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St. Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 5th & 12th February 2023 (Third & Second before Lent)

WELCOME

February has arrived safe and well, summer is on the way. A two-week issue as I am away attending the Synod. Welcome to this week's edition and I hope you enjoy it.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Collect 5th February:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect 12th February:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the weeks ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, please still our hearts and quiet our minds. How our soul needs to rest with you. We confess that often our thoughts are scattered, that our minds can feel overwhelmed with worry and endless demands. We give all these concerns to you now. In the stillness let us become aware of our own beating heart, and of the life you sustain within us and around us. Let us notice my own breathing. Thank you that with each passing breath you bring your gentle life-giving touch. Thank you that we are a miracle of your design and we carry your Spirit within. Thank you that your beloved Son is risen and alive forevermore! We ask you to come, fill our spirits afresh with new faith. Lead us as we pray for others, come inspire our thoughts as we intercede for those that are on our minds. Please guide us now by the power of your Holy Spirit as we bring these concerns before you. Father, thank you that you are the Light of Lights, the great Power of all Powers and your Kingdom will know no end. Amen.
(Julie Palmer)

Encouraging Words:

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,

It's All About People

(Lance Landall)

Oh yes, it's all about people, and Lockdown and quarantine bringing this home,
That need we soon discover for one another, and that need to freely roam.
This world's a wonderful creation, but humans being its crowning glory,
That love and affection that's the basis of every inspiring story.

Yes, sometimes we need a little peace and quietness alone, but not for long,
That need for others soon returning, that human choir, resonating song.
And how we've *need* to work together, pull together, planet Earth in trouble,
And none of us liking the idea of some isolating Covid bubble.

Oh yes, we certainly need each other, hence why it's all about people, us,
And why over each other there needs to be a lot more love, thought, care and fuss.

One's birth a gift and opportunity, but each other being what we need,
And why for peace on Earth and goodwill to all men, women, boys and girls,
I plead

SERVICES

Sunday 5th February – 3 before Lent

8.15am 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:

Isaiah 58 1-9a; Psalm 112: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20

Sunday 12th February – 2 before Lent

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3; Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26; Romans 8: 18-25; Matthew 6: 25-34

Sunday 19th February – Next before Lent

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Exodus 24: 12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9

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

for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31: 6)

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

Last Sunday, many of us heard the Gospel reading when Jesus was presented at the temple by Mary and Joseph. We heard the words of the prophets Anna and Simeon who had been waiting for years to witness the coming of the Messiah and who instantly recognised who the young child was - the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. The Gospels are all about Christ breaking-in to the ordinary lives of people and yesterday, we witnessed Jesus breaking in to Anna and Simeon's watching and waiting. Ministry, I have always thought, is about helping others recognise Jesus breaking-in, breaking in to ordinary lives and events. The reading also reminds us that there is no age limit in the kingdom of God, that no matter how old you are, there is still a role you can play in his kingdom. I am reminded of this every morning when I check where the aches and pains are until I get the body moving. We all have a role to play in God's Kingdom so let's go about it joyfully with a spring in our step, love in our hearts and the word of God on our lips.

God Bless

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was a passenger in a taxi and he tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop

window. For a second, everything was quiet in the taxi. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylight's out of me!" Little Johnny apologized and said, "I didn't realise that a little tap would scare you so much." The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a taxi driver; I've been driving a funeral hearse for the last 25 years!"

NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer is being held on Friday 3rd March at St Stephen's commencing 2pm. It is an ecumenical service and Christian churches in Paphos are invited to attend and possibly a volunteer from each church to read a section in the service book. The 2023 service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Taiwan. Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served after the service.

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

In planning for the future we had to look at how we could continue to run three churches. In the foreseeable future we can only afford one Priest and both our LLMs are struggling with health issues, so we had to look at building our team to cope. After conversations with the Diocese Archdeacon Christopher, Fr Ian Nicholson (Limassol) and myself looked into Lay Ministry in other Diocese and we were given permission from ++Michael to run a pilot course. We had four candidates recommended by their Church Councils and Parish Priests. As you have read in an earlier Weekly News Bryn Jones (St Stephen's) and Jayne Preston (St Luke's) attended the course on Worship Leading and were Accredited by ++Michael on 21st January. I'd now like to take the opportunity to explain what their role is within the Parish and the difference between that role and the role of our Licenced Lay Ministers (Readers) (LLM) Ann and Ray.

LLMs have to undertake an intensive three-year course and are licensed to lead non-Eucharist services, preach, teach, and take funerals and pastoral care. (In the UK there are Parishes in Benefices that are run solely by an LLM under the supervision of the Priest.) Our Lay Worship Leaders have taken a focused six-week course on how to lead worship. They are accredited to their local Parish only and cannot preach, teach or carry out other

duties of a LLM. It is up to the Parish Priest how they use their Lay Worship Leaders. In normal circumstances they would be asked to lead a service should the Priest or LLM be unavailable; but our Parish is quite unique in that we have three churches and we have to look at the situation differently. To ensure that we continue to keep a service in every church, every week, going I will be putting our Lay Worship Leaders on the rota and they will lead Morning Worship/Services of the Word regularly. This will especially help at St Luke's as Ray has requested to gradually step back. I hope this explanation clarifies any questions you may have about Bryn and Jayne leading services; but if you do have any further questions then please get in touch with me.

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

SAVE THE DATES

21 st February	Beetle Drive
March	Nicosia Coach Trip
25 th March (TBC)	Barn Dance
22 nd April	Spring Fair
8 th May	Coronation Garden Party
3 rd or 10 th June	Mini Golf