



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos; St. Luke's Prodromi
and St. Stephen's, Tala

A Parish in the DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed, through Jesus, to sharing God's love
for all peoples and growing in our love for Him
and for one another.

Sunday 10th March 2019

First of Lent - Year C

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Readings for Sunday 10th March

Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 -- Page 143
Psalm: Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 -- Page 424
Second Reading: Romans 10: 8b-13 -- Page 802
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13 -- Page 727

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Fuguetta - A. Decaux
After: Voluntary - J. Stanley

Sunday 17th March

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 -- Page 10
Psalm: Psalm 27 -- Page 393
Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 -- Page 832
Gospel: Luke 13: 31-35 -- Page 739

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### *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, Your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** A Lenten Prayer; Father in Heaven, the light of your truth bestows sight to the darkness of sinful eyes. May this season of repentance bring us the blessing of Your forgiveness and the gift of Your light. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)*

**Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** We pray for the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa and its Bishop the Rt. Revd Dr Mouneer Anis; for the Alexandria School of Theology in

Alexandria and Cairo, its Principal the Rt Revd Dr Samy Fawzy Shehata and all his staff and students.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for the Readers; those who are the licensed public lay ministers of the diocese. This week we hold in our prayers the Epiphany Church in Doha; its six congregations worshipping in English, Tamil, Marathi and Igbo, and its priest the Revd Canon Jebaraj Devasagayam.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We pray for our Parish Priest the Reverend Andrew, our Interim Associate Priest the Revd Canon Anthony, and members of our worship team. Help us all, during this time of Lent by self-examination, repentance, prayer, and study of the Scriptures to come closer to our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY AND THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th March - First of Lent

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Morning Worship - St. Luke's
11.00am Morning Worship - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

Tuesday 12th March

Nicosia Coach Trip

Wednesday 13th March

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
10.00am Church Council Meeting - St. Stephen's

Thursday 14th March

1030 for 1100am - Lent Course - Session 1 - Parish Priest's House

Friday 15th March

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Saturday 16th March

10.00 for 10.30am - Church Annual General Meeting - St. Stephen's

Sunday 17th March

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9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's
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## *THIS PARISH OF OURS*

### **Duty Wardens for this week**

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Carolyn Hart

**St. Stephen's** - Chris Hoskins

**St. Luke's** - Jayne Preston

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To make a Gift Aid declaration, you will need to pay UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year greater than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your Gift Aid donations in that year, or you will be responsible for any difference. Income tax includes tax credits on UK dividend income. Boosting the Church income in this way will be a very welcome additional contribution to finances.

For our visitors and any residents eligible to Gift Aid:

PLEASE, if you are putting your donation in a Gift Aid envelope, would you make sure that the details on the front of the envelope are completed; if this is not done, we are unable to claim the tax refund.

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***GENERAL NOTICES***

**Preparations for the AGM – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am for 10.30am at St Stephen’s church:**

Three congregational meetings have now been held in each of our churches by way of preparation for the AGM. Regarding the election of wardens, Catherine Elliott was elected warden at St Luke’s to serve alongside Jayne Preston, Chris Hoskins was elected warden at St Stephen’s to serve alongside Bryn Jones and Sarah Sait was elected warden at Ayia Kyriaki to serve alongside Carolyn Hart and Trisha Payne. Those, so elected, need to be ratified by the AGM. We are still urgently looking for a nomination(s) for Councillor with responsibility for Communications and IT and an Honorary Treasurer. Can you help?

Please remember that if you wish to participate in the AGM as a voting member, you must be on the **Electoral Roll**. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March will be the last date for new applications as new applications must be approved by Council – at their March meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March prior to the AGM on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Electoral Roll – Renewal:** This process is, now, virtually complete. If you know that you have not yet renewed, please obtain a form from your warden and complete it and return it as soon as possible. This is an important process – please do not neglect it.

**Lent Courses: Dates and Times:** Currently it is planned that two courses will run.

The first will be at **St Luke’s at Polis** beginning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1100 in the Jack Harding Room. Thereafter: Session 2 – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1100, Session 3 – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1100, Session 4 – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1100, and Session 5 – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Soup and Rolls will be

served after each session with donations taken for the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic and the St Luke’s rent fund. You do not have to belong to St Luke’s to join this discussion group.

**Paphos Course:** This will be held at the Parish house in Emba beginning on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1030 for 1100. Thereafter: Session 2 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1030 for 1100, Session 3 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1030 for 1100, Session 4 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1030 for 1100, and Session 5 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1030 for 1100. Soup and rolls will be served at the end of each session with donations taken for the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic.

If you need directions to the Parish house, please email The Reverend Andrew: chaplain.acp@cytanet.com.cy.

Remember, anyone in the parish is welcome to go to either course but because the dates and sessions do not match up, it will be difficult to swap between the two courses. If you have not yet signed up, please do so, this Sunday.

**Lent Offering/Donations:** it is a Lent tradition that a parish collection is taken during Lent for a nominated charity. Council agreed that we should, again, support the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in the Yemen. This is an eye clinic that our Diocese has long supported (the country of Yemen is part of our Diocese) and the report from Synod stated that despite the brutal civil war in the country, the Eye Clinic continues to function, fully, in every respect. You have been generous in support of this clinic, in the past, and I commend it to you, again. This is a clinic staffed entirely by Muslims who are immensely grateful for the financial support from Christians, in this Diocese, and are very appreciative of your prayers for their safety and work. Please be generous in your support.

Reverend Andrew.

A basket with Lent Offering envelopes, for your use, is available near the entrance at all three of our Worship Centres for your offerings. Please do give as generously as you can to our Lent charity: the Ras Morbat Clinic. Thank you.

**Fund-raising for the needy:** The soup and sandwich lunch held on the 28th February at the Latin Parish Hall, raised a grand total of €613.05 in aid of Caritas. Thank you to all who attended.

**The World Day of Prayer** (formerly known as The Women's World day of Prayer) was held last Friday afternoon at St Stephen's with a good number of women attending and a small number of men. It was good to see women from other churches attending and to have Carol Skene leading the service. The service had been written by women in Slovenia and very much reflected their concerns but also concerns that all women and children have. Grateful thanks to Chris Hoskins for, once again, organising and masterminding the service, so well, and for all who contributed, at the end, to a wonderful afternoon tea. If you did not get to this year's service, make a note for the beginning of March 2020 – it's well worth attending.

Perhaps you have noticed the change of title for the service this year. The following letter to the Editor was published in last week's Church Times – any thoughts?

**The annual Day of Prayer should be women only**

Sir, — The Women's World Day of Prayer was a special day when women the world over could unite, knowing that, whatever their culture, they were joining their sisters around the world in prayers to the God they share. So, what streak of political correctness decided that the day must include men? As one who has twice spoken at a women's service, I valued the sense that I was part of something very special: a sisterhood, of differing customs and history, held together by the power of Christ. Who felt that this special day had to change? ALISON BEARDWOOD 1 Woodside Way, Aldridge Walsall WS9 0HY

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NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Recycled cards: Sue and Lou will be selling their recycled cards on **Sunday**

17th March after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11am service at St. Stephen's. They make wonderful cards so do please come have a browse and, hopefully, replenish your stocks of cards thereby helping local charities in the process.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Craft Group: The Craft Group is having a Spring Fair on **Saturday 6th April** and we will be having bric-a-brac, books, plants, preserves and cakes, our own craft items and raffle.

If anyone has unwanted presents please bring them to Mary for raffle prizes, all items can be brought to St. Stephen's from now on. Thanks. Mary Brown.

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*SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS*

*Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome*

- 12th March** - Nicosia Coach Trip. Tickets available, cost €13
- 19th March** - Beetle Drive/Meal - I can now confirm that the Beetle Drive/Meal will take place at Yiannis Taverna, Kathikas, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets available at a cost of €15.
- 6th April** - Spring Craft Fayre
- 21st April** - Easter Lunch at the Kamares Club
- 22nd April** - Sponsored Walk
- 18th May** - mini Golf
- 20th July** - Annual BBQ
- 15th August** - Latchi Boat Trip
- 29th September** - Harvest Lunch
- 19th October** - Beetle Drive
- 12th November** - Nicosia Coach Trip
- ? November** - Annual Dinner Dance

**Ticket Sellers:**

**Ayia Kyriaki:** Morning: Carolyn Hart (97762371)  
Evening: Duty Warden

**St. Luke’s:** Jayne Preston (96 511321)

**St. Stephen’s:** Caroline & Ian Geddes (Tel: 99 417976)

**Lenten call to military self-discipline**

**A Reflection by Canon Angela Tilby – taken from The Church Times, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

EACH year, as Lent approaches, I wonder what I should be giving up. I am aware that some dismiss the whole idea of giving things up as negative and guilt-inducing, but there is a point to Christian asceticism: it is ultimately about the transformation of the self, the human response to the call to holiness.

This was underlined, for me, in an unexpected way when I found myself watching two television series on how individuals are selected for the SAS and the Paras. The programmes reminded me that the Greek word for asceticism, *askesis*, originally referred to athletic training: the disciplines required for competitive games.

In Christian asceticism, the competition is not with others but with oneself.

And so it is, in some respects, with the SAS and the Paras. *In SAS: Who Dares Wins*, broadcast recently on Channel 4, one woman and two men were selected for the SAS out of the 24. They went through extreme tests of physical strength and endurance. But they also had to show mental and emotional resilience. Those who got through did so because they were prepared to let the outer disciplines produce inner changes of attitude.

*In Paras: Men of war*, on ITV, participants began their training with a severe haircut. They were then told that they would all be known as “Joe”. The haircut and the renaming challenged their previous identity, much as Christian baptism challenges genetic identity.

The SAS, on the other hand, valued individual difference. But they needed personalities who were able to trust one another, setting aside natural egoism and petty likes and dislikes.

“Your oppo’s [partner’s] life is more important than your own,” they were told. Of the three selected, one was a female orthopaedic surgeon. She had been found lacking in empathy in early exercises, but won through in the later stages by sheer grit. The two men selected had significant experience of bereavement, which had brought them both pain and insight.

I would never in a million years be able to cope with the challenges of military life.

But I recognise Lent as a call to a parallel self-discipline. It is, in a sense, spiritual warfare against the craving, needy, greedy self.

Most of us are weakened by the relentless pressure to make decisions about what we buy, eat, and wear, as though our whole identity depended on such choices. We could learn to put up with minor inconveniences. How about a Lent on instant coffee rather than skinny lattes? Small changes, “giving things up for Lent”, has more transformative potential than we might imagine.

The purpose of Christian asceticism is, ultimately, to help us get over ourselves — perhaps the best contemporary phrase for what the Christian spiritual tradition calls “mortification.”

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