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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS**



St. Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
Prodromi

# WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 27th March 2022**

**Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday**

**WELCOME**

Welcome along to this week's edition of Weekly News. I'd like to say as April is approaching that the weather is improving; but it's not! Brrrr. Still that warmth will return; or that's what I'm holding on for and we can get out them shorts and t-shirts once again. Enjoy the reading.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is a day for special celebration of motherhood and honouring of mothers and mother figures. We celebrate the day every year on the fourth Sunday of Lent. The origin of Mothering Sunday could be traced to the pre-Reformation observation, in the Churches of England, of Laetare Sunday (a Sunday that derived its name from the first words in Latin, of the traditional introit for the service (mass) of the day: Laetare Jerusalem (Rejoice, O Jerusalem), taken from Isaiah 66:10, which speaks of the love for Jerusalem (the original 'mother church')). Laetare Sunday was a mid-lent special service/mass of rejoicing/celebration within the austere Lententide, when people were encouraged once a year, in the middle of Lent, to return to their 'mother' church, which could mean the church where they were baptised, or their local parish church, or the cathedral church (as the mother church of the diocese). In the post-Reformation times, it became customary for domestic servants to be given a day off at this time, so that they could visit their families, when they gave gifts to their mothers and families, including flowers they picked on their way and what they received from their masters. Eventually, this evolved in the Post Reformation Church of England (Anglican Church) into Mothering Sunday, traditionally marked by visiting and giving gifts to mothers on the fourth Sunday in Lent. It's a celebration of motherhood in all its forms.

### *COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

#### **Collect:**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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:**

As we step into this week, let us pray that God grant us wisdom and understanding to succeed. May that which may seem like a great challenge become easy for us. May God be with us, opening every door ahead and

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08.15 Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philipians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

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

### **Church**

Church is a place to go and see

Our other loving family,

People who know the Lord, and who

With their love and care, our strength renew.

That is why I think, each Monday:

"I'm looking forward to church on Sunday."

*(Joanna Fuchs)*

ers or their representatives has been formed, of which Revd Anne Futcher is a member. The group is aiming to co-ordinate support. There are plans for 150 young people to be transferred to Paphos. The group is asking for volunteer musicians, teachers, befrienders, etc. who could spend a little time with these young people. Information is scant at present, but if there is anyone among the Paphos churches who is willing to offer their time and skills, please could you let me (Revd Anne Futcher, email: [anne.futcher@cypgulf.org](mailto:anne.futcher@cypgulf.org)) know. (Please note that this is separate from the Ukrainian refugees).

### **Time Travel**

DON'T FORGET that the clocks go forward this weekend.

### **EVENTS**

29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nicosia coach trip
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Fayre – St Stephen's
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Service & picnic (Pegia Forest)
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Jubilee Street Party
Early June	World Day of Prayer service
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Annual BBQ
8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Boat Trip
October	Annual Sponsored Walk

### **SERVICES**

#### **27<sup>th</sup> 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

shining his light in all the dark corners. May he grant us his grace and peace as we face this new week. Amen

#### **Psalm 34: 8**

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."*

#### **Our Diocese:**

Pray for those who bring energy and depth to the work of giving others time and space. We give thanks to God that the Cyprus government has recognized Seafarers as key frontline workers, and are progressing with ways to repatriate when their contracts have finished. We rejoice and give thanks for the Seafarers who despite fatigue and many months on board, with no access to shore leave, still work hard to keep the supply chains open. We hope for the relaxing in international legislation of crew change protocols, so the 200,000 men and women working beyond their contracts, may once again be united with their loved ones and families. Though many crew are struggling with anxiety for their families welfare and wellbeing, we pray they may be strengthened in the knowledge that the mission is raising funds to support their families in times of need. We pray that the ongoing challenge of ways to vaccinate crews may soon be resolved. Lord bless us that we may continue to be a strong bridge between the isolation, loneliness and concerns of those who serve at sea and the loved ones who eagerly await their safe return, giving hope and reassurance. 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:**

Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this week and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage and grace to witness the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 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:

Recently I had to fill out an annual review form and one of the headings had "Leisure Activities (what do you do for fun?)". And it totally stumped me. What do I do for fun? I thought I should be putting lots of things down like, skiing, running marathons, dancing and saving the world. But I don't do any of those. I don't even garden or socialise a lot. Panic started to set in. These people are going to think I'm a really dull person if I don't put anything in the box. Oh my. What do I do for fun? So I had a cup of tea, which is a good cure for all ailments and sat back down with this review form. Nope, still nothing. I asked Wendy what do I do for fun and her answer was 'when do you have time to have fun?' That was it! My answer. I have a full time job, I spend time studying and reading, I'm a member of a few committees, I research and write up my sermons and I take a few services at church, oh yes, and occasionally I bump into Wendy and the dog around the house and we catch up on things going on. Apparently Wendy has retired and the dog has her winter coat – when did all that happen? The conclusion, I think my fun is learning new things, attending committee meetings, leading services and bumping into my family every now and then. Mind you, I also have time to watch films, listen to music and I can't miss Biffa on YouTube. God made us all different, which is great, and that is something I thank him for daily. We all have just this one chance on earth and we have to live life to the full or we make a mockery of what God has given us. I for one thoroughly enjoy my type of fun – how do you enjoy yours? God Bless, Revd. Ken

**Joke Spot:** *Little Johnny was struggling to make ends meet on his Vicar's stipend, and he was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a £250 dress she had bought. "How could you do this?!" "I was outside the store looking at the dress in the window, and then I found myself trying it on," she explained. "It was like Satan was whispering in my ear, 'You look fabulous in that dress. Buy it!'" "Well," Little Johnny replied, "You know how I deal with that kind of temptation. I say, 'Get behind me, Satan!'" "*

*did that," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks fabulous from back here, too!'"*

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.

## NOTICES

### Bible Study

Our next session will be on Monday 4th April 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. **No volunteers yet – HINT, HINT!**

### Easter Lunch

Easter Lunch. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the Gustoso Restaurant, Tomb of the Kings Road, Paphos, It will be a Meze (Gustoso Style) at a cost of €20 per person excluding drinks. 1.00pm for 1.30pm. Tickets available from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March from the usual sellers at the three churches.

### Food & Necessities Collection Points

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

### Stop your spoken voice from aging!

Julia Stephenson is going to repeat her class again this year. It's a one-off class to help stop your voice from aging. This was very popular when Julia ran it last November. It involves some breathing exercises, face massage and exercise and articulation. The reason our voice ages is because we don't breathe as deeply as we age, so our facial muscles tighten, as does the larynx and we also lose the ability to articulate as well. Please come and join us on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am at St Stephen's (it will be less than an hour). We'll have fun doing tongue twisters too!!

### Volunteers needed

Under the umbrella of the US Embassy a multi-faith group of religious lead-