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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 13th March 2022

Lent 2

WELCOME

Welcome to this week's edition of Weekly News. I got a thought for you. I love the start of a new day, even one where you are dragged from your dreams by an enthusiastic fairly large dog jumping on the bed telling you at 6am (or earlier) that it's time to get up. There is just something glorious about that opportunity for a fresh start, a new beginning, what has passed has happened and there's nothing you can do about it. You have the new day where you can make a difference. Now that is one of my simple pleasures. What are yours? Hopefully reading the Weekly News!

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Prayer for this week:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Ukraine

We continue to hold Ukraine in our prayers. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide those in power to see that no good can come from this conflict and that peace and dialogue is the true option. Bless all who are striving for peace, the aid agencies and guide us in what we can do, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and saviour, Amen.

Psalm 16: 8

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

Our Diocese:

Heavenly Father, bless our Bishop, and endow him with the grace of a good shepherd; that he may have a strong faith and lead us to worship God in Spirit and in Truth. Bless our Diocese with good Christian families, an increase in vocations to serve you. Amen

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:

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

You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.
(Joanna Fuchs)

Please note:

The Nicosia coach trip date has been rearranged to **Tuesday 29 March**. If you are interested in going, please contact Chris Hoskins on 97 753973. St George's Day falls on the Orthodox Easter Weekend and we were unable to secure a venue. The Friends Hospice have a social event planned for that day so please do support them.

SERVICES**13th March Lent 2**

08.15 Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1; Luke 13: 31-35

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08.15 Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

27th March Mothering Sunday

08.15 Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Exodus 2: 1-10; Psalm 34: 11-20; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Luke 2: 33-35

Almighty God, You are the Lord and the giver of life; we invite you to be the guide of our efforts towards growth of our churches. Be the light that will convert those who are not yet converted, that will illumine and bring back fallen Christians and that will strengthen the struggling Christians not to lose heart. Increase our resources to keep alive our commitment to evangelise in our Parish. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and saviour, Amen.

God Slot:

Do you believe in God? Do you believe there is life on other planets? Do you believe that sometime we will get a government that will actually get things right? Will Norwich get back in the Premiership? So many questions. I have another one for you. What do you think about life? Are you a glass half empty or half full type of person? I like to think I'm on the side of half full; but a friend recently told me that I had strayed into the half empty side because I had been moaning about not having enough time to do things. Now I thought that was positive because I wanted to do more things in the time I had, however, he'd seen it as a negative because I was moaning. I got him on my side by the end of our discussion, which I think was mainly due to the 4 or 5 glasses of wine he'd had during supper rather than my keen intellect and well thought out argument. Whether we are a positive or negative person has a huge bias on how we answer any of the questions above or indeed any question that is asked. I have another part of the equation to add and that is because I'm a Christian that also adds some bias to how I answer a question. But I believe this gives me an answer to any question – and that is "God knows". All you have to do is change the tone in your voice and it will work. Think about it.

God Bless,

Revd. Ken

Joke Spot: *Little Johnny was the church organist and he was listening to the Vicar's sermon about abstaining from drinking alcohol. The Vicar with great expression, said, 'If I had all of the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis, he said, 'And if I had all of the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' And then finally, he thundered, 'And if I had all of the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' The church was silent. Not a single member of the congregation made a sound. Little Johnny then stood up hesitantly and*

said, 'For our closing song, let us sing the hymn "Shall We Gather at the River."'

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.

LENT

Have you considered this as an idea for your Lent giving..... Perhaps you can donate the items to Friends Hospice, Tala Cats or Paws.



NOTICES

Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 14th March at St Stephen's starting at 10.30am. Still time to join us, just give me a call and I'll send you the homework.

Fundraising & Social Team

Would you like to be involved in helping us to raise funds for our church, charities and social outreach? Then please consider joining our team. Contact Revd Ken 99555292.

Charity Pots

Well done everyone, we managed to raise €1850 for the 2021 appeal, which is being donated to the Friends Hospice. If you haven't collected your 2022 pot (bottle really), they are available at all the churches.

New Collection Point – St Stephen's

In line with the collection points at Ayia Kyriaki (for Caritas) and St Luke's (for Solidarity), St Stephen's has now set up a collection point also. This collection of food, toiletries, clothes etc. is part of the overall Outreach Programme as the Anglican Church of Paphos. St Stephen's will be working alongside Dawn Palmer, a Social Worker for 'Human Kind, A Helping Hand'. She helps around 120 individuals in Paphos on a weekly basis. The majority are refugees housed in camps mainly in Kato Paphos, Chloraka,

Tala and also includes individuals/families who have fallen on hard times. It is also for families identified in Tala by the Mayor. This initiative is led by Kevin Townsend & assisted by Rema Lawson. Please feel free to speak to them if you need any more information or wish to assist.

Ukraine Appeal

The intense conflict in Ukraine is threatening the lives and livelihoods of civilians across the country. The UK Disaster Emergency Committee has set up an appeal for aid. If you have a UK bank account and would like to donate, go to the website www.dec.org.uk for more information. More than £100million has been raised and is being matched, up to £25million, by the UK Government. Please help if you can.

Pilgrims Eucharist

A pilgrimage led by The Very Revd Jeremy Crocker, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia, will finish their journey at Ayia Kyriaki on Saturday 26th March. A Eucharist service will be led by Archbishop Michael at 2.00pm at Ayia Kyriaki and everyone is welcome to attend.

Permission to Officiate

I'm pleased to announce that the Revd William Clocksin has been given Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. William is a resident in Pegia and has offered his services to our Parish.

EVENTS

26 th Mar	Pilgrims Holy Eucharist (Ayia Kyriaki)
17 th April	Traditional Easter Lunch
14 th May	Spring Fayre
26 th May	Ascension Day Service & picnic (Pegia Forest)
4 th June	Queen's Jubilee Street Party
Early June	World Day of Prayer service
23 rd July	Annual BBQ
8 th Sep	Boat Trip
October	Annual Sponsored Walk