

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 12th December

8.15am Sung Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
11.00am Holy Communion – St Luke’s
11.00am Carol Service – St Stephen’s

Readings:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Cantic: Isaiah 12: 2-6; Philippians 4: 4-7;
Luke 3: 7-18

Sunday 19th December

8.15am Sung Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
11.00am Morning Worship – St Luke’s
11.00am Holy Communion – St Stephen’s
6.00pm Lessons & Carols - Ayia Kyriaki

Readings:

Micah 5: 2-5a; Cantic: Magnificant; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45
For the full December services see separate sheet issued last week.

LATEST NEWS

Website/Facebook

Have you checked our Parish website. There are photographs of the latest events, information about our services and forthcoming events. Check out Facebook too.

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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 12 December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

WELCOME

Does anyone else suffer from the 'Time Slip' syndrome? This is where you wake up on Monday morning, blink a couple of times and it's already the following Monday! The weeks are flying by, Christmas will be here in milliseconds at this current speed. That apart, I love being busy and it's busy that I have – great. The weather is changing; but we can't complain, as I write this it's 21C outside, a bit windy; but still beautiful. This week ahead is the real start of the Christmas services with Christingle at St Stephen's, Carols at St Luke's on Saturday (11th) and Carols at St Stephen's on Sunday. Start practicing for those long 'Glorias and Fa la la la, la la la la'! I can't sing for love nor money but I do like belting out a Carol or two. I received a lovely letter (yes, I do mean a handwritten letter) from Helen & Keith

Smith, who were long servings members of our church and they send their best regards to everyone. Revd Ken

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Prayer for this week:

Lord, you walk beside us. You are always there. Come in our waking, go with us everywhere. Lord your hand will lead us, your light will show the way. Come be with us and be our guide in the week ahead. Amen.

Our Diocese:

Lord, we give you thanks for those who have ministered amongst the lost and lonely during Covid. We pray that we will continue to minister to those who are lonely, questioning, hurting and lost in our community.

God of mercy, help us to listen to your voice and fill us all with hope. Renew our faith as we seek to build your Kingdom on earth. We pray for the Christmas-themed services within our Diocese in the weeks ahead, for lives to be touched and renewed by you, Our Lord and Saviour. Amen

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here: www.cypgulf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Diocesan-Prayer-Guide-Nov21-May22.pdf

In our own Parish of Paphos:

God of hope we cling to you. We pray that our community of faithful people in the Anglican Church of Paphos will be built up and encouraged to continue walking the way of faith and of 'doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with you, our God. Amen

God Slot:

ADDICTIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

I arrived at a group training session late and sat down as a member was

talking about their addiction. My eyebrows rose and I thought I would never have taken you for a drug user. By the time I had got my books from my bag and I had settled down to listen I realised they were talking about being addicted to a TV programme. I had just automatically assumed that addiction meant drugs. What was more annoying to me was that I had not received all the papers for the session, the vital sheet missing was the one asking us to come prepared to discuss an addiction we had. So there I was; late, unprepared and because of where I was sat there was only one more person to go before it was my time. I thought to myself, should I make an excuse and leave, should I just hope that a hole would open up and swallow me or pray really, really hard? All too soon it was my turn. I was just about to tell everyone that I hadn't received all the papers and to pass on the next person, when my pile of books fell from my lap and there attached to another paper was my 'missing' paperwork. What do I do now? Deep breath; God is good. I looked around the room and decided to talk about my very strong addiction that not only has me hooked but it is one that I will never give up – it is my addiction to Jesus Christ. I spoke for my allotted 5 minutes and only got out about 10% of what I wanted to talk about. It was a very pleasant surprise to find that two people wanted to hear more after the meeting. I look on it that, although I hadn't prepared anything for that evening, God had. I bet that if we all look at our lives we can see the things we're addicted to. Not all addictions are bad or harmful and you should never listen to only part of a conversation and judge the person. It was a shock to hear that Joe Soap (name made up to protect the innocent) was an addict when I first joined the meeting; but it was really good to find out that it was only to a TV programme!

God Bless,

Revd Ken

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Starting to get a few more forms from people. Come on folks, get those forms filled out and back to me.