

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.

Sunday 15th February 2015

Sunday next before Lent - Year B



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS
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Readings for Sunday 15th February

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First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12... Page 260
Psalm: Psalm 50: 1-6... Page 404
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6... Page 818
Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9... Page 714

Sunday 22nd February

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17... Page 6
Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-10... Page 393
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22... Page 858
Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15... Page 707

Choral Evensong 6.00pm at Ayia Kyriaki

Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-10
First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17
Second Reading: Mark 1: 9-15

An Invitation to Communion:

All are invited to the Communion Table.

I invite you, not because it is my table,

but because it is the Lord's Table

and the Lord extends an invitation to all.

Come, whether you think yourself worthy, or not.

Come, whether you feel strong in faith, or not.

Come, whether you have deep understanding, or not.

Come, whether you do so frequently, or not.

Come! The invitation is the Lord's.

Prayers for this Week

This week we pray for the **Diocese of Jerusalem** and the **Most Rev'd Suheil Dawani**; for the countries it covers, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Syria and the Lebanon; we pray for peace in the Land of the Holy One. In our own Diocese we pray for Michael our Bishop and Julia his wife, for Archdeacon John and his wife Sue, and Archdeacon Bill and his wife Edie. We pray for the Retreat house in Katafiyio, for those who take time in retreat and rest there and for those who maintain and promote its ministry. We pray for St. Helena's Larnaca, only having a relatively small congregation and are thankful for the commitment and engagement of that congregation: their willingness to be part of our ministry and their enthusiasm for mission. We pray for the work of the School for Handicapped Children in Larnaca, and for the church's growing relationship with the School; we pray for all in leadership positions in St. Helena's and especially for the church wardens, Elsie and Rowena; and for development of the work with young families. We continue to pray for our Parish Priest Nic and his family, for the worship team, the Wardens and members of the Church council.

What's going on today and this week

Sunday 15th February

8.15am Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Nic) - Ayia Kyriaki
 9.30am Holy Eucharist - (Rev'd Marian) - St. Luke's
 11.00am Holy Eucharist - (Rev'd Nic) - St. Stephen's
 6.00pm Sung Eucharist - (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki

Tuesday 17th February - Shrove Tuesday

7.00pm Beetle Drive / Pancakes - Stephanie Restaurant

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

9.00am Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
 (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki

9.30am Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Rev'd Nic)
 - St. Luke's

11.00am Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
 (Rev'd Andrew)- St. Stephen's

Thursday 19th February

10.00am Ecumenical Bible Study - phone 26652057 for details.
 3.00pm Women's Group Meeting - St. Stephen's

Friday 20th February

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Sunday 22nd February

8.15am Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki
 9.30am Holy Eucharist - (Rev'd Kay) - St. Luke's
 11.00am Morning Worship - (Reader Ann Bailey) - St. Stephen's
 6.00pm Choral Evensong - (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki

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#### **For the work of the Church - w/e 1st February 2015**

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| <b>Ayia Kyriaki:</b> €260.61  | <b>Pledges:</b> €185.00 |
| <b>St. Stephen's:</b> €388.00 | <b>Pledges:</b> €302.00 |
| <b>St. Luke's:</b> €104.00    | <b>Pledges:</b> €115.00 |

**Open Plate Total : €752.61**

**Pledges Total: €602.00**

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For the work of the Church - w/e 8th February 2015

Ayia Kyriaki: € 303.92	Pledges: €111.00
St. Stephen's: €334.80	Pledges: €260.00
St. Stephen's: €20 donation	
St. Luke's: €145.50	Pledges: €20.00

Open Plate Total : €804.22 including the €20 donation

Pledges Total: €391.00

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*THIS PARISH OF OURS*

**Duty Wardens for week**

**Ayia Kyriaki - 8.15 a.m.** Sarah Sait + week

**Ayia Kyriaki - 6.00 p.m.** Sarah Sait

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

**St. Luke's -** Bob Wickens

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A Notice for our U.K. Visitors

Gift Aid - The Anglican Church of Paphos, through the Jerusalem and East Mission Trust UK Endowment Fund, is recognised by the UK tax authorities as a registered UK charity. Any donations made by UK Taxpayers are eligible for Gift Aid. In order to participate, a Gift Aid envelope must be completed and submitted to the Church. **So that we can claim back any tax, it is vitally important that the information required on the front of the blue Gift Aid envelope is completed IN FULL. If this is not done we are unable to make a valid claim.**

Your participation in the Gift Aid Scheme is much appreciated as the church is totally self-supporting. Thank you.

Gift Aid envelopes are provided with the Weekly Notice Sheet for your convenience.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Rev'd Nic and his family will be away from the evening of Sat 21st to the evening of Thursday 26th Feb. during their children's half-term school break.

**Wardens and Bishop meeting re Paphos Parish:** Since the recent announcement of my departure as the Senior Priest in Paphos, probably at the end of April, the Wardens took steps to meet with Bishop Michael Lewis to discuss a replacement. Your Parish Council already noted issues regarding this at its meeting in January, and Minutes of that meeting, approved this past week, will now be publicly displayed as usual.

Notes are also in the Jan-Feb 2015 Newsletter just distributed via email, with a copy of a Resolution of Council sent to Bishop Michael for your information.

The Bishop was unable to meet with the Wardens until this coming week. Please pray for them all in this important matter. Please also understand that when it is appropriate to communicate information, the Wardens will do so, but please do not request "daily updates", not because of "secrecy" or anything malicious, but because such matters must be handled circumspectly and as directed by the Bishop.

Obviously both Rev'd Andrew and I have deliberately placed ourselves outside the "information loop" on this, and at last week's February meeting of Parish Council, removed ourselves from the meeting when the Wardens asked for further feedback which Council felt they should carry with them to the Bishop. Should you have queries or issues, please speak to one of the Wardens.

**Rev'd Nic, on behalf of the Wardens and Parish Council, Feb 2015**

**Newsletters / Email addresses / Electoral Roll:** If you have an email address but don't yet receive our occasional parish emailings / Newsletters, please phone or email Di Sylvester. If any of your contact details have changed, please do the same. Similarly, if you are a regular worshipper at one of our 3 parish churches and live permanently or for a considerable period of time in Paphos (i.e. more than just a couple of months per year), and you wish to be on

our Electoral Roll of Parish Members and to vote at Parish Meetings and the Annual General Meeting, then also speak to Di, or to one of the Church Wardens or a Sidesperson at a service to request an Electoral Roll form.

### **Taking Steps in Faith**

#### **A 5-session course offered by Rev'd Nic prior to Easter**

I am pleased to offer a short course over 5 weeks, mainly in March.

#### **Focus:**

We are all on a journey, no matter how easy or hard we find it, no matter how close or far from God we may consider ourselves. We come to worship, whether frequently or occasionally, mainly on Sundays, but in a Sunday service we have limited opportunities to broaden our understanding of God or to learn "steps in faith". I will present and discuss this in a short series, using Christian sources at once contemporary and traditional, 'tried and tested through the ages'.

Want to know more? Come to Session One, at which you will also receive a significant printed handout - [you will need to inform us](#) that you will be coming so that material is ready for you.

If you decide, after Session One and reading the handout, that you do not wish to continue, that will be fine. It is also not a serious problem if you miss one or two of the 5 sessions, but please indicate this especially if you cannot be at the first one, so that a handout can later be given to you - they will only be made available from Session One.

#### **St. Luke's, Prodromi: Saturdays from 28 Feb., 11.30am - 12.45pm.**

Followed by a Lent Lunch of soup and rolls (€5 contribution)  
28 February, 7, 14, 21 and 28 March.

#### **St. Stephen's, Tala: Tuesdays from 3 March, 10.00 – 11.15am**

Days: 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 March.

**Inform: Di Sylvester, Hon. Parish Secretary** - including which church you will come to (Prodromi or Tala). Phone 99 103 976 or email [churchsecretary@paphosanglicanchurch.org.cy](mailto:churchsecretary@paphosanglicanchurch.org.cy)

If anyone who lives in the Kato Paphos area who attends AK Church and walks or uses public transport, need a lift to St. Stephen's, also inform Di and we will endeavour to arrange a lift for you.

#### **Parish Giving in the Season of Lent:**

Last February, as I became aware of the dire financial state of this church, I proposed that traditional "Lent Envelopes" which we used for additional financial giving to a church ministry, should instead be directed to our parish. This raised over €2,000 in place of the more usual €1,000.

However, this year, we wish once again to encourage people to give to another area of ministry in our Diocese, the Chaplaincy of Christ Church, Aden in Yemen. Work in the name of Christ continues there in spite of the dire state of other parts of Yemen, frequently reported in the media. A new priest was recently appointed there - a warm and lively Indian priest with the mellifluous name of T. Velvet John. If you feel so moved, please contribute to Aden during the season of Lent, either using envelopes provided at each church, or in your own marked envelope, or put cash into the baskets provided at the back of our 3 churches during Lent. [Whilst spending a day at the recent Synod to sell Fair Trade products, Colin Evans contributed all profit from sales to the Aden project as well.]

The Wardens and I considered that sufficient requests for giving to our parish had been made and were ongoing (e.g. the 101 Club), hence we felt it would be inappropriate this year to once again ask for money for Paphos. Of course, if someone felt this was more appropriate (as one person already strongly suggested), there is

nothing to stop anyone at any stage from giving to both, or only to the parish - the choice as always is yours! And however and to whomever you give, may it be done cheerfully and generously according to your means!

**Rev'd Nic, also on behalf of the Wardens**

**I would like to say** a very big 'Thank-you' to everyone who helped making the palm crosses over two Saturdays. It was great entertainment (and no-one is letting on who ate all the biscuits!) We will be meeting again to make palm crosses for our own churches on Saturday 21st March, so please make a note in your diary.  
*Margaret Keeble*

**Café Direct:** This month's sales at Ayia Kyriaki and St. Stephen's were 24 items, of which 2 were discounted. This resulted in a profit to the Church of €23.10.

**Social & Fundraising Committee** are looking for people with fresh ideas on social and fundraising events to join the committee. Meetings are held every 4-6 weeks and it would be advantageous to encourage representatives from each worship area. If anyone is interested, please call Chris Hoskins on 97 753973.

**Diary Co-ordinator:** At the recent Christmas Fayre and fundraising meeting it was identified that there is an urgent need for a whole parish diary co-ordinator to operate a booking system of events to prevent overload and conflict of interests. This was discussed at this month's Council meeting and Sarah Sait has agreed to update the website diary and to bring to individuals attention should there be a clash of dates.

**Further News of the Possible Anglican Church of Paphos**

**Christmas Cards Project:** My very grateful thanks to all those who have come to the recent meetings to share their thoughts and expertise and for the e-mail support. I am now ready to hear from all those who feel they, or someone they know, would like to design

a card. I can send you more detailed information of what we are looking for. Assuming the project gets Council approval, we will need all the artwork by the end of April so that four Christmas cards designs can be chosen and printed. I need to know we have people who would like to design cards so I can complete the business plan to present to the Council meeting in March. I look forward to hearing from all those who are interested by the end of February, please.  
***Penny Smith 99 266853; john.penny.smith@mail-box.co.uk***

*NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK and NEXT SUNDAY*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Lent Quiet Day planned for tomorrow, Monday 16th February, has been cancelled due to a lack of interest.

**Women's Group:** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday February 19th** at 3pm at St. Stephen's when the speakers will be Maxine and Martin from the Cancer Support Group. They will tell us the history of the Group and what it's very important role and function is. Tea and cake afterwards, all ladies welcome. For catering purposes please let Julia know if you will be attending. Many thanks.

**A "Farewell Lunch"** is being organised for **Bob and Jean Wickens** at the Kamares Club on **Sunday 22nd February at 1pm** and all are welcome. The menu is Open Starter Buffet, Hot Carvery, various Desserts / Cheese & Biscuits. Cost (by ticket) is €15 per head - drinks extra. Tickets are available from Duty Wardens (AK), Norma & Gordon Redpath (SS) and Ray Elliott (SL).

**Recycled Cards:** Sue and Lou will be selling their recycled cards on Sunday 22nd February after the 8.15am service in the church office kitchen area and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. They have a good selection of all kinds of cards so do have a browse and, hopefully, replenish your stocks.

## *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**Coffee, Company, Craft and Chat:** We meet on Fridays at St. Stephen's Church between 2 and 4 p.m. All are very welcome so do come along and bring a friend if you can. Come when you like and bring a project you are working on, join in with something the group has on the go or come for the company and some of the delicious cake.

At the session on **Friday 27th February**, Sue and Lou will be coming to show us how to make the cards they recycle and sell in our churches. Please make a note of the date and join us if you can. More information is available from **Mary Brown 99 863194** or **maryb42@hotmail.co.uk** Please also contact her if you would like to come and introduce the group to a craft you enjoy.

*Penny Smith*

**Women's World Day of Prayer** will take place at 2pm on Friday 6th March 2015 at Ayia Kyriaki. All are welcome to attend this special service, including gentlemen.

## *SOCIAL EVENTS*

**Beetle Drive/Pancakes** - to be held at Stephanie Restaurant on Shrove Tuesday 17th February 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Price €15, three course meal. Coffee or Tea and Brandy/Liqueur

**Nicosia Coach Trip** - Tuesday 17th March

**Chinese Meal** - Chloe's, Tomb of the Kings, on April 24th or 25th (date tbc).

**Mini Golf** - 23rd May (buffet included)

**Argaka Fun Afternoon** - 13th June

**Annual BBQ** - 18th July

## **Ticket Sellers:**

**Ayia Kyriaki:** Morning: Gerald & Trisha Payne (96 620721)  
Evening: Liz & Bob Pearce (26 934174)

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

**St. Stephen's:** Gordon & Norma Redpath (26 654392)

## **CONTACTS**

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## A wider view - Cyprus and the Gulf Synod 2015

My first visit to Synod coincided with two new ideas being introduced. One was the idea of a prayer partner. I was linked to Shelia one of the 'Friends' of the Diocese. We managed to meet on the first afternoon and then joined the same discussion group (the second idea). In these we were asked to think about: What should a diocese be? What should it do? How should it finance its work? Notes were taken by the leaders and considered by the Standing Committee before the final motion 'Our common Life' the way ahead was phrased on Friday. For me it was good to meet closely with clerics and lay people from the Gulf part of our diocese. Thereafter we seem to be always bumping into group members once we could recognize each other. It was good to hear how other churches worked and other members' experience. For this reason alone I think it was good for the participants, we hope the standing committee finds some if not all of the suggestions useful.

The worship times were excellent, well planned with many new hymns. As someone from a Methodist background I missed the usual addresses. I understand that we had to leave time for the business of the Synod. We had a quiet morning at St George Mavrovouni Monastery the reflection was led by the Very Rev. Hosam Naoum The Dean of St George's Cathedral Jerusalem. Who also gave two further addresses. We were then encouraged to go out and wander about but to keep silent. This meant we could hear the sparrows chirping like excited children on an outing. We then came together to share short prayers.

As part of his talk he mentioned Job and I thought we in Paphos now had a better understanding of what happened to him and we look to the Lord to revive us as He did Job.

The reports from the parishes' included a short film from the Bishop's office introducing all the new members of staff in Cyprus. It seems that all the churches in Cyprus are experiencing some degree of financial difficulty and several including ourselves have had their contributions reduced.

On a more cheery note later in the week we saw what Exeter had been doing. They decided to use some of their reserves to fund church

projects. 'Million for Mission' has used money for a charity bank, food banks, coffee rooms, and family support. While not all projects have met with success many have and are leading to increasing congregations and local awareness of the churches within their community.

I found the whole week very physically challenging as it was a very packed programme. Everyone was very friendly and we had longer coffee breaks which gave opportunity to sit with others and briefly converse. If I go again I know I shall meet many friends. So to those who want to know more about Synod I say 'Come and See'

Brenda Bevan