

# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH of PAPHOS

## DIOCESE OF CYPRUS and THE GULF

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem

and the Middle East

(a Province of the Anglican Communion)

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 25th December 2016

Christmas Day - Year A



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**Christmas Greetings:** To everyone in the parish, warmest Christmas greetings and every wish for a very happy and holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Thank you to all who have sent cards and Christmas greetings and for making this first Christmas, in Cyprus, a very special season. To those receiving this but who are not in Cyprus, at present - Christmas greetings and we hope to see you back very soon.

*The Reverend Andrew and Canon Anthony*

### **Reflection by Thomas Merton:**

"Christ our Lord did not come to bring peace to the world as some kind of spiritual tranquillizer. He brought to his disciples a vocation and a task - to struggle in a world of violence to establish His peace not only in their own hearts, but in society itself"

### *CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016*

*Please make a note in your diaries*

Christmas Day - 8.15 am. Christmas Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki  
- 11.00 am. Christmas Eucharist, St. Luke's  
- 11.00 am. Christmas Eucharist, St. Stephen's

Sunday 1 January 2017, St. Stephen's Day Eucharist  
- 8.15 am. and 6.00 pm. Ayia Kyriaki  
- 9.30 am. St. Luke's (Morning Worship)  
- 11.00 am. St. Stephen's

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**Sunday 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

**Sunday 1st January - St. Stephen**

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 24: 20-24... Page 323  
**Psalm:** Psalm 119: 161-168... Page 440  
**Second Reading:** Acts 7: 51-60... Page 776  
**Gospel:** Matthew 10: 17-22... Page 688

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***PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK***

**To us a child is born, to us a son is given: and his name will be called the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)**

**Anglican Communion:** Pray for Archbishop Justin of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion worldwide; may it, through the Gospel of Jesus, foster a message of peace and goodwill to all people regardless of race or religion.

**The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** Pray for the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa; may the spirit of Christmas resonate through this vast diocese.

**Our Diocese:** Pray for our Diocese, that it may continue to listen to your still calm voice amidst the noise and strife of life; and for those persecuted for their faith, strengthen them in times of adversity.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We pray for our worship team led by our Parish Priest the Rev'd Andrew, supported by the Rev'd Canon Anthony and our Readers; giving thanks for our three worship centres offering a diversity of worship but still under the Anglican umbrella, offering a welcome to all who attend our Christmas services.

**For further prayers during the week** see our Diocesan Prayer Guide and also the Anglican Communion website

[www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org)

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***WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY & THIS WEEK***

**Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day**

8.15am Christmas Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki  
11.00am Christmas Eucharist - St. Luke's  
11.00am Christmas Eucharist - St. Stephen's  
6.00pm NO SERVICE - Ayia Kyriaki

**Wednesday 28th December**

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

**Sunday 1st January - St. Stephen**

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

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**The Church Council have agreed to display a monthly "running total" showing income against outgoings provided by the Hon. Treasurer. This replaces the list of Collections and Pledges published weekly.**

**Accounts for NOVEMBER 2016 and year-to-date 2016**

Money Received from Congregations:	€5,597
Money Received from Weddings	€1,490
Money received from 101 Club	€NIL
Money received from all other sources	€2,885
Money spent	€23,573
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(€13,601)</b>
Money Received in YTD from Congregations	€78,258
Money Received YTD from Weddings	€97,375
Money Received from 101 Club YTD	€17,572

Money Received from all other sources YTD	€29,202
Money Spent in 2016 YTD	€171,950
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) 2016 YTD</b>	<b>€50,457</b>

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*THIS PARISH OF OURS*

*Duty Wardens for this week*

**Ayia Kyriaki - 8.15 a.m.** - Jacquie Hammond + week

**Ayia Kyriaki - 6.00 p.m.** - No service

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

**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 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.

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.

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*GENERAL NOTICES*

**The Reverend Andrew will be on leave from Monday 26th December until Friday 13th January.**

**Rev'd Andrew's Installation Video:** A video recording of Rev'd Andrew's installation is now available on DVD. Priced at €10 per copy, the DVD shows the entire one-hour event and, in addition to providing you with a personal record of the occasion, could make an ideal Christmas present for your friends and family. To order copies simply give your name, contact details and payment to the Warden on duty at your church.

The DVD can now be ordered (and paid for) through the church website.

*ADVANCE NOTICES*

**Confirmation Course:** A confirmation course will begin in mid-January with a Confirmation service scheduled at Ayia Kyriaki for Sunday 5th March at 6.00pm. The confirmation course is open to anyone in the parish with the only proviso being that you are keen to explore a further commitment to the Christian faith. If you are in Polis, it may be possible to come to an arrangement over travel. Please refer to Canon Anthony or myself if you have any questions and let us know if you wish to be included. If you wish to join by way of a refresher course - that, too, would be possible. *Rev'd Andrew*

**A Service to mark The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Advance notice that this yearly service will be held on Friday 20th January at Ayia Kyriaki at 6.00pm. This is an important service that we share with all Christians in Paphos and in particular our Latin friends. It will be an attractive and engaging service and I urge you to consider attending.

**Recycled Cards:** Sue and Lou will next be selling their recycled cards on **Sunday 19th February** after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. Sue & Lou make some wonderful cards so do have a look, replenish your stocks, and help to support local charities.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on 3rd March, 3p.m. at St. Stephen's Church. Further details to follow nearer the time.

*SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS - 2017*

*Times of events to be confirmed*

**Tuesday 28th February** - 6.30pm - Beetle Drive at Stephanie Tavern,  
Tala

**Saturday 18th March** - 6.30pm - Quiz Night at the Fantasia Club

**Sunday 16th April** - 1.00pm - Easter Lunch at Kamares Club

**Friday 19th May** - 6.30pm - Mini Golf

**Friday 23rd June** - 4.00pm - Latchi Boat Trip.

**Friday 24th November** - 6.30pm - Christmas Dinner at Kamares Club

**Ticket Sellers:**

**Ayia Kyriaki:** Morning: Carolyn Hart (97 762371)  
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. Mob: 99 437892; Email: [sarahsait1995@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsait1995@gmail.com)**



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