



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

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 24th February 2019
Second before Lent - Year C

Parish Priest: The Reverend Andrew Burt

Associate Priest: The Reverend Canon Anthony Stidolph

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Readings for Sunday 24th February

Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 -- Page 2
Psalm: Psalm 65 -- Page 410
Second Reading: Revelation 4 -- Page 869
Gospel: Luke 8: 22-25 -- Page 732

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Pastorale - F. Peeters
After: Toccata in C - J. Pachelbel

Sunday 3rd March

First Reading: Exodus 34: 29-35 -- Page 66
Psalm: Psalm 99 -- Page 427
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2 -- Page 818
Gospel: Luke 9: 28-43 -- Page 733

COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anglican Communion: Father, we come together to pray as one that we may be as one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed that we, who are His body may be one with Himself. In the same way that You and He are united together in love and purpose.

Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East: We pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem; The Most Revd Suheil Dawani and his wife Shafeeqa. For wisdom as he leads the church in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. His administrative staff and the Very Revd Canon Hosam Naoum, Dean of St. George's Cathedral.

Our Diocese: We pray for our own spirituality, that our hearts, minds, and souls might be enlarged and enlightened. This week we hold in our prayers St. Christopher's Cathedral Bahrain in Central Manama, with a relatively small but very international community hosting many other congregations of varying traditions. We pray for whoever will be appointed as Dean and for the challenges he/she will face in a new community.

In our own Parish of Paphos: We pray for our Parish Priest the Reverend Andrew, our Associate Priest the Revd Canon Anthony almost at the end of a well-earned leave, returning as Interim Associate Priest. We pray for our brothers and sisters of the Paphos Latin Parish overseen by Fr's Jim and Fernando during Fr. Carlos' mission work in Tanzania; and we pray for a successful Caritas fundraising 'soup and sandwich' lunch on Thursday 28th.

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## *WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY AND THIS WEEK*

### **Sunday 24th February**

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

### **Wednesday 27th February**

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki  
10.15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting - St. Stephen's  
11.15am Clinic & Hospital Visitors' Team Meeting - St. Stephen's

### **Thursday 28th February**

1.30pm Fundraising Lunch for the Needy - Latin Parish Hall

### **Friday 1st March**

2.00pm World Day of Prayer - St. Stephen's

### **Sunday 3rd March**

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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THIS PARISH OF OURS

Duty Wardens for this week

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.

## *GENERAL NOTICES*

### **Renewal of Contract for Reverend Andrew Burt.**

It is with great pleasure that the Council of The Anglican Church of Paphos is able to announce an extension of the Contract of Reverend Andrew to the last day of September 2021. There has been consultation with Bishop Michael and Archdeacon John, both of whom welcome this news. Blessings to you all, Jacque Hammond. (Vice Chair of Council)

**Annual General meeting (AGM)** the Council approved the holding of our AGM on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am for 10.30am at St Stephen's church.

In line with our new Constitution, we are looking for parishioners to fill particular posts on Council as set out in the constitution and I encourage you to reflect prayerfully whether you would consider standing for one of the following Council posts. Each of the posts carries a three-year remit and is not remunerated.

The posts that need filling are:

1. Councillor with responsibility for safeguarding and risk assessment
2. Councillor with responsibility for Human Resources and Personnel
3. Councillor with responsibility for Communications and IT
4. Chair of the Finance Committee and Fund Raising
5. Treasurer
6. Independent Financial Examiner
7. Assistant Treasurer.
8. Chair of Fabric: The current Chair of Fabric (Rema Lawson) was co-opted by Council during 2018 and her three-year position will need to be ratified by the AGM.

It is expected that anyone considering standing for one of these posts will have had previous experience of the responsibility that is involved.

**IN ADDITION**, the following posts will need to be filled:

- one new warden for St Stephen's
- two new wardens for St Luke's
- one new warden for Ayia Kyriaki.

Each of these wardens will also be a Councillor.

**PLUS:** we will need TWO new Parish Councillors, each of whom will have a remit for three years.

**How do I apply:** If you are wanting to apply for one of these posts, please would you obtain a nomination form from our church secretary, Di Sylvester at: churchsecretary04@gmail.com

You will appreciate that there are a large number of posts to fill and we must achieve a workable and an efficient Council, along with wardens' posts filled if our parish is to thrive and grow. Please give due consideration to your possible involvement. Reverend Andrew

**Residency in Cyprus for Ex-Pats:** at a recent meeting of various Paphos-based welfare organisations, coordinated by the High Commission, it was again stressed that all ex-pats living permanently in Cyprus must obtain and possess ONE of these three yellow slips: MEU1, MEU2, or MEU3. Some parishioners who have been resident in Cyprus for some years, especially those resident prior to Cyprus joining the EU, may have older residency documents, stamps or cards. The message from the High Commission is that these are now obsolete and must be replaced by an MEU3 if you have lived in Cyprus for over five years. Please check your status. Reverend Andrew

**Applications to renew your Electoral Roll Status:** we are now in the process of 'chasing' parishioners who still need to renew their electoral roll status. If you know you have not renewed, please do so urgently by getting a paper copy of the form from your warden or emailing Reverend Andrew for an electronic copy. This is an important parish process, please don't ignore it. Reverend Andrew

**Application to join the Electoral Roll:** if you would like to apply to be on

the Electoral Roll, and so formalise your association with the parish, please ask your warden for an application form. It would be very good to have new folk join us. Reverend Andrew

**Lent Courses:** We have decided to use a stimulating Lent Course called *The Mystery of God* which has been published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Discussion sessions include: The mystery of good and evil, the mystery of God's glory, the mystery of sin, hope and suffering, the mystery of relationship and reconciliation, and the mystery of love and sacrifice. The course is practical and accessible – much in the style of previous Lent courses. Exact dates will be published next week after the Worship Team has met but there will be a discussion group running in both Paphos and Polis. For information on the course go to:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/lent/> I look forward to you joining us.

Reverend Andrew

**The Archdeacon of Cyprus** It was announced at Synod that Archdeacon John Holdsworth will be retiring at the end of July. Our new Archdeacon will be the Venerable Christopher Fatcher who has been the Archdeacon of Exeter since 2012. His wife Ann is also a priest in the Exeter Diocese and will become the new social concern coordinator on the island, taking over from the Reverend Christine Goldsmith. They expect to arrive in Larnaca during August and Archdeacon Christopher will be licensed on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. For more details see the Diocesan website at:

<https://cypgulf.org/cyprus/new-cyprus-archdeacon-announced-and-new-social-concern-coordinator/> Reverend Andrew.

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NOTICES FOR TODAY AND THIS WEEK

Congregational Meetings

Prior to the Annual General Meeting taking place on Saturday 16 March, Congregational meetings will take place at each church as follows:

St Stephen's – Monday 25th February commencing at 2.30 pm

St Luke's – Tuesday 26th February commencing at 4.00 pm

Ayia Kyriaki – Wednesday 27th February commencing at 10.00 am
At these meetings, Warden/s are to be elected for ratification at the AGM (two Wardens required for St Luke's and one each for St Stephen's and Ayia Kyriaki).

Prior to the meetings, Nomination Forms will be posted on each of the church notice boards, for these positions, along with those for two Parish Councillors, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Treasurer and Independent Financial Examiner.

In accordance with the revised ACP Constitution, dated November 2018, electronic voting will be allowed, subject to genuine non-attendance and permission sought from Reverend Andrew. However, proxy voting is not allowed. Any queries, please contact Di (Church Secretary) on 99 103976.
Reverend Andrew

Fundraising to help the needy: Thursday **28th February** at 1.30 pm soup and sandwiches to raise funds for **CARITAS** at the Latin Parish Hall. Please put your name on list in Church or coffee shop or let Fr. Jim on 99793169 know for catering purposes. Suggested donation €5 to €10.
There are 3 strands for fundraising for CARITAS.

1. **The food programme.** 40 families (about 130 people) receive a bag of food regularly, and if an emergency occurs help is always available. Mainly Syrian refugees but anyone in need is helped.

2. **The Learning centre.** Here Refugee children are given extra classes and help in spoken Greek and English as well as Adult refugees mainly women. Currently there are about 22 children and 12 adults.

3. **A general fund.** This is to help with things such as Medical needs, immigration cases, personal assistance where not covered by State Benefits, and emergencies that arise. A monthly account can be seen in the Hospice coffee shop.

World Day of Prayer (formerly known as The Women's World Day of Prayer) - will take place on **Friday 1 March 2019** commencing 2pm at St Stephen's. This year's service has been prepared by Christian women in

Slovenia. Please encourage parishioners, friends, family and visitors, including gentlemen to attend.

Spirituality Day - Diving for Pearls: Held on **Saturday 2nd March** 10am - 1pm at St. Helena's Church, Larnaca and led by the Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, Revd Dr Andrew Mayes. Book via retreats@cypgulf.org

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## *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**Christmas Fayre:** There will be a 'Mop-up' meeting for the 2018 Christmas Fayre on Monday **4<sup>th</sup> March** at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen's. Everyone is invited to share their thoughts about last year's Fayre, whether directly involved or not, and to discuss the future of the Fayre as our main fund-raising event for Charity. Do please try and come along to share your thoughts and offer suggestions. Margaret Keeble

**Ash Wednesday Services:** Ash Wednesday is on **6<sup>th</sup> March**, this year, and a service of Holy Communion, with the imposition of ashes, will be held in each of our three churches as follows: 0900 Ayia Kyriaki, 1100 St Stephen's and 1700 at St Luke's. Ash Wednesday is an important penitential day in the church's calendar – marking the start of Lent. Please mark the day in your diary and do plan to be with us for one of the services.

Reverend Andrew.

**Recycled cards:** Sue and Lou will be selling their recycled cards on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11am service at St. Stephen's. They make wonderful cards so do please come have a browse and, hopefully, replenish your stocks of cards thereby helping local charities in the process.

**Craft Group:** The Craft Group is having a Spring Fair on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** and we will be having bric-a-brac, books, plants, preserves and cakes, our

own craft items and raffle.

If anyone has unwanted presents please bring them to Mary for raffle prizes, all items can be brought to St. Stephen's from now on. Thanks. Mary Brown.

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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

12th March - Nicosia Coach Trip. Tickets available, cost €13

19th March - Beetle Drive/Meal - I can now confirm that the Beetle Drive/Meal will take place at Yiannis Taverna, Kathikas, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets available at a cost of €15.

6th April - Spring Craft Fayre

21st April - Easter Lunch at the Kamares Club

22nd April - Sponsored Walk

18th May - mini Golf

20 July - Annual BBQ

15 August - Latchi Boat Trip

? September - Harvest Lunch

19th October - Beetle Drive

12th November - Nicosia Coach Trip

? November - Annual Dinner Dance

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)

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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Final Thought: The Beatitudes ... Last week and this week, our Gospel readings have provided the option to focus on the Beatitudes as recorded by St Luke. The poet Malcolm Guite has written a sonnet reflecting on Matthew's version of the Beatitudes (see below). He comments on his writing in this way: "It seems to me that one way to understand how it is that the poor, and those who mourn, the persecuted, and those who keep yearning and hungering, in spite of everything, for a righteousness we do not yet see, (yet are all, somehow blessed) is to see in the beatitudes a little lifting of the veil, a little glimpse into the coming kingdom. We can so easily feel defeated by the darkness of this present age and the apparent defeat of goodness at every turn, but in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus lifts the veil and gives us hope! The Cross, his cross and ours, is not the end of the story! The kingdom is coming and one day His Easter, his glorious resurrection will also be ours! The beatitudes are an invitation to live from and for that coming day."

Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-16

We bless you, who have spelt your blessings out,
And set this lovely lantern on a hill
Lightening darkness and dispelling doubt
By lifting for a little while the veil.
For longing is the veil of satisfaction
And grief the veil of future happiness
We glimpse beneath the veil of persecution
The coming kingdom's overflowing bliss

Oh make us pure of heart and help us see
Amongst the shadows and amidst the mourning
The promised Comforter, alive and free,
The kingdom coming and the Son returning,
That even in this pre-dawn dark we might
At once reveal and revel in your light.

Taken from: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2015/06/10/the-beatitudes-a-little-lifting-of-the-veil/>