

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 March 2020

First of Lent - Year A

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Readings for Sunday 1st March

Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 - Page 2
Psalm: Psalm 32 - Page 395
Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-19 - Page 798
Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11 - Page 682

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Fugue - G. Telemann
After: Prelude in G major - J.S. Bach

Sunday 8th March

First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a - Page 8
Psalm: Psalm 121- Page 440
Second Reading: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 - Page 797
Gospel: John 3: 1-17 - Page 751

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***COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK***

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of Ireland, and the United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We pray for the overcoming of barriers so that all might experience welcome as these countries become increasingly multi-ethnic and multi-faith. We pray for the resolving of differences and political tensions over how Great Britain should relate to the rest of Europe.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile and The Most Reverend Hector (Tito) Zavala Munoz – Bishop of Santiago & Primate.

**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, as well, for the call by Archbishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, for good support for the Good Friday Offering that will be given by Anglicans (Episcopalians) in the United States to support ministry and projects in our Province. For more information on this offering go to: <https://episcopalchurch.org/global-partnerships/good-friday-offering> (See also later notice on page )

**Our Diocese:** We pray today for the Diocesan Office and all those who conscientiously and skilfully serve the administration of the Diocese. This week we pray for St. Andrew's in Kyrenia for ministry in this parish at time when they have no priest and for all who plan for the future of this parish.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We ask all to hold in prayers our Parish Priest: Reverend Andrew, our Associate Priest, designate, The Reverend Ken Waters and Wendy and our Readers: Ann and Ray. During this period of Lent, we pray for your support for the two Lent Courses in our Parish and observance of the Holy days during the period leading up to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, at Easter.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 1st March

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

Tuesday 3rd March

10 for 10.30am Lent Course - Session 1 - Parish House

Wednesday 4th March

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
1.30pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting - St. Stephen's

Friday 6th March

2.00pm Service to mark the World Day of Prayer - St. Stephen's

Sunday 8th March

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

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

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Trisha Payne

**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 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***

**Ministry in the Parish:** Until the end of the first week after Easter, The Reverend Andrew will be the only Priest in the Parish. Various adjustments have been made to accommodate this situation. Firstly, some services have been changed to Communion by Extension, which are taken by our Readers. Details of when a service is changed will be notified in the Weekly Newsheet. Secondly, the time of the St Luke’s service has been changed to 11.00am up until and including Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. After this, the 9.30am service time will be reinstated.

**Looking ahead:** Despite our best intentions, it is unlikely that The Reverend Ken will be licensed by the civil authorities, in Nicosia, to conduct marriages before the end of the wedding season, in October. This license is necessary, as all Anglican clergy must hold this license in order to conduct weddings. The delay is with the Cypriot Civil Service, in Nicosia. This will mean that The Reverend Andrew will conduct all our weddings until further notice. It is expected that, in discussion with The Reverend Ken, a number of parish tasks and duties will have to be handed over to our new Associate Priest. Further details will follow once Ken is in post. Reverend Andrew.

**Ash Wednesday EXTRA:** “Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” Father Michael Marsh, a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, asks this interesting question on Ash Wednesday and goes on to give a fascinating answer as he relates the question to

his/your life and to Ash Wednesday and Lent. Find his answer in this thought- provoking sermon at:  
<https://interruptingthesilence.com/2020/02/26/the-perfect-question-for-ash-wednesday-an-ash-wednesday-sermon/> Reverend Andrew.

**Lent Course - Parish House:** This course (one of two in the parish) will run at the parish house beginning on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00 for 10.30 for approximately an hour. The course dates are: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Session 2: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Session 3: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Session 4: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Session 5: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Session 6: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April with Maqqie Le-Roy. 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.

**Lent Appeal:** as is customary, in the Parish, we will be holding a Lent Appeal for the Diocesan supported Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in the Yemen. A white envelope marked, Lent Appeal, will be available, from a sidesperson, for your donation. Please place it in the collection bags, as normal. At Synod, we received a very encouraging report on the work on this clinic which is staffed entirely by local Muslim doctors and nurses and supported by our Diocese along with some external donors. We have supported this clinic’s work for several years, through our Lent appeal, and after hearing of their vital on-going work, I have no hesitation in commending our appeal to you. Reverend Andrew

**Overseas Lent Appeal – The Good Friday Offering:** this generous offering comes from the Episcopal Church in the United States and assists Projects and ministry in the Province. Our Diocese is a regular beneficiary receiving, last year, €85,000 which was used to assist the work of St

George's Baghdad (Church, clinic and school) a curacy in the Gulf and our work with overseas students in Famagusta. Reverend Andrew.

**The Reverend Navina Thompson – Summer Placement:** Details are still being received concerning The Reverend Navina's placement with us. However, the search for accommodation for her continues. We have received one possible offer of accommodation but if you know of other possibilities ie a one bedroomed flat, please, urgently, contact Reverend Andrew.

**Vacancy on Council:** Paula Tavener, our HR representative on Council, has decided that she wishes to stand down from the Council. Therefore, at our AGM (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March) we will be looking for a parishioner to fill this vacancy. It is not a post that requires great HR experience, but some knowledge will be useful. Please give serious consideration to this vacancy. If you wish to inquire about this vacancy, please would you contact our Church Secretary: Di Sylvester – contact details on page 11.

**The Craft Group:** The craft group banked €2,386.00, in 2019, which was donated to Church funds. I would like to thank all who helped make items to sell and all the people who bought these items. We had a great Spring Fair taking €1070.00. We also had two tables at the Samaritans Fair where we took €225.00 mostly from the sale of mince pies and sausages rolls. We also had an Autumn Fair where we took €1801.00 plus €774.00 from Sue and Lou for the card sales. This money, €2574.00, will be shared with Kidney Support, Cancer Support and Friends' Hospice. I was not well on the day of the Autumn Fair, but everyone worked incredibly hard, so heart-felt thanks to you all. Maurice is not at all well, so I will not be able to spend as much time, on this work, from now on. The Major Fundraising Team are going to have a Spring Fair at the Angelika restaurant on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** 10.00am till 2.00 pm, so we will be looking for plenty of helpers. I will be taking names of people who can help. We will need, as well, some strong people to set up from 8.00am and to tidy up afterwards. We will be having a raffle. Please would you bring prizes to the churches. God bless you all. Love Mary (Brown).

*The Reverend Andrew adds:* heart-felt thanks to Mary and her team for all

their amazing efforts in 2019 and for their wonderful donation. With Mary having to step back, a little, please do not let this wonderful work falter.

**Association of Friends of the Diocese:** our Diocese is supported by a very active Association of Friends of the Diocese, based in the UK. Their chairman is The Reverend Canon Ian Calder who has ministered on a locum basis, in previous years, in our parish and is now retired in the UK. They publish a twice yearly magazine called the Olive Branch, a copy of which should be available on your Church notice board but it can also be accessed at this site: <https://cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Olive-Branch-Summer-2019.pdf> Do have a look at it as it provides news of the Association's work as well as a good round up of Diocesan news, along with lots of photos. It contains, for instance, news of The Reverend Navina Thompson's previous work with university students in Famagusta along with a tribute to Trev Sait. Reverend Andrew.

**The Fortieth Anniversary of the Diocese:** This was marked in 2016 and a history of the Diocese was commissioned to mark this important event. The book entitled: *The Unfolding Story – A History of the Diocese*, written by Canon Angela Murray MBE, is a substantial work of some 450 pages and was published and launched at the recent Synod. It is currently available, if you act quickly, for a reduced price of £25.00 – register your interest with the Diocesan office. More details about the book can be found at: <https://www.gilgamesh-publishing.co.uk/the-anglican-diocese-of-cyprus-and-the-gulf.html> A presentation on aspects of the book was given at Synod and it provides a fascinating glimpse not only of the founding of the churches in Cyprus but also the founding and growth of our Chaplaincies in the Gulf. Do investigate it if you are interested. Reverend Andrew.

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NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Visiting Clergy: this week, we welcome the Reverend Justin Arnott, curate at St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia, who will preside and preach at both Ayia Kyriaki (0815) and at St Stephen's. We also welcome Michelle and their

family who are expected to attend the service at Ayia Kyriaki. A warm welcome is extended to The Reverend Justin on his first 'official' visit to the parish.

On **Sunday 15th March**, we will welcome Archdeacon Christopher when he will preside and preach at St Stephen's.

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 2nd 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 6th 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. In this service 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 Fatcher, 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

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*ADVANCE NOTICES*

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

**St. Luke's - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, after the Service

**St. Stephen's - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, in the afternoon, 2.30pm (tbc)

**Ayia Kyriaki - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, after the morning Service

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

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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

Tuesday 10 March - Nicosia Coach Trip - tickets available at €13 each

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

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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