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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 22nd November 2015 - next before Advent

Christ the King - Year B



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Readings for Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King

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Special Readings

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

As we celebrate Christ the King, we pray for the Anglican Communion worldwide; for Archbishop Justin of Canterbury, for Bishop Azad Marshall and the Diocese of Iran, for Bishop Michael and the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ whatever tradition or Denomination. In our own diocese we pray for the Licensed Clergy; for all who exercise ministry on the bishop's license, that they may rejoice in their calling. This week we pray for the Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus administered by the UK Ministry of Defence with over 3000 British service personnel, civil servants and their families living and working for peace in the area. We pray for all military chaplains and military personnel as they seek to do what is right in the world; for the families who struggle with being away from home, and for those deployed and their safe return. In our own parish of Paphos, we pray for Andrew our Locum Parish Priest and the members of our worship team, involved in the planning of our worship over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Shirley Margaret Charman** whose funeral took place last Thursday.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sponsored Swim Update: At their recent meeting, the major fund-raising team discussed a request to run the event again next year but confirmed that they would not do so despite having raised the magnificent sum of €5244 from this year's event. Originally volunteers to swim were sought from across the congregations and it was suggested that they seek sponsorship from friends, neighbours and the various Clubs that people belonged to. As you are aware only 9 swimmers materialised, and most did not like asking for sponsorship. There is no truth in the rumour that all the swimmers relied on support from church members. After scrutinising the sponsorship forms, around half the money raised came from outside the church (many from Cypriot people) and one swimmer was not even a church member. Almost all the swimmers have said that they found asking for sponsorship difficult and did not wish to do it again next year thus making this a one off event. It has always been our intention to recognise the hard work of the swimmers and give them our thanks so certificates signed by Archdeacon John will be presented to those present at the Christmas Fayre at 1.30pm on 2nd December. It has been agreed to run an 'American Breakfast' next year to coincide with 4th July which we hope will be at least as successful as the Sponsored Swim.
Roger Bailey, Chairman Major Fundraising Team.

The Very Reverend Derek Taylor and Val: Whilst on holiday in Paphos from the 28th November, by the kind invitation of the Rev'd Andrew, Derek will celebrate the Eucharist in Ayia Kyriaki on Wednesday, 2nd December and in St. Stephen's on Sunday 6th, when he will also preach.
Parishioners will recall with affection and gratitude Dean Derek's long time with us in 2006 and a few years later for a month or so; and others will recall his time as Dean of St. Christopher's in Bahrain. We are assured that he is as vigorous and sprightly as ever!

NOTICES FOR TODAY , THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Recycled Cards: Sue and Lou will be selling their Recycled cards **today Sunday 22nd November** after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. Please come along, have a browse and replenish your stock of Greetings cards.

Congregational Meeting: The next St. Stephen's Congregational meeting will be held at St. Stephen's on **Monday 23rd November** at 5.00pm.

Ecumenical Bible Study: The present session of studies on Luke's Gospel will finish on **26th November** and will resume in the New Year on a date to be arranged.

It's QUIZ TIME again. Saturday 28th November at 7pm.

To keep YOUR brain active find some friends and make up a team. It's a fun quiz. Teams of up to 6 persons. (Bonus points for teams with fewer than 6).

Wonderful hot supper, prepared by Margaret (Master Chef) Keeble. Drinks at very reasonable prices.

The Fantasia Club, just below the big car park Paphos town.

Play your JOKER, for double points, on the round of your choice.

Jacque (the Governess) Hammond has picked some interesting rounds (HATS or BIRD BRAIN are just two).

But seriously get your team and book NOW.

Tickets from the usual sellers or phone 99 276129.

Sunday 29th November - Advent Sunday:

As we start this very important time of preparation and reflection in the run up to Christmas Rev'd Andrew asked, and the worship team were happy to agree, that all 4 services in all 3 churches in our Parish should follow the same service. Consequently all services will be an "Advent Carol Service". Please note that no Holy Eucharist will be offered in any of our churches. If for genuine, personal reasons - ill health, worry, bereavement then please contact Rev'd Andrew and

he will hold a short Holy Eucharist in the Treasurer's Office at 0930. I encourage others to attend the Wednesday morning service at Ayia Kyriaki. *Jacquie Hammond*

Starting on Advent Sunday the Posada figures start their journey around our Parish. Mary, Joseph, Archangel Gabriel and of course the donkey will leave Ayia Kyriaki and accept YOUR hospitality until they complete their journey at midnight at St. Stephen's, when Bishop Michael unites them with Baby Jesus.

If YOU would like to host these delightful little wooden figures for a night then please phone me on 99 276129.

They really do help to focus on the special meaning of Advent and the coming of the Messiah.

Hear from YOU soon, Jacquie.

ADVANCE NOTICES

A Date for your Diary: St. Luke's invites you to join them for "Carols for Christmas" on Saturday **12th December** at 5.30pm. Traditional Carols interspersed with Christmassy poems and readings, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. A warm welcome awaits you, your neighbours, family and friends. Come and celebrate the forthcoming Christmas season with us at St. Luke's, Prodromi.

Congregational Meeting for Ayia Kyriaki will be held at 10am on Wednesday 16th December, in the kitchen area.

Please do your utmost to attend. Thank you, Jacquie Hammond

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Wednesday 2nd December at the Monte Lisa wedding venue, Mesogi Avenue, Paphos. Open to the public from 12 noon to 3.30pm. Any new helpers will be warmly welcomed; please contact Margaret Keeble.

Setting up day - Tuesday 1st December. VOLUNTEERS needed

from 8.30am to move chairs and tables. Offers of help to Margaret Keeble (26 422380) or Gerald Payne (96 620721). Stallholders can set-up from 10.30am.

PROMOTIONAL FLYERS are now available at each Church. Please take as many as you like and distribute to your friends, neighbours, local tavernas, kiosks, clubs, etc. We need the publicity to attract visitors.

PLEASE, Will everyone who has taken **RAFFLE TICKETS** to buy or sell to friends ensure that the filled-in sold stubs, money and all unsold tickets are **RETURNED** to your distributor **NO LATER than SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER.**

Please note that Christmas Fayre notices are in alphabetical order so please remember to check all notices each week for additions and changes.

Book Stall: Grant and Hilary are now collecting your unwanted books and DVD's for the Christmas Fayre book stall. They can be left in labelled boxes at any of the three churches and we will collect them on a regular basis. If you have a lot of books or require assistance, please contact us on 99 922939 or grant8546@gmail.com Thank you. *Grant and Hilary Hammond*

Bottle Stall: Dex and Judith will be happy to accept contributions of cans of drink or bottles for the bottle stall. These can be left at any of the three Churches. Thank you. *Judith 97 682150*

Bric-a-Brac: If you have any unwanted items, in good condition, that would sell on the Bric-a-Brac Stall at the Christmas Fayre, they would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Jayne on 96 511321 or Sheila on 97 801544. **PLEASE NOTE** that the **final date for dropping off Bric-a-Brac** is Thursday 19th November as Jayne goes to the UK on 21st and is not back until late on 28th and items will need to be sorted and priced.

Craft Creations: This is the stall which will sell all those materials for handicrafts you have acquired in more enthusiastic times! Now is the time to turn out all the card making stuff, embroidery and tapestry, mosaics, candle making equipment, patchwork, woodwork, indeed any hobby materials you have no further time or interest in but others may pick up and enjoy. Please leave things at St. Stephen's or phone me on 26 911489 for collection. Many thanks.
Jill Dare.

Nearly New: We are now accepting clothes for our stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 2nd. At Ayia Kyriaki things can be left in the Church office, at St. Luke's in Church or call Carolyn on 99 769272, for St. Stephen's call Joy on 99 496153. We thank you in advance.

PLEASE do not leave any more clothes at St. Stephen's for Joy Shefford as she has run out of space to store them, please bring them to the Monte Lisa on the day before the Fayre, after 10.30am.

Produce Stall: CALLING ALL BAKERS. Your skills are needed to supply and fill the Produce stall. Large and small cakes, pastries, both sweet and savoury items - anything you bake will be gratefully accepted. Also, fresh produce - fruit and vegetables - will be very welcome. Please fill-in the forms at the churches so as we know what you will be providing.

Raffle Tickets: Raffle Tickets are now available. 2,500 tickets are ready for you to take and sell to your friends and family in advance of the Fayre. Collect your supply today from Ray Elliott (St. Luke's), Ian & Caroline Geddes and Mary Brown (St. Stephen's), Gerald Payne, Margaret Keeble and Bob and Liz Pearce at Ayia Kyriaki.

Rainbow Stall: The Rainbow Stall would be pleased to relieve you of your unwanted items of jewellery, toiletries and anything else we can sell on our colourful stall. Contact Di at St. Luke's on 99845687.

Sweets Stall: Carolyn Hart and Caroline Geddes would very much appreciate as much help as possible with the making of sweets (fudge, peppermint creams, etc.) for the Christmas Fayre sweets stall. Recipes are available.

Please contact Carolyn (AK), on 97 762371 or Caroline at St. Stephen's. Email: Carolyn.hart@btinternet.com OR Caroline on caroline.willisson@btinternet.com
Thank you so much in advance for your assistance.

Tombola: We are running the Tombola stall again this year. Last year with your help we managed to raise a good sum. We would be very grateful for prizes in the form of gifts, soaps, jewellery and any items that are in a new condition. Items can be left at any of the three churches labelled for the Tombola stall. Or if you would prefer contact us on 99 957912 or by e-mail: chrisjcross@hotmail.com
Many thanks. *Chris and Bob Cross*

Yes we can! We did it last year and the year before!!

What is it? We changed WATER INTO WINE!!!

But I'm relying on YOU. I need bottles of wine (red, white or rosé)

Please leave them in the usual places, clearly marked "Water into Wine".
Thank you, Jacquie Hammond.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Fantasia Social Evening/Quiz - including buffet - cost €10 - 28th November, commencing 7pm.

Ticket Sellers:

Ayia Kyriaki: Morning: Carolyn Hart (97 762371)

Evening: Bob & Liz Pearce (26 934174)

