

Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos; St. Luke's Prodrumi  
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 15th December 2019

Third of Advent - Year A

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**Readings for Sunday 15th December**

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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35: 1-10 - Page 508  
**Psalm:** Psalm 146: 5-10 - Page 448  
**Second Reading:** James 5: 7-10 - Page 856  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 2-11 - Page 688

**Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki**

**Before:** Fugue - J. Pachelbel  
**After:** Meditation - J. Scott

**Sunday 22nd December**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7: 10-16 - Page 488  
**Psalm:** Psalm 80: 1-8 - Page 419  
**Second Reading:** Romans 1: 1-7 - Page 856  
**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18-end - Page 681

**Ayia Kyriaki 6.00pm - Carol Service with Choir**

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***COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK***

**Collect:** God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of China, Hong Kong and Macau. We pray for those who boldly live out their faith, challenging injustices even when they fear persecution. We pray for the lessening of the political and social tensions between the mainland of China and Hong Kong and the rest of the world.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Sokoto in Nigeria, for the Right Reverend Augustine Omole, and El Salvador in Central America, for the Right Reverend Juan David Alvarado Melgar.

**Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** We pray for Archbishop Michael, President Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and his staff. We pray for peace to settle on the holy cities of Jerusalem and Bethlehem as people gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child Jesus.

**Our Diocese:** We pray today for Archdeacon Christopher in Cyprus. We pray for his ministry, for the parishes of Cyprus, and for justice and peace across the island. This week we pray for the church of St. Andrew in Abu Dhabi and its daughter church in Al Ain called St. Thomas, and for the Priests of the Chaplaincy: Canon Andrew Thompson, The Reverend Gill Nisbet and for the Reverend Charlie Lloyd-Evans at Al Ain. We pray as well for Canon John Holdsworth, his son Ben and daughter Zoe, as they mourn the passing of their beloved wife and mother, Sue, whose funeral took place yesterday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory, alleluia.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We ask all to hold in prayer our Parish Priest Reverend Andrew, our Interim Associate Priest Reverend Canon Anthony, and readers Ann and Ray. We pray for the work of members of the three churches who gather funds for and distribute food to the many needy in our parish.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Margaret Sidebottom** whose funeral takes place on Tuesday.

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## *WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY AND THIS WEEK*

### Sunday 15th December

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

### Wednesday 18th December

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

### Friday 20th December

10.30am Carol Singing at the General Hospital - beginning at the Children's Ward  
2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

### Sunday 22nd December

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

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### *Duty Wardens for this week*

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Carolyn Hart

**St. Stephen's** - Bryn Jones

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

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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. **Please ask for a pen if you need one.**

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*

**Archdeacon John and Sue Holdsworth:** On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Archbishop Michael announced the following sad news – “Archbishop Michael Lewis is very sad to announce the death, in Wales, on Sunday 8 December of Mrs Sue Holdsworth. The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf and very many beyond it extend their love and offer their prayers to Canon John Holdsworth and to Ben and Zoe, son and daughter of Sue and John, and their families. The funeral will take place on Saturday 14th December at 1.30 pm at St John the Baptist Church, Callwen, Glyntawe (Swansea Valley), followed by internment in the churchyard.” Reverend Andrew.

**Christmas Card Project – Update 6:** we are nearly there with this endeavour and all that is left is to sell the final packs to those who have run out of cards or to visitors who need the best last minute cards that money can buy. A huge thank you to all who have supported us, to the sellers at St Luke’s and St Stephen’s and to Chris Marsh for all her immense hard work in coordinating and enthusing us all about this project. It has gone very well and there will be more news in the next couple of weeks about this work. Meanwhile keep writing and sending those parish cards – they are unique! Reverend Andrew

#### **Christmas Cards Project 2019 Update:**

Dear Parishioners

**We did it!** I am delighted to announce that the card sales have now exceeded well over €2000 and it would not have been possible without the support of all who bought ACP Christmas cards and did so with generosity.

I will publish a grand total in the New Year because there is one Sunday left to go and I am optimistic that some good folk may need a last minute pack of cards or even wish to stock up for next year!!

Thank you very much once again for your kindness and to the card sellers,

the card packers and selection committee and most of all to Reverend Andrew who encouraged me when this project seemed such a scary undertaking. It has enabled us to give a very decent donation to the work of the Anglican Churches of Paphos.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.  
Christina Marsh. Christmas Card Project Coordinator

**Jill and Andrew Dare:** this Sunday will be the last Sunday that Jill and Andrew will be worshipping at St Stephen’s as members of the parish. Next week, they move back to Brighton to live permanently in the UK. They have been stalwart members of St Stephen’s for a good number of years and we thank them for their strong involvement in the life of the parish and send them our prayers and best wishes for their move.

Reverend Andrew.

#### **A CORRECTION TO A PREVIOUS NOTICE: Syrian refugee families in**

**Paphos and Polis:** most of us are very aware that there are a considerable number of Syrian families living in our communities who have been forced to flee their homes because of the ongoing conflict in their country. Many of them remain in need despite trying to fend for themselves in a new land. A couple of Sundays ago, the wives of three such families came to the Sunday service at St. Stephen’s, seeking help. Their husbands had been injured whilst working on local building sites, making them unable to continue such work, for the time being, and their family finances are in difficulties. Our entire ethos as a Church is built on helping those in need. On this occasion I felt unable to give immediate financial support but feel that some people may be able to help through offering work. Therefore, if anyone is looking for a local cleaner and is prepared to use the services of one of these women, then please contact Judith Perrett on 97 682150.

Reverend Andrew.

**Volunteers:** Several weeks ago, I asked for volunteers and several people have joined groups as a result. Thank you. However, it apparent that we urgently need new people to **volunteer to lead Intercessions in our services.** This is a rewarding job (not too difficult) and if you are rostered will take just a little over an hour, or so, of your time. There is lots of help

available to get you started – books with ideas and websites and others to help you. In late December and January, we are down to a tiny handful of volunteers – especially at St Stephen's. In short, we urgently need more people across our three churches to assist. Please would you give thought as to how you might assist. Reverend Andrew.

**Scene at Synod – Latest Edition:** This was published electronically last week and can be viewed by going to the Church website: [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org) > News > Diocesan Happenings > Scroll down the page to ISSUE 14 DECEMBER 2019 SceneAtCypgulf. It contains front-page news of Archbishop Michael's installation as Archbishop of our Province, news about the break up of the Province, a Diocesan finance update, news about February's Synod, news about Ministry in the Diocese. AND Paphos gets a mention and last but not least, spot the photo where you see our Reader, Ray Elliott hard at work. Reverend Andrew

**A Senior's Exercise Class – a new innovation:** Julia Stevenson from St. Stephens, is going to run a Seniors' exercise class from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 on Thursday mornings 10.30am-11.30am at St. Stephens Tala. For most of the class, you will be sitting on chairs and we will, also, do exercises and games for memory and mental agility. €3 per session. Money to go to church funds. Please ring me if you are interested. I can only take 12 to start with. We will have tea/coffee after the class and a chat. Please wear comfortable clothes. My number is 96 541639, or contact me at: [juliaannstevenson@icloud.com](mailto:juliaannstevenson@icloud.com)

**What can you do during Advent?** Maggie Le-Roy (Diocesan Retreats Facilitator) writes: here are two simple ways to help you keep the season of Advent: A simple *Online Advent Retreat - Small Simple Ways*: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/> or try these *Tiny Advent Poems – A poem and picture for each day*: <https://engageworship.org/ideas/tiny-advent-poems>. You can also access our Diocesan Advent Course *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, for individual or group use, on the diocesan website at <https://cypgulf.org/resources/spiritual-resources/>  
Let us know what you think. Reverend Andrew.

## *NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY*

**Carol Singing at the General Hospital** will take place on **Friday 20th December**, all are invited. Meeting at 10.30am outside the Children's Ward at the General Hospital. Hope to see you there.

**Ayia Kyriaki Carol Service:** a reminder that on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 6.00pm the more traditional of our three Carol Services will be held at Ayia Kyriaki. The service will consist of seven Lessons and carols and the choir will be singing, as well. Please join us, if you can. Reverend Andrew.

## *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**A Service to mark the Week of Christian Unity:** on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** at **6.00pm at Ayia Kyriaki**, we will, once again, join with members of St Paul's Catholic Parish and other Christians in Paphos to mark this important week of prayer in the church's calendar. This year's service has been prepared by Christians in Malta and has a distinct theme of St Paul's ministry running through it. Please mark the date in your diary and join us. Reverend Andrew.

**Canon Anthony's Farewell:** Canon Anthony's final service with us, in his capacity as Associate Priest, will be on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at **6.00pm at Ayia Kyriaki**. Archbishop Michael, and Bishop (Retired) Dominic Walker (our preacher at this service and the 11.00am service) will be with us along with Archdeacon Christopher. Following the Eucharist there will be a reception at St Paul's Tavern where a finger buffet will be served. Tickets for the reception will be available soon. As we give thanks for Canon Anthony's four years of ministry with us, so we also use this important occasion to thank him for all that he has done, for us, and to wish him well as he retires. Please mark the date in your diary and join us. Reverend Andrew.

## *SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS*

*Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome*

**18 January** - Cosmic Bowling followed by a meal at a local restaurant. Commencing 5pm at a total cost of €15. Tickets available from Sunday 15th December.

### **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)

### **Proposed Social Events for 2020**

**25 or 29 Feb** - Beetle/Quiz or Chinese Meal

**10 March** - Nicosia Coach Trip

**12 April** - Easter Lunch

**13 April** - Sponsored Walk (MF)

**Apr/May** - Spring Fayre (MF)

**16 or 23 May** - Mini Golf

**June** - Boat Trip or Lavender Festival

**18 July** - Annual BBQ

**News sheet items to Sarah Sait, please, by 10.00 a. m.  
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## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019**

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

**Carol Service - Sunday 8 December  
St Stephen's – 11.00 am**

**Carols for Christmas - Saturday 14 December  
St Luke's – 5.30 pm**

**Carol Service - Sunday 22 December  
Ayia Kyriaki – 6.00 pm**

**Midnight Mass - Tuesday 24 December  
St Stephen's – 11.30 pm**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Wednesday 25 December**

**Ayia Kyriaki – 8.15 am Holy Eucharist  
St Luke's – 11.00 am Holy Communion  
St Stephen's – 11.00 am Holy Communion**

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