



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos; St. Luke's Prodromi
and St. Stephen's, Tala

A Parish in the DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed, through Jesus, to sharing God's love
for all peoples and growing in our love for Him
and for one another.

Sunday 7th January 2018
Epiphany - Year B

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Readings for Sunday 7th January - Epiphany

Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 -- Page 528
Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 -- Page 414
Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12 -- Page 828
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12 -- Page 681

Organ Music for both Services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: Prelude in F major - J.S. Bach
After: Choral Song - S.S. Wesley

Sunday 14th January

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 -- Page 192
Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17 -- Page 444
Second Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10 -- Page 869
Gospel: John 1: 43-51 -- Page 751

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### *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**COLLECT:** Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** As the light of the star led the Magi to worship the Christ-child; may the light of Christ light the darkest places of this world, and bring peace and reconciliation to areas where there is conflict and religious persecution.

**The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East of which our Diocese is a part:** We pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem and for all people who live, work or are visiting the Land of the Holy One at this time; praying

for peace and goodwill to prevail between all people, regardless of their race or religious calling.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for synod's standing and finance committee and its stewardship of synod resolutions. This week we pray for Holy Trinity Dubai, a Church compound hosting Christian worship services of various denominational churches including Anglican; thanking God for his innumerable blessings and mercy on their church that by His grace they dwell together as a single unit and enjoy the fellowship with each other.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We pray for our Orthodox brothers and sisters as they celebrate their Christmas, and give thanks for Bishop George's permission to worship, with the Latins, in the historic church of Ayia Kyriaki. We also give thanks for all those who make up the congregations of our two church plants, St. Stephen's and St. Luke's, may the gospel flourish in our parish.

**Please** keep in your prayers Charles Sweetlove, Andrew Bates and Vivienne Latham.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY & THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th January - Epiphany

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's
11.00am Holy Communion - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

Wednesday 10th January

9.00am Communion by Extension - Ayia Kyriaki
10.00am Church Council Meeting - St. Stephen's

Friday 12th January

2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Sunday 14th January

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Morning Worship - St. Luke's
11.00am Morning Worship - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Sung Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

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### **Treasurer's Overview:**

Christmas and the New Year have arrived and as with many families, it is now the time of year when we measure our finances. I will shortly start to prepare the Church annual accounts; however, I already have a good feel for how 2017 turned out. I must stress that these numbers are preliminary, may have slight changes and are still subject to independent financial examination. They are given in round thousands.

For 2017, I expect to report a modest €4K surplus, marginally better than the original budget. This is after the Wedding Ministry contributing €15K and a huge gift of €9.5K (after gift aid) that we received.

As you already know, for 2018 we are not anticipating a contribution from either of these sources.

Congregational giving (including €3K received from people using St Stephens Church premises) in 2017 was €92K and Parish running costs were €127K. The Wedding Ministry received €71K and cost €56K to run.

The shortfalls between what congregations gave and spending was covered through the wedding ministry surplus and the gift mentioned previously together with fund raising, receipts from funerals, craft and Christmas card donations and other small sundry sources.

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THIS PARISH OF OURS

Duty Wardens for this week

Ayia Kyriaki - Jacquie Hammond

St. Stephen's - Chris Hoskins

St. Luke's - Catherine Elliott

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**Gift Aid can boost Church finances:** If you pay UK income or capital gains tax please help the Church by using the blue Gift Aid envelopes for your Open Plate donations. This will add approximately 25% to any donations you make, as the Church can reclaim the basic rate of tax from your donations. If you are or intend to donate via the Pledge Giving Scheme, you can complete a one-off Gift Aid declaration. **Please ask for a pen if you need one.**

To make a Gift Aid declaration, you will need to pay UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year greater than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your Gift Aid donations in that year, or you will be responsible for any difference. Income tax includes tax credits on UK dividend income. Boosting the Church income in this way will be a very welcome additional contribution to finances.

### **For our visitors and any residents eligible to Gift Aid:**

**PLEASE**, if you are putting your donation in a Gift Aid envelope, would you make sure that the details on the front of the envelope are completed; if this is not done we are unable to claim the tax refund.

## *GENERAL NOTICES*

**Personal Possessions:** Please would you ensure that you have oversight of your possessions during the service. Thank you.

**Christmas Fayre Latest News:** With the arrival of final money from late sales, donations and our advertisers, we are now able to report that a minimum of €10,000 will be available to donate to our 22 beneficiaries. There is still time to get a copy of the quiz. These are available from Margaret Keeble or your church warden. The closing date for all quiz entries is 31st January 2018.

The Christmas Fayre Team / Margaret Keeble 26 422380

**A Request:** Do you have, or do you know anyone who has any palms? They can be either the 'Hand' type or Date palms - we can cope with either. We need about 12 - 15 branches which can be collected or delivered to the office - date to be arranged. They must be good quality!

Contact Margaret Keeble 26 422380 or 99 533704

### ***Legacy Giving - Have you thought of leaving a bequest in your Will to the Anglican Church of Paphos?***

The Parish in Paphos receives no external funding. Our only income is from donations and collections from our regular congregation members, visitors and those attending Weddings, Funerals and other special services - so gifts from people like you make everything we do more possible.

Gifts in Wills provide additional income to charities and organisations such as our Church. Depending on the size of the gift, payments to the beneficiary can be made in different ways - as a one-off payment, periodically via a trust fund, bank or invested on behalf of the beneficiary to provide future income.

You can specify the purpose to which your gift can be put - general running costs, purchase of new or special equipment, building construction and maintenance - the list is endless.

All donations and bequests will be gratefully received and treated in the strictest confidence.

If you would like to include the Anglican Church of Paphos in your Will

and need advice or information on how to proceed, please visit the 'Giving' section on our web-site at [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org)

**Christmas 'Shoe' boxes for Seafarers:** It is most gratifying that through the love, care and commitment of parishioners across most of the archdeaconry and not least St. Luke's from within Paphos; and that of Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbow Children, not least from the military bases; and the indefatigable efforts of a core of Mission to Seafarers Volunteers at the Limassol Centre under Ken Wiseman's leadership, nearly 400 boxes were gifted to seafarers over Christmastide. Keith Smith

## *ADVANCE NOTICES*

**January 2018 - Topic: Retirement Village in Tsada**

**Speaker: Elysian Fields Properties: Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 3 pm**

**Location: St Stephen's Church, Tala**

Situated in a popular village in the Paphos district within a short drive to Latchi and Polis to the North and Coral Bay to the south this is one of the first projects of its kind on the Island.

This is something that has long been needed in Cyprus and the Developers are giving a presentation on the project.

Ladies, please do make a note in your diaries of the above event, the above details together with details of the talks in February and March can be downloaded from our website.

**Sunday 21st January:** Your Council has asked that prior to our AGM (Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March) a 'Common Sermon' be preached in the parish at all three churches setting out the state of the Anglican Church of Paphos. You will be aware that, as we begin the new year, there are several key concerns that have not been fully addressed over the last year. The common sermon will seek to not only highlight and discuss such concerns but also to talk about the positive aspects of life in our

parish. I commend this occasion to you and hope to see as many of you as possible on this Sunday. Reverend Andrew

## *SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2018*

**Thursday 25th January** - Chinese meal will take place at the Imperial Restaurant, Kato Paphos 7.00 for 7.30pm. Price €18 and drinks to be discounted off the bill.

**Tuesday 13th or 20th February** (tbc) - Shrove Tuesday (Stephanie Rest.)

**Tuesday 13th March** - Nicosia Coach Trip

**Sunday 1st April** - Easter Lunch

**Monday 2nd April** - Sponsored Walk

**Friday 18th May** - Mini Golf

**Friday 22nd June** - Fashion Show and afternoon tea

**Saturday 21st July** - Annual BBQ

News sheet items to Sarah Sait, please, by 10.00 a. m.  
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