

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 1st December 2019

Advent Sunday - Year A

Parish Priest: The Reverend Andrew Burt

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Readings for Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday - Year A

Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 - Page 484
Psalm: Psalm 122 - Page 440
Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-end Page 804
Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44 - Page 701

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Adagio - J.S. Bach
After: Pastorale - D. Roth

Sunday 8th December

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 - Page 491
Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-7 - Page 414
Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-13 - Page 805
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12 - Page 682

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*COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Collect:** Almighty God, as your Kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of Myanmar and Thailand. We pray for those victimised by sex tourism and exploitation, and those who perpetuate such acts. We also pray for the faithful witness of churches which advocate, with others, for greater justice.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion.

**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 peace and the calming of tension between Iranian backed forces in Syria and Israel.

**Our Diocese:** We pray today in thanksgiving for the life of our diocese in all its' rich particularity. This week we pray for St. Paul's Anglican church in Kuwait, and for those who minister there - especially The Reverend Michael Mbona and The Reverend Peijin Zhu.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We ask all to hold in prayer our Parish Priest Reverend Andrew, our Interim Associate Priest Reverend Canon Anthony, and readers Ann and Ray. We also pray for those involved in the discussions regarding the church budget for 2020.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY AND THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday - Year A

8.15am Holy Eucharist - **(includes incense)** - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's
11.00am Holy Communion - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Advent Carol Service - Ayia Kyriaki

Wednesday 4th December

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

Friday 6th December

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Saturday 7th December

3.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols - St. George in the Forest, Troodos

Sunday 8th December

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

6.00pm Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

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### **Duty Wardens for this week**

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Sarah Sait

**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

The House for Duty Post: following on from the advertisement for this post, the interview process, involving one candidate, will begin on Tuesday 3rd December with a final interview on Wednesday 4th December. This is very encouraging news. Please pray for all involved that the right decisions

will be made concerning the appointment of a new Associate Priest.
Reverend Andrew.

Christmas Cards Project Update 5: Parishioners and visitors continue to purchase our cards but I would like to ask your help, in the next few weeks, to achieve our target of over €2000.00 to donate to support the work of the Anglican Church in Paphos that we all benefit from. If we can sell 40 or more packs of cards, that is 14 packs per church, it can be achieved.

If you have already bought your own cards then please can you pass on a flyer to friends and relatives who may not come to church but might be interested in our unique cards. You can find them next to the hymn books and service booklets in your church.

Please note that stocks of "Gabriel Visits Mary" and "Holy Door" designs are selling out. Buy while they are still available!

Every bit of help and every pack sold will be much appreciated. I sincerely believe that we all love receiving real cards at Christmas especially by post. Consider that they can cheer some-one's day and be seen all through Christmastide!

Thank you for your support, so far and in anticipation of a great result by Christmas.

Christina Marsh – 96015718 or chrismarshy2012@hotmail.com

St Stephen's Church Diary & Shrapnel Fund. Tim and Susie Sabben-Clare will be out of the island from 1st to 10th Dec inclusive. During their absence Chris Hoskins has kindly agreed to look after the Shrapnel Fund and Church Diary. If you wish to make any bookings for St Stephen's between the above dates, please contact Chris Hoskins. Otherwise please contact Tim on his return.

Personal Planned Giving to the Anglican Church of Paphos: those who give through our planned giving scheme (also known as our pledged giving scheme) have been contacted as to their intentions for 2020. Envelopes for the coming year, are being prepared for those in the scheme. This scheme is important as it puts a measure of discipline into our giving and assists our treasurer as he prepares next year's budget. A huge thank you

to those who contribute by way of this scheme.

If you would like to commit to this way of giving (no matter what the amount) please contact our pledge giving coordinator, Sarah Sait at sarahsait1995@gmail.com Reverend Andrew.

Advent and Aleppo. What is the connection?

Advent starts today - our four week preparation until our celebration of Christ's Mass on December 25th.

Many churches in our Diocese will take out all flowers; the colour will be purple the same as Lent. But unlike Lent we tend not to hold special "Teaching Courses" - never-the-less it is a Penitential time. Your Cypriot neighbours will probably hold a four week Fast just as they do during Lent. So Advent is a time for thought, reflection, prayer and action.

In the newsletter last week (page 6) there was a very short article "Syrian Families in Paphos and Polis" and this gave me cause to remember a book which I had recently read "The Beekeeper of Aleppo".

Although this is a novel the author, Christy Lefteri, herself a child of Cypriot refugees sets out to tell the story of Nuri and his wife Afra and their unspeakable loss and overwhelming pain at the death of their young son. Theirs is a perilous journey which they are forced to make through a broken world and dangerous situations.

The author writes this moving, compassionate and beautiful testament after working with a Unicef Supported Refugee Centre in Athens. Here she gained historical facts and witness accounts.

This compelling story had me gripped from the onset. It is intelligent, thoughtful and relevant, yet very gently written.

Benjamin Zephaniah says, "I am recommending this book to everyone I care about. So, I am recommending it to you".

I totally agree with him - make it your Advent reading.

@christy_lefteri; www.beekeeperofaleppo.com

ISBN: 978-1-78576-893-4. Jacquie Hammond

A Senior's Exercise Class – a new innovation: Julia Stevenson from St. Stephens, is going to run a Seniors' exercise class from 6th February 2020 on Thursday mornings 10.30am-11.30am at St. Stephens Tala.

For most of the class, you will be sitting on chairs and we will, also, do exercises and games for memory and mental agility. €3 per session. Money to go to church funds. Please ring me if you are interested. I can only take 12 to start with. We will have tea/coffee after the class and a chat. Please wear comfortable clothes. My number is 96 541639, or contact me at: juliaannstevenson@icloud.com

What can you do during Advent? Maggie Le-Roy (Diocesan Retreats Facilitator) writes: here are two simple ways to help you keep the season of Advent: A simple *Online Advent Retreat - Small Simple Ways*: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/> or try these *Tiny Advent Poems – A poem and picture for each day*: <https://engageworship.org/ideas/tiny-advent-poems>. You can also access our Diocesan Advent Course *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, for individual or group use, on the diocesan website at <https://cypgulf.org/resources/spiritual-resources/> Let us know what you think. Reverend Andrew.

NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Advent Quiet Morning: Praying with John the Baptist; **Thursday 5th December** 10am - 1pm St. Barnabas' Church, Limassol. Full details on the church notice boards.

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols: St. George in the Forest, 3pm on Saturday **7th December**. All are welcome, mulled wine & mince pies will be served after the service.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Latin Parish Hall: Children's clothing SALE (babies to 4 years). Half the proceeds to the church. **Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th** from 9am.

Carol Singing: We have permission to sing Carols around the tree in the Mall on **Friday 13th December** at 4pm. This is an opportunity for us to reach out to the local community. We want to be able to represent all three of our churches, you do not have to be in the choir, but just enjoy singing well known carols. Paul will be playing the electric piano. We

need a minimum of 25 people and if we have 100 then brilliant. **Please put the date in your diary** and your Wardens will remind you nearer the time. Please let your warden know you will be attending.

Date for your Diary: Carols for Christmas at St Luke's will be held again in the church on **Saturday 14th December** starting at 5 30 p m. This is an opportunity not only to sing popular carols, but also to hear poems and readings relating to Christmastide. A glass or two of warm mulled wine and mince pies completes the evening. Come and get into the Christmas mood with us, bring your friends, families and neighbours. Everyone welcome. More information from Di Sylvester. (Contact details page 9)

Another Date for your Diary: Carol Singing at the General Hospital will take place on **Friday 20th December**, all are invited. Meeting at 10.30am outside the Children's Ward at the General Hospital. Hope to see you there.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

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

18 January	-	Bowling in Paphos followed with a meal
25 or 29 Feb	-	Beetle/Quiz or Chinese Meal
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.
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JOIN US TO SING

Carols for Christmas
at
Kings Avenue Mall

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER
FROM 4.00 pm

All your favourite carols from 'Hark the Herald
Angels Sing' to 'Good King Wenceslas' from
song sheets provided

You don't have to be a singer, just enjoy singing

Event organised by  ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

For details of our Christmas and regular weekday
services please visit www.paphosanglicanchurch.org





ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

ST LUKE'S CHURCH, PRODROMI

PROUDLY PRESENTS

Carols for Christmas

on

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019

at 5.30pm

Traditional Carols, Christmassy poems and readings
followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

COME AND JOIN US – EVERYONE WELCOME



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019

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Carol Service - Sunday 8 December
St Stephen's – 11.00 am

Carols for Christmas - Saturday 14 December
St Luke's – 5.30 pm

Carol Service - Sunday 22 December
Ayia Kyriaki – 6.00 pm

Midnight Mass - Tuesday 24 December
St Stephen's – 11.30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25 December

Ayia Kyriaki – 8.15 am Holy Eucharist
St Luke's – 11.00 am Holy Communion
St Stephen's – 11.00 am Holy Communion

For more information, see our website:
www.paphosanglicanchurch.org or contact: 99 103976