

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 30th November 2014

Advent Sunday - Year B



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS
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Readings for Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday - Year B

Page Numbers ~ St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9... Page 531
Psalm: Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18... Page 419
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9... Page 806
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37... Page 719

6.00pm at Ayia Kyriaki - Service of Light

Special Readings

Sunday 7th December

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11... Page 511
Psalm: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13... Page 421
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a... Page 861
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8... Page 707

Prayers for this Week

Today is the **First Sunday of Advent**, the beginning of a new liturgical Church year, so in a way it's New Year's Day; let's make a New Year resolution to study God's Word and live by its teachings every day, and be faithful witnesses for our Lord and Saviour. This week we pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Rt Rev'd Suheil Dawani; for the people of Palestine and Israel and for peace between the followers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam; and that the sanctity of the historic religious sites be observed by all. In our Parish of Paphos, we pray for the success of our Christmas Fayre next Wednesday, may it be a day that can bring joy to all; those manning the stalls and those who will benefit from the proceeds distributed to the various charities afterwards; and may it serve as

an outreach of Christ's love into the wider community.

"Maranatha" –Come Lord Jesus.

For further prayers during the week please go to our Diocesan Prayer Fellowship Booklet and also the Anglican Communion website: www.anglicancommunion.org/acp

What's going on today and this week

Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday - Year B

- 8.15am Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki
- 9.30am Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Nic) - St. Luke's
- 11.00am Morning Worship - (Reader Trev Sait) - St. Stephen's
- 6.00pm Service of Light - (Rev'd Andrew) - Ayia Kyriaki

Wednesday 3rd December

- 9.00am Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Nic) - Ayia Kyriaki
- 12.00 Annual Christmas Fayre - Monte Liza

Thursday 4th December

- 10.00am Ecumenical Bible Study - phone 26652057 for details.

Sunday 7th December

- 8.15am Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Nic) - Ayia Kyriaki
- 9.30am Morning Worship (Rev'd Andrew) - St. Luke's
- 11.00am Holy Eucharist - (Rev'd Nic) - St. Stephen's
- 6.00pm Sung Eucharist - (Rev'd Nic) - Ayia Kyriaki
- 6.00pm Peace & Wholeness + Holy Eucharist (Rev'd Marian)
St. Luke's

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**For the work of the Church - w/e 23rd November 2014**

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| <b>Ayia Kyriaki:</b> €356.02               | <b>Pledges:</b> €230.00 |
| <b>St. Stephen's:</b> €412.00              | <b>Pledges:</b> €177.00 |
| <b>St. Stephen's: Donation :</b> €1,250.00 |                         |
| <b>St. Luke's:</b> €101.50                 | <b>Pledges:</b> €30.00  |

**Open Plate Total : €869.52** (not including donation)

**Pledges Total: €437.00**

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THIS PARISH OF OURS

Duty Wardens for this week

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

Ayia Kyriaki - 6.00 p.m. Sarah Sait

St. Stephen's - Chris Fox

St. Luke's - Bob Wickens

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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.

Gift Aid envelopes are provided with the Weekly Notice Sheet for your convenience.

## *GENERAL NOTICES*

### **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: CHRISTMAS DETAILS / BUDGET CUTS / CHURCH HALL CLOSURE**

Through the parish email lists for our 3 congregations, a Newsletter for November from Rev'd Nic sent last weekend. It includes an update on Services of Carols and for Christmas, and important news about budget cuts and rental reductions for 2015 including the closure of the church hall from January.

If you have not received it, it is probably because you have not supplied an email address - please do so by contacting Di Sylvester, our Parish Secretary (phone and email details are provided in this news sheet every week), or because you have no email access - then please also contact Di (for St. Luke's and Ayia Kyriaki congregations), or Chris Cross (for St. Stephen's), who will ensure a printed copy can be left for you. If you did not receive the October newsletter, please also ask for that to be emailed to you.

### **UPGRADED PARISH WEBSITE - Note from Rev'd Nic**

Many people rely on the Church's website: Regular visitors who "come and go", so-called "swallows" who want to keep up with what is going on when not in Cyprus, and even people living permanently here but who are away or unable to attend church from time to time. Obviously, tourists also use it to check if there's an Anglican service whilst here on holiday, and we are frequently bowled over by comments from holidaymakers who loved coming to services whilst here - and will make repeat visits if they come often! The linked website for Weddings is also an important marketing tool, and that is currently being upgraded since its old technology no longer allows Helen Smith to update it properly.

The Church website has recently been updated, with new features that allow Sarah Sait easily to add / modify information placed there, including the weekly news sheet. Sarah has worked hard on this, for which we are grateful, together with the Diocesan Website Manager, Nick Truscott who is located in Abu Dhabi and worships in the Anglican Church there.

I encourage you to take a look... [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org)

**101 Club Update:** We currently have just over one third of the numbers taken. So with the present rate of take up hopefully we should reach our target in 3/4 weeks. You will have learnt from Nic's Newsletter about the major spending reductions and the substantial savings the church is in the process of making. However may I remind all members of the parish that we **really** do need a significant amount of further income whilst our finances are being restructured. Some members of the various congregations have said that €10 per week donation is too high and I accept that it is a major commitment but it was based on the amount of money required. Perhaps members who find €10 per week difficult could consider joining together to share a number, share the donation, share the winnings.

Application forms and envelopes are available at each of the churches from the duty Wardens. Any questions please give me a call on

26 622948 or 97 645165. Roger Bailey, 101 Club Administrator.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** - This will take place on 6 March 2015. If there is anyone who would like to arrange and lead the service, please contact Chris Hoskins on 97 753973 for details.

**Craft and Coffee:** Please note that the Craft and Coffee Group have decided that Friday 28th November would be their final meeting until the New Year, when they hope to get together to prepare for future sales/Fayres. The first Meeting date in the New Year will be Friday 16th January 2015.

**Women's Group:** On Thursday 20th November 34 ladies met at St. Stephen's to listen to an extremely interesting and thought provoking talk given by Julie Hellon Cupples, the Founder and CEO of the small charity Help Kenyan Kids. It was fascinating to hear about how since 2010 with the charity's help, the village of Namatotoa has moved from nothing to the building of a nursery school and forward towards self-sufficiency. Although it was an information sharing talk, an impromptu collection during the afternoon tea raised €272 for the next step of supporting 'Girls and Grandmothers'.

Thank you Julie, thank you Ladies.

*Ann Bailey*

**A thank you from Julie:** "I would like to thank everyone who attended the Ladies meeting on Thursday afternoon for welcoming me so warmly. I was so surprised to receive such an unexpected and generous donation for Kenyan Kids. I look forward to letting you know how it will be used over the course of the next few weeks. If you would like any further information, then please contact me, either through our website <http://www.helpkenyankids.org> or via our Face Book page <https://www.facebook.com/KenyanKids> Once again, thank you for your support. *Julie Hellon Cupples*

**31 people attended** the Social & Fundraising Quiz event at the Fantasia Club on Saturday 22nd November. Big thank you to Margaret Keeble for a mouth-watering supper and to Jacquie Hammond for chairing the quiz which was prepared by Liz and Bob Pearce who unfortunately could not attend due to commitments in the UK.

Grateful thanks for all those who turned up on the night. The amount raised for church funds was €269.34.

### *NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY*

#### **SANTA NEEDED - FOR ONE DAY ONLY.**

This is your opportunity to be 'Santa for a day'. Due to his recovering from surgery, our ever popular Mr. Santa - Eric Dickinson

- is resting his reindeer, so a stand-in is needed. Job specification - cut the ribbon to open the Christmas Fayre, look jolly, walk around and make people happy. No wages but uniform, comfy chair, Little Helper and mince pies provided. Contact Gerald or Margaret asap.

### *ADVANCE NOTICES*

#### **TEA in TALA on Tuesday 9th December at 3.30pm**

Come to a fundraising tea in aid of church funds at Nic and Julia's home in Tala at 6, Ayiou Demetriou. An initiative of the Women's Group of the Anglican Church of Paphos. Everyone is welcome, members, friends and visitors alike. Tickets cost €5 from Jean Wickens at St. Luke's, Norma Redpath at St. Stephen's, Rita King at Ayia Kyriaki or Julia DD.

**Recycled Cards:** We will be selling our cards at Ayia Kyriaki after the 8.15am service and St. Stephen's after the 11.00am service on the following dates: Sunday December 21st 2014  
Sunday February 22nd 2015

We will not be selling in January 2015. The money we have raised since the Flower Festival will be handed in to the Treasurer on the day of the Fayre. Thank you for your support over the past year and we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Sue and Lou.

**The Hospital & Clinic Visitors Group** will be Carol Singing at the General Hospital, 2 pm on Monday 22nd December, meeting at the Main Entrance on the second floor; afterwards at the Friends' Hospice. All are welcome, please come along and bring a bit of Christmas cheer to those in hospital.

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR 2015:**

February 9th - The Rev'd Nic - Title to be announced

April 11th - The Rev'd Andrew - Title to be announced

May 9th - Graham Hare - 'Banking is not all boring'

June 13th - Peter Fensome - 'Coal recovery'

With the closure of the Church Hall, the meetings will also take place at the Moonlight Taverna.

## *CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2014*

### **Organising Committee:**

Margaret Keeble - 26 422380 email: Keeble@cytanet.com.cy

Gerald Payne - 96 620721 email: [chaselodge@gmail.com](mailto:chaselodge@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 3rd December** at the Monte Liza wedding venue, Mesogi Road, Paphos from 12 noon.

**Your help is required** to set up the tables and chairs on Tuesday 2nd December and to clear-up after the event, 12 - 15 able bodied people are needed. Will volunteers please contact Trisha Payne on 96318102 or email: [chaselodge@gmail.com](mailto:chaselodge@gmail.com). Twin-cabs, pick-ups and vehicles with plenty of carrying space are required to transport equipment from the Monte Liza after the event and deliver it to St. Luke's Church in the morning of Thursday 4th December. All offers of help to Gerald Payne.

**Publicity materials** are now available. Please take the leaflets and posters and distribute them around your local tavernas, bars, kiosks, shops and to your friends and neighbours. **If we don't promote the Fayre people can't attend!**

**BOOK STALL:** Grant & Hilary Hammond are, as usual, doing the Book Stall again this year; please look around your homes for any old books - in reasonable condition - to donate to the Christmas Fayre Book stall. If you are on holiday and have finished the book you were reading and don't wish to take it home please consider

leaving it behind, at one of the churches, for the stall. If you have a number of books that need collecting please contact Grant or Hilary on 26 642687, 99 922939 or 99 076735.

**BOTTLE STALL:** Contributions to the Christmas Fayre Bottle Stall can be left at any of the three locations. We do not necessarily restrict it to bottles of alcohol although clearly they are most popular. Cans of beer or indeed bottles of anything at all are most welcome. Many thanks. Judith and Dex Perrett 97 682150

**BRIC-a-BRAC:** Items can be left at the churches or collection may be possible.

Contact Gerald Payne 96 620721 or email: [chaselodge@gmail.com](mailto:chaselodge@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE, ITEMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER OR DURING THE SET-UP AND FAYRE DAYS.**

Your assistance in donating items at an early opportunity will be appreciated.

**CAKE and PRODUCE STALL:** It will soon be time for all you Cooks, to prepare goodies for our Cake & Produce Stall. You were so good at supplying yummy items last year, we won the 'Best Dressed Stall'.

Also, with the cakes, jams and preserves, will be space for produce of any vegetables, and fruit, to sell, so please bring anything in if you are able.

Margaret Hayes has already started baking her delicious Christmas cakes, and would be very pleased to receive any of the following items (if you are one of those folk who prefer not to bake!!)

Black treacle, dark brown sugar, SR & Plain flour, Mixed fruit, brandy, butter, marzipan, 'Ready to roll' icing. These can be left in Ayia Kyriaki Church Hall or Office.

I will be sending a Cake list to the three Churches very soon, please look out for it, put your name down and START BAKING.

*Maureen Gage 26 643079*



**Wardens** Bob Cross Tel: 26 623464  
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Christine Fox Tel: 99 587683  
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Sarah Sait Tel: 26 272502  
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**Organist in Residence**

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A full list of Contacts is published, **for your retention**, on the first Sunday of each month; there is also a full list of Contacts on the notice boards in the Church Hall, St. Stephen's and St. Luke's.

**Words of Blessing, especially appropriate for  
the Season of Advent**

May the feet of God walk with you, and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you, and his ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you, and his breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you, and his love bring you home.

**Following last Sunday's celebration of The Feast of Christ our King, sometimes also called The Reign of Christ, here is an adaptation in verse of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to use:**

Our heavenly Father, may Your name be kept  
in reverence, honour and awe.  
Let Your Reign come, Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven for all.

Feed us today with the food we need;  
nourish, refresh us, we pray.  
Forgive our wrong-doings as we forgive  
those who've wronged us along the way.

And as we go through hard-testing times  
deliver us from evil's way.  
For the Reign, the Power and Glory are Yours  
today and forever always. AMEN.

**Carol Services and Christmas Services 2014**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 11.00 Carol Service – St. Stephen's**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 5.30pm Carols for Christmas  
St. Luke's**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December: 6.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols  
Ayia Kyriaki**

**Christmas Eve: 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist – St. Stephen's**

**Christmas Day: 8.15am Christmas Eucharist – Ayia Kyriaki  
11.00am Christmas Eucharist – St. Luke's**

