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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
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Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 29th May 2022

Easter 7

WELCOME

Hello everyone from your absent Vicar. I sit here on day eight still testing positive for Covid; but at least the brain fog has lifted and I can catch up on admin. The cough remains, the body feels a bit weak and wobbly as it did the last time I had the dreaded lurgy; but I can see light at the end of the tunnel, as I feel a bit better each day. Wendy is a big strong Geordie lass who shoulders off the dreaded disease as if it's a fly on her arm, so I'm sure you can guess who is the wimp in the family. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Revd Andrew for stepping in to help out with services and weddings over this time. He is a tremendous blessing to have in the parish. Hope and pray that we are back to normal from this week.

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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.

This week ahead of us, may we hang around for people, may we linger with intent... to care, may we breach the peace... with justice. May we not just look for a new thing, but follow it through, not just have an idea but make it happen, not complain about this and that, but do something about it. In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful of the presence of God among us. Amen.

Psalm 37: 3

"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture."

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>

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of Peace and Justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect

Heaven's Surprise

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its decor.
But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbour who never said anything nice.
Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

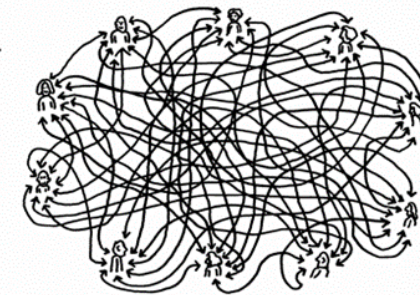
I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.
'And why's everyone so quiet, so somber – give me a clue.'
'Child,' He said, 'they're all in shock. They never thought they'd be seeing you!'

(J Taylor Ludwig)

THE PEACE

IT IS TRADITIONAL FOR EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH TO SHAKE
THE HAND OF EVERY OTHER PERSON IN THE CHURCH

THIS DIAGRAM
SHOWS THE 45
PEACEFUL
INTERACTIONS
THAT TAKE
PLACE WHEN
EVERYONE IN
A CONGREGATION
OF TEN SHAKES
HANDS WITH
EVERYONE ELSE



IN A CONGREGATION
OF 20 THERE
WILL BE 190
PEACEFUL
INTERACTIONS

IN A CONGREGATION
OF 50 THERE
WILL BE 1225
PEACEFUL
INTERACTIONS

IN A CONGREGATION
OF 100 THERE
WILL BE 4950
PEACEFUL
INTERACTIONS

FORMULA THAT CAN BE USED TO IMPRESS PEOPLE AT PARTIES:

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEACEFUL INTERACTIONS IS $N \times \left(\frac{N-1}{2}\right)$

WHERE 'N' IS THE NUMBER OF CONGREGANTS

SERVICES

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

Sunday 5th June

Queen's Jubilee Services

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

Readings:

Joshua 1: 1-9; Psalm 121; Romans 13: 1-10; Luke 22: 24-30

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

them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

GOD SLOT

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. (Albert Einstein).

In life, there are many challenges. It's the seasons of life. There is a time for mourning or celebrating, a time to fight or rejoice, a time to question or trust, but there is one thing we always hold onto, Hope. When we lose hope more often we become frustrated and maybe even lost. We can feel there is no meaning in life, but when there is hope, we overcome so many things and challenges in life. Messages of hope are very instrumental in shaping our lives. As human beings, we always need words to uplift us, words to inspire us to greater heights. For me there is no hope without Christ. Every night we go to sleep, we have no assurance for the next day but we usually have plans for the day. That's what we call hope, but faith plays a strong hand in this too. God has a plan for us and that makes me wake up in the morning feeling 'brilliant' wondering what his plans are for the day ahead. No matter how many times we fall or fail, we must always rise up and try again and again. That's how we are the people we are today. We must never lose hope or faith. Remain positive in life; remember, there is a season for everything on earth. No one said life would be easy, there are challenges every day, but we must never give up. There may be obstacles in our path, but with Christ in our lives we know that there is hope, there is love, there is life and life in abundance. *"Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* (John 14: 27)

God Bless

Revd Ken

Joke Spot:

Little Johnnie was a Curate and struggling to make ends meet on his Curate's wage. 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!" "I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks fabulous from back here, too!"

GRAVESTONE BLESSING/MEMORIAL – REVD CANON ANTHONY STIDOLPH

A small memorial service took place at the graveside on 24th May to remember Anthony on the anniversary of his death. Quite a large contingent of his friends came across from the UK, and were joined by his friends in Cyprus. There were readings from Ecclesiastes (3: 1-8,11), Genesis (35: 19-20) and Psalm 23.

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

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.

Just for fun

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog and we laughed a lot.

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>

Legacy Giving

Have you thought about leaving a donation to the church in your Will? Would you like to? If so, full details of how to include a Legacy gift to the church can be found on the church website or take one of the Legacy leaflets, which are on display in each church. Failing this, ask your warden for information. Legacy donations can be made for specific use as prescribed by you, or added to the general income. Any amount of financial assistance is always welcomed and appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS HOSPICE

I received the following from Chris Jones (President, The Friends' Hospice Foundation)"

"Dear Reverend Ken, I write on behalf of the Friends' Hospice Foundation to thank you, your Worship Team, the Wardens and Councilors and the congregations of the Anglican Church for adopting us as your charity for this year. Your generous donation of €3500 will be put to good use. The MOH has approved our plans and we are moving forward at pace. For me, the spiritual and pastoral support that I have received during the long and sometimes difficult struggle to reopen has been immense. We look forward, with the help and goodwill of our volunteers and our supporters, to continuing our efforts to deliver free, high quality Palliative Care to patients in Paphos District who need it. May God bless our endeavours. Chris Jones, President, The Friends' Hospice Foundation."

EVENTS

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