



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 2nd December 2018 - Advent Sunday
Advent 1 - Year C

Parish Priest: The Reverend Andrew Burt

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Readings for Sunday 2nd December - Advent 1 - Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 -- Page 563
Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-10 -- Page 393
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 -- Page 836
Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36 -- Page 746

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Sonata in D - A. Scarlatti
After: Prelude in E minor - J.S. Bach

Sunday 9th December

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4 -- Page 676
Canticle: Benedictus [Luke 1: 68-79] -- Page 724
Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11 -- Page 830
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6 -- Page 726

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### *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Collect:** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** We live in a troubled, and often confusing world; on the one hand a world suffering from religious, political and social unrest, wars and conflicts, acts of terrorism and unlawful taking of lives; on the other hand, suffering from so many natural disasters, enormous forest fires, flood and storm damage, mud-slides burying whole villages. Lord we pray for the healing of our world and its people, and for us all to live with respect and tolerance for other beliefs and ways of worship.

**Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** We pray for our Province and Primate, The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Secretary Georgia Katsantonis, Treasurer Ehab Edward Khalil, and for its four Dioceses,

praying that the Gospel may be spread widely throughout these historic lands.

**Our Diocese:** We pray, with Bishop Michael in thanksgiving for the life of our diocese in all its partiality; this week we remember the Anglican Church in Kuwait, St. Paul's and its three congregations – English, Urdu and Mandarin, giving glory to God Almighty for the special blessing of St. Paul's Church as it recently commemorated 70 years of Christian witness in Kuwait.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** Today we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season and the start of a new liturgical year; a time to commit ourselves in prayer to a life of peace with God, peace with our neighbour, forgiveness and love, thereby bringing peace to ourselves. In our Parish we pray for the upcoming Christmas Fayre where we hope to raise, once more, money to give to the local charities and help those in need; may it be a day of coming and working together for the glory of God with a cheerful and welcoming disposition.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY & THIS WEEK

Sunday 2nd December - Advent 1 - Year C

8.15am Holy Eucharist (+ incense) - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's
11.00am Holy Communion - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Advent Carol Service - Ayia Kyriaki

Tuesday 4th December

Christmas Fayre Set-up Day - Monte Lisa

Wednesday 5th December

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
11.30am Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Sunday 9th December

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's
11.00am Carol Service - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

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## *THIS PARISH OF OURS*

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

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Carolyn Hart

**St. Stephen's** - Bryn Jones

**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

Electoral Roll – Renewal – due in 2019: With the implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), across the EU in May, it has been decided to bring forward our scheduled Electoral Roll renewal process and to bring it into line with the new regulations. In the next week, or so everyone who is currently on the electoral roll (and able to receive emails) should receive an invitation and documentation to allow you to renew your entry. The new regulations mean that you must opt into this process, we cannot assume that you will. So, it is vital that you complete and return the required form, even if none of your details have changed. If you are not receiving emails, there will be a printed pack of documents, for you, to be collected from your warden. Please help us to complete this process smoothly and efficiently. Reverend Andrew

The Electoral Roll – What is it? The electoral roll is a parish's formal way of identifying and recording the membership of the Parish. Inclusion on the roll, establishes that you are a parishioner in good standing with one of our three churches, have been baptised and that your membership has been approved by the parish council. Membership also allows you to vote at our Annual General Meetings. Your inclusion on the roll would be welcomed. If you would like to make an application, please see your warden. Reverend Andrew

The Associate Priest's Post: Canon Anthony has very kindly agreed to remain as the parish's interim Associate Priest beyond what was expected to be the conclusion of his formal ministry with us on Sunday 3rd March. This will mean that his ministry, in the parish, will continue on a very similar basis to that which we have known over the past three

years and, most particularly, will allow our wedding ministry to continue on a sure footing along with the existing provision of Sunday services. His position will be that of interim Associate Priest as the parish will continue, in the New Year, to advertise the Associate Priest's post in the hope of obtaining a permanent replacement for Canon Anthony. Both Bishop Michael and Archdeacon John have been fully informed of this proposal and are in agreement with it. We are very grateful to Canon Anthony for this generous help and wish him well as he steps down from his present post to take up his interim duties from early March 2019. Reverend Andrew

Wedding Web Site: Since its redesign 18 months ago, the church wedding web site now attracts some 300 visitors (hits) to it each week who scan upwards of 1,000 pages. In order to stay fresh and appeal more closely to the target audience the Domain name has been changed to www.yourcypruswedding.org It is hoped that the hit ratio will increase and hopefully attract more enquiries.. The web site can still be reached via the previous Domain name which will be phased out over time.

New Wedding Vergers – WANTED: Without the dedicated assistance of our eight current vergers, our wedding ministry would grind to a disappointing and alarming halt. Their role is crucial, and we urgently need to add to their number. Wedding vergers normally work in pairs and their role is to look after the guests' needs during the service and to assist with the practical aspects of the service, itself. If you enjoy meeting people and would look forward to helping a couple to organise their service, you would make an ideal wedding verger. Vergers meet a couple once before their wedding and then assist at this couple's wedding. The work is enjoyable, and you would be paired up with an experienced verger, to begin with. We are hoping that members of our regular congregation might offer themselves as well as 'swallows' who might be available in the early or later months of the wedding season: April to the end of October. It is a role that both men and women can work in. If you would like to know more, please speak to Canon Anthony

or myself and most importantly, contact our Wedding Coordinator, Trudie Murphy on 99212627 or at: anglicanconfp@cytanet.com.cy
Reverend Andrew

Church History: How's your knowledge? BBC4 are currently re-running the excellent series called *A History of Christianity*, on Sunday evenings – presented by Diarmaid MacCulloch. The series is excellent and last week focused on the origins and expansion of the Orthodox Church. There are three episodes left – do find it on catch-up and watch the remaining programmes from the Reformation onwards. Reverend Andrew

Long-term Visitors and 'Swallows' This year we have welcomed a large number of long-term visitors and 'swallows' to our three churches but especially to St Stephen's. It's always good to welcome you and have you with us. But we would really like to involve you, a little more, in the life of our churches while you are with us. Yes, we do appreciate that you are on holiday, but we would warmly invite you to consider helping us with reading the Bible or leading the intercessions in our services or helping with the tea/coffee rota.

Have you thought of visiting the Craft Group at St Stephen's on a Friday afternoon or even bravely assisting with some hospital visiting or signing up to receive the weekly newsheet? Some of you will be involved in these activities in your home church – could you assist us while you are staying with us? We would really welcome your gentle but meaningful involvement with us. If you are visiting St Stephen's, please talk to our Reader: Ann Bailey. At St Luke's or Ayia Kyriaki – do speak to one of our wardens. Reverend Andrew.

The Final Countdown To The Christmas Fayre which is this week!

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work that has been going on behind the scenes ready for the fayre on **Wednesday 5th December** at the **Monte Liza**. Some fully fit, able bodied people able to shift tables and stack chairs from 8 a.m. on **Tuesday 4th December**, which is set up day, would be much appreciated to join our team of helpers. Stall holders are welcome to arrive from **10 a.m and before 2 p.m.** please

when we hope all stalls will be fully laid out and looking as good as ever apart from those for produce and sweets where things will arrive on the day.

On set up day please take it in turns to draw up to unload and then move your car away from the top car park to make space for others especially our deliveries coming from the store. On Wednesday the car park will be set up with parking areas designated and attendants on hand to guide you to a space. On the day of the fayre remember all registered helpers use the side entrance only to sign in and everyone else joins the queue to come in through the front door. Don't forget to wear something bright and festive to welcome our visitors and bring your very biggest and most welcoming smile. Please could all stallholders be in place by **11 a.m. at the very latest** on the day of the fayre ready to receive your float.

If you are a social media user now is the time to message all your Paphos contacts to remind them about the fayre which opens to visitors at 11.30a.m.

We would ask that if you can possibly manage to bring a few more bottles for the Bottle Stall and good as new gifts for the Rainbow Gift Stall on set up day that would be really kind to help us top up those stalls. That extra something you can spare to donate could make a real difference. Above all do come to enjoy our very special Parish Day and thank you for all you have done to **HELP US TO HELP OTHERS** once again. Margaret Keeble 26 422380

Plea from the Rainbow Stall: The Rainbow Stall at this year's Christmas Fayre is being manned by Helen and Richard Jordan and they are desperate for items to sell. So please look into your cupboards, drawers, wardrobes or any other secret hiding place for new or barely-used unwanted gifts, boxes of toiletries, jewellery etc (the brighter the colour, the better) and leave them at your local church for collection, clearly marked 'Rainbow'. Many thanks.

NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Advent Quiet Morning - Utter Openness:

Saturday December 8th, 10am - 1pm at St. Barnabas' Church, Limassol.
Led by Canon Dr Andrew Mayes, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser. Book via
retreats@cypgulf.org or phone 99 155092.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Carol Singing Around the General Hospital

Please come and join in singing carols around the General Hospital meeting for 10 am on Friday 14th December outside the Children's Ward. The more the merrier! Susie Sabben-Clare

Date for your Diary: Carols for Christmas at St. Luke's will be held in the Church at Prodromi on **Saturday 15th December 5.30p.m.** This is a chance to sing popular Carols, listen to poetry and readings and finish the evening with a glass or two of mulled wine, in friendly company. Bring your friends, family and neighbours. People who don't usually go to Church are especially welcome to join us. Start Christmas with us! More info from Di Sylvester 99 103976.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

PROPOSED FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2019 (TBC)

Mid Jan - Meal & Quiz at the Fantasia Club

Mid Feb - Bowling in Paphos followed by a meal

5th March - Beetle Drive

12th March - Nicosia Coach Trip

21st April - Easter Lunch

22nd April - Sponsored Walk

Ticket Sellers:

Aya Kyriaki: Morning: Carolyn Hart (97762371)

Evening: Duty Warden

St. Luke's: Jayne Preston (96 511321)

St. Stephen's: Caroline & Ian Geddes (Tel: 99 417976)

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CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Wednesday 5th December
From 11.30am. onwards

AT THE MONTE LIZA
Mesogi Avenue (Polis Road), Paphos

Cyprus Police Band
Grand Raffle

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 2 December - Advent Sunday

8.15 am Holy Eucharist (with incense), Ayia Kyriaki

6.00 pm Advent Carol Service, Ayia Kyriaki

Sunday 9 December

11.00 am Carol Service, St Stephen's

Saturday 15 December

5.30 pm 'Carols for Christmas', St Luke's

Sunday 16 December

6.00 pm Carol Service (with choir), Ayia Kyriaki

Sunday 23 December

All normal Sunday services

Christmas Eve

11.30 pm Midnight Service/Mass, St Stephen's

Christmas Day

8.15 am Holy Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki

11.00 am Holy Communion, St Luke's and St Stephen's

Wednesday, 26 December - St Stephen's Day

9.00 am Holy Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki

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