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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 5th November 2023

(All Saints/All Souls)

WELCOME

Christmas is getting closer. I've watched a few Christmas films and actually enjoyed one of them! I can just feel the excitement up in the North Pole as Santa and his elves are getting everything ready. Hang on! It's only the start of November – this is far too early to be talking about Christmas. But, last week I was in a meeting where we were talking about Easter services! Oh, I'm confused, I need a coffee. Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Lord, at the start of this new week let us choose to put you first. Thank you that when you are at the centre of our family, our lives are rich with love and goodness. Lord, be the running stream, springing up at the very heart of our household. Might we drink daily from the water of life, that our days would be filled with kindness, forgiveness, trust and love. May this week be a gentle time of love and kindness shown to all our friends, family and neighbours. Amen.

A Prayer for peace.

Heavenly Father, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of your great love come upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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>

Such pressing issues of doom, decay,
war, and wickedness invade my mind
that sometimes I need to think about
women's painted toe-nails just to survive.
Painted, the toes are free to glow, to go
redly, bravely into sandals or shoes, or
to go unshod--unshod, I say!--before God.

(Hans Ostrom)



"CAN WE GET A REFUND IF THE SERMON
ISN'T THAT GOOD?"

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

6,00pm Remembrance Service Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken

Readings:

AK & St L: Amos 5: 18-24; Psalm 70: 1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

St S: Isaiah 25: 1-9; Canticle Song of the Lord's Anointed (in the booklet); Revelation 22: 1-5; Matthew 5: 38-48

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

Painted Toenails

Why do women (among others)
paint their toes? If they use red
which stands here for all colors,
then ten red squares of variable size
appear in two rows that go wherever
the women go. Beneath the paint,
ten slightly plump nodes of flesh
grip, relax, curl, relax, navigate,
and nap through day, through night.

I don't need to know why women
paint their toenails. I ask only
for the pleasure of asking. Mildly,
I envy an imaginary anthropologist
who knows what cultures were first
to paint the nails on toes. Maybe
the anthropologist is wearing sandals.

Encouraging Words:

"For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1: 37)

GOD SLOT

I'm not a huge fan of preaching about judgment because it's used as a scare tactic so much these days in many churches. People think they can scare the heaven right into you. They think if they can make you so scared of hell then you will end up loving God. I don't see that as a way of creating life-long disciples. It's a great way to prey on the emotions of the young or easily manipulated but it's not the key to bringing Jesus into people's lives. The main reason I have such a problem with it is because it places us as the judge. If we are telling people they are going to heaven or hell, we are casting judgment on them. Jesus tells us in the Bible that judgment will come from him, the Son of Man, when he sits on this throne of glory. So, as far as I'm concerned, we don't have that power. We don't have the ability to look at our neighbour and dictate whether they love God enough to spend eternity in heaven or hell. Please, get this crystal clear, THAT'S NOT OUR JOB. If you ever hear a minister say that we can do that, then stop listening, tune him or her out or change the channel. Judgment of our fellow brothers and sisters is the job of the one who is perfect. It's the job of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny had got old, and was living in a retirement home. He, and a friend, were sitting on a bench in the garden under a tree when Little Johnny turns to his friend and says, 'Ernie, I'm 93 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Ernie smiles and says, 'I feel just like a new born baby.' Surprised at the answer, Little Johnny says, 'Really!? Like a newborn baby?' 'Yes', says Ernie, 'No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

SAVE THE DATES

7 th November	Nicosia Coach Trip
12 th November	Remembrance Day Services at all three churches
14 th November (Latins)	Light up a Life Service at 6.00pm in Ayia Kyriaki
23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
24 th November	Annual Dinner & Dance (Latins)
9 th December	St Luke's Carols for Christmas
15 th December	Carols in the Mall
5 th January at AK (confirmed)	Revd Ken's final service in the Parish to be held
13 th February	Beetle Drive (Stephanie Restaurant)
5 th or 12 th March	Nicosia Coach Trip
8 th or 20 th April	Spring Fair
18 th May	Mini Golf
20 th June	Annual BBQ

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A smart man only believes half of what he hears, a wise man knows which half." (Jeff Cooper)

NOTICES

SPECIAL ALL SOULS' SERVICE

There will be a special All Souls' Service at Ayia Kyriaki on Sunday 5th November at 6.00pm. The Orphean Singers will be joining us to sing the Solemn Requiem (to the setting of *Fauré*). This will be a truly amazing experience in a beautiful, atmospheric building. Well worth coming along.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Please note the timings of the services as shown:

8.15am Ayia Kyriaki (includes act of remembrance)

10.50am St Luke's (includes act of remembrance)

10.45am St Stephen's (Remembrance Service)

6.00pm Ayia Kyriaki (Remembrance Service)

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

Just a reminder that poppies are now on sale from various shops around the area, if you can't get them at church.

SERVICES

Sunday 5th November – All Saints/All Souls

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken (Incense at this service)

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's Graham Hare

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's Revd Ken

6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken

Readings:

Revelation 7: 9-17; Psalm 34: 1-10; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Day

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki Revd Ken (includes act of remembrance)

10.50am Holy Communion St Luke's Revd Ken (includes act of remembrance)

10.45am Holy Communion St Stephen's Revd Andrew (includes act of remembrance)