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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
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Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 9th & 16th July 2023
(Trinity 5 & 6)

WELCOME

Another two-week edition as Wendy and I are hoping to get away for a few days after our attempt miserably failed before. I'm really pleased that our beloved Cyprus weather has finally appeared and we get to enjoy the constant sunshine and blue skies once again. Enjoy this edition and please feel free to send me 'stuff' to put in the Newsletter.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collects:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 the weeks ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, Your son loved his friends and demonstrated acceptance, encouragement and intimacy. Thank you for the friends you have given us. Teach us to be like him and over the next couple of weeks help us to make that special effort for our friends. For the peace found in finding love; for the rest found in knowing acceptance; for the blessing found in being encouraged and for the heavenly touch of intimacy that comes through the rich inheritance found in Christ. Lord, we give you our friends and ask that they may know your peace, rest and blessing in their lives. 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>

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

'Sabbatical'

Live like the rain: taking its time,
in no hurry to stop, drenching
the thirsty ground, simple and serious

Live like the garden: soaking it up,
taking the goodness deep within,
giving back beauty and green.

Live like the cat: stretched out
under the rosebush, giving herself
to sleep in the delicious morning.

Live like you believe in your life - even
love it: like it's the gift you say
it is, not any kind of punishment

As you go backwards and
forwards up and down the garden path
living the life you are called to love.

(Nicola Slee)

26 th October	Quiz Night
November	Hot Pot Supper
25 th December	Christmas Day

SERVICES

Sunday 9th July – Trinity 5

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Andrew
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's	Revd Andrew
11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's	Ann

Readings:

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 10-17; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19,25-30

Sunday 16th July – Trinity 6

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's	Jayne
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's	Revd Ken

Readings:

Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sunday 23rd July – Trinity 7

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's	Revd Ken
11.00am Songs of Praise St Stephen's	Ann

Readings:

Genesis 28: 10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Encouraging Words:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14: 27)

GOD SLOT

How well we examine ourselves and clear away the weeds that stunt our Christian growth will determine how much of the "rich soil" our lives have. We need to do what farmers do after planting seed:

Tilling

Fertilising

Pruning

providing the proper balance to encourage growth.

Let's look at these.

Tilling. Loosening soil and exposing it to air might remind us to keep a fresh perspective and constantly expose ourselves to new ways of understanding what God has in mind for us in every situation.

Fertilising. Can anything better illustrate how much we need to have added to our thoughts and knowledge of God? Read and understand the Bible. Hear and understand stories of the saints of old and the committed examples of Christians whom we admire. How can we follow in their steps.

Pruning. It's a matter of priorities, isn't it? Keep and nurture the portion of our spiritual growth that is most in keeping with God and cut away what is less productive.

Providing the proper balance to encourage growth. Supplying the proper ratio of caring, sharing and loving - it's almost always about balance, isn't it? For instance, it's not a matter of worship and prayer verses good works and social action, but attending to both, letting each inform the other. Finding the right priority for the given moment, emphasising what love most demands at a certain time, can produce the most abundance when we keep the many aspects of our Christian lives in proper balance.

Think how this process can work in making our Christian life richer. Let our

imagination go. Look for the opportunities that Jesus is giving us every day to care for His people. And when we see them step out in faith and do His will.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny and his wife Wendy went to the state fair every year, and every year Little Johnny would say, "Wendy, I'd like to ride in that helicopter.".... Wendy always replied, "I know Little Johnny, but that helicopter ride costs fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars." One year Little Johnny and Wendy went to the fair, and Little Johnny said, "Wendy, I'm eighty-five years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance." Wendy replied, "Little Johnny, that helicopter ride costs fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars." The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you; but if you say one word, it's fifty dollars." Little Johnny and Wendy agreed, and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word was spoken. He did all his tricks over again but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Little Johnny and said, "My, my, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't." Little Johnny replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Wendy fell out, but fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." (unknown)

CHURCH FINANCES

June was another good month in which net income for the year moved into surplus. Church income for the year is €10,000 above budget helped by strong fundraising. This month we have paid €1,212 Earthquake to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal. The Wedding Ministry bookings for the year currently remain at 50 events in total against a budget of 40.

NOTICES

COME ON FOLKS, WE'RE STILL

NOT THERE YET. WE'VE HAD

ONE VOLUNTEER FOR THE

PASTORAL CARE TEAM. IT'S

YOUR CHURCH AND WE NEED HELP



The **Major Fundraising Team** organise events to raise funds for the Anglican Church and we need more people to help. We regularly meet, via Zoom, to exchange and discuss ideas for forthcoming events but we need more people, especially those who are willing to be 'hands on'. Are you able to give some of your time to aid your Church? If so, please contact Chris Hoskins on 97753973.

The **Pastoral Care Team** look after those who need help in our Church Family. Our dedicated team is currently keeping an eye on 16 people in our community who need varying degrees of help, care and advice. Each Church has a pastoral representative, and we meet as a team each month to discuss the issues as well as keeping very much in touch whenever a problem arises. Where necessary we liaise with families in UK when the care needed is beyond what we can offer. We need Volunteers to join the team. Contact Judith Perrett on 97682150.

ANNUAL BBQ

Our Annual BBQ is on Saturday 22nd July and tickets will be on sale from this week. Come along and watch the entertainment of Revd Ken managing to keep Floki away from the beef burgers and sausages. Bets will be taken with all proceeds going to the Floki Diet Fund.

SAVE THE DATES

22nd July

Annual BBQ

16th September

Songs of Praise in the Park

7th or 27th September

Boat Trip from Latchi Harbour

24th September

Harvest Lunch – venue to be advised