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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 7th August 2022
Trinity 8

WELCOME

Another week flies by. I'm going to have to stop blinking because it seems every time I blink another day goes by. I'm still looking for 'stuff' from you to put in the Weekly News, HINT. In the mean time, enjoy this week's edition.

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collects:

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ 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 for our Parish and Ourselves.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; Amen.

Psalm 16: 8

"I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me."

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

It's easy to think that our Christian service is about what we do in church and that God cares more about what goes on in church than about what happens the rest of the week. But that simply isn't true. Listen to Rita's story. On Sundays, Rita helped on the coffee rota at her local church. She knew she was never going to take an active part in the service itself, but that was fine, she thought, because she could make sure that her refresh-

It could be said, "God runs a tight ship,"

He holds the reigns; He's the Master.

Though others might think He's not in control,

But alone we'd all face disaster.

We may not agree with decisions He makes,

We may be averse to correction;

We may have our plans completely made up

Then rebel at the thought of rejection.

It's not in God's plan to be cruel or unfair,

He does not delight in your grieving.

He does not force His will to be yours,

But He's blessed when He finds you believing.

He won't be coerced to give you your way,

He will not be bribed or directed.

Your begging, your pleading is to no avail,

It's only through love He's affected.

See your way clear to open your heart,

Watch as He brings transformation.

Draw near to Him as He draws near to you

Rejoice in His love and salvation.

(Greta Zwaan)

SERVICES

Sunday 7th August

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:

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday 14th August

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's

Readings:

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 9-20; Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

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

See It God's Way

You can't bully God into getting your way,

You can't force Him into decisions;

The words that you say or the things that you do

Will never obscure God's clear vision.

ments encouraged people to chat with others before going home. She saw that as her service to God. All the rest of the week, Rita worked in a hair-dresser's. She loved her work. She saw when people came in looking tired and burdened, and she took special care to give them time to talk, while she attended to their hair. Some didn't want to talk, they just wanted a bit of peace and quiet, and that was fine by her too. It made her happy to see people going out with their hair looking smart and freshly styled; but it made her even happier to see them going out with a smile on their faces, with the burden lifted for a while. What do you think God values most about what Rita does? Serving coffee on a Sunday morning, or the care she gives to her clients Monday to Saturday? Rita will probably never see herself as a minister, but when she listens to people, or gives them time to be quiet, she is ministering to them, just as surely as any Priest does.

God Bless

Revd Ken

Joke Spot:

Little Johnny and his wife decided to go to Florida for a week to thaw out during one particularly cold winter. Since both he and his wife had high powered jobs, they had difficulty coordinating their schedules, so the decision was made to have Little Johnny leave for Florida on a certain day, with the wife following him one day later. Little Johnny flew off to Florida and arrived at his hotel. Upon getting to his room, he decided to open his laptop and send his wife an email. However, he left off one letter in typing his wife's email address and sent the email off without realising his error. In another part of the country, a widow had just returned from the funeral of her husband, a vicar of many years who had been called to glory just a few days earlier. She decided to check her email because she was expecting to hear from her husband's relatives and friends. Upon reading the first email she let out a loud scream, fainted and fell to the floor. The woman's son rushed into the room and found his mother on the floor. He glanced up at the computer screen and saw the following email message: "To My Loving Wife, I've just been checked in. Everything has been prepared for your arrival here tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then. Your Devoted Husband. PS: Sure is hot down here

ORGANIST

Richard Neal has been playing for us off and on, at Ayia Kyriaki and St Stephen's, while we have been looking for a new organist and the comments on Richard's playing in church have been very favourable, and we have offered him the post of Organist in the Parish on a self employed basis, and he has accepted.

Thank you from Richard

May I thank all parishioners and everybody involved for the wonderful welcome and help I have had settling down in the parish. Many people have asked, but just to say that I have received permission to stay in Cyprus, and also to work on the island, so that is good news for me and my family. We arrived in rather unknown circumstances a few months' ago, escaping the war in Ukraine. This was a very difficult time for us, particularly psychologically. We could only bring a few things on the evacuation train, and settling down has not been easy. But people in the parish have been wonderful, and I would like to thank everybody for their love and concern. Many thanks, Richard Neal.

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Chris Hoskins on taking over from Peter Latham as the Chair of this committee. If you have any ideas for fundraising and/or social events please contact Chris (chrishoskins2016@gmail.com).

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You could have put an article or two in here!

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.

NOTICES

THANK YOU; BUT STILL WANTED

You wonderful people, again! We've managed to purchase three refurbished push bikes now. It would be great if we could continue to keep a pot going of donations to get a few more bikes to get our new church family members fully mobile? Please donate at the Sunday services or contact Revd Ken (99555290).

Food & Necessities Collection Points

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

EVENTS

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| 8 th September | Boat Trip from Latchi. |
| 10 th September | Songs of Praise in the Park, Polis. |
| 25 th September | Harvest Festival Lunch – Venue TBC |
| October | Pet Blessing Service, outside Ayia Kyriaki |
| October | Annual Sponsored Walk. |
| 8 th November | Nicosia Coach Trip |
| 26 th November | Barn Dance |
| 10 th December | Carols for Christmas at St Luke's |
| 16 th December | Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall. (Singers required from all three churches) |

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