praise St Stephen's

#### Readings:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4: 4-9; John 6: 25-35

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Trinity 16

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

#### Readings:

Lamentations 1: 1-6; Psalm 137: 1-6; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

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

## The Vicar's Kids

We were preacher's kids in a little english town,  
And knew more Bible verses than anyone around.  
It was hell, fire, and brimstone three times a week,  
Sitting on the pew trying not to make a peep.

If we chatted in church Dad would surely frown,  
And point his finger to silence us down.  
Hoping he would forget when we got back to the house,  
The rest of the service we were as quiet as a mouse!

(Brenda McGrath)



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

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