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When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain.

Then we got Facebook and Tik Tok!



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 12th November 2023

(Remembrance Day)

WELCOME

Another new week ahead of us, what a blessing. Another chance to forgive and be forgiven. Another chance to be a blessing to others. Another chance to be a positive part of God's creation. Plus another 'Little Johnny' joke to read. Enjoy.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love, guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love that casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Prayer for the week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Lord, in the new week ahead we recall the strength of the Trinity in our lives. Thank you for the strands that hold us safe in the Father, that bring redemption and grace in the Son, and freedom and hope through the Holy Spirit. Thank you for this cord of strength. May we celebrate with the Three that encircle our lives, and this week may we give out the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the freedom of the Holy Spirit in all we do. Amen.

A Prayer for those who live alone.

I live alone Dear Lord, stay by my side.
In all my daily needs, be Thou my guide.
Grant, for me good health, for that indeed I pray,
To carry on my work, from day to day.
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed.
Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbours need.
Spare me from flood, malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear and evil ones.
If sickness or accident be-fall,
Then humbly Lord I pray, hear Thou my call.
And when I'm feeling low or in despair
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.
I live alone , Dear God, yet have no fear,
Because I feel your presence ever near. Amen.

A Prayer for peace.

Heavenly Father, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of your great love come upon the waste of our wraths and

The wrinkles - far too many
looked like a roadway map.
They went in all directions,
and some did overlap.

While standing in amazement
by what was on display,
I counted every wrinkle
and shouted out, "no way!"

And then my eyes sprung open -
"what's that upon my head?!!!"
There must have been some outbreak
that caused those silver threads!" . . .

God had a sense of humour
when He designed grey hair.
But with it, He gave wisdom
for each of us to share.

I had some mixed emotions
and thought of days gone by,
then looked into the mirror
and breathed a heavy sigh.

I held onto the picture -
the one formed in my mind,
then looked back in the mirror
and saw age well defined.

It's then I was so grateful
for everything I'd earned -
grey hair and aging wrinkles
and every lesson learned.

(Kristine Stanton)

SERVICES

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Day

- 8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken (includes act of remembrance)
- 10.50am Holy Communion St Luke's Revd Ken (includes act of remembrance)
- 10.45am Holy Communion St Stephen's Revd Andrew (includes act of remembrance)
- 6,00pm Remembrance Service Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken

Readings:

AK & St L: Amos 5: 18-24; Psalm 70: 1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

St S: Isaiah 25: 1-9; Canticle Song of the Lord's Anointed (in the booklet); Revelation 22: 1-5; Matthew 5: 38-48

Sunday 19th November – Second Sunday before Advent

- 8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken
- 11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's Jayne Preston
- 11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's Revd Ken

Readings:

Zephaniah 1: 7,12-18; Psalm 90: 1-8; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Mid-week Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at 9.00am at Ayia Kyriaki

WRINKLES

When I looked into the mirror
I said, "who could that be?"
I saw a face with wrinkles
just staring back at me.

sorrows: and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Diocese:

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here:

<https://www.cypgulf.org/prayer-diary/>

Daily Readings:

For readings and the daily service of morning prayer, evening prayer and compline, please download

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

Encouraging Words:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2: 24)

GOD SLOT

November sees two very important services in the church calendar. The first being All Saints/All Souls. This is a service where we come together to remember our past loved ones. It's a lovely, gentle service where we can thank God for the times that were shared, maybe even complain to Him that it wasn't long enough, but also we can share our grief and memories with people in a similar situation. Our services this year were well attended and we had a special service at 6pm at Ayia Kyriaki where we had the Orphean singers with us to sing the Solemn Requiem Mass. A big thank you to Richard Neal, our organist, for organising this. The second service is Remembrance Day. Again a service where we come together to remember about those who have gone. This time to thank them for their sacrifice and the freedom that they have given us. Services are listed below. Both services help to remind me that I don't say thank you enough. To God, to people, even to myself. I think this time of year serves as a good reminder to us all to stop, pause, and think about those we should thank and mostly to thank God for his love, patience and grace.

God Bless, Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny, who is now grown up and a priest is with another couple of priests from the local churches and are standing by the side of the road, pounding a sign into the ground, that reads: The End is Near! Turn Yourself Around Now! Before it's Too Late! As a car sped past them, the driver yelled, "Leave us alone, you religious fanatics!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. One of the priests turns to Little Johnny and asks, "Do you think the sign should just say 'Bridge Out'"

SAVE THE DATES

11 th November	Making Palm Crosses (10am St Stephen's)
12 th November	Remembrance Day Services at all three churches
18 th November (11am St Stephen's)	Accreditation Service for Lay Worship Leaders
23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
2 nd December	Making Palm Crosses (10am St Stephen's)
3 rd December	Advent Carol Service (6pm Ayia Kyriaki)
9 th December	St Luke's Carols for Christmas
15 th December	Carols in the Mall
5 th January at AK (confirmed)	Revd Ken's final service in the Parish to be held
13 th February	Beetle Drive (Stephanie Restaurant)
2 nd April	Nicosia Coach Trip
27 th April	Spring Fair
18 th May	Mini Golf
October	Annual BBQ
November	Quiz Night

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"It takes considerable knowledge just to realise the extent of your own ignorance." (Thomas Sowell)

NOTICES

PALM CROSS MAKING

Yes, it is time to arrange the making of palm crosses. Bryn has said that the palm leaves in his garden are good and not shredded by the wind, therefore we can make a start. **Saturday 11th November** we will hold a 'palm cross' session at St Stephen's commencing **10am** and possibly **Saturday 2nd December**. Please come along as we need all the help we can get.

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS ACCREDITATION SERVICE

Angela Hamilton and Linda Hill from St Stephen's and Graham Hare from St Luke's have successfully completed their training as Lay Worship Leaders and this will be recognised by holding a special Accreditation Service on **Saturday 18th November at 11.00am** at St Stephen's. Archdeacon Christopher will represent the Bishop at the service. Please do come along and support them and their achievement.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Please note the timings of the services as shown:
8.15am Ayia Kyriaki (includes act of remembrance)
10.50am St Luke's (includes act of remembrance)
10.45am St Stephen's (Remembrance Service)
6.00pm Ayia Kyriaki (Remembrance Service)

ORGAN RECITALS

Our organist, Richard, will be giving two organ recitals this month, with all proceeds going to the two hospices. The recitals will both be on Monday at **12.00pm**, in Ayia Kyriaki. The first, entitled, "Organ Greats", will be given on the **20th November** and the second, a week later, on the **27th November**, will include famous wedding pieces. Richard will also talk about each of the pieces he will play.