

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 November 2015

Second before Advent - Year B



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS
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Readings for Sunday 15th November

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First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3... Page 636
Psalm: Psalm 16... Page 388
Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-25... Page 851
Gospel: Mark 13: 1-8... Page 719

Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14... Page 631
Psalm: Psalm 93... Page 425
Second Reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8... Page 867
Gospel: John 18: 33b-37... Page 767

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

We pray for Archbishop Justin and the Anglican Communion worldwide; for Archbishop Suheil Dawani and the Diocese of Jerusalem serving five countries, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel. We pray that the political and religious unrest in the area may be healed by more interfaith dialogue breeding a spirit of peace and reconciliation. In our own Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray; for all Ordinands, those being formed and trained for ordination, that they may pray and study deeply; for the Retreats Ministry operating from the Diocesan Office, tailor-made retreats are run for individuals and groups lasting one day or a number of days. **'Lord, you said to your disciples "Come with me, by yourselves, to a quiet place, and get some rest." Draw us all to that place of resourcing that we might be better equipped to live, work and worship you in this world.'** In our own Parish of Paphos we pray for our worship team led by the Rev'd Andrew supported by our two Readers Ann and Trev, our Organist in Residence Jane and Deputy Organist Bruce. Father God we pray for your guidance in our interregnum and that you will provide, in your due time, the right priest to fill the position of Parish Priest of the Anglican Church in Paphos.

- a) Ayia Kyriaki giving down €1368
- b) St. Luke's giving up €4382
- c) St. Stephen's giving down €318
- d) Donations to the Church from Funerals down €4881
- e) Other revenue including "anonymous donations" down €5844
- f) Combined total operating expenses down €81k of which more than €27k relates to Interregnum savings.

Other major savings relate to the closure of the Church Hall, reduced rents, lower Parish contribution and abolition of paid jobs last year. The emotional figure of Parish travel expenses shows a fall from €4024 to €2662."

2. The €200 lent to Rev'd Nic has been fully repaid.
3. A new Charity Bank account will be opened.
4. A report was received from the newly appointed Chairman of Fabric committee, this was very comprehensive and highlighted some areas of concern over the furniture in the Chaplaincy House needing to be replaced. Terms of Reference for the Fabric Committee were agreed.
5. Representatives and Observers for Synod 2016 were decided.
6. It was decided to run the adverts for Parish Priest and Associate Priest (HFD / Weddings) side by side and as soon as possible.
7. Reports were received from all the usual groups
8. Margaret Keeble reported on the Gift Aid Meeting that she and Rupert Dodds had attended in Larnaca.
9. Paul Timmins will seek to start his monthly organ recitals Jan 4th 2016.
10. We have agree to provide 10 Christmas boxes for refugee children in Cyprus, John S. in charge.
11. Next meeting January 13 2016. Chaired by Archdeacon John.

NOTICES FOR TODAY , THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Women's Group: Our final talk for 2015 will be from Joan Brewster, who says: My talk will be entitled: "From turf fires to computers in the classroom!" It is a light hearted look at 5 decades of change and humour in the classroom. This will be in St. Stephen's at 3pm, hosted by the ladies of St. Stephen's.

Please will you let me know if you are coming or not - it won't take long: just email or text with YES or NO and your name is all I need. Last time we had 12 ladies attending and enough food for 30 - such a waste!

There will be no meeting in December, so we will meet again on 21st January, when we can enjoy the drive to Prodromi, to hear Russ Fern telling us about his experiences as a fireman. Both of these will be followed, as usual, by a tempting afternoon tea.

If you would like further information, please contact me, Barbara Reid at b.reid32@gmail.com or ring 96 673393.

Two Sisters and a Funeral! The performance of the musical, written by Roger Jones and telling the story of Mary, Martha and Lazarus and their friendship with Jesus, will take place on **20th November** at PCFi (off the Tombs of the Kings Road) starting at 7pm. The choir and soloists have been working hard and are made up of members from the congregations of 6 churches in the Paphos area. Come and support the members of your church and enjoy this truly special evening.

Tickets €5 and information from Jane Roberts 97 751166.

An Evening with Devon, Saturday 21st November at St. Stephen's, 7pm.

Devon Brown, who sings the part of Lazarus in the musical 'Two Sisters and a Funeral' is one of Roger Jones' team of musicians and 'encouragers'. He has a wonderfully warm soulful voice, and for this evening, will perform several of his own songs as well as some by Roger Jones and share stories of his life and testimony. Don't miss out on what will be an evening of blessing and encouragement.

Recycled Cards: Sue and Lou will be selling their Recycled cards on Sunday **22nd November** after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. Please come along, have a browse and replenish your stock of Greetings cards.

Congregational Meeting: The next St. Stephen's Congregational meeting will be held at St. Stephen's on Monday 23rd November at 5.00pm.

ADVANCE NOTICES

A Date for your Diary: St. Luke's invites you to join them for "Carols for Christmas" on Saturday **12th December** at 5.30pm. Traditional Carols interspersed with Christmassy poems and readings, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. A warm welcome awaits you, your neighbours, family and friends. Come and celebrate the forthcoming Christmas season with us at St. Luke's, Prodromi.

Wednesday 2nd December at the Monte Lisa wedding venue, Mesogi Avenue, Paphos. Open to the public from 12 noon to 3.30pm. Any new helpers will be warmly welcomed; please contact Margaret Keeble.

Setting up day - Tuesday 1st December. VOLUNTEERS needed from 8.30am to move chairs and tables. Offers of help to Margaret Keeble (26 422380) or Gerald Payne (96 620721). Stallholders can set-up from 10.30am.

PROMOTIONAL FLYERS are now available at each Church. Please take as many as you like and distribute to your friends, neighbours, local tavernas, kiosks, clubs, etc. We need the publicity to attract visitors.

PLEASE, Will everyone who has taken **RAFFLE TICKETS** to buy or sell to friends ensure that the filled-in sold stubs, money and all unsold tickets are **RETURNED** to your distributor **NO LATER than SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER.**

Please note that Christmas Fayre notices are in alphabetical order so please remember to check all notices each week for additions and changes.

Book Stall: Grant and Hilary are now collecting your unwanted books and DVD's for the Christmas Fayre book stall. They can be left in labelled boxes at any of the three churches and we will collect them on a regular basis. If you have a lot of books or require assistance, please contact us on 99 922939 or grant8546@gmail.com Thank you. *Grant and Hilary Hammond*

Bottle Stall: Dex and Judith will be happy to accept contributions of cans of drink or bottles for the bottle stall. These can be left at any of the three Churches. Thank you. *Judith 97 682150*

Bric-a-Brac: If you have any unwanted items, in good condition, that would sell on the Bric-a-Brac Stall at the Christmas Fayre, they would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Jayne on 96 511321 or Sheila on 97 801544. **PLEASE NOTE** that the **final date for dropping off Bric-a-Brac** is Thursday 19th November as Jayne goes to the UK on 21st and is not back until late on 28th and items will need to be sorted and priced.

Craft Creations: This is the stall which will sell all those materials for handicrafts you have acquired in more enthusiastic times! Now is the time to turn out all the card making stuff, embroidery and tapestry, mosaics, candle making equipment, patchwork, woodwork, indeed any hobby materials you have no further time or interest in but others may pick up and enjoy. Please leave things at St. Stephen's or phone me on 26 911489 for collection. Many thanks. *Jill Dare.*

Nearly New: We are now accepting clothes for our stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 2nd. At Ayia Kyriaki things can be left in the Church office, at St. Luke's in Church or call Carolyn on 99 769272, for St. Stephen's call Joy on

99 496153. We thank you in advance.

PLEASE do not leave any more clothes at St. Stephen's for Joy Shefford as she has run out of space to store them, please bring them to the Monte Lisa on the day before the Fayre, after 10.30am.

Produce Stall: CALLING ALL BAKERS. Your skills are needed to supply and fill the Produce stall. Large and small cakes, pastries, both sweet and savoury items - anything you bake will be gratefully accepted. Also, fresh produce - fruit and vegetables - will be very welcome. Please fill-in the forms at the churches so as we know what you will be providing.

Raffle Tickets: Raffle Tickets are now available. 2,500 tickets are ready for you to take and sell to your friends and family in advance of the Fayre. Collect your supply today from Ray Elliott (St. Luke's), Ian & Caroline Geddes and Mary Brown (St. Stephen's), Gerald Payne, Margaret Keeble and Bob and Liz Pearce at Aya Kyriaki.

Rainbow Stall: The Rainbow Stall would be pleased to relieve you of your unwanted items of jewellery, toiletries and anything else we can sell on our colourful stall. Contact Di at St. Luke's on 99845687.

Sweets Stall: Carolyn Hart and Caroline Geddes would very much appreciate as much help as possible with the making of sweets (fudge, peppermint creams, etc.) for the Christmas Fayre sweets stall. Recipes are available.

Please contact Carolyn (AK), on 97 762371 or Caroline at St. Stephen's. Email: Carolyn.hart@btinternet.com OR Caroline on caroline.willisson@btinternet.com
Thank you so much in advance for your assistance.

Tombola: We are running the Tombola stall again this year. Last year with your help we managed to raise a good sum. We would be very grateful for prizes in the form of gifts, soaps, jewellery and any items that are in a new condition. Items can be left at any of the three churches labelled for the Tombola stall. Or if you would prefer

contact us on 99 957912 or by e-mail: chrisjcross@hotmail.com
Many thanks. *Chris and Bob Cross*

Yes we can! We did it last year and the year before!!

What is it? We changed WATER INTO WINE!!!

But I'm relying on YOU. I need bottles of wine (red, white or rosé)

Please leave them in the usual places, clearly marked "Water into Wine". Thank you, Jacquie Hammond.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Fantasia Social Evening/Quiz - including buffet - cost €10 - 28th November, commencing 7pm.

Ticket Sellers:

Aya Kyriaki: Morning: Carolyn Hart (97 762371)

Evening: Bob & Liz Pearce (26 934174)

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

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

News sheet items to Sarah Sait, please, by 10.00 a. m. on the Wednesday before publication. Tel: 26 272502; Mob: 99 437892; Email: sarahsait1995@gmail.com

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