

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 23rd February 2020

Next before Lent - Year A

Parish Priest: The Reverend Andrew Burt

Assoc. Priest Designate: The Reverend Ken Waters

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Readings for Sunday 23rd February

Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18 - Page 85
Psalm: Psalm 119: 33-40 - Page 437
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23 - Page 808
Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48 - Page 684

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: March - H. Purcell
After: Fantasie - Sonata - S. Lang

Choir at 6.00pm Sung Eucharist

Psalm: Psalm 119: 33-40 (choir only)
Motet at Communion: O Salutaris Hostia - Fr Witt

O salutaris Hostia,
Quæ cæli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiternal Gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen

O, Saving Victim,
Who expandest the door of heaven,
Hostile armies press,
Give strength; bear aid.

To the One and Triune Lord,
May there be everlasting glory;
May he who gives life without end
To us give in our homeland.
Amen.

Readings for 26th February - Ash Wednesday

First Reading: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 - Page 644
Psalm: Psalm 51: 1-18 - Page 405
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6:10 - Page 819
Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 - Page 684

Sunday 1st March

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

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### *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. We give thanks for the ecumenical contributions that have come from these countries and pray for their continuing support.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central Americana and The Right Reverend Julio Murray Thompson – Primate of IARCA and Bishop of Panama.

See the website: [www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org) › media › *acp\_2020\_q1*

**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 all those caught up in the refugee crisis developing as hundreds of thousands of civilians flee from the new wave of fighting in north-west Syria as government forces seek to eradicate the presence of rebel groups.

**Our Diocese:** We pray today for a greater awareness of our Spirituality, that our hearts, minds and souls be enlarged and enlightened. This week we pray for St. Christopher's Cathedral in Central Manama and Awali in

Bahrain and their Dean The Very Reverend and Venerable Dr. William Schwartz, OBE, and for The Reverend Canon Stephen Thanapaul, Associate Priest.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We ask all to hold in prayer our Parish Priest Reverend Andrew, and our Readers Ann and Ray as they take on extra duties during the period leading up to the arrival of our new Associate Priest the Reverend Ken Waters in April.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 23rd February

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Aya Kyriaki
9.30am Communion by Extension - St. Luke's
11.00am Morning Worship - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Sung Eucharist - Aya Kyriaki

Wednesday 26th February - Ash Wednesday

9.00am Holy Eucharist including imposition of Ashes - Aya Kyriaki
11.00am Holy Communion including Imposition of Ashes –
St. Stephen's
5.00pm Holy Communion including Imposition of Ashes - St. Luke's

Friday 28th February

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Sunday 1st March

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

**Change of Service time at St Luke's:** please note that in order to provide the best mix of services, while the parish has only one priest, it has been decided, in discussion with the St Luke's congregation, that from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, the service at St Luke's will start at 11.00am and NOT at 9.30am. I appreciate that this may not suit everyone, but this change will allow me to conduct the morning service at Ayia

Kyriaki and then drive to St Luke's for their 11.00am service. Without the change, this would not be possible. Reverend Andrew.

**Services of Communion by Extension:** please note that between now and the arrival of The Reverend Ken Waters, there will be a number of services, in the parish, of Communion by Extension. These will be conducted by either Ann Bailey or Ray Elliott, our two Readers. This situation occurs because there is only one Priest in the parish, at the moment, and your support and understanding are appreciated. Please continue to give to both of them, your support and prayers as they work hard over this period. Reverend Andrew.

**Ash Wednesday – This coming Wednesday (26/02/20)** marks the beginning of Lent. Communion services, with the imposition of ashes, will be held at Ayia Kyriaki at 9.00am, St Stephen's at 11.00am and St Luke's at 5.00pm. Please use these services to quietly signal your intention, to yourself, that you intend to keep a 'good' Lent of prayer and scripture reading and that your attendance is a sign that you intend to continue Lent, as you have begun. 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. Despite the on-going conflict in this country, the clinic continues treat a large number of local people at very little cost to them and collaborates with other charities eg: Médecins Sans Frontières. We were informed that the work of this clinic is vital, and the acquisition of new equipment has greatly improved their ability to operate on cataracts. We have supported this clinic's work for several years, through our Lent appeal, and after hearing of their on-going work, I have no hesitation in commending our appeal to you. Reverend Andrew.

**The Reverend Ken and Wendy Waters:** we continue to wait for a date of their arrival in the parish but please hold them both in your prayers as they finish in the Wissey Valley Benefice, in the Ely Diocese, and prepare to move, live and minister in our parish. A photo and brief biography of the Reverend Ken are on our website. Reverend Andrew.

**The Reverend Navina Thompson:** The Reverend Navina is a non-stipendiary curate – the wife of The Reverend Canon Andy Thompson who is the vicar of St Andrew's Chaplaincy in Abu Dhabi. She was ordained to the priesthood in April 2019. Archdeacon John Holdsworth (Honorary Diocesan Directory of Ministry) asked during Synod whether the Anglican Church of Paphos would be able to accept Navina on a summer placement so that she could further her ministerial training and priestly formation in a different parish. I replied that we could and was assured that the Diocese would fund the bulk of the cost of Navina's



*The Reverend Navina Thompson on the occasion of her ordination as a Deacon in 2018.*

placement. HOWEVER, all rests on being able to find a suitable one-bedroom apartment for her.

Her time with us would begin in April and may extend into September. *Do you know of a flat that we may be able to rent over this period?* This is a very exciting development as Navina would be able to work, particularly with the St Luke's and St Stephen's congregations and have a brief to meet all in the parish. Please pray that all the arrangements will fall into place, especially the provision of accommodation and for Navina, herself as she prepares to join us on our Christian journey. Reverend Andrew.

**Baby Elliot Barnes:** In the intercessions, at our services, we have been praying for Baby Elliot (George Bates' great grandson) for a number of months. Thank you for your prayers. George has indicated that his condition has improved to the extent that he can now be taken off our list. George writes: *"Elliot's Cochlear implant has been activated with a positive result, and he will be having further therapy in the near future. I would like to thank you, on behalf of my family and myself, and to let you know that we can now look forward to his christening in five weeks' time at Pocklington Parish church"*. Thank you for your prayers and support and we wish George and his family well as he travels to Elliot's baptism. Reverend Andrew.

**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.

**Collection Charity ‘Pots’:** I am thrilled to bits to see how many people have already signed up for a ‘pot’ and taken it home to fill with euro coins over the remainder of the year. Thank you for getting behind this initiative. Thanks, as well to Sue and Lou, from St Stephen’s, for providing the ‘pots’! It is not too late to get your pot or if you are not sure what it is all about, there should still some copies of the introductory letter setting out our thinking behind this scheme of raising money for designated charities that will receive support from the parish, this year. Please support this important initiative – a simple and fairly easy way to support our parish charitable giving. Reverend Andrew.

**From Canon Anthony:** Thank you everyone for your magnificent hospitality and generosity on Sunday (9th Feb) it meant so much to me and I am very grateful. Will see you all again soon, meanwhile may God keep you in his love and his service. With every blessing, Anthony.

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ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday 1st March: The Reverend Justin Arnott, curate at St Paul’s Cathedral, Nicosia will be spending the morning in the Parish. He will preach at Ayia Kyriaki at 0815 and preside and preach at St Stephen’s at

1100. It is hoped that Michelle and their family will be joining us at St Stephen’s. Justin and Michelle, originally from South Africa, have lived on the island for some ten years. He was ordained priest in 2019 and was in the first group of readers and ordinands to be trained under the revamped Diocesan training scheme. He completes his curacy in June of this year. Reverend Andrew.

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 and 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

Congregation Meetings have been planned as follows:

St. Luke’s - Sunday 15th March, after the Service

St. Stephen’s - Monday 16th March, in the afternoon, 2.30pm (tbc)

Ayia Kyriaki - Wednesday 18th March, after the morning Service

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

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

Tuesday 25 February - Chinese Meal at the Phuket restaurant, Kato Paphos at a cost of €18. 7.00 for 7.30pm.

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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