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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS**



St. Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
Prodromi

# WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
(Second Sunday of Easter)**

## WELCOME

Well, we've been through the agony of the passion and come through to the glory of the resurrection and now we can face the rest of the year full of the joy of our faith in knowing that we are saved. There are a couple of new things in this edition to keep you informed on what is going on in our Parish. Please let me know if there is any other information you would like to see in this Newsletter. Enjoy.

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Collect:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son 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, we come before you this week after the passion and the glory and ask you as the sun rises may your hope rise up in us. As the birds sing may your love flow out of us. As the light floods into this new week ahead, may your joy shine through us. We come before you, O Lord, and drink in a moment of peace, that we may carry something of your hope, love and joy this week in our hearts that we share with all whom we will meet. Through Christ our Lord and saviour, Amen.

### Encouraging Words:

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

*(Romans 15: 13)*

### 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>

## GOD SLOT

Four men decided to go mountain climbing (none of them were playing

### Readings:

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

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

### I Really Like You

You know, I really like you, because you're just like me, a body with a head,  
Which makes us pretty intelligent - well, look at that grey matter, enough  
said.

And you've a heart too, just like mine, with the capacity for love, thought  
and care,

Oh, isn't that exciting, we having so much in common that we can share.

Say, you've eyes and ears too - oh my giddy aunt, even a nose! It's fantastic!

We so much alike, probably related, so no wonder things seem to click.

And that's why I really like you, though there's something about you that's  
still unique,

Just like me! Oh, it's all too much. And what if you've knobbly knees too -  
can I peek?

(Unknown)

Cathedral in thanksgiving for the many years of service Archbishop Michael and Julia have given to this Diocese. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall and garden. All are warmly invited.

### **LAY WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING**

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Worship Leader? The Diocese are arranging another course in July/August this year (I'll be one of the instructors, so you've got a friendly face). There are two face-to-face sessions at the start and end of the training with the remainder of the training being held on Zoom. Come and have a chat with me to see what it involves (Revd Ken 99555290).

### **SAVE THE DATES**

21 <sup>st</sup> April	AGM
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Spring Fayre
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Garden Party
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Variety Show
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Golf
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Annual BBQ

### **SERVICES**

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.15am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

#### **Readings:**

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.15am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

with a full pack, if you get my drift). In the middle of the climb one of them slipped and fell 30 feet and landed on ledge with a loud thud! The other three, hoping to rescue him, yelled, "Joe, Joe, are you OK?" Joe replied, "I'm alive; but I think I've broken both my arms." His friends tossed a rope down and said that they'd pull him up. They started pulling the rope to get their injured friend to safety. Suddenly one of them remembered that Joe had said he'd broken both his arms and he shouted down, "Joe, if you've broken both your arms how are you holding the rope?" After a few seconds there was a muffled response from Joe saying, "With my teeeeeeeeeeth!" Some days the best we can do is just hang on by the skin of our teeth. Even the strongest and wisest amongst us have times when we don't have the answers and can't see the way forward; all we can do is look up and trust God to pull us through. If you're in a tight spot today DON'T let go of the rope, hang on by your teeth. Some things are just best left to God. Be still; trust him and let him work.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

### **JOKE SPOT**

*Little Johnny was in a long line of 'oldies' at the grocery store at 7.45am waiting for the store to open at 8:00 for senior citizens only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. The young man returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As the young man approached the line for the third time Little Johnny shouted, "Look, if you don't let him unlock the door we're never going to get in there!"*

### **CHURCH FINANCE**

As a new part of the Newsletter we are introducing a section to keep people informed of the Church Finances. This will be a summary of where we are and any other information that needs to be shared. Our Treasurer, Peter Latham, reports:

#### **ACP Receipts & Payments (as at March 2023)**

(Accounts are split into 'church activities' and 'wedding ministry'.)

## Church

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Jan-Mar</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Gross Receipts	€ 8,129	€30,674	€25,610
Church Payments	€ 5,815	€30,206	€32,646
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>€ 2,315</b>	<b>€468</b>	<b>(€7,036)</b>

Continuing a good start to the year; €7,000 better than budget and €9,000 better than last year. Church giving, funeral income and fundraising all contributed to the Church year to date position of €468 despite having already paid the €10,000 Diocesan share.

## Wedding Ministry.

<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>(€5,394)</b>	<b>(€8,511)</b>	<b>(€12,887)</b>
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All costs and little revenue until the wedding season gets underway. The large deficit in the month was due to paying the annual rent on Revd Ken's house. This will balance out at the end of the year against the monthly rental income from the Parish House. We have 40 weddings/Renewal of Vows booked for 2023 and a few that are awaiting the deposit being paid. We have 7 weddings booked for 2024 and 2 for 2025."

**Fundraising.** We have raised the following funds to date:

Christmas Cards	€138
Beetle Drive	€180
Barn Dance	€454
Coach Trip	€155
Easter Lunch	€129 (after the month end)

## NOTICES

### FUNDRAISING

The Nicosia Coach Trip on 28<sup>th</sup> March was another successful event when twenty six non congregational members making a total of forty people enjoyed a fun day, shopping, sightseeing and relaxing over lunch and, of course, fellowship. €155 were raised for church funds.

On Easter Sunday 33 members and family including two children and one friendly dog enjoyed a three-course lunch at Yiannis Taverna in Kathikas. It was a pleasure to see the three churches enjoying fellowship together and €129 were raised for church funds.

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10.00am for 10.30am** at St Stephen's, Tala. Please make sure this date is in your diary and that you can attend this important meeting.

## SPRING FAYRE

The Spring Fayre is planned for **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at St Stephen's in Tala. We are looking for bric-a-brac items, handbags, cakes, preserves, jewellery, tombola prizes, scarves, plants and, of course, refreshments that will help raise money for the church. Any new stall ideas would be much appreciated. Contact Chris Hoskins on 97753973.

## BIKES FOR OUR MIGRANT BROTHERS AND SISTERS

In the last edition I informed you that we had applied for a grant to purchase more bikes and safety equipment and the good news is that we have been granted €5,510. We've got to dot the i's and cross the t's on the paperwork and we should have the money by the end of April. I have to thank the Revd Anne Fatcher for all her work in gathering all the necessary information and putting the grant application together.

## LENT BIBLE STUDY

The sessions start again on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am** at St Stephen's, Tala.

## THINGS ON AT THE CATHEDRAL

On **Friday 5 May at 5 pm** there will be a Street Party around the Cathedral car park, in celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III. Please book a pitch at the Cathedral office, and bring your own food and drinks.

On **Sunday 7 May at 5 pm** there will be a service at St Paul's Cathedral to give thanks for the life and service of King Charles III, followed by High Tea in the Cathedral Hall and garden. All welcome.

On **Saturday 3 June at 4 pm** there will be an Island-wide service at St Paul's