



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 16th December 2018
Advent 3 - Year C

Parish Priest: The Reverend Andrew Burt

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Readings for Sunday 16th December

First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 -- Page 667
Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2-6 -- Page 492
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7 -- Page 832
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18 -- Page 726

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Four Preludes - J.C. Kittel
After: Fughetta in C minor - J. Krieger

Sunday 23rd December

First Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a -- Page 658
Canticle: Magnificat [Luke 1: 46b-55] -- Page 724
Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10 -- Page 850
Gospel: Luke 1: 39-55 -- Page 724

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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. Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** Please pray with the Bishop of St. Albans for the Revd Heidi Huntley and the people of St. John the Baptist church Royston, after a serious fire damaged the church in the early hours of the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** We pray for the Diocese of Iran, and the Vicar General the Revd Dr Albert Sundararaj Walters; for the congregations of the Episcopal Church of Isfahan, Tehran, Shiraz and Julfa, and for the diaspora of Iranian Christians scattered in many nations.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for the Archdeacon in Cyprus and for a successful recovery from his recent operation; for his ministry, for the parishes of Cyprus and for justice and peace across the island. This week we remember in our prayers St. Andrew's Abu Dhabi, and its daughter church in Al Ain called St. Thomas, always seeking to provide Christians of all traditions a safe and legal worship. We pray for the clergy in this Chaplaincy: Canon Andrew Thompson, The Reverend Gill Nisbet and The Reverend Charlie Lloyd-Evens.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We pray for our Parish Priest the Reverend Andrew, for our Associate Priest the Revd Canon Anthony, members of our worship team, wardens and members of our church council; and we pray that many will join us for our Carol Service in Ayia Kyriaki tonight.

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THIS PARISH OF OURS

Duty Wardens for this week

Ayia Kyriaki - Trisha Payne

St. Stephen's - Chris Hoskins

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.

## *GENERAL NOTICES*

**Electoral Roll:** I hope that by now you will have received information that will allow you to renew your membership of the Electoral Roll. Please look at it carefully and complete the form and return it as soon as

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

### Sunday 16th December

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

### Wednesday 19th December

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

### Friday 21st December

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

### Sunday 23rd December

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

possible. Please remember that we cannot assume that you are a member – you must actively re-apply. Yes, it's bureaucratic, but it helps us to keep our information up to date and ensures that we comply with Diocesan rules.

**New Wedding Vergers – WANTED:** Without the dedicated assistance of our eight current vergers, our wedding ministry would grind to a disappointing and alarming halt. Their role is crucial and we urgently need to add to their number. Wedding vergers normally work in pairs and their role is to look after the guests' needs during the service and to assist with the practical aspects of the service, itself. If you enjoy meeting people and would look forward to helping a couple to organise their service, you would make an ideal wedding verger. Vergers meet a couple once before their wedding and then assist at this couple's wedding. The work is enjoyable and you would be paired up with an experienced verger, to begin with. We are hoping that members of our regular congregation might offer themselves as well as 'swallows' who might be available in the early or later months of the wedding season: April to the end of October. It is a role that both men and women can work in. If you would like to know more, please speak to Canon Anthony or myself and most importantly, contact our Wedding Coordinator, Trudie Murphy on 99212627 or at:

[anglicanconfp@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:anglicanconfp@cytanet.com.cy) Reverend Andrew

**Posada Figures in our parish:** The tradition of Posada figures comes from Latin America. The nativity figures represent and remind us not only of the Nativity but also, as they are taken around various homes in the parish, the journey that Mary and Joseph had to make in order to arrive at Bethlehem. It's not too late to sign up to take part. Those who are taking part in 'hosting' the figures may wish to use the following prayers:

*A prayer to welcome the figures to your home:* Loving God, you are always present in our home, unseen and often unacknowledged. Help us to experience the joy of looking forward this Advent and make it a time of new beginnings. We welcome these figures from the nativity and pray

that you will bless this house and all who live and visit here. Amen.

*A prayer before they leave your home:* Lord God, as these figures of Mary and Joseph were welcomed into our home, we pray that other people will open their homes and their lives to you. Help all who will be involved in the Posada to celebrate with expectation the waiting time between now and Christmas. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reverend Andrew

#### **Christmas Fayre:**

Very grateful thanks and many congratulations to everyone involved with the Fayre this year. It was a wonderful occasion and a truly memorable day, the stalls looked fantastic and so many people commented on the excellent quality of the goods we had on offer. Despite the dreadful weather on the Tuesday the sun shone on us for a short period when the Fayre was open and although the attendance was 20% down on last year we still managed to make money for our charities and I am delighted to be able to tell you that we hope to distribute in excess of €8,000 to the list of worthy causes. Thank you all for making it possible for us to help others who are far less fortunate than ourselves. Margaret Keeble

**Christmas Fayre:** The total raised at the Fayre, 'in excess of €8,000', is a wonderful outcome and represents an immense amount of hard work and effort by all concerned. Thank you, again, to all who contributed and worked so hard. Reverend Andrew

**Pastoral Care Team - can you help?** Firstly, huge congratulations to Joy and Martin Collins for the 'Honorary Mention' they received at this year's 'Hearts of Gold' ceremony. It was so richly deserved for their 'volunteering and humanity'. Joy and Martin are part of the small Anglican Church Pastoral Care team.

This team is about to become smaller as we say 'Goodbye' to John and Elizabeth Finn, who have played an invaluable role in helping so many

needy people within our community. They will be sorely missed.

If there is anyone within our Church community who feels able to offer some time to help others in need, as and when an occasion arises, or to visit and befriend people who may be unable to come to Church services, please make yourself known. Thank you. Judith Perrett.

**Diocesan Prayer Guides:** After an absence of six months due to administrative problems to do with complying with the General Data Protection Regulations, the new Prayer Guide, for the next six months, is available. It contains information about all the parishes and chaplaincies in our Diocese along with prayer requests. Please take a copy.

*NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY*

**Recycled cards:** This year Sue & Lou made €1005 for local charities which they handed over at last Wednesday's Christmas Fayre.

Today they are starting all over again for next year by selling their cards after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. They make wonderful cards so do please pay them a visit, have a browse and replenish your stocks of Greetings cards - not Christmas cards and help local charities in the process.

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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

PROPOSED FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2019 (TBC)

Mid Jan - Meal & Quiz at the Fantasia Club

Mid Feb - Bowling in Paphos followed by a meal

5th March - Beetle Drive

12th March - Nicosia Coach Trip

21st April - Easter Lunch

22nd April - Sponsored Walk

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)

**News sheet items to Sarah Sait, please, by 10.00 a. m.
on the Wednesday before publication. Tel: 26 272502;
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**Advent Reflection**

*The following is an edited extract from a blog post written by The Reverend Michael K. Marsh, a priest in the Episcopal Church of West Texas in America. He writes an interesting series of sermons and blogs which can be found at <https://interruptingthesilence.com/> The blog is entitled: **Shh, Be Quiet, It's Advent**. The full version can be found at the above website.*

'The four Sundays of Advent are not the time when we prepare for Christmas but the time in which we are being prepared for Christmas. Advent is a time when the Church stands up in the face of the busyness of life, shopping, parties, cooking, traveling, and decorating and asks us to slow down, be still, and be quiet. We are to keep awake, looking and listening for the God who is always coming to us. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord. We watch and reflect on who we are. We look for the Christ in all the unexpected places – in the stuff of everyday life, in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. We live with expectancy and anticipation of God's presence in our lives. We wait for the angelic messenger that promises us that the womb of our humanity will bear a child named Jesus.

That is hard work any time but especially in one of the busiest times of the year which may just mean it is even more necessary. Advent reminds us that waiting and watching are holy work. So how do we do this?

Silence is the key. Silence is a way of waiting, a way of watching, and a way of listening to what is going on within and around us. We come to self-knowledge through stillness and silence, through attentiveness and watchfulness.

So I wonder what we would discover if, for the Season of Advent, we took five minutes or maybe ten to just sit in silence and stillness, waiting and watching. What would the Coming One show us and say to us?'





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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## **Sunday 2 December - Advent Sunday**

8.15 am Holy Eucharist (with incense), Ayia Kyriaki

6.00 pm Advent Carol Service, Ayia Kyriaki

## **Sunday 9 December**

11.00 am Carol Service, St Stephen's

## **Saturday 15 December**

5.30 pm 'Carols for Christmas', St Luke's

## **Sunday 16 December**

6.00 pm Carol Service (with choir), Ayia Kyriaki

## **Sunday 23 December**

All normal Sunday services

## **Christmas Eve**

11.30 pm Midnight Service/Mass, St Stephen's

## **Christmas Day**

8.15 am Holy Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki

11.00 am Holy Communion, St Luke's and St Stephen's

## **Wednesday, 26 December - St Stephen's Day**

9.00 am Holy Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki

For information on services, maps and directions  
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