

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 29th January 2017 - Fourth of Epiphany

Presentation of Christ - Year A



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

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Readings for Sunday 29th January - Presentation of Christ

Page Numbers ~ St. Stephen's only

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

Sunday 5th February

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-12 -- Page 526
Psalm: Psalm 112 -- Page 434
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 -- Page 807
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20 -- Page 683

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### *PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Anglican Communion:** Pray for the Anglican Communion Archbishop Justin Welby, all Primates and priests and their congregations; and for the Church of Wales as they celebrate the first woman to be ordained as a bishop. Joanna Penberthy described her consecration at the weekend as "awe inspiring".

**The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** Pray for the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, for Bishop Michael and for the Diocesan office staff in the busy-ness of the preparations for the upcoming Diocesan Synod.

**Our Diocese:** Pray for "Communication", and for prayerful, thoughtful, courteous and stimulating communication across the diocese, always bringing together members of our diocese in our Christian journey. We pray for St. George's Baghdad, it re-opened in 2003 to receive Iraqi people from different Christian denominations; with a compound holding a clinic which opened in 2007, a Kindergarten in 2011, a Mother's Union branch and a big hall for festivals and meetings. We

pray for the safety of their priest the Rev'd Faiz Jerjees, his wife Nawal, all church officers and the congregations.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** Pray for our Parish Priest the Rev'd Andrew, our Associate Priest the Rev'd Canon Anthony as they prepare for their first Synod in Cyprus, also our two Synod Representatives Jacquie Hammond and Sarah Sait. We pray for the ongoing ministry of our Pastoral Teams; Clinic and Hospital visitors, Prayer support team, the Funeral and Bereavement team, and the Wedding Ministry and its vergers.

**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 29th January - Presentation of Christ/Candlemas

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

Wednesday 1st February

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
10.30am Prayer Support Team Meeting - St. Stephen's

Thursday 2nd February

10.00am Ecumenical Bible Study. Details phone 26 652057.

Friday 3rd February

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Sunday 5th February

8.15am 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 DECEMBER 2016 and year-to-date 2016**

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Money Received from Congregations:    | €7,870  |
| Money Received from Weddings          | €0      |
| Money received from 101 Club          | €1,409  |
| Money received from all other sources | (€850)  |
| Money spent                           | €11,826 |

**SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (€3,397)**

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|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Money Received in YTD from Congregations  | €86,129  |
| Money Received YTD from Weddings          | €97,575  |
| Money Received from 101 Club YTD          | €18,981  |
| Money Received from all other sources YTD | €28,151  |
| Money Spent in 2016 YTD                   | €183,825 |

**SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) 2016 YTD €47,012**

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THIS PARISH OF OURS

Duty Wardens for this week

Ayia Kyriaki - 8.15 a.m. - Sarah Sait
Ayia Kyriaki - 6.00 p.m. - Sarah Sait + week

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. 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

Rev'd Andrew's Day-off this week will be Tuesday 31st January.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Synod the next edition of the Weekly Notice Sheet will cover two weeks, the weeks commencing 5th and 12th February. If you have any items you wish to go into the sheet for either of those two weeks please let me have them by 10am on Wednesday 1st February. Thank you. Sarah Sait

Wedding Vergers: We need volunteers to be wedding vergers before the "wedding season" begins in earnest. If you feel you can help, please speak to one of the clergy. Many thanks. Canon Anthony.

Legacy Giving - Have you thought of leaving a bequest in your Will to the Anglican Church of Paphos?

The Parish in Paphos receives no external funding. Our only income is from donations and collections from our regular congregation members, visitors and those attending Weddings, Funerals and other special services - so gifts from people like you make everything we do more possible.

Gifts in Wills provide additional income to charities and organisations such as our Church. Depending on the size of the gift, payments to the beneficiary can be made in different ways - as a one-off payment, periodically via a trust fund, bank or invested on behalf of the beneficiary to provide future income.

You can specify the purpose to which your gift can be put - general running costs, purchase of new or special equipment, building construction and maintenance - the list is endless.

All donations and bequests will be gratefully received and treated in the strictest confidence.

If you would like to include the Anglican Church of Paphos in your Will and need advice or information on how to proceed please visit the 'Giving' section on our web-site at www.paphosanglicanchurch.org

NOTICES FOR TODAY , THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Prayer Support Team: The Prayer Support Team will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, 1st February, 10.30 at St. Stephen's. Please pass any updates or new requests for prayer to a member of the team or to me, Liz Jackson-Moore, on 26 652179. We always welcome new members.

ADVANCE NOTICES

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.

Please note the date for the intercessors and readers day has been postponed due to a clash of commitments. We will fix another time, and publish the new date in the WNS next week. Sorry for any inconvenience. Fr. Anthony

Women's World Day of Prayer: This will take place on **Friday 3rd March 2017, commencing 3pm at St. Stephen's**. All Christian Churches in Paphos are contacted and invited to take part. If anyone would like to volunteer to read at this service from Ayia Kyriaki, St. Stephen's and St. Luke's please contact Chris Hoskins as soon as possible by e-mail c.hoskins991@btinternet.com or call 97 753973. The service has been prepared by Christian women of the Philippines and it is hoped that some Filipino ladies will take part. Please encourage parishioners and visitors, including gentlemen to attend.

Date for your Diary: Saturday April 1st at St. Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia. Handel's MESSIAH FROM SCRATCH (Part Three) from 5pm. Conducted by Fr. Anthony with choristers from around the diocese. Watch this space!! This is going to be one of the "big things" happening in the diocese this year - come and join in!

NEWS RELEASES issued Sunday 22nd January 2017

Anglican Church helps to make a brighter Christmas:

During the past few weeks the Anglican Church of Paphos has provided much needed funds for local voluntary organisations and brought Christmas cheer to many individuals. From clothes-filled shoe-boxes for seamen to funding spectacles for refugees, presents for children of needy families and money for local charities.

For Seafarers who were far from home this Christmas, members of St Luke's Church, Prodromi (one of the three church in the Anglican

Church of Paphos), donated the contents for 25 gift-wrapped Christmas boxes for The Mission To Seafarers Centre in Limassol, to join those from other Parishes on the island. The Mission's Chaplain and volunteers visited 15 ships in Port this Christmas. Some 160 Seafarers each received a box containing a wool hats, gloves or socks and a selection of toiletries and sweets. They were touched to know they had been remembered by strangers.

The congregation of Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos responded promptly and very generously for the second year when asked to join with other churches in the Island to give 100+ children in the refugee camp at Kofinou a beautiful Christmas experience. Father Christmas accompanied by an elf or two distributed presents at a party complete with bouncy castle , face painting , glass motif painting and friendship bracelet making. Extra money raised by Ayia Kyriaki church was used to obtain spectacles for several refugees.

70 Christmas gifts were provided by members of the St Stephen's congregation Tala through their "Giving (Christmas) Tree" project. The gifts were presented on 20th Dec by Ann Bailey of St Stephen's (on left of photograph) to Mrs Helen Dagli (on right of photograph), the deputy head of the Department of Social Services in Paphos. The presents were distributed by Social Services staff to the children of needy families in Paphos later that day. Mrs Dagli had previously provided a list of the ages and genders (but not names) of the recipient children to enable the presents to be matched accordingly. Mrs Dagli and her staff were bowled over by the volume of the gifts, and expressed their extreme gratitude on behalf of the children who would receive them.

The Anglican Church of Paphos Annual Christmas Fayre held in December at the Monte Liza Wedding Venue in Mesogi Avenue, again raised more than 10,000 Euros for distribution to 23 local charities both large and small. More than 100 members of the three church

congregations were involved in the event which has been on the fundraising calendar for some 30 years and raised over 250,000 Euros for charity.

Christians United in Worship

On Friday 20th January nearly 100 people representing five churches in Paphos, joined together in a service for **“The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”**, an international occasion marked by Christians throughout the world and occurs on a yearly basis. The service was held in the Greek Orthodox church of Ayia Chrysopolitissa in Kato Paphos, otherwise known as the church by St. Paul’s Pillar.

The theme of the service was **“Crossing Barriers: Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us, 2 Corinthians 5:14-20**. Considering the present world situation, it is very relevant. During the service a symbolic ‘wall’ was built of twelve ‘stones’ by members of the various churches. Later, during a solo **“Amazing Grace”** sung by opera singer Judith Evans-Davies, the wall was dismantled and the ‘stones’ laid out on the floor of the church in the shape of a cross.

It was a very moving occasion shared by the five churches - The Latin Church, The Anglican Church, The Paphos Christian Fellowship International, The New Testament Community Church and The Calvary Chapel.

At the end of the service a single candle was carried through the church to the main door; **“Jesus is the light of the world, a light that darkness cannot overcome”** and as people left the church they had the opportunity to light a taper from the candle and carry it out into the world.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Tuesday 28th February - Shrove Tuesday - 7.00 for 7.30pm - Beetle Drive / Meal at Stephanie Tavern, Tala. Price €15.

Tuesday 14th March - Nicosia Coach Trip, departing 7.45am. Cost €13.

Sunday 16th April - 1.00 for 1.30pm - Easter Lunch at Kamares Club. Price €15.

Monday 17th April - Sponsored Walk - details to follow (Major Fundraising)

Friday 18th May - 4.00pm - Mini Golf / Buffet. (price tbc)

Friday 23rd June - Latchi Boat Trip. (date and time tbc)

Friday 24th November - Dinner Dance at the Kamares Club - details to follow (Major Fundraising).

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

FOR WNS 22ND JANUARY TO 12TH FEBRUARY

GRAND EASTER MONDAY WALK – 17TH APRIL

The Major Fund Raising Team (MFRT) and the Social Committee (SC) are getting together to arrange an Easter Walk on Monday 17th April in order to raise significant funds for the Anglican Church of Paphos (ACP).

There will be three walking routes to choose from, all designated to enable serious more experienced or enthusiastic walkers from the

church to participate and/or raise money through sponsorship. The walks will finish at Sea Caves Taverna and are:

1. Coast to coast: Latchi to Sea Caves via Neo Chorio & Lara led by Peter Latham. Distance approximately 30 kms.
2. Sea Caves to Agios Georgios and back (return is optional) led by Ian Geddes. Distance approximately 12 kms.
3. Sea Caves to Coral Bay/Corallia Beach and back (return is optional) led by Rev'd Andrew Burt. Distance approximately 7 kms.

The day will be planned so that all participants arrive at the Sea Caves Taverna where a lunch snack will be provided as part of the €15 registration. We would hope that all those taking part will raise money through sponsorship for ACP and Sponsorship Forms will be available in early March from Church Wardens and the Stewards for the event. Members of the church not able to walk but who wish to help can participate as stewards or drivers for those walking one way.

Other organisations will be encouraged to join us e.g. charities, local Associations and those benefitting from the ACP Christmas Fayre.

Peter Latham will be acting as the Treasurer for the event and Gerald Payne has undertaken to arrange a press release and publicity. Chris Hoskins will be arranging First Aid to be available with each walk.

The next meeting of the MFRT/SC will be held at St Stephen's (12 noon) on Friday 17th February to which church members who wish to help with the event are welcome to attend. Details of the walks and sponsorship forms will be available for distribution.

Roger Bailey (Chairman MFRT)

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