



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 13th February 2022

3 Before Lent

WELCOME

Happy New Week. No one told me that we would be going through a winter just like in the UK! One day sun, next day rain, next day rain, then a glimpse of sun; and all without central heating for the majority of us. Let's hope that we'll start to see sunnier, warmer days starting to arrive. My brain's a bit dead having spent Monday to Thursday at Synod 2022, so this edition is a bit rushed; but still an enjoyable read. For those of you who celebrate Valentine's Day –

As time goes by from year to year,
One thing is surely true, my dear;
Though decades come and decades go,
Just seeing you sets me aglow.

(Karl and Joanna Fuchs)

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Prayer for this week:

Heavenly Father, walk beside us as we face this coming week. Give us the strength for all the challenges we may face, grace to share with all we meet and peace within ourselves. We are so grateful that we can come to you in prayer knowing that you watch over us. Teach us to be the generous, loving and caring people you want us to be in this community. Amen

Psalm 16: 8

“I am always aware of the Lord’s presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.”

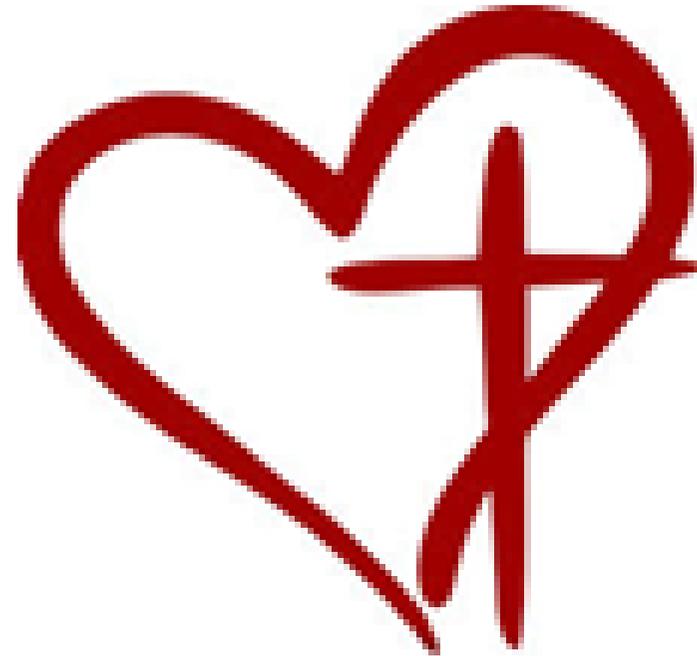
Our Diocese:

Faithful God, we are privileged and challenged to serve you here. Give us enquiring minds and the desire to know you more deeply; kind hearts to welcome and love others; hands to serve as we reach out to those in need, and feet to walk the way you would have us go. Pray for the Provinces of the whole Anglican Communion, their people and Primate, especially Archbishop Michael and our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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

In our own Parish of Paphos:

Heavenly Father, thank you for our Parish and its people. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our churches may grow and be sustainable for the future. Open our hearts to what we can do here in our communities. Help us to see you in everyone we meet and fill our lives with your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



So help me, Lord, each precious day,
No matter what life brings me,
To carry on with hope and faith
And to rest in you with peace.

(MS Lowndes)

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God Slot:

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6: 34 NIV) Worry doesn't rid tomorrow of its sorrows, it just robs today of its joy. A salesman who usually drove an old car and wore out dated clothes turned up at his office one day in a designer suit and driving a new BMW. His colleague was amazed and said, "What happened, won the lottery or something?" "Remember how I used to worry about everything?" The salesman said, "Well, I hired a team of professional worriers; now I tell them my problems and they do all the worrying for me." The colleague asked, "How much do they charge?" £2,000 a week." Said the salesman. "How can you afford that?" his colleague asked. The salesman smiled and replied, "That's their worry not mine!"

Wouldn't you like to have somebody to handle all your worries? You do; his name is Jesus and he said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11: 28 NIV) And God promises, *"...as your day, so shall your strength, your rest and security, be..."* (Deuteronomy 33: 25 AMP) That's because he only gives us *today's* strength for *today's* needs. Remember it's impossible to wring your hands and roll up your sleeves at the same time. So instead of wasting today worrying about tomorrow, *"Give your worries to God..."* (1 Peter 5: 7 NLT) and get busy living the life he gave you to enjoy!

God Bless,

Revd. Ken

Joke Spot: Little Johnny was attending an interview with the Church Selection Committee, and told them, "If I am selected as Vicar of this church, I will work hard to bring us into the 20th century." One of the committee spoke up, "Uh, Revd. Little Johnny, don't you mean the 21st century?" Little Johnny replied, "Let's take it one century at a time."

NOTICES

Food Collections

Please remember the food collection points in Ayia Kyriaki (Caritas) and St Luke's (Solidarity) when you do your shopping. St Stephen's are also starting a food collection point (Human Kind, A Helping Hand).

Bible Study

Don't forget that Bible Study sessions will be at 10.30am starting on 21st February. You need to book with me as I need an idea of numbers to let the Coffee Shop know, so please email or phone to let me know if you want to take part. We currently have 14 on the list. Don't forget that the first coffee is on the Vicar. Thanks, Ken.

EVENTS

Beetle Drive

This will take place on Shrove Tuesday, 1st March, at the Stephanie Restaurant, Tala. Tickets are available from Sunday 6th February at a cost of €17. There will be a raffle and proceeds will go to Church funds.

Possible future Events

15 th March	Nicosia Coach trip
18 th April	Traditional Easter Lunch
23 rd April	Annual Sponsored Walk
Mid May	Spring Fayre
26 May	Ascension Day Service & picnic in the forest
Early June	World Day of Prayer
Mid July	Annual BBQ

SERVICES

13th February

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

Readings:

Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

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11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25; Psalm 65; Revelation 4: 1-11; Luke 8: 22-25

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

Casting My Care

Lord, I continually set before you,
My requests and all my needs
With thanksgiving I come unto you,
My concerns unburdened to thee

I wait for your intervention, Lord,
In quietness of soul and mind
And worship at your footstool,
Leaving my cares behind

And Lord, I express my thanks for you,
For all you are to me,
I thank you, Lord, that I matter to you,
Though at times, I cannot see

Because of the circumstances in life,
The things that I go through,
I find my eyes are on the storm,
When they should be looking to you