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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 17th & 24th July 2022

Trinity 5 & Trinity 6

WELCOME

This edition is for two weeks as there is a gap in the wedding bookings and I'm whipping Wendy away for a few days to the other side of the island. So the sign on our door is:



Back to work on 25th July. Thank you to Revd Andrew and Revd William for covering for me. I will still be available for any emergencies.

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collects:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; 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.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 this week for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the weeks that are ahead of us. We know you will be with us every step of the way. Please give us your strength, grace and guidance as we move from day to day. Help us to be a blessing to all who we meet as you are to us. Amen.

Psalm 91: 11

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways...."

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

God gave us this wonderful world and we sometimes barely notice it. When did we last really look at a flower, or the buds coming out on the

Safe from the evil placed in my path,
allowed by the Lord for he knew
His Word would succeed to fill all my need,
and bless me with power anew.
And so, Satan's scheme to steal me away
was foiled yet once again.....
Crushed by the King with the mercy He brings-
delivered from Satan's den.
Restored by His love - renewed in His might,
and wiser than before.....
with my shield of faith now firmly in place,
Lord, I am ready and willing to soar!

(Joy Noble)

Some age related quotes to bring a smile

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened."

Jennifer Yane

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened."

Mark Twain

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do."

Phyllis Diller

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone."

Andy Rooney

"The older I get, the better I used to be."

Lee Trevino

The Encounter

I ran into Satan the other day.....
didn't know til I got there, I had gone the wrong way,
for his voice was so sweet, how could I have known?
and his face was so beautiful it practically shone!
But his words were like vipers whose poisonous fangs
pierced the very heart of my faith,
The father of lies behind human eyes;
the true person beneath just a wrath.
Blind as I was, I accepted as truth
the kindly advice that he gave,
even smiled and thanked him as I waved good-bye!
(trying my best to be brave)
It wasn't til later the venom took old,
clouding my judgment with doubt.....
Caught in the tide of deliverers died
with depression as my mount.
Bombarded with pain, my hope all but slain,
my battle wore on through the night.....
when I desperately struggled to take just one step
and the Lord led me into His light.
His gentle kindness comforted
and set my heart at ease
through a kindly old spirit He set in my path;
my worry and pain to appease.

trees and shrubs? An insect buzzing around? These are all part of our Heavenly Father's creation that he made for us. That is really a powerful statement. He made it for us! So as we go out and about this month let us open our eyes just that little bit more to see what is really out there. My wife's response is "Ants"! She has a phobia against ants, especially as the "little blighters" seem to have decided our house is an ideal location to start their world domination this year. I see her with spray in one hand and powder in the other determined to follow the trail back to their camp and destroy them at source. I find these creatures amazing. They have been around for millions of years according to an article I have recently read, so I don't think the spray and powder will end their existence. I have a live and let live attitude up until I have a little ant just appearing on the edge of my sandwich that I have just taken a bite out of! Mainly because I am aware that where there is one there are a lot more! Where's that spray? I do feel guilty and have to ask for forgiveness when I spray, as God created the ants for a purpose, and I don't believe it was just to annoy my wife. This world and all its creatures (including ants) is a gift that no other gift can surpass. A unique gift, which we should look after so that the generations who follow us can enjoy it too. Let's all accept that responsibility and do our small part to protect, save and take pleasure in it. Let's thank Him.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

Joke Spot:

Little Johnny was a waiter at a restaurant and was serving a table, which had a priest, a rabbi and a guru who were discussing the best positions for prayer. "Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said. "No," the rabbi said, "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor." Little Johnny couldn't contain himself any longer. "Hey, guys," he interrupted, "The best praying I ever did was when I was flying over the handlebars of my bike after crashing!"

ONLINE BANKING

You may have read in the Cyprus Mail recently that our beloved banks are closing branches and ATMs left right and centre. The plan over the next

decade by banks, aided and abetted by the government is to do away with cash as far as is possible. The UK is no different. Banks will make large cost savings and governments won't lose taxation on self-employed work for cash off the books. This seems an opportune time to remind everyone that many of us are now using internet banking to make a monthly transfer to the church rather than having to bring cash every week.

Pledge giving also helps the church in budgeting. A quiet word with your wardens that you have switched to internet banking will ensure that they don't embarrass you by rattling the tin under your nose during the offertory! PS we are not looking for more money - just hoping to make giving easier by giving the same amount as a regular monthly transfer.

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NOTICES

Annual BBQ

The annual BBQ returns this July after a two-year absence due to Covid restrictions. Saturday 23rd July at the Pikni Forest picnic area in Peyia, starting at 5pm. A full range of BBQ'd meats, vegetarian kebabs, salads, baps, jacket potatoes, etc. will be on offer all for a ticket price of €12. (Bring your own drinks, desserts, crockery, cutlery). Friends, family and visitors will all receive a warm welcome. Tickets are available now from the usual sellers after church services. Location maps can be found on the Parish Website under 'announcements'. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wanted

We've managed to sponsor our first 2nd hand bike. It would be good to get some more. Would you be interested in putting €5 in the pot and see if we can get our church family mobile? Please contact Revd Ken (99555290).

Food & Necessities Collection Points

Don't forget to think about our food collection points at all three churches as you do your shopping.

EVENTS

23 rd July	Annual BBQ
8 th September	Boat Trip
10 th September	Songs of Praise in the Park
October	Pet Blessing Service, Outside Ayia Kyriaki
October	Annual Sponsored Walk
16 th December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall

SERVICES

Sunday 17th July

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

Sunday 24th July

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Hosea 1: 2-10; Psalm 85: 1-7; Colossians 2: 6-15; Luke 11: 1-13

Sunday 31st July

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21

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