

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 8th December 2019

Second of Advent - Year A

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**Readings for Sunday 8th December**

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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11: 1-10 - Page 491  
**Psalm:** Psalm 72: 1-7 - Page 414  
**Second Reading:** Romans 15: 4-13 - Page 805  
**Gospel:** Matthew 3: 1-12 - Page 682

**Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki**

**Before:** Variations on, O Come Emmanuel - M. Neary  
**After:** Ave Maris Stella - O. Latry

**Sunday 15th December**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35: 1-10 - Page 508  
**Psalm:** Psalm 146: 5-10 - Page 448  
**Second Reading:** James 5: 7-10 - Page 856  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 2-11 - Page 688

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

**Collect:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and God.

**The World Council of Churches' Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the countries of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. We pray for the recently formed Lao Evangelical Church, and other Christians who bear witness in the region, and for economic development to improve life for all people.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the work of the Mothers Union throughout the world, for Sheran Harper – Worldwide President and Bev Jullien – Chief Executive.

**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 at the present time for peace and calming of tension in Iraq and the re-establishment of sound government.

**Our Diocese:** We pray today for those being confirmed and that the Holy Spirit be with all who walk the path of the Christian faith. This week we pray for the church of St. Barnabas and their congregation in the port of Limassol, remembering especially their priest, The Reverend Andrew Mayes and all who minister with him.

**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 also pray for members of the Church Council and all who hold responsible positions on the various Church committees.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Paul Michael Wymark Hoar** whose funeral took place last Thursday.

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

### **Sunday 8th 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

### **Wednesday 11th December**

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

### **Friday 13th December**

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's  
4.00pm Carols for Christmas - Kings Avenue Mall

### **Saturday 14th December**

5.30pm Carols for Christmas - St. Luke's

### **Sunday 15th December**

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

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

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Trisha Payne

**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.

## *GENERAL NOTICES*

**Christmas Cards Project Update 5:** Parishioners and visitors continue to purchase our cards but I would like to ask your help, in the next few weeks, to achieve our target of over €2000.00 to donate to support the work of the Anglican Church in Paphos that we all benefit from. If we can sell 40 or more packs of cards, that is 14 packs per church, it can be achieved.

If you have already bought your own cards then please can you pass on a flyer to friends and relatives who may not come to church but might be interested in our unique cards. You can find them next to the hymn books and service booklets in your church.

Please note that stocks of "Gabriel Visits Mary" and "Holy Door" designs are selling out. Buy while they are still available!

Every bit of help and every pack sold will be much appreciated. I sincerely believe that we all love receiving real cards at Christmas especially by post. Consider that they can cheer some-one's day and be seen all through Christmastide!

Thank you for your support, so far and in anticipation of a great result by Christmas.

Christina Marsh – 96015718 or [chrismarshy2012@hotmail.com](mailto:chrismarshy2012@hotmail.com)

**A CORRECTION TO A PREVIOUS NOTICE: Syrian refugee families in Paphos and Polis:** most of us are very aware that there are a considerable number of Syrian families living in our communities who have been forced to flee their homes because of the ongoing conflict in their country. Many of them remain in need despite trying to fend for themselves in a new land. A couple of Sundays ago, the wives of three such families came to the Sunday service at St. Stephen's, seeking help. Their husbands had been injured whilst working on local building sites, making them unable to continue such work, for the time being, and their family finances are in difficulties. Our entire ethos as a Church is built on helping those in need. On this occasion I felt unable to give immediate financial support but feel that some people may be able to help through offering work. Therefore, if anyone is looking for a local cleaner and is prepared to use the services of

one of these women, then please contact Judith Perrett on 97 682150. Reverend Andrew.

**Volunteers:** Several weeks ago, I asked for volunteers and several people have joined groups as a result. Thank you. However, it appears that we urgently need new people to **volunteer to lead Intercessions in our services**. This is a rewarding job (not too difficult) and if you are rostered will take just a little over an hour, or so, of your time. There is lots of help available to get you started – books with ideas and websites and others to help you. In late December and January, we are down to a tiny handful of volunteers – especially at St Stephen's. In short, we urgently need more people across our three churches to assist. Please would you give thought as to how you might assist. Reverend Andrew.

**Scene at Synod – Latest Edition:** This was published electronically last week and can be viewed by going to the Diocesan website or directly to: <https://cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/SceneAtCypgulf20191214.pdf> It contains front-page news of Archbishop Michael's installation as Archbishop of our Province, news about the break up of the Province, a Diocesan finance update, news about February's Synod, news about Ministry in the Diocese. AND Paphos gets a mention and last but not least, spot the photo where you see our Reader, Ray Elliott hard at work. Reverend Andrew

**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)

**What can you do during Advent?** Maggie Le-Roy (Diocesan Retreats Facilitator) writes: here are two simple ways to help you keep the season

of Advent: A simple *Online Advent Retreat - Small Simple Ways*:  
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/> or try these *Tiny Advent Poems* – A poem and picture for each day:  
<https://engageworship.org/ideas/tiny-advent-poems>. You can also access our Diocesan Advent Course *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, for individual or group use, on the diocesan website at <https://cypgulf.org/resources/spiritual-resources/>  
Let us know what you think. Reverend Andrew.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to unforeseen circumstances the Children's clothing sale that was to have taken place on Monday and Tuesday this week has had to be cancelled until further notice.

**Carol Singing in the Mall:** We have permission to sing Carols around the tree in the Paphos Mall on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 4.00pm. This is an opportunity for us to reach out to the local community. We want to be able to say that all three of our churches are represented, so I hope that you will be able to join us on ***THIS COMING FRIDAY***. Thank you to those who have already indicated that they will be with us but it is not too late to join us – let your warden know that you are coming. Carol sheets will be provided. *You can find us on the Ground floor of the Mall beside the Christmas tree at the Marks and Spencer end of the Mall.* Look forward to seeing you. Reverend Andrew.

**Date for your Diary:** Carols for Christmas at St Luke's will be held again in the church on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 5 30 p m. This is an opportunity not only to sing popular carols, but also to hear poems and readings relating to Christmastide. A glass or two of warm mulled wine and mince pies completes the evening. Come and get into the Christmas mood with us, bring your friends, families and neighbours. Everyone welcome. More information from Di Sylvester.

### ***ADVANCE NOTICES***

**Carol Singing at the General Hospital** will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, all are invited. Meeting at 10.30am outside the Children's Ward at the General Hospital. Hope to see you there.

### ***SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS***

*Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome*

#### **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**

**18 January** - Bowling in Paphos followed with a meal  
**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.  
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**JOIN US TO SING**

**Carols for Christmas  
at  
Kings Avenue Mall**

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER  
FROM 4.00 pm**

**All your favourite carols from 'Hark the Herald  
Angels Sing' to 'Good King Wenceslas' from  
song sheets provided**

**You don't have to be a singer, just enjoy singing**

Event organised by  **ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS**

**For details of our Christmas and regular weekday  
services please visit [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org)**





ST LUKE'S CHURCH, PRODROMI

PROUDLY PRESENTS

## *Carols for Christmas*

on

**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019**

**at 5.30pm**

Traditional Carols, Christmassy poems and readings  
followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

**COME AND JOIN US – EVERYONE WELCOME**



## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019**

**Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos;  
St Luke's, Prodromi;  
St Stephen's, Tala**

**Carol Service - Sunday 8 December**  
St Stephen's – 11.00 am

**Carols for Christmas - Saturday 14 December**  
St Luke's – 5.30 pm

**Carol Service - Sunday 22 December**  
Ayia Kyriaki – 6.00 pm

**Midnight Mass - Tuesday 24 December**  
St Stephen's – 11.30 pm

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Wednesday 25 December**

**Ayia Kyriaki – 8.15 am Holy Eucharist  
St Luke's – 11.00 am Holy Communion  
St Stephen's – 11.00 am Holy Communion**

For more information, see our website:  
[www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org) or contact: 99 103976