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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
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St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Easter 6

WELCOME

Happy new week. Welcome to our latest Weekly News I hope you enjoy reading it and please pass it on to your friends and family. Don't forget that you can contribute too!!!

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

O God, give us the strength we need for the week ahead of us. Let us not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties. Let us not lose faith in other people. Keep us sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, deceitfulness, or meanness. Preserve us from minding little stings or giving them. Help us to keep our hearts clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten us or take away the joy of our faith in you. Open wide the eyes of our souls that we may see good in all things. Grant us this week some new vision of your truth. Inspire us with the spirit of joy and gladness, and make us the cup of strength to suffering souls that we may meet this week. We pray this in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalm 16: 8

"I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

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>

Why do people go to church?

Some attend church to be seen, and wear their new clothes,

While others sit on their pew and silently doze.

During the service a few will check their cell phone,

With messages they just can't seem to postpone.

Some men darken the church door out of fear,

Because if they don't their spouse won't let them near.

There are those that go to church because it is fun,

They like to see their friends, and talk to everyone.

Music lovers go to church because they love to sing,

And others wait for the sermon the preacher will bring.

Whatever your reason, God is watching from above.

He knows your true heart, and is full of love.

(Brenda McGrath)

September	Songs of Praise in the Park
October	Annual Sponsored Walk
16 th December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall

SERVICES

Sunday 22nd May

08.15am Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10-27; 22: 1-5; John 14: 23-29

Thursday 26th May

11.00am Holy Communion Peyia Forest (A reminder to bring your own picnic and chairs)

Readings:

Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 93; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Luke 24: 44-53

Sunday 29th May

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26

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

GOD SLOT

We were out to lunch with some friends and we were talking about school days. I went to a grammar school in Newcastle a few years ago, well maybe more than a few, but that doesn't matter. I remember being twelve years old and having to wear shorts, long socks and a cap, which was compulsory for all first years. Needless to say I hated it, how could you impress the girls if you were stuck in shorts? The easy answer was you carried a pair of long trousers in your bag and changed as soon as you got out of the school grounds! Of course you also lost the cap. Hey presto you could now get away with being a 2nd or 3rd year. Now that would really impress the girls wouldn't it? Somehow it never worked like that – you were still seen as 1st year because your innocent little face always gave you away. This trip back in time also brought up the memory of our school hymn. Yes the school used to have a hymn that was sung every day. At morning registration, just before lunch-break and at the end of last lesson. I hated it and we used to make up words to the tune just for a laugh. Strangely it is now my favourite hymn and I try to get it on the list as often as I can. The hymn is "Lord of All Hopefulness", and it brings a smile to my lips and a joy to my heart when I hear the organist start the tune. What is even stranger is that I'm not usually hung up on the past because what has gone, has gone, and there is nothing you can do about it. It's also true that you can't alter the future either. It's today that counts because you can make the difference happen. I like to think that we can all make a difference, no matter how small, to this beautiful world we live in. Recycling, smiling and saying good morning to a stranger, using the local facilities rather than driving to other towns or villages or even just helping someone who needs it – simple but vital things. How about starting your 'little difference' today? I believe that life's journey leads us down many paths but if we remain focused and looking towards the light ahead, there is nothing that God and us can't handle together.

God Bless

Revd Ken

Joke Spot:

Little Johnny was an old farmer and one day a busload of politicians were driving down a country road, when suddenly the bus ran off the road and

crashed into his barn. Little Johnny got off his tractor and went to investigate. Soon he dug a hole and buried the politicians. A few days later, the local policeman came out, saw the crashed bus and asked Little Johnny where all the politicians had gone. He told him that he had buried them. The policeman said, "Goodness, were they ALL dead?" Little Johnny said, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how them politicians lie!"

FRIENDS HOSPICE



During the early part of this year, small empty water bottles were made available to the members of our three congregations so that spare change/coins could be collected. This raised €2,550, together with money from the church Lent collections and Revd Ken's Christmas 'Smartie' gifts, was presented to the church 'Charity of the Year'

the Friends' Hospice. Chris Jones (Hospice President) received a cheque for a total of €3,500 from Parish Priest, Revd Ken Waters, at the new hospice premises in Tala. Chris said "I am personally gratified at the thoughts, prayers and financial contributions of the Anglican Church of Paphos, along with those of the many other individuals and organisations who continue to support our work".

EVENING SERVICE AYIA KYRIAKI

A Reminder. We will be starting a once a month 6pm Holy Communion Service at Ayia Kyriaki from Sunday 5th June. It will be every first Sunday of the month. Do come along if you can.

NOTICES

Spring Fayre - A huge 'Thank You'

A huge thank you to all of you who contributed in any way to the success of the Spring Fayre held last Saturday at St Stephen's. An amazing €1,743.40 was raised for church funds. Despite the gloomy weather, the event proved popular and was well attended by local residents, tourists

and church members. (See photos below and more on the church website). Well done everyone for an excellent result.



Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 30th May 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.

Food & Necessities Collection Points

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

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Street Party is on Saturday 4th June, 1pm to 4pm. There is still time to volunteer your services to help on the day; to prepare and cook food, act as car parking marshals and in many more ways. Lists of jobs needing help are displayed in each of the churches. Also, tickets are available from the usual sellers at the churches or via the church secretary. Why not bring your friends, family and neighbours - everyone is welcome. Further information, the menu and location maps are on the church website: <https://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org/announcements>

EVENTS

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| 26 th May | Ascension Day Service & picnic (bring your own picnic and chairs) at Peyia Forest. |
| 4 th June | Queen's Jubilee Street Party |
| 24 th June | World Day of Prayer service |
| 23 rd July | Annual BBQ |
| 8 th September | Boat Trip |