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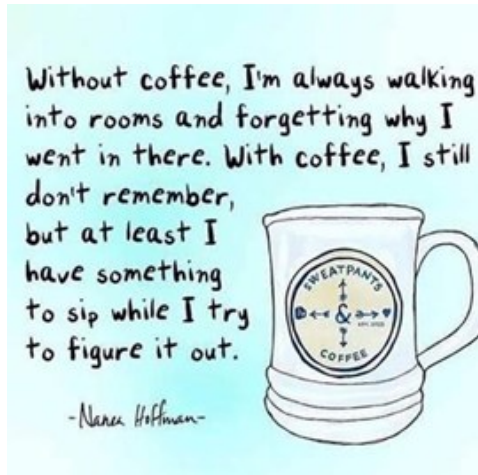
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St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 13th August 2023 (Trinity 10)

WELCOME

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. We seem to have a lot of sensible people who have gone on holiday to escape the heat and enjoy the wind and rain in UK, which actually sounds attractive at the moment. The fans and air conditioning are taking a heavy toll at the moment and poor Floki is having difficulty finding cool spots. Please let me have any contributions for the Newsletter as it is getting a bit thin on content.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; 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.

Heavenly Father, as the new week starts we pray that it may bring happiness, friendship, love and health, let it blow any past troubles away and bring blessings upon us and our neighbours. 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:

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Philippians 4: 13)

GOD SLOT

"People get ready, there's a train a comin'. You don't need no baggage, you just get on board.

All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'. Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord."

"All you need is faith," so Curtis Mayfield's song from the sixties assures us. But what is faith? The Bible tells us, *"faith is the assurance of things hoped*

With happy-clappy choruses,
Incense and vestments too –
A church for saints and sinners:
The church for me and you!
Some scuttle to the Orthodox
And others run to Rome;
We like our women priests –
And its cosy here at home....

Take heart then, fellow churchmen,
Whose tastes agree with mine:
'Ecclesia Anglicana'
Won't wither on the vine.
I bid you raise your glasses
And take a drink with me;
I toast that great survivor:
The good old C of E!

(Chris Pine)



The Good Old C of E

I sing the Church of England:
The good old C of E,
Where I was born and nurtured:
The only church for me.
They say that it's declining,
Its numbers falling fast;
But that's what they've been saying
For many ages past.

And still it bears its witness
In field and city square,
For folk to stay away from,
And yet be glad it's there.
From humble back-street mission,
From proud cathedral tower,
It still proclaims the message
Of Christ's redeeming power.

Though God's imperfect vessel
May steer through storm and gale,
His love sustains its voyage;
His promise will not fail.
What if the Church Commissioners'
Investments don't suffice?
The faithful few will fork out:
Their love will pay the price.

The Nonconformist chapels
Are dull though worthy places;
We're Catholic yet Protestant:
A church of many faces.
My church is one they laugh at:
But let the sceptics sneer;
When all the jokes are over,
My church will still be here,

for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Quite a lot of people tell me that they envy me because I have faith and they need physical proof and evidence before they could believe. My counter argument is that they do have faith without proof. For example, every time you board an aircraft you have faith that it's going to land. Get in a car that you'll arrive safely. At this point go back and read the quote from Hebrews again. Faith is there in us all. I remember a story from my Army days when I went on a parachute course. The instructor, who knew me, said to the rest of the trainees that I would have no problem as I was a 'Bible Basher' and had faith; and we all needed to have faith that the parachute would open. Funny thing is I only done the one jump, didn't like it, and never finished the course J. I had faith that the parachute would open, I just didn't like how fast the ground came rushing at you! It's not hard to have faith without proof, it just takes that first step. Once you take that first step then boy is it worth it.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was at his first ever day at school and the teacher asked if anyone knew their numbers. Little Johnny put his hand up and said that his Dad had taught him. The teacher said, "good", and asked him, "what came after three?" Little Johnny said "Four." The teacher then said, "What comes after six?" Little Johnny said, "Seven." "Very good," said the Teacher, "Now here is a more difficult one. What comes after ten?" With a big beaming smile Little Johnny answered, "Jack."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." (John Lennon)

SAVE THE DATES

7 th September	Sunset Boat Trip from Latchi Harbour
16 th September	Songs of Praise in the Park
24 th September	Harvest Lunch at the Kamares Club
7 th October	Annual BBQ
27 th October	Quiz Night at St Stephen's
7 th November	Nicosia Coach Trip
16 th or 23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
15 th December	Carols in the Mall

NOTICES

CARE DAYS. Care Days, whose founder and administrator, Andrew Lauder, is a member of Ayia Kyriaki's congregation, is a charity that helps those who have been diagnosed with cancer (including their partners) to being pampered, free of charge, for a morning. If you want to know more then please visit their website at: <https://caredayscyprus.com>

SUNSET CRUISE. Join us on board the MS Koulla from Latchi Harbour, on **Thursday 7th September**, for an afternoon sunset cruise to the Blue Lagoon, commencing at 3.00pm prompt and returning around 8.00pm. Tickets are €30 per person, available from the usual ticket sellers after the church services and include the cruise, swimming off the boat in the Blue Lagoon, a chicken and pork barbecue with Phasolia (local vegetarian bean dish), salad, fruit dessert and wine. You can take your own hamper with your choice of drinks, nibbles, desserts etc. and drinks will also be available for purchase at the boat bar. Friends and family are welcome.

SONGS OF PRAISE IN THE PARK. **Saturday 16th September**, starting at 5.30pm in Ayios Andronikos Park, Polis. This special outdoor event has popular hymns, poems and readings on the theme of The Four Seasons. Hosted by St Luke's Church by kind permission of the Mayor of Polis.

Location maps for the park can be found on our website: www.paphosanglicanchurch.org Why not join us? Everyone is welcome.

SERVICES

Sunday 13th August – Trinity 10

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

Readings:

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-10; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

Sunday 20th August – Trinity 11

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

Readings:

Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-20

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