

Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos; St. Luke's Prodrumi  
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 5th January 2020

Epiphany - Year A

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**Readings for Sunday 5th January - Epiphany**

**Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6 - Page 528  
**Psalm:** Psalm 72: 1-15 - Page 414  
**Second Reading:** Romans 3: 1-12 - Page 797  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-12 - Page 681

**Sunday 12th January - Baptism of Christ**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42: 1-9 - Page 513  
**Psalm:** Psalm 29 - Page 394  
**Second Reading:** Acts 10: 34-43 - Page 779  
**Gospel:** Matthew 3: 13-end - Page 682

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***COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK***

**Collect:** Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child; guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of Iran, Iraq and Syria. We pray for an end to the violence racking these battlefields of global powers and give thanks for those who work continually for peace, justice and reconciliation.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, for the Most Reverend Philip Richardson – Bishop of Taranaki and Primate, for the Most Reverend Don Tamihere – Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate, and for the Most Reverend Fereimi Cama – Bishop of Polynesia and Primate.

**Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** We pray for Archbishop Michael, President Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in

Jerusalem and the Middle East and his staff. We pray for all the thousands of people displaced from Idlib and the surrounding areas of north-west Syria by the continuing and growing conflicts, particularly as winter now sets in, and we give thanks for the work of the various relief agencies.

**Our Diocese:** We pray today for synod's Standing and Finance Committee and its stewardship of synod resolutions. This week we pray for Holy Trinity Church in Dubai for The Reverend Canon Harrison Chinnakumar, and the various denominational churches who worship in its compound.

We pray for those who will shortly be attending diocesan synod and for wisdom and vision in all they plan and do.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We ask all to hold in prayer our Parish Priest Reverend Andrew, our Interim Associate Priest Reverend Canon Anthony, and Readers Ann and Ray. We give thanks for the dedication and hard work of Reverend Andrew who is taking well-earned leave from Wednesday 8 January.

We pray for members of the Church Council who will be attending the Council meeting on 8 January that they may wisely administer the affairs of the Parish.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Leslie (Les) Brayshaw** whose funeral took place last Friday.

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

### Sunday 5th January - Epiphany

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

### Wednesday 8th January

9.00am	Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
10.00am	Church Council Meeting - St. Stephen's

### Friday 10th January

2.00pm	Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's
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### Sunday 12th January - Baptism of Christ

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

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### *Duty Wardens for this week*

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Sarah Sait

**St. Stephen's** - Chris Hoskins

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

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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.

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*GENERAL NOTICES*

**Happy New Year:** Canon Anthony and myself wish all in the parish a very happy New Year. As we stand at the beginning of 2020, please continue to pray for our parish for its on-going ministry and for imaginative ways that this ministry can be exercised and taken forward. Pray, as well, that we would, all, have the strength, wisdom and imagination to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

**Reverend Andrew – January Leave:** I shall be taking leave from late on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January with a return to work on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. If you need to contact a priest over this time, please contact your warden in the first instance. Canon Anthony remains in the parish over this period and will be available for urgent pastoral matters. Reverend Andrew.

**Christmas Services and Christmas organisation:** a heart-felt thank you to all who helped, in any way, with our Christmas services and their organisation. Although the weather was miserable and congregational numbers were small, we celebrated Christmas very well and your help was much appreciated. Reverend Andrew.

**The Archbishop of Canterbury’s New Year message:** you may have heard some very positive aspects of this featured on the news over the New Year period. Here is a link to the full transcript <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-writing/articles/archbishop-canterburys-new-year-message>. You will probably not be able to hear the iPlayer recording but I encourage you have a look at his text – especially the final section. Reverend Andrew.

**The Electoral Roll:** the parish is required to maintain an Electoral Roll and all members of the parish, who are not on the Roll, are entitled to apply

for inclusion on it. If you are new to the parish or have been with us for some time, and have not previously enrolled, please would you consider taking this step. Apart from formalising your relationship with us, it will also allow you to vote at the Annual General meeting to be held in March. Applications are approved by the Parish Council and new applications will need to be received by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in order to be considered by the Council meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. I do encourage you to take this step. An application form will be available from your Warden. Reverend Andrew.

**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 take a Legacy leaflet from the dispenser on your way out or ask the sidesperson for one, or visit the 'Giving' section on our web-site at [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org)

**A Senior’s Exercise Class – a new innovation:** Julia Stevenson from St. Stephens, is going to run a Seniors’ exercise class from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

on Thursday mornings 10.30am-11.30am at St. Stephens Tala. For most of the class, you will be sitting on chairs and we will, also, do exercises and games for memory and mental agility. €3 per session. Money to go to church funds. Please ring me if you are interested. I can only take 12 to start with. We will have tea/coffee after the class and a chat. Please wear comfortable clothes. My number is 96 541639, or contact me at: [juliaannstevenson@icloud.com](mailto:juliaannstevenson@icloud.com)

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### *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**A Service to mark the Week of Christian Unity:** on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm at Ayia Kyriaki**, we will, once again, join with members of St Paul's Catholic Parish and other Christians in Paphos to mark this important week of prayer in the church's calendar. This year's service has been prepared by Christians in Malta and has a distinct theme of St Paul's ministry running through it. Please mark the date in your diary and join us. Reverend Andrew.

**Archbishop Michael to visit:** Archbishop Michael will visit the parish on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January and preside and preach at the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and at the 11.00am service at St Stephen's. It will be very good to welcome him especially in his new role as Primate of our Province: The Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. He will return on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm to preside at Canon Anthony's farewell Eucharist. Please mark both dates in your diary. Reverend Andrew.

**Canon Anthony's Farewell:** Canon Anthony's final service with us, in his capacity as Associate Priest, will be on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm at Ayia Kyriaki**. Archbishop Michael, and Bishop (Retired) Dominic Walker (our preacher at this service and the 11.00am service) will be with us along with Archdeacon Christopher. Following the Eucharist there will be a reception at St Paul's Tavern where a finger buffet will be served. Tickets for the reception are available. Envelopes are also available, from your Warden, if you would like to make a contribution to a farewell present for

Canon Anthony. As we give thanks for Canon Anthony's four years of ministry with us, so we also use this important occasion to thank him for all that he has done, for us, and to wish him well as he retires. Please mark the date in your diary and join us. Reverend Andrew.

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### *SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS*

*Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome*

**18 January** - Cosmic Bowling followed by a meal at a local restaurant. Commencing 5pm at a total cost of €15. Tickets now available.

#### **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)

#### **Proposed Social Events for 2020**

**25 or 29 Feb** - Beetle/Quiz or Chinese Meal  
**10 March** - Nicosia Coach Trip  
**12 April** - Easter Lunch  
**13 April** - Sponsored Walk (MF)  
**Apr/May** - Spring Fayre (MF)  
**16 or 23 May** - Mini Golf  
**June** - Boat Trip or Lavender Festival  
**18 July** - Annual BBQ

**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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**A New Year's Plan**

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—  
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,  
A motto to live by this coming New Year,  
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice  
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:  
With each new dawn and close of day  
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret  
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;  
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,  
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.  
You are held secure by my strong hand.  
Give me this one thing—your all in all;  
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.  
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.  
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,  
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

Mary Fairchild

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