

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH of PAPHOS

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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 November 2015

Advent Sunday - Year C



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Special Readings

Readings for Sunday 6th December

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First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4... Page 676

Canticle: Luke 1: 68-79... Page 724

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11... Page 830

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6... Page 726

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Today is Advent Sunday, the start of a new liturgical year; may it, under the leadership of Archbishop Justin, be a year of Spiritual growth and renewal for the Anglican Communion, and indeed for all our brothers and sisters in Christ; may the Persecuted Church experience a time of reconciliation and peace. We pray for our Bishop Michael and with thanksgiving for the life of our Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. We pray for St. Paul's Church Kuwait and its three English, Urdu and Chinese congregations; for the permission granted to visit prisons on a regular basis to meet and pray with Christian prisoners; and pray that the finance situation is improved and the church has the needed income to run all its ministries. In our own Parish of Paphos we pray for the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday; may it be a day of interaction with so many expats and Cypriots, a time of outreach for our church family to the local community. May it be a day when the 'churched' and the unchurched meet in a joyful time of 'giving and receiving' to provide for the less fortunate; remembering that as always all moneys, after expenses paid, go to support local charities. We continue to pray for the Rev'd Andrew and our worship team, and that the new advertisement for both a Parish Priest and a House for Duty Priest bring forth a crop of applicants.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Mary Davis** whose funeral took place last Wednesday.

WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY & THIS WEEK

Sunday 29th November - Advent Sunday - Year C

- 8.15am Advent Carol Service (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Advent Carol Service (Reader in Training Ray Elliott) -
St. Luke's
11.00am Advent Carol Service (Reader Ann Bailey) -
St. Stephen's
6.00pm Advent Carol Service (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki

Tuesday 1st December

- 8.30am Setting up day for Christmas Fayre - Monte Lisa

Wednesday 2nd December

- 9.00am Holy Eucharist (Very Rev'd Derek Taylor) -
Ayia Kyriaki
12.00pm Annual Christmas Fayre - Monte Lisa

Friday 4th December

- 2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Sunday 6th December

- 8.15am Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Morning Worship (Reader Trev Sait) - St. Luke's
11.00am Holy Eucharist (Very Rev'd Derek Taylor) -
St. Stephen's
6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki

For the work of the Church - w/e 22nd November 2015

Ayia Kyriaki: €337.27 **Pledges:** €362.00

St. Stephen's: €357.00 **Pledges:** €242.00

St. Luke's: €196.50 **Pledges:** €35.00

Balloon Race: €142.50

Open Plate Total : €890.77

Pledges Total: €639.00

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### *THIS PARISH OF OURS*

#### *Duty Wardens for week*

**Ayia Kyriaki - 8.15 a.m.** - Margaret Keeble + week

**Ayia Kyriaki - 6.00 p.m.** - Margaret Keeble

**St. Stephen's** - Bob Cross

**St. Luke's** - Catherine Elliott

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A Notice for our U.K. Visitors

Gift Aid - The Anglican Church of Paphos, through the Jerusalem and East Mission Trust UK Endowment Fund, is recognised by the UK tax authorities as a registered UK charity. Any donations made by UK Taxpayers are eligible for Gift Aid. In order to participate, a Gift Aid envelope must be completed and submitted to the Church. **So that we can claim back any tax, it is vitally important that the information required on the front of the blue Gift Aid envelope is completed IN FULL. If this is not done we are unable to make a valid claim.** Your participation in the Gift Aid Scheme is much appreciated as the church is totally self-supporting. Thank you.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sponsored Swim Update: At their recent meeting, the major fund-raising team discussed a request to run the event again next year but confirmed that they would not do so despite having raised the magnificent sum of €5244 from this year's event. Originally volunteers to swim were sought from across the congregations and it was suggested that they seek sponsorship from friends, neighbours and the various Clubs that people belonged to. As you are aware only 9 swimmers materialised, and most did not like asking for sponsorship. There is no truth in the rumour that all the swimmers relied on support from church members. After scrutinising the sponsorship forms, around half the money raised came from outside the church (many from Cypriot people) and one swimmer was not even a church member. Almost all the swimmers have said that they found asking for sponsorship difficult and did not wish to do it again next year thus making this a one off event. It has always been our intention to recognise the hard work of the swimmers and give them our thanks so certificates signed by Archdeacon John will be presented to those present at the Christmas Fayre at **11.30am** on 2nd December. It has been agreed to run an 'American Breakfast' next year to coincide with 4th July which we hope will be at least as successful as the Sponsored Swim.
Roger Bailey, Chairman Major Fundraising Team.

Refugee Christmas Gifts: Christine Goldsmith, Curate at St. Barnabas Church Limassol, is co-ordinating a visit by Father Christmas to the Kofinou Refugee Camp at 11 a.m. on Wednesday 23rd December. Each child who will spend Christmas at the camp will receive a gift which will have cost €10 and be wrapped and named for them using a list supplied by UNHCR and the Asylum Department. Paphos have been invited to be a part of this island-wide Anglican Church outreach project. We are looking for two people from our Parish who would like to go to the camp to help distribute the ten gifts we have been asked to take. At our recent council meeting, John Smith volunteered to buy and wrap the gifts. If you would like to make a donation towards the €100 needed for the gifts or offer your services as one of Santa's helpers in Kofinou

please approach your church warden at our services today or on Sunday 6th December.

Thank you, Jacque Hammond and John Smith.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship: I have to let you know that, due to lack of interest and support, the Men's Breakfast Fellowship has to be ended. It was extremely difficult to get together enough members to hold the October meeting - only five answered the e-mails asking for names of those intending to attend. By 'press-ganging' with some degree of persuasion there were enough to warrant holding the meeting. It was a meeting well worth attending as all of those present agreed.

Rev'd Andrew Symonds was scheduled to speak at the November meeting but, just three days before we had to let the caterer know the numbers for breakfast, we had received only four names. As it was now apparent that the interest in the group was no longer there it was decided that there would be no more meetings until someone might come along and revive the group.

I am extremely sorry and sad to see the end of what many of us had enjoyed over the last few years. Perhaps it might be revived. Time will tell!
William

Women's Group: Joan Brewster sent us off laughing after she gave the last talk of the year! Some of the tales she told were hilarious. Thank you, Joan for a very enjoyable afternoon, and thank you to the ladies of St. Stephen's who provided the lavish refreshments. There will be no meeting in December, so we will meet again on 21st January, when we can enjoy the drive to Prodromi, to hear Russ Fern telling us about his experiences as a fireman. This will be followed, as usual, by a tempting afternoon tea. If you would like further information, please contact me, Barbara Reid at b.reid32@gmail.com or ring 96 673393.

NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 29th November - Advent Sunday:

As we start this very important time of preparation and reflection in

the run up to Christmas Rev'd Andrew asked, and the worship team were happy to agree, that all 4 services in all 3 churches in our Parish should follow the same service. Consequently all services will be an "Advent Carol Service". Please note that no Holy Eucharist will be offered in any of our churches. If for genuine, personal reasons - ill health, worry, bereavement then please contact Rev'd Andrew and he will hold a short Holy Eucharist in the Treasurer's Office at 0930. I encourage others to attend the Wednesday morning service at Ayia Kyriaki. *Jacquie Hammond*

Starting on Advent Sunday the Posada figures start their journey around our Parish. Mary, Joseph, Archangel Gabriel and of course the donkey will leave Ayia Kyriaki and accept YOUR hospitality until they complete their journey at midnight at St. Stephen's, when Bishop Michael unites them with Baby Jesus. If YOU would like to host these delightful little wooden figures for a night then please phone me on 99 276129. They really do help to focus on the special meaning of Advent and the coming of the Messiah. Hear from YOU soon, Jacquie.

The Very Reverend Derek Taylor and Val: Whilst on holiday in Paphos from the 28th November, by the kind invitation of the Rev'd Andrew, Derek will celebrate the Eucharist in Ayia Kyriaki on Wednesday, 2nd December and in St. Stephen's on Sunday 6th, when he will also preach. Parishioners will recall with affection and gratitude Dean Derek's long time with us in 2006 and a few years later for a month or so; and others will recall his time as Dean of St. Christopher's in Bahrain. We are assured that he is as vigorous and sprightly as ever!

ADVANCE NOTICES

A Date for your Diary: St. Luke's invites you to join them for "Carols for Christmas" on Saturday **12th December** at 5.30pm. Traditional Carols interspersed with Christmassy poems and readings, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. A warm welcome

awaits you, your neighbours, family and friends. Come and celebrate the forthcoming Christmas season with us at St. Luke's, Prodromi.

Congregational Meeting for Ayia Kyriaki will be held at 10am on Wednesday 16th December, in the kitchen area. Please do your utmost to attend. Thank you, Jacquie Hammond

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Wednesday 2nd December at the Monte Lisa wedding venue, Mesogi Avenue, Paphos. Open to the public from 12 noon to 3.30pm. Any new helpers will be warmly welcomed; please contact Margaret Keeble.

Setting up day - Tuesday 1st December. VOLUNTEERS needed from 8.30am to move chairs and tables. Offers of help to Margaret Keeble (26 422380) or Gerald Payne (96 620721). Stallholders can set-up from 10.30am.

PROMOTIONAL FLYERS are now available at each Church. Please take as many as you like and distribute to your friends, neighbours, local tavernas, kiosks, clubs, etc. We need the publicity to attract visitors.

PLEASE, Will everyone who has taken **RAFFLE TICKETS** to buy or sell to friends ensure that the filled-in sold stubs, money and all unsold tickets are **RETURNED** to your distributor **NO LATER than SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER.**

Please note that Christmas Fayre notices are in alphabetical order so please remember to check all notices each week for additions and changes.

Book Stall: Grant and Hilary are now collecting your unwanted books and DVD's for the Christmas Fayre book stall. They can be left in labelled boxes at any of the three churches and we will collect

them on a regular basis. If you have a lot of books or require assistance, please contact us on 99 922939 or grant8546@gmail.com Thank you. *Grant and Hilary Hammond*

Bottle Stall: Dex and Judith will be happy to accept contributions of cans of drink or bottles for the bottle stall. These can be left at any of the three Churches. Thank you. *Judith 97 682150*

Bric-a-Brac: If you have any unwanted items, in good condition, that would sell on the Bric-a-Brac Stall at the Christmas Fayre, they would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Jayne on 96 511321 or Sheila on 97 801544. **PLEASE NOTE** that the **final date for dropping off Bric-a-Brac** is Thursday 19th November as Jayne goes to the UK on 21st and is not back until late on 28th and items will need to be sorted and priced.

Craft Creations: This is the stall which will sell all those materials for handicrafts you have acquired in more enthusiastic times! Now is the time to turn out all the card making stuff, embroidery and tapestry, mosaics, candle making equipment, patchwork, woodwork, indeed any hobby materials you have no further time or interest in but others may pick up and enjoy. Please leave things at St. Stephen's or phone me on 26 911489 for collection. Many thanks. *Jill Dare.*

Nearly New: We are now accepting clothes for our stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 2nd. At Ayia Kyriaki things can be left in the Church office, at St. Luke's in Church or call Carolyn on 99 769272, for St. Stephen's call Joy on 99 496153. We thank you in advance.

PLEASE do not leave any more clothes at St. Stephen's for Joy Shefford as she has run out of space to store them, please bring them to the Monte Lisa on the day before the Fayre, after 10.30am.

If you have any spare clothes hangers please would you bring them on the day of the Fayre. Thank you.

Produce Stall: CALLING ALL BAKERS. Your skills are needed to supply and fill the Produce stall. Large and small cakes, pastries, both sweet and savoury items - anything you bake will be gratefully accepted. Also, fresh produce - fruit and vegetables - will be very welcome. Please fill-in the forms at the churches so as we know what you will be providing.

Raffle Tickets: Raffle Tickets are now available. 2,500 tickets are ready for you to take and sell to your friends and family in advance of the Fayre. Collect your supply today from Ray Elliott (St. Luke's), Ian & Caroline Geddes and Mary Brown (St. Stephen's), Gerald Payne, Margaret Keeble and Bob and Liz Pearce at Ayia Kyriaki.

Rainbow Stall: The Rainbow Stall would be pleased to relieve you of your unwanted items of jewellery, toiletries and anything else we can sell on our colourful stall. Contact Di at St. Luke's on 99845687.

Sweets Stall: Carolyn Hart and Caroline Geddes would very much appreciate as much help as possible with the making of sweets (fudge, peppermint creams, etc.) for the Christmas Fayre sweets stall. Recipes are available. Please contact Carolyn (AK), on 97 762371 or Caroline at St. Stephen's. Email: Carolyn.hart@btinternet.com OR Caroline on caroline.willisson@btinternet.com

Tombola: We are running the Tombola stall again this year. Last year with your help we managed to raise a good sum. We would be very grateful for prizes in the form of gifts, soaps, jewellery and any items that are in a new condition. Items can be left at any of the three churches labelled for the Tombola stall. Or if you would prefer contact us on 99 957912 or by e-mail: chrisjcross@hotmail.com Many thanks. *Chris and Bob Cross*

Yes we can! We did it last year and the year before!!

What is it? We changed WATER INTO WINE!!!

But I'm relying on YOU. I need bottles of wine (red, white or rosé)

Please leave them in the usual places, clearly marked "Water into Wine". Thank you, Jacquie Hammond.

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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