

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH of PAPHOS

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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 1st March 2015

Second Sunday of Lent - Year B



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS
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Readings for Sunday 1st March

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First Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16... Page 11

Psalm: Psalm 22: 22-30... Page 392

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25... Page 798

Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38... Page 714

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First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17... Page 54

Psalm: Psalm 19... Page 390

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25... Page 807

Gospel: John 2: 13-22... Page 751

Prayers for this Week

We pray for all Christians and parishes to take the opportunity to go deeper and listen more intently to God, and for Canon Paul Maybury as he helps and encourages them. Let us join together with our brothers and sisters throughout the world; praying for the Persecuted Church, for those members of the Coptic Church so brutally murdered on that beach in Libya; for the many members of the Assyrian Church who were kidnapped this last week and whose whereabouts are unknown. In this time of Lent, a time of penance and prayer, let's be united in prayer for all those who do not have the freedom to join together in worship; let us pray with all true members of faith, whether Christian, Jew or Muslim and strive together for peace and reconciliation, and a better understanding between all peoples. We pray for peace in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and that the violence will not spread to neighbouring countries; and we pray for Christian ministry to flourish in our Gulf Chaplaincies. In our own Parish of Paphos we pray for our Lent courses and the Women's Day of Prayer on Friday.

It is with sadness, that we have to announce the death of **Norman Wilkinson**, a long-time member of Ayia Kyriaki Congregation, in the early hours of Tuesday morning; please keep Hilda and family in

Aid envelope must be completed and submitted to the Church. **So that we can claim back any tax, it is vitally important that the information required on the front of the blue Gift Aid envelope is completed IN FULL. If this is not done we are unable to make a valid claim.**

Your participation in the Gift Aid Scheme is much appreciated as the church is totally self-supporting. Thank you.

Gift Aid envelopes are provided with the Weekly Notice Sheet for your convenience.

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### *GENERAL NOTICES*

#### **PARISH NEWS / LATEST NEWSLETTER**

On or about 12th February, people on each of the emailing lists for our three congregations were sent the first Newsletter for 2015, a few copies were printed for those without email who specifically request this, and a copy was placed on the Notice Boards for each church. If you have not received this, please check with Di Sylvester (AK and St. Luke's) or Chris Cross (St. Stephen's) if we have your email address or notify us if you would like a printed copy. Even if you are not on the Electoral Roll of the Anglican Church of Paphos, and even if you are not permanently resident in Cyprus, you are welcome to receive our occasional newsletters.

#### **Items in that Newsletter - also available on our website - include:**

Meeting of Wardens and Bishop re the process of appointing a new priest after Rev'd Nic departs in May.

- "Steps in Faith", a 5-week course prior to Easter
- Special collection during Lent for the ministry of Christ Church, Aden
- Jacquie Hammond to be the new Vice-Chair of Parish Council
- General news, updates and a few prayers

The next edition, to be emailed in about 1 week's time, will have the Holy Week & Easter schedules and further parish news and updates.

**Rev'd Nic**

**Parking Outside St. Stephen's:** The Congregation of St. Stephen's would be grateful if anyone attending the Church could refrain from parking on the open space outside the building.

We would like to keep this free for the disabled and people with limited mobility only. Thank you.

**Women's Group Report:** Despite the freezing temperatures on Thursday 19 February, 20 women gathered at St. Stephen's to hear a most informative talk by Maxine O'Daly of the Cancer Patients Support Group. Unfortunately snow and treacherous roads prevented members from Polis from attending. Maxine was glad to receive a total of €75 in donations from those present. Grateful thanks to Norma Redpath for organising the gathering and to the women of St. Stephen's for the tea. **Julia DD**

#### **WANTED: A co-ordinator for the Women's Group**

The Women's Group requires a co-ordinator. This is not a very onerous task as the organising committee comprises competent, organised representatives from each congregation. However, they are also already committed and busy women so not able to take on the role of co-ordinator, which is done mostly by e-mail and phone. If you feel you'd like 'a project' and are able to contribute in this way, please contact **Julia DD**.



you.

**Please** can you spare an hour a week (either morning 8am or afternoon 4pm) to walk a small dog belonging to one of our Church members who is physically unable to walk. Rita lives in Geroskipou. Please contact Jacquie Hammond or Gill Powell. Thank

**Can you smile and say "Good morning / evening"?** Could you multi-task and give out a hymn book and service book? Will you, PLEASE, join the team of sidesmen at Ayia Kyriaki? Duty is, usually, only once a month. Give your name to any Warden. Thank you.

**Can you read?** If you could prepare at home would you be willing to be a Scripture reader? You can choose O.T. (+ Psalm) or N.T. Please speak to any Warden. Thank you.

**Bob and Jean Wickens new address and contact details from the 9th March, will be as follows:-**

6, Cowslip Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Gloucestershire, GL52 8ET

Landline: +44 1242 679345; Mobile: +44 7896234791

email: rwickens242@gmail.com

Bishops Cleeve is about ten minutes drive from Cheltenham.

**Ellie and Ron Cummins**, from Chandlers Ford in Hampshire, send their love and best wishes to the parish, and especially to all who remember them.

Ellie (82 in September) and Ron (85 in May) are very active in their church and community and go to the local gym (!) three times per week. They are also kept 'busy' with ten grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

### *NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK and NEXT SUNDAY*

**The 9.30am service at St. Luke's** on **March 1st** will be followed by a congregation tea, also a farewell to Jean and Bob Wickens; everyone welcome.

**The Prayer Support Team** will be holding their next monthly meeting on **Wednesday 4th March** at St. Stephen's at 10.30. We welcome any who would like to join us in this ministry. The only

qualification required is that you care! We know that many are going through difficult times and if you would like us to pray for you please contact Rosemary Symonds on 26 953373 or Pat Taylor on 26 652439 or any of the team members.

**Coffee, Company, Craft and Chat:** There will be **NO** Friday afternoon meeting on **March 6th** as it is The Women's World Day of Prayer Service .

**Women's World Day of Prayer** will take place at 2pm on **Friday 6th March 2015**. All Christian Churches in Paphos, Ayia Kyriaki, St Stephen's and St Luke's have been contacted and invited to take part in the service. All are welcome to attend this special service, including gentlemen. *Chris Hoskins*

**St. Stephen's** are holding a 'Healing Service' on Sunday, **8th March** at 11 o'clock led by Rev'd Julia and Reader Ann Bailey. During the prayers we would like to read out names for anyone who needs them whether they are here on the island or elsewhere and whether they are sick in 'body, mind or spirit'. If you would like us to mention either yourself or someone for you, please let Ann Bailey know (email: annbailey707@hotmail.com) before Friday 6th March or add your/their name to the list on St. Stephen's notice board. This is not just limited to the St. Stephen's congregation. All are welcome to the service which will include anointing with oil if people so wish.

### *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**Congregational Meetings which will include the election of a Constituent Church Council member for ratification at the A.G.M. are being held as follows:**

**St. Stephen's** will be holding their Congregational Meeting on Wednesday 11th March, 5pm at St. Stephen's.

**Ayia Kyriaki** will be holding their Congregational Meeting on Wednesday 18th March, 10am in the Church Office kitchen area.

All members of the Constituent Churches are encouraged to attend these meetings where they can put forward any ideas or ask any questions they may have and also to elect the person they wish to represent them on the Church Parish Council for the next year.

**Coffee, Company, Craft and Chat:** There will be **NO** Friday afternoon meetings on **March 6th** as it is The Women's World Day of Prayer Service or **April 3rd** which is Good Friday. Otherwise it is business as usual on Friday afternoons from 2p.m. at St. Stephen's and a warm welcome and delicious cakes are always on offer. Please try to join us on **Friday 13th March** for our Recycled Cards Workshop with Sue and Lou. If you have any left over craft resources or books etc. that you have no further use for, we would welcome those as we are planning another craft and coffee sale as soon as the weather warms up a bit more. More information is available from **Mary Brown 99 863194** or email **maryb42@hotmail.co.uk**

**An Invitation to Explore Intercessory Prayer in our Sunday Services:** We need additional people to lead intercessions at our services. Whilst you might feel you haven't the skills, we would encourage you to join a Workshop at which we will explore prayer, or rather how to prepare intercessions for a service. We hope that those who currently lead prayer will be present to give insights and help.

To attend the workshop will not mean you have to commit yourself to join the team of people who currently pray in services, but we hope you will come with an openness to learn and to ask whether this is a way you can serve God and the church. We hope that following the Workshop you will stay to enjoy a simple buffet lunch..

The 'Exploring Prayer' Workshop will be held on Friday 27th March from 11.00am at St. Stephen's Church, Tala. For further information, or to confirm that you wish to attend, contact Rev'd Andrew, Ann Bailey or Trevor Sait.

## *SOCIAL EVENTS*

**Nicosia Coach Trip** - Tuesday 17th March

**Chinese Meal** - Chloe's, Tomb of the Kings, on April 24th or 25th (date tbc).

**Mini Golf** - 23rd May (buffet included)

**Argaka Fun Afternoon** - 13th June

**Annual BBQ** - 18th July

### **Ticket Sellers:**

**Ayia Kyriaki:** Morning: Gerald & Trisha Payne (96 620721)  
Evening: Liz & Bob Pearce (26 934174)

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

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

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Dear friends,

On Sunday night, when I heard the terrible news of the martyrdom of the 21 Egyptian young men in Libya, I telephoned the Bible Society publishing manager and told him "*We must have a scripture tract ready to distribute to the nation as soon as possible!*"

Here is an English adaptation of the poignant poem which is on the back cover of the tract:

*Two rows of men walked the shore of the sea,
On a day when the world's tears would run free,
One a row of assassins, who thought they did right,
The other of innocents, true sons of the light,
One holding knives in hands held high,*

*The other with hands empty, defenseless and tied,
One row of slits to conceal glaring-dead eyes,
The other with living eyes raised to the skies,
One row stood steady, pall-bearers of death,
The other knelt ready, welcoming heaven's breath,
One row spewed wretched, contemptible threats,
The other spread God-given peace and rest.*

A Question...

Who fears the other?

The row in orange, watching paradise open?

Or the row in black, with minds evil and broken?

Please pray that during this period of sadness and unprecedented openness God will use this tract to comfort and challenge hundreds of thousands of people.

Ramez Atallah

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