

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH of PAPHOS

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The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem

and the Middle East

(a Province of the Anglican Communion)

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

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.

11th December 2016

Third of Advent - Year A



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You cannot take the Christ out of Christmas

***A message from Rev'd Andrew Burt, Parish Priest,
The Anglican Church of Paphos***

A few years ago, there was a Christmas poster campaign showing Joseph and Mary occupying a modern bus shelter on a cold winter's night.

Mary was wrapped up against the weather and is shown nursing the infant Jesus with curious passers-by looking into the shelter.

The poster was designed to remind all of us that the Christmas story can be updated and is relevant here and now and to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

That true meaning is focussed on God. For God, in love, gave his Son Jesus as a gift to the whole world. His Son who was human yet divine, grew into a man who by his teaching showed a needy world that God's love is given freely, without condition, to all who ask and who genuinely believe that it can be received as a gift.

We exchange gifts at Christmas as a reminder of this truth. When you give gifts, and show your love to your family and friends this Christmas you will be mirroring this aspect of God's love. A love which Christians and all people are asked to extend to a world in need both in and just beyond your ordinary day to day life.

I wish you all a joyous and happy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

Please make a note in your diaries

Sunday 11 December - 11.00 am. Carol Service, St. Stephen's

Sunday 18 December - 6.00 pm. Nine Lessons and Carols, Ayia Kyriaki

Christmas Eve - 11.30 pm. Midnight Mass, St. Stephen's

Christmas Day - 8.15 am. Christmas Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki
- 11.00 am. Christmas Eucharist, St. Luke's
- 11.00 am. Christmas Eucharist, St. Stephen's

Sunday 1 January 2017, St. Stephen's Day Eucharist
- 8.15 am. and 6.00 pm. Ayia Kyriaki
- 9.30 am. St. Luke's (Morning Worship)
- 11.00 am. St. Stephen's

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**Readings for Sunday 11th December**

**Page Numbers ~ St. Stephen's only**

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10  
Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1: 46b-55)  
Second Reading: James 5: 7-10  
Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

St. Stephen's 11.00am Carol Service - Special Readings

**Sunday 18th December**

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16... Page 508  
Psalm: Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18... Page 724  
Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7... Page 856  
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25... Page 688

Ayia Kyriaki 6.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols - Special Readings

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PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Anglican Communion: Pray for Archbishop Justin of Canterbury; all Primates, Priests and Lay Ministers in the Dioceses of Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda; and for the Communion worldwide.

The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East: Pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem and for peace and goodwill in the land of the Holy One.

Our Diocese: Pray for Archdeacon John in Cyprus, and for the parishes of Cyprus, and for justice and peace across the island. In the Gulf we pray for St. Andrew's Abu Dhabi, with a daughter church in Al Ain called St. Thomas; they seek to provide Christians of all traditions a safe and legal environment to worship.

In our own Parish of Paphos: We pray for our worship team led by our Parish Priest the Rev'd Andrew, supported by the Rev'd Canon Anthony and our Readers. Lord, guide us by your spirit to be mindful of our heritage and guide us in our thinking to discern your will and to follow the way you are calling us to walk, that as a community we step out together, generously living your love, that through faith and service we may be instruments of transformation in the building of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

For further prayers during the week see our Diocesan Prayer Guide also the Anglican Communion website www.anglicancommunion.org

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***WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY & THIS WEEK***

**Sunday 11th December**

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

**Wednesday 14th December**

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

**Thursday 15th December**

1.30pm Women's Group Christmas Social - St. Stephen's

**Friday 16th December**

2.00pm Craft & Coffee - St. Stephen's

**Sunday 18th December**

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki  
9.30am Holy Eucharist - St. Luke's  
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6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols - Ayia Kyriaki

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THIS PARISH OF OURS

Duty Wardens for this week

Ayia Kyriaki - 8.15 a.m. - Jacquie Hammond
Ayia Kyriaki - 6.00 p.m. - Jacquie Hammond + week
St. Stephen's - Bob Cross
St. Luke's - Catherine Elliott

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**Gift Aid can boost Church finances:**

If you pay UK income or capital gains tax please help the Church by using the blue Gift Aid envelopes for your Open Plate donations. This will add approximately 25% to any donations you make, as the Church can reclaim the basic rate of tax from your donations. If you are or intend to donate via the Pledge Giving Scheme, you can complete a one-off Gift Aid declaration. 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.

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GENERAL NOTICES

Rev'd Andrew's Day-off this week will be Tuesday 13th December.

Rev'd Andrew's Installation Video: A video recording of Rev'd Andrew's installation is now available on CD. Priced at €10 per copy, the CD shows the entire one-hour event and, in addition to providing you with a personal record of the occasion, could make an ideal Christmas present for your friends and family. To order copies simply give your name, contact details and payment to the Warden on duty at your church. (Please allow two weeks for production).

The CD can now be ordered (and paid for) through the church website.

Flowers for Christmas in Ayia Kyriaki: If you would like to enjoy fresh flowers in Ayia Kyriaki Church over the Christmas period you may wish to give a donation towards the purchase of the flowers. If so, please contact Catherine Whyteside on 99 132654.

NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Women's Group: To celebrate the Christmas spirit, the Women's Group would like to organise a bring and share Christmas Social on 15th December, 13.30 at St. Stephen's Church.

Please contact me, Rema Lawson, at womensgruppaphos@gmail.com or 97 766564 if you need further information.

Sunday 18th December - Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be available after the 8.15am service as well as after the 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols service at Ayia Kyriaki.

Recycled Cards: Sue and Lou will next be selling their recycled cards next **Sunday 18th December** after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. Sue & Lou make some

wonderful cards so do have a look, replenish your stocks, and help to support local charities.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Carol Singing: Please come and join the Clinic Visitors as they hold their annual carol singing in the General Hospital followed by the Friends' Hospice. They will meet on Monday 19th December at 9.30am at the Main Entrance to the Paphos General Hospital. Do come along and help to bring a little Christmas cheer into the lives of those who are sick in hospital.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS - 2017

Please note that dates are tentative and may be subject to change

Saturday 14th January - Bowling in Polis

Friday 10th February - MF Dinner Dance at Kamares Club (tbc) OR

Tuesday 28th February - Beetle Drive at Stephanie Restaurant

Tuesday 14th March - Nicosia Coach Trip

Monday 17th April - MF half Marathon Walk (tbc) OR

Sunday 16th April - Easter Lunch

Friday 19th May - Mini Golf

June - Latchi Boat Trip.

Ticket Sellers:

Ayia Kyriaki: Morning: Carolyn Hart (97 762371)
Evening: Duty Warden

St. Luke's: Jayne Preston (96 511321)

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

**News sheet items to Sarah Sait, please, by 10.00 a. m.
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