

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 16th February 2020

Second before Lent - Year A

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Assoc. Priest Designate: The Reverend Ken Waters

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Readings for Sunday 16th February

Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 - Page 147
Psalm: Psalm 119: 1-8 - Page 436
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 - Page 807
Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-34 - Page 685

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Prelude in F major - J.S. Bach
After: Fugetta - J. Rembt

Sunday 23rd February

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18 - Page 85
Psalm: Psalm 119: 33-40 - Page 437
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23 - Page 808
Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48 - Page 684

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*COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Collect:** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of France, Germany and Monaco. We pray for churches and governments to effectively counter anti-immigrant populist sentiments in these countries so they truly will become more multi-ethnic.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa and The Most Reverend Albert Chama – Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia.

**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 a lessening of the heightened tension between Palestine and Israel as a consequence of the latest 'peace-plan' proposals, and for dialogue to continue.

**Our Diocese:** We pray today for the Provinces of the whole Anglican Communion, their people and Primates; especially Archbishop Michael and our Province. This week we pray for St. Helena's Church in Larnaca, its priest The Venerable Christopher Futchter and Associate Priests The Reverend Anne Futchter and The Reverend Geoff Graham.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We ask all to hold in prayer our Parish Priest Reverend Andrew, and readers Ann and Ray. We give thanks for the dedicated ministry of Reverend Canon Anthony and pray for him in his retirement.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Frederick John Anthony Parrish (Tony)** whose funeral took place last Thursday.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 16th February

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

Wednesday 19th February

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
10.15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting - St. Stephen's
11.15am Hospital & Clinic Visitors' Team Meeting - St. Stephen's

Friday 21st February

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Sunday 23rd February

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

Duty Wardens for this week

Ayia Kyriaki - Carolyn Hart

St. Stephen's - Bryn Jones

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. **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

Change of Service time at St Luke's: please note that in order to provide the best mix of services, while the parish has only one priest, it has been decided, in discussion with the St Luke's congregation that from Sunday 1st March until Sunday 19th April, the service at St Luke's will start at 11.00am and NOT at 9.30am. I appreciate that this may not suit everyone, but this change will allow me to conduct the morning service at Ayia Kyriaki and

then drive to St Luke's for their 11.00am service. Without the change, this would not be possible. Reverend Andrew.

Services of Communion by Extension: please note that between now and the arrival of The Reverend Ken Waters, there will be a number of services, in the parish, of Communion by Extension. These will be conducted by either Ann Bailey or Ray Elliott, our two Readers. This situation occurs because there is only one Priest in the parish, at the moment, and your support and understanding are appreciated. Please continue to give to both of them, your support and prayers as they work hard over this period. Reverend Andrew.

The Reverend Navina Thompson: The Reverend Navina is a non-stipendiary curate – the wife of Andy Thompson who is the vicar of St Andrew's Chaplaincy in Abu Dhabi. She was ordained to the priesthood in April 2019. Archdeacon John Holdsworth (Honorary Diocesan Directory of Ministry) asked during Synod whether the Anglican Church of Paphos would be able to accept Navina on a summer placement so that she could further her ministerial training and priestly formation in a different parish. I replied that we could and was assured that the Diocese would fund the bulk of the cost of Navina's placement.

HOWEVER, all rests on being able to find a suitable one-bedroom apartment for her. Her time with us would begin in April and may extend into September. *Do you know of a flat that we may be able to rent over this period?* This is a very exciting development as Navina would be able to work, particularly with the St Luke's and St Stephen's congregations and have a brief to meet all in the parish. Please pray that all the arrangements will fall into place, especially the provision of accommodation and for Navina, herself as she prepares to join us on our Christian journey. Reverend Andrew.



The Reverend Navina Thompson on the occasion of her ordination as a Deacon in 2018.

Lent Courses: Two different Lent courses will run in the parish, this Lent. A course focusing on the biblical passages in Handel's Messiah will run at St Luke's, led by Ray Elliott. This course, which is slightly longer than the usual Lent course, began on Saturday 15th February. If you are interested, please contact Ray Elliott, 97 648382. The second course will run at the parish house beginning on Tuesday 3rd March 10.00 for 10.30 for approximately an hour. This course will focus on answering the questions: 'What are the parts of the Bible that set your hearts on fire? What texts or passages or stories, in scripture, make your heart burn within you? The course will look at both Old and New Testament passages that relate to 'fundamental Biblical themes and motifs and which also find their echo in the Emmaus road story'. If you would like to join the group at the parish house, please make sure that you add your name to the sign-up sheet. Soup and rolls are served after both courses and a collection will be taken, in lieu of lunch, for the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in the Yemen – our Lent appeal. Reverend Andrew.

The Reverend Ken and Wendy Waters: we continue to wait for a date of their arrival in the parish but please hold them both in your prayers as they finish in Wissey Valley Benefice, in the Ely Diocese, and prepare to move, live and minister in our parish. Reverend Andrew.

Electoral Roll Officer – there is a vacancy in the Parish for an Electoral Roll Officer to continue the excellent work carried out by Gordon Redpath before his return to the UK. This is not an onerous task but does require confidentiality, computer literacy and a good working knowledge of Microsoft Excel. For more information please speak to either Reverend Andrew or Di Sylvester.

St Stephen's 'Shrapnel Fund': it was recently reported to Council that Tim Sabben-Clare, who oversees the collection and counting of this fund, distributed from it €460.00 worth of Papantoniou grocery vouchers to five needy families in Tala over the Christmas period. This distribution was made in consultation with the Mukta of Tala. The shrapnel fund is made up of copper coins that parishioners donate on a weekly basis. Thank you

to all who contributed to this fund at St Stephen's.
Reverend Andrew.

Collection Charity 'Pots': I am thrilled to bits to see how many people have already signed up for a 'pot' and taken it home to fill with euro coins over the remainder of the year. Thank you for getting behind this initiative. Thanks, as well to Sue and Lou, from St Stephen's, for providing the 'pots'! It is not too late to get your pot or if you are not sure what it is all about, there should still some copies of the introductory letter setting out our thinking behind this scheme of raising money for designated charities that will receive support from the parish, this year. Please support this important initiative – a simple and fairly easy way to support our parish charitable giving. Reverend Andrew.

Diocesan Synod 2020: Sarah Sait, Chris Hoskins (your parish representatives) plus myself, attended a stimulating but hard-working synod over the previous week. They will report in more detail but along with the business of the Diocese, we also attended worship three times a day, along with workshops and discussion groups, enjoyed four talks from The Reverend Dr Rima Nasrallah, a Christian theologian living and working in Beirut whose theme was 'discipleship in context' i.e. reflections on being a Christian disciple in the Middle East. We also enjoyed a wonderful visit to the amazing Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi that can hold up to 50,000 worshippers along with a very meaningful chrisem mass celebrated by Bishop Michael. Jacquie Hammond also attend as the Diocesan Sacristan and was particularly commended by Archbishop Michael for her dedicated work in preparing for over twelve services in three and a half days in a hotel room converted into a chapel for synod members.
Reverend Andrew.

Canon Anthony farewell: Canon Anthony was farewelled in some style on Sunday evening with Archbishop Michael presiding and Bishop Dominic preaching to great effect. Thank you to all who came – apologies for the squash in the restaurant but with most restaurants, near Ayia Kyriaki closed for the winter, we had few options. Thank you to our wardens at Ayia Kyriaki who organised the event, to all who donated to Anthony's

leaving present and to all of you who came. Canon Anthony is now away for over a month, on holiday, and we wish him a restful but enjoyable time in Asia. Reverend Andrew.

Our appeal for help for Glyn: a huge thank you to all who contributed food and toiletries for Glyn – the gentleman who contacted us earlier in January asking for help in the face of poverty along with the loss of accommodation and the loss of a job. Some of what you have donated has already been delivered and some will be held in reserve until later. *We will accept any donations that you may have brought, today, and after that, the appeal has come to an end.* Thank you, again, for your generosity, it has made a huge difference. Reverend Andrew.

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### *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** is just a week and a half away and marks the beginning of Lent. Communion services, with the imposition of ashes, will be held at Ayia Kyriaki at 9.00am, St Stephen's at 11.00am and St Luke's at 5.00pm. Please use these services to quietly signal your intention, to yourself, that you intend to keep a 'good' Lent of prayer and scripture reading and that your attendance is a sign that you intend to continue Lent, as you have begun. Reverend Andrew.

**Sue Holdsworth - a Service of Thanksgiving:** a service to give thanks for the life of Sue Holdsworth, the late wife of Archdeacon John Holdsworth, will be held at St Helena's church in Larnaca on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1.30pm. Various people will be attending from the parish – if you need a lift, please inquire. Reverend Andrew.

**A Service to mark the World Day of Prayer:** as advertised, this service will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in St Stephen's. It has traditionally been a service for women but, now, both men and women are encouraged to attend. The service has been written by Christian women in Zimbabwe and as, always, will reflect themes arising from this country and culture and we are called to 'Rise! Take your mat and walk' as we use this

service to pray and worship and learn more of Christians in this country. Please support this ecumenical service – bring a friend – and come to enjoy worship which will be different but stimulating and enjoyable. Sharing the leading of the service will be the Reverend Anne Futcher, wife of Archdeacon Christopher, who has recently taken up the development and promotion of the church’s social responsibility work in Cyprus. Please support Chris Hoskins who is coordinating this service. Reverend Andrew

**Congregation Meetings have been planned as follows:**

**St. Luke’s** - Sunday **15th March**, after the Service

**St. Stephen’s** - Monday **16th March**, in the afternoon, 2.30pm (tbc)

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Wednesday **18th March**, after the morning Service

**The Annual General Meeting** is planned to take place on **Saturday 21st March** at St. Stephen’s - 10 for 10.30am.

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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

Tuesday 25 February - Chinese Meal at the Phuket restaurant, Kato Paphos at a cost of €18. 7.00 for 7.30pm.

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

- 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. on the Wednesday before publication. Tel: 26 272502; Mob: 99 437892; Email: sarajsait1995@gmail.com

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