



# 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 27th January 2019  
Epiphany 4 - Year C

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## Readings for Sunday 27th January

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 -- Page 347/8  
**Psalm:** Psalm 19 -- Page 390  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a -- Page 813  
**Gospel:** Luke 4: 14-21 -- Page 727

## Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

**Before:** Concerto - G.F. Handel  
**After:** Prelude & Fugue in F minor - J.S. Bach

## Sunday 3rd February - Presentation of Christ

**First Reading:** Malachi 3: 1-5 -- Page 676  
**Psalm:** Psalm 24: 7-10 -- Page 392  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2: 14-18 -- Page 847  
**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-40 -- Page 725

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## *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Collect:** God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** We continue to pray for the world leaders and their governments, especially at this time of political unrest for the UK and the USA; for the people of those countries, the employed and the unemployed, the pensioners, the young looking to their futures, the homeless and the poor and needy.

**Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** We pray for the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa and the Rt. Revd Dr Mouneer Anis; for the institutions that serve the community: The Harpur Hospital in Cairo, Health Centre in Sadat City, the Episcopal

School Menouf, the work with the deaf, with refugees, with prisoners and in other areas of welfare and social need.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Archdeacon John, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and for all involved in discerning and encouraging vocations. This week, we remember in our prayers, our own Parish of Paphos with its three places of worship; Ayia Kyriaki Chrysopolitissa, St. Stephen's and St. Luke's.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We pray for our Parish Priest the Reverend Andrew, our Associate Priest the Revd Canon Anthony; Readers Ann, Ray and Trev. We pray for the successful recruitment of a new House for Duty Priest and their move to Paphos, and their efficient civil licensing for their involvement with the wedding ministry and the provision of good rented accommodation.

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

### **Sunday 27th January**

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 30th January**

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

### **Friday 1st February**

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

### **Sunday 3rd February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

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

## *THIS PARISH OF OURS*

### **Duty Wardens for this week**

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Trish 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*

**Canon Anthony – Leave:** Canon Anthony will be on leave from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 1st March. We wish him a restful and refreshing period of leave prior to him taking up his post as Interim Associate Priest at the beginning of March.

**Electoral Roll:** I hope that a good many of you will surprise me today, and finally return your Electoral Roll renewal forms by today's deadline. As of the end of last week, we had only received 70 returns and this is well below where we estimate we should be. If you have forgotten or overlooked this very important action, please act swiftly to get your renewal application back to your warden or directly to Gordon Redpath, our Electoral Roll Officer. Contact details at the end of the newsheet. This is important administration, on your part, and helps to make the parish run smoothly. Thank you to those who have already submitted a return.

Reverend Andrew.

**Visiting Clergy:** On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we will welcome to the parish The Reverend Drew Schmotzer, Chaplain of St Martin's church in Sharjah in The United Arab Emirates. He has kindly accepted an invitation to preach at the 0815 Eucharist at Ayia Kyriaki, the 1100 service of Holy Communion at St Stephen's and the 1800 Eucharist at Ayia Kyriaki. In addition, we will welcome back to the parish, on this Sunday, The Reverend Canon Ian Calder who will preside and preach at the 0930 service of Holy Communion at St Luke's. After a week at Synod, he will also be the officiant at Morning Worship at St Stephen's on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Canon Ian will be accompanied by his wife, Penny. We are grateful to them both, for their willing assistance at a time when there is only one Priest in the parish. Reverend Andrew.

**Diocesan Synod:** Our annual Diocesan Synod will meet in Larnaca from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Reverend Andrew will be attending along with your parish representatives: Sarah Sait and Chris Hoskins. Jacquie Hammond will also be attending in a non-representative capacity as the Diocesan Sacristan and Trevor Sait will attend as an observer. Please pray for those who are arranging the Synod – especially the business that will be discussed over the five days and for all who travel from near and far. Reverend Andrew.

**Please Note:** Due to Synod, next Sunday's WNS will cover two weeks - the weeks commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February, if you have anything to go into either of those editions please would you get it to me by Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup> January) 10am at the latest. Thank you. Sarah Sait

**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 Chair of 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

## *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**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. All Christian churches in Paphos will be contacted and invited to take part.

If anyone would like to volunteer at this service from Ayia Kyriaki, St Luke's and St Stephen's, please contact Chris Hoskins either by email: [chrishoskins2016@gmail.com](mailto:chrishoskins2016@gmail.com) or call 97753973. 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](mailto:retreats@cypgulf.org)

**Craft Group:** The Craft Group are having a Spring Fair on **Saturday 6th April** and we will be having bric 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.

## *SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS*

*Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome*

**9th February** - Bowling in Paphos, commencing 5pm followed by a meal at a nearby taverna. Cost of bowling and meal €15. Ticket sellers will inform you of the menu choice when purchasing your tickets.

**12th March** - Nicosia Coach Trip

**19th March** - Beetle Drive/Meal - Date and Venue to be confirmed - Unfortunately the Stephanie Restaurant is not available due to renovations

**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](mailto:sarahsait1995@gmail.com)**

**A Comment by The Reverend Canon Angela Tilby published in The Church Times on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to mark the week of Prayer for Christian Unity which ended on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Ecumenism has lost its way**

“May they be one so that the world may believe.” The prayer of Jesus from John 17 suggests that successful evangelism depends on unity among Christ’s followers. Today, it seems years since the Churches really believed in visible unity; the very name “Churches Together” suggests that the once precious goal has been quietly abandoned.

There are many reasons why this has happened. The vision of unity which was promoted in the mid-20th century depended on an already existing Christian culture that now barely exists. The syllabus for religious education in schools brought clergy together from the different denominations. Radio and television provided opportunities for worship and discussion which were carefully organised across local, national, and denominational divides. The result was a canopy of shared understanding based on commonly held translations of scripture, a broadly shared social ethic, and a readiness to witness to the nation as a whole.

It was never perfect. The Roman Catholic Church was not really signed up for it, although there were significant individuals who contributed greatly. Evangelical bodies were wary, suspecting that the whole enterprise was a liberal plot to undermine the true gospel. But imperfect though it was, it carried a genuine hope that visible unity was possible.

What has broken down in more recent decades is that whole canopy of shared understanding. Religious education and religious media now bypass the Churches. Anglican divisions have ended hopes for reunion with the Methodists. English Non-conformity has declined precipitously. Evangelicals and Pentecostals veer away from ecumenism, since their underlying ecclesiology is non-institutional. As they see it, the only unity worth having is that based on agreed doctrine.

Internationally, too, there is stasis. The World Council of Churches, for example, continues to urge ecumenical ideals, but its pronouncements are no longer widely covered by the press.

But the critical problem is not how much the Church has changed, but how much the world has changed. The ecumenical movement grew out of a shared concern for Christian mission, fuelled by a historic series of international missionary conferences at the start of the 20th century. The aim of the Edinburgh Missionary Conference of 1910, “The world for Christ in a generation,” could now sound arrogant, even imperialistic.

There are many reasons why ecumenism has lost its way, but perhaps the basic reason is that the high priestly prayer of Jesus no longer speaks to us as it once did. Reinterpreting the Lord’s will on mission and unity should, perhaps, be the focus for this week of prayer. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18 to 25 January.

*Any thoughts?*

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