

Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos; St. Luke's Prodromi  
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 22nd & 29th December 2019

Fourth of Advent & First of Christmas - Year A

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**Readings for Sunday 22nd December**

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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7: 10-16 - Page 488  
**Psalm:** Psalm 80: 1-8 - Page 419  
**Second Reading:** Romans 1: 1-7 - Page 856  
**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18-end - Page 681

**Ayia Kyriaki 6.00pm - Carol Service with Choir**

**Organ Music for 0815 service**

Prelude in C major - J.S. Bach  
Ave Maria - G. Gounod/Bach  
Andante - C.M. Widor

**Tuesday 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:** Luke 2: 1-20 - Page 724

**Organ Music for Midnight Mass**

Toccata - M. Reger  
Great Prelude in C minor - J.S. Bach

**Wednesday 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

**Organ Music for Christmas Day Eucharist**

Toccata in C major - J.S. Bach  
Agnus Dei - W.A. Mozart  
Finale from Symphony IV - L. Vierne

## Sunday 29th December

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63: 7-9 - Page 530  
**Psalm:** Psalm 148 - Page 448  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2: 10- end - Page 846  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13-end - Page 682

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### *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS*

**Collect:** Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord, and gather the nations to be one family and draw us all into your holy life.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan. We pray for an end to repression of people and to threats of military confrontation, especially on the Korean peninsula. We also pray for the countries of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine and for those who unceasingly work for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Lands.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Christians in all denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement throughout the Christian world.

**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 to settle on the holy cities of Jerusalem and Bethlehem and for Christians from all communities be allowed to gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child Jesus.

**Our Diocese:** We pray today for the Archdeacon in the Gulf The Venerable Bill Schwartz. We pray for his ministry, for the nations of the archdeaconry, and for all who live in them, citizens and others. These next

two weeks we pray for the churches of St. Thomas in Al Ain their parish priest, The Reverend Charlie Lloyd-Evans supported by St. Andrew's Abu Dhabi, and St. Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia, remembering especially Dean Jeremy and The Reverend Justin Arnott (Curate). We pray for those who will shortly be attending diocesan synod and for wisdom and vision in all they plan and do.

**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 pray for the communities in each of our three churches and for Christians of all denominations this Christmas as we celebrate the coming birth in glory of the Christ-child Jesus.

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### *WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY AND THE NEXT TWO WEEKS*

#### Sunday 22nd December

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

#### Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Mass - St. Stephen's

#### Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.15am Holy Eucharist (**including incense**) - Ayia Kyriaki  
**11.00am** Holy Communion - St. Luke's  
11.00am Holy Communion - St. Stephen's

#### Sunday 29th December

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

**Wednesday 1st January - New Year's Day**

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

**Sunday 5th January - Epiphany**

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion - St. Stephen's

6.00pm Sung Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

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**Duty Wardens for week commencing 22nd December**

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Carolyn Hart

**St. Stephen's** - Chris Hoskins

**St. Luke's** - Catherine Elliott

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**Duty Wardens for week commencing 29th December**

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Trisha Payne

**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.

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***GENERAL NOTICES***

**Please Note:** Due to Christmas, today's WNS covers two weeks - the weeks commencing 22nd and 29th December, so please do not throw away your copy after you have, hopefully, read it. Thank you. Sarah Sait

**Christmas Greetings:** With the next Weekly Newsheet not being published until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January, I write on behalf of Canon Anthony and myself to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you for all your cards and greetings that you have sent to each of us. They are warmly received and much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas services. Reverend Andrew.

**Reverend Andrew – January Leave:** I shall be taking leave from late on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January with a return to work on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. If you need to contact a priest over this time, please contact your warden in the first instance. Canon Anthony remains in the parish over this period. Reverend Andrew.

**Christmas Services:** These have been well publicised. Have you thought about inviting a friend to join you at one of them? Reverend Andrew.

**Carol Services:** by the time you read this, our three Carol Services will almost have been and gone. Hopefully, you managed to get to one. They have been well attended and grateful thanks are extended to all who helped with the organisation – whether through the provision of mince

pies/mulled wine, by reading, to the choir at Ayia Kyriaki or in other ways. Thank you. Reverend Andrew.

### **Christmas Cards Project 2019 Update:**

Dear Parishioners

**We did it!** I am delighted to announce that the card sales have now exceeded well over €2000 and it would not have been possible without the support of all who bought ACP Christmas cards and did so with generosity.

I will publish a grand total in the New Year.

Thank you very much, once again, for your kindness and to the card sellers, the card packers and selection committee and most of all to Reverend Andrew who encouraged me when this project seemed such a scary undertaking. It has enabled us to give a very decent donation to the work of the Anglican Churches of Paphos.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Christina Marsh. Christmas Card Project Coordinator

**Volunteers:** Several weeks ago, I asked for volunteers and several people have joined groups as a result. Thank you. However, we urgently need new people to **volunteer to lead Intercessions in our services**. This is a rewarding job (not too difficult) and if you are rostered will take just a little over an hour, or so, of your time. There is lots of help available to get you started – books with ideas and websites and others to help you. In late December and January, we are down to a tiny handful of volunteers – especially at St Stephen's. In short, we urgently need more people across our three churches to assist. Please would you give thought as to how you might assist. Reverend Andrew.

**Carol Singing in the Mall – thank you:** around fifty parishioners, friends and visitors sang carols in the Mall, last Friday, to great effect. We were ably led by Canon Anthony and Paul, on the keyboard. Shoppers stopped to listen, and a number joined in and sang with us. One passer-by emailed our organiser, Trish Payne, with the following: *“Hi we came four of us and loved it. Our elderly neighbour had a great time. Please make it an annual event, proper traditional carols, proper words and tunes. Loved it. Thank*

*you all.”* Grateful thanks to all who came and supported this ‘first’ for the parish. It was very worthwhile, and I am sure that, if ongoing permission is given by the Mall, we will repeat the experience next year. Reverend Andrew.

**Carols for Christmas:** Despite the wet and windy weather, 43 hardy souls battled through the evening to attend our Carols for Christmas on Saturday. It was a lovely opportunity to sing well-loved Carols, and we were delighted that about half the people attending were non churchgoers, which reflects the fact that this event is an outreach occasion, and that it worked! We raised over €200 with our collection for the Dreamland Mission Hospital in Kenya, a very worthwhile charity which we are pleased to support. The evening continued with socialising together in the Jack Harding Room, mince pies and warm mulled wine were much enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks to all who came and supported us, and to all the people who made the event happen. Well done everyone for a good team effort, as always! Carole McCandlish.

**A Senior's Exercise Class – a new innovation:** Julia Stevenson from St. Stephens, is going to run a Seniors' exercise class from 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:juliaannstevenson@icloud.com)

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### *NOTICES FOR TODAY AND THE NEXT TWO WEEKS*

**Ayia Kyriaki Carol Service:** a reminder that, **this evening**, at 6.00pm the more traditional of our three Carol Services will be held at Ayia Kyriaki. The service will consist of seven Lessons and carols and the choir will be

singing, as well. Please join us, if you can. There will be mince pies and mulled wine after the service. Reverend Andrew.

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### *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**A Service to mark the Week of Christian Unity:** on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** at **6.00pm** at **Ayia Kyriaki**, we will, once again, join with members of St Paul's Catholic Parish and other Christians in Paphos to mark this important week of prayer in the church's calendar. This year's service has been prepared by Christians in Malta and has a distinct theme of St Paul's ministry running through it. Please mark the date in your diary and join us. Reverend Andrew.

**Archbishop Michael to visit:** Archbishop Michael will visit the parish on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January and preside and preach at the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and at the 11.00am service at St Stephen's. It will be very good to welcome him especially in his new role as Primate of our Province: The Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. He will return on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm to preside and preach at Canon Anthony farewell Eucharist. Please mark both dates in your diary. Reverend Andrew.

**Canon Anthony's Farewell:** Canon Anthony's final service with us, in his capacity as Associate Priest, will be on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at **6.00pm** at **Ayia Kyriaki**. Archbishop Michael, and Bishop (Retired) Dominic Walker (our preacher at this service and the 11.00am service) will be with us along with Archdeacon Christopher. Following the Eucharist there will be a reception at St Paul's Tavern where a finger buffet will be served. Tickets for the reception will be available soon. As we give thanks for Canon Anthony's four years of ministry with us, so we also use this important occasion to thank him for all that he has done, for us, and to wish him well as he retires. Please mark the date in your diary and join us. Reverend Andrew.

## *SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS*

*Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome*

**18 January** - Cosmic Bowling followed by a meal at a local restaurant. Commencing 5pm at a total cost of €15. Tickets available from Sunday 15th December.

### **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**

**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. on the Wednesday before publication. Tel: 26 272502; Mob: 99 437892; Email: sarahsait1995@gmail.com**

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### **Christmas On The Edge**

Christmas sets the centre on the edge;  
The edge of town, the outhouse of the inn,  
The fringe of empire, far from privilege  
And power, on the edge and outer spin  
Of turning worlds, a margin of small stars  
That edge a galaxy itself light years  
From some unguessed at cosmic origin.  
Christmas sets the centre at the edge.

And from this day our world is re-aligned  
A tiny seed unfolding in the womb  
Becomes the source from which we all unfold  
And flower into being. We are healed,  
The end begins, the tomb becomes a womb,  
For now in him all things are re-aligned.

By Malcolm Guite

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2011/12/23/christmas-on-the-edge/>  
(See also his comments on this website about how Botticelli's painting, the Mystical Nativity, [shown on this website] links with his thinking of Christmas on the Edge.)