



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 27th February 2022

Next Before Lent

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to another week. Time seems to be flying by at the moment, I blink and the day's over, I yawn and the week's gone by. So I know how to change this and slow things down. It's easy when you think about it – I'm going to stop blinking and yawning! Oh if life was as simple as that. Enjoy this week's edition of your Weekly News.

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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:

May the Lord bless the week ahead. We pray we will not be overwhelmed or discouraged by its challenges. May we find your grace and strength to overcome everything that comes our way, knowing that you are alongside us at all times. Amen

Psalm 86: 5

“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.”

Our Diocese:

Pray for St Christopher’s and St Paul’s, our twin cathedrals, their deans Bill and Jeremy, their canons, and their people. We continue to pray for a return to some form of normality and that the scourge of Covid may be overcome throughout the world. As we continue to struggle with the restrictions imposed on social interaction due to the Covid pandemic so we pray that these will soon be lifted and that we can once again welcome all who come to join us for worship week by week.

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:

Lord, help our church body to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have given us. Help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts. Grant us patience for one another, bearing with one another in love. Grant the Body of Christ unity. May we walk humbly with you, God, allowing you to show us the way. Amen

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Our Blessings

Sitting to-day in the sunshine,
That touched me with fingers of love,
I thought of the manifold blessings
God scatters on earth, from above;
And they seemed, as I numbered them over,
Far more than we merit, or need,
And all that we lack is the angels
To make earth a heaven indeed.

But mortals are always complaining,
Each one thinks his own a sad lot;
And forgetting the good things about him,
Goes mourning for those he has not.
Instead of the star-spangled heavens,
We look on the dust at our feet
We drain out the cup that is bitter,
Forgetting the one that is sweet.

We mourn o'er the thorn in the flower,
Forgetting its odour and bloom;
We pass by a garden of blossoms,
To weep o'er the dust of the tomb.
There are blessings unnumbered about us,
Like the leaves of the forest they grow;
And the fault is our own - not the Giver's
That we have not an Eden below.

(Ella Wheeler-Wilcox)

God Slot:

Within each of us there is a God-shaped vacuum that only God can fill. Without God, there is a void in our life, something missing! It's like an unmet need that continues to gnaw at you. Until the need is met, you are operating from a deficit. Theologian St. Augustine said, "Man's soul doesn't rest until he finds peace with God." God created us with the capacity to have a relationship with him. And until we do, our soul is at unrest. We seek to fill this gap with something other than God, but it doesn't work. It's like trying to put a square peg in a round hole. We try all kinds of things to fill the void; to satisfy the vacuum; yet without success. In John 10:10, Jesus said, ". . . I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance." This refers to having a complete life; one that satisfies; one that is fulfilling. Jesus is the one that can fill the "God Spot." So in 2022, make sure you fill your God-Spot with Jesus! Let Him work through you to shine his light and spread His love.

God Bless,

Revd. Ken

Joke Spot: Little Johnny saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Little Johnny got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Little Johnny was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Little Johnny shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Little Johnny said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.

NOTICES

Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 28th February at St Stephen's starting at 10.30am.

Charity Money Bottles

Please, if you haven't already done so, bring along your bottles. If you didn't have one and would like to make a donation, please put it in an envelope and mark it Charity Donation. Please take a pot for 2022. If you take one and it is never seen again we have lost nothing. If you take one and it comes back with 50 cents in.... then our joint effort will increase. If you have any difficulty handing in your donation please contact me and I'll help. Thank you to you all. Lou

Wedding Vergers

We are still looking to recruit a couple more Wedding Vergers. Please consider joining this team. The perks are fantastic – you get to go to lots of weddings! Please contact Amanda (99212627).

EVENTS

Beetle Drive

This will take place on Tuesday, 1st March, at the Stephanie Restaurant, Tala. Tickets are available 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
17 th April	Traditional Easter Lunch
18 th April	Annual Sponsored Walk
23 rd April	St George's Day
Mid May	Spring Fayre
26 May	Ascension Day Service & picnic in the forest
Early June	World Day of Prayer
Mid July	Annual BBQ

SERVICES

27th February Next Before Lent

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-18, 4: 1-2; Luke 9: 28-36

2nd March Ash Wednesday

9.00am Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes Ayia Kyriaki

5.00pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 58: 1-12; Psalm 51: 1-18; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10; John 8: 1-11

6th March Lent 1

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1,2, 9-16; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

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