



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
(Trinity 12)**

### WELCOME

I hope you've all had a good week and an even better one to come. Our good news is that Floki is now back to her normal self (hence I am exhausted), she's full of energy, early morning and evenings and sleeps through the heat of the day, hang on, that sounds like something I'd like to do! Hope you enjoy this week's edition, if you don't that's because you haven't contributed anything – HINT!

### PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things, which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

O Lord, we ask that you would walk beside our loved ones this week. Come place your loving hand upon their shoulders. Protect them from head to toe with your almighty power. Watch over their hearts and minds and speak into their lives with your words of hope and truth. 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>

#### Encouraging Words.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* (Romans 8: 28)



## CHURCH FINANCES

How are we doing at the end of July, seven months into the year? The short answer is much better than we expected when we did the budget last November. Church giving at €60k is €6k above last year and budget. Ancillary income from church lettings and fundraising is €2K up on last year. Costs are up on last year due to recruitment of our new priest and Synod but still leaves us a little ahead of break-even. When we did the wedding and ROV budget we had 30 on the books. We hoped for late bookings and budgeted for 40. The latest figure is 51 booked for this year so, come the end of the year we will be showing a surplus on weddings although below last year where we had many weddings brought forward from Covid. My forecast for the end of the year is for a small surplus, well below last year but much better than budget.

## NOTICES

**SUNSET CRUISE.** Join us on board the MS Koulla from Latchi Harbour, on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, for an afternoon sunset cruise to the Blue Lagoon, commencing at 3.00pm prompt and returning around 8.00pm. Tickets are €30 per person, available from the usual ticket sellers after the church services and include the cruise, swimming off the boat in the Blue Lagoon, a chicken and pork barbecue with Phasolia (local vegetarian bean dish), salad, fruit dessert and wine. You can take your own hamper with your choice of drinks, nibbles, desserts etc. and drinks will also be available for purchase at the boat bar. Friends and family are welcome.

**SONGS OF PRAISE IN THE PARK. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**, starting at 5.30pm in Ayios Andronikos Park, Polis. This special outdoor event has popular hymns, poems and readings on the theme of The Four Seasons. Hosted by St Luke's Church by kind permission of the Mayor of Polis. Location maps for the park can be found on our website: [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org) Why not join us? Everyone is welcome.

## SERVICES

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12

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

#### Readings:

Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Trinity 13

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| 8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki  | Revd Ken    |
| 11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's   | Ray Elliott |
| 11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's | Revd Ken    |
| 6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki  | Revd Ken    |

#### Readings:

Exodus 3: 1-15; Psalm 105: 1-6,23-26,45b; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

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

### Hugs

There's something in a simple hug  
That always warms the heart;  
It welcomes us back home  
And makes it easier to part.

A hug's a way to share the joy  
As sad times we go through,  
Or just a way for friends to say  
They like you 'cause you're you.

Hugs are meant for anyone  
For whom we really care,  
From your grandma to your neighbour,  
Or a cuddly teddy bear.

A hug is an amazing thing –  
It's just the perfect way  
To show the love we're feeling  
But can't find the words to say.

It's funny how a little hug  
Makes everyone feel good;  
In every place and language,  
It's always understood.

And hugs don't need new equipment,  
Special batteries or special parts –  
Just open up your arms  
And open up your hearts!  
(Author Unknown)



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(Don't forget Friday is my day off (most weeks☺))

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**My coffee cup reminding me why  
I shouldn't have a donut with it.**



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