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(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.

18th December 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A



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You cannot take the Christ out of Christmas

***A message from Rev'd Andrew Burtt, Parish Priest,
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A few years ago, there was a Christmas poster campaign showing Joseph and Mary occupying a modern bus shelter on a cold winter's night.

Mary was wrapped up against the weather and is shown nursing the infant Jesus with curious passers-by looking into the shelter.

The poster was designed to remind all of us that the Christmas story can be updated and is relevant here and now and to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

That true meaning is focussed on God. For God, in love, gave his Son Jesus as a gift to the whole world. His Son who was human yet divine, grew into a man who by his teaching showed a needy world that God's love is given freely, without condition, to all who ask and who genuinely believe that it can be received as a gift.

We exchange gifts at Christmas as a reminder of this truth. When you give gifts, and show your love to your family and friends this Christmas you will be mirroring this aspect of God's love. A love which Christians and all people are asked to extend to a world in need both in and just beyond your ordinary day to day life.

I wish you all a joyous and happy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

Please make a note in your diaries

Sunday 18 December - 6.00 pm. Nine Lessons and Carols, Ayia Kyriaki

Christmas Eve - 11.30 pm. Midnight Mass, St. Stephen's

Christmas Day - 8.15 am. Christmas Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki
 - 11.00 am. Christmas Eucharist, St. Luke's
 - 11.00 am. Christmas Eucharist, St. Stephen's

Sunday 1 January 2017, St. Stephen's Day Eucharist
 - 8.15 am. and 6.00 pm. Ayia Kyriaki
 - 9.30 am. St. Luke's (Morning Worship)
 - 11.00 am. St. Stephen's

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**Readings for Sunday 18th December**

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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7: 10-16... Page 508  
**Psalm:** Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18... Page 724  
**Second Reading:** Romans 1: 1-7... Page 856  
**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18-25... Page 688

**Ayia Kyriaki 6.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols - Special Readings**

**Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62: 6-12... Page 529  
**Psalm:** Psalm 97... Page 426  
**Second Reading:** Titus 3: 4-7... Page 845  
**Gospel:** John 1: 1-14... Page 750

**Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52: 7-10... Page 523  
**Psalm:** Psalm 98... Page 426  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1: 1-12... Page 846  
**Gospel:** John 1: 1-14... Page 750

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PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Anglican Communion: Pray for the Anglican Communion worldwide and Archbishop Justin of Canterbury; for the Diocese of Armagh covering Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, and the Rt. Rev'd Ferran Glenfield.

The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East: Pray for the Diocese of Iran at present without a Primate as their shepherd, there are four churches, St. Luke's Isfahan, St. Paul's Julfra, St. Simon the Zealot Shiraz and St. Paul Tehran. We pray for the congregations of those churches and those who minister to them, remembering that this is in a predominately Muslim country.

Our Diocese: Pray for Archdeacon Bill in the Gulf; for the nations of the Gulf archdeaconry and all who live in them, citizens and others. We pray for St. Thomas Church Al Ain ministering to a new international community, a gathering of people in Christ, centred upon the Word and Sacraments.

In our own Parish of Paphos: We pray for our worship team led by our Parish Priest the Rev'd Andrew, supported by the Rev'd Canon Anthony and our Readers; and for all involved in our services of worship, Wardens, Sacristans, Eucharist Assistants, scripture readers, Intercessors, organists and the sidespeople, last but not least the members of the congregations attending.

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

**Sunday 18th December**

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

6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols - Ayia Kyriaki

**Monday 19th December**

9.30am Carol Singing - Paphos General Hospital

**Wednesday 21st December**

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

**Friday 23rd December**

2.00pm Craft & Coffee - St. Stephen's

**Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve**

11.30pm **Midnight Mass - St. Stephen's**

**Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day**

8.15am Christmas Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Christmas Eucharist - St. Luke's

11.00am Christmas Eucharist - St. Stephen's

6.00pm NO SERVICE - Ayia Kyriaki

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The Church Council have agreed to display a monthly "running total" showing income against outgoings provided by the Hon. Treasurer. This replaces the list of Collections and Pledges published weekly.

Accounts for NOVEMBER 2016 and year-to-date 2016

Money Received from Congregations:	€5,597
Money Received from Weddings	€1,490
Money received from 101 Club	€NIL
Money received from all other sources	€2,885
Money spent	€23,573
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(€13,601)
Money Received in YTD from Congregations	€78,258

Money Received YTD from Weddings	€97,375
Money Received from 101 Club YTD	€17,572
Money Received from all other sources YTD	€29,202

Money Spent in 2016 YTD	€171,950
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) 2016 YTD	€50,457

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***THIS PARISH OF OURS***

**Duty Wardens for this week**

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

**Ayia Kyriaki - 6.00 p.m.** - Margaret Keeble + week

**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.

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.

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***GENERAL NOTICES***

**Rev'd Andrew's Day-off this week will be Thursday 22nd December.**

**The Reverend Andrew will be on leave from Monday 26th December until Friday 13th January.**

**Rev'd Andrew's Installation Video:** A video recording of Rev'd Andrew's installation is now available on DVD. Priced at €10 per copy, the DVD shows the entire one-hour event and, in addition to providing you with a personal record of the occasion, could make an ideal Christmas present for your friends and family. To order copies simply give your name, contact details and payment to the Warden on duty at your church.

The DVD can now be ordered (and paid for) through the church website.

**Flowers for Christmas in Ayia Kyriaki:** If you would like to enjoy fresh flowers in Ayia Kyriaki Church over the Christmas period you may wish to give a donation towards the purchase of the flowers. If so please contact Catherine Whyteside on 99 132654.

**Has anyone found** a tablet, in a white case, that has been mislaid at the Christmas Fayre in the Kitchen, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine area? If you have found it or know where it might be please contact Bill Ogden on 26912121. Thank you.

**Café Direct:** This month's round of sales at Ayia Kyriaki and St. Stephen's resulted in 30 items being sold, of which 4 were discounted. This resulted in a profit to the Church of €24.05.

**Christmas Fayre:** a huge thank you to all involved in the Fayre and a special thank you to the conveners of the various stalls - thank you for all your hard work. A wonderful total has been raised and we should be very proud, as a parish, of this particular achievement. *Rev'd Andrew*

**Raffle:** Is your name Chris, and do you have a raffle ticket No. 1053 from the Christmas Fayre? If so would you contact Ray on 97648382 to

claim your prize. The phone number on your ticket stub is unobtainable!

**Carols for Christmas:** A packed St. Luke's Church held their annual Carols for Christmas last Saturday. This is an outreach service and we attracted plenty of people who do not normally attend church, but came to sing the Carols and listen to the age-old story of a baby's birth. The poems and readings ranged from traditional verse to light hearted modern writing, which had everyone laughing. Plenty of mulled wine after soon relaxed us all, the delicious Christmas pies and tarts quickly disappeared and we were happy to entertain both strangers and old friends. Although 3 people were ill on the day, offers to replace them came quickly thanks to the St. Luke's team. The family atmosphere was joyful and who knows, we might have some more folk who want to join us. It was a wonderful start to the Christmas Season and almost €200 was raised for the Dreamland Mission Hospital in Kenya. Well done to you all. *Carole McCandlish*

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

**Sunday 18th December** - Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be available after the 8.15am service as well as after the 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols service at Ayia Kyriaki.

**Recycled Cards:** Sue and Lou will next be selling their recycled cards next **Sunday 18th December** after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. Sue & Lou make some wonderful cards so do have a look, replenish your stocks, and help to support local charities.

**Carol Singing:** Please come and join the Clinic Visitors as they hold their annual carol singing in the General Hospital followed by the Friends' Hospice. They will meet on Monday 19th December at 9.30am at the Main Entrance to the Paphos General Hospital. Do come along and help

to bring a little Christmas cheer into the lives of those who are sick in hospital.

### *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**Confirmation Course:** A confirmation course will begin in mid-January with a Confirmation service scheduled at Ayia Kyriaki for Sunday 5th March at 6.00pm. The confirmation course is open to anyone in the parish with the only proviso being that you are keen to explore a further commitment to the Christian faith. If you are in Polis, it may be possible to come to an arrangement over travel. Please refer to Canon Anthony or myself if you have any questions and let us know if you wish to be included. If you wish to join by way of a refresher course - that, too, would be possible. *Rev'd Andrew*

**A Service to mark The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Advance notice that this yearly service will be held on Friday 20th January at Ayia Kyriaki at 6.00pm. This is an important service that we share with all Christians in Paphos and in particular our Latin friends. It will be an attractive and engaging service and I urge you to consider attending.

### *SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS - 2017*

**Please note that dates are tentative and may be subject to change**

**Saturday 14th January** - Bowling in Polis

**Friday 10th February** - MF Dinner Dance at Kamares Club (tbc) OR

**Tuesday 28th February** - Beetle Drive at Stephanie Restaurant

**Tuesday 14th March** - Nicosia Coach Trip

**Monday 17th April** - MF half Marathon Walk (tbc) OR

**Sunday 16th April** - Easter Lunch

**Friday 19th May** - Mini Golf

**June** - Latchi Boat Trip.

#### **Ticket Sellers:**

**Ayia Kyriaki:** Morning: Carolyn Hart (97 762371)  
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. Mob: 99 437892; Email: [sarahsait1995@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsait1995@gmail.com)**

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