



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 23rd July 2023
(Trinity 7)

WELCOME

Summer has really hit us and aren't we having excellent blue skies and sunshine. Sadly Floki is not enjoying it too much as she tries to find cool spots around the house. It's great to be back at work and I hope you enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Lord, at the beginning of this new week, we offer you our lives. Come take our voice, may the words we speak be filled with encouragement and goodness. Come take our hands, may the work they create be generous and giving. Come take our feet, may the journeys we walk be led by your Spirit within. Come take our lives Lord, for we love your goodness, your kindness and your leading. 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)

GOD SLOT

I want to share a tale from my time on retreat before being ordained a priest at Ely Cathedral. The retreat is a three-day period where we go to reflect on what is about to happen to us. There were 16 of us and we shared lots of services (4 a day at least – well what do you expect we are going to become priests), lots of meals and 4 lectures. But, and it's a big but for me, there is also a lot of silence – about 6 hours a day! Prolonged period of silences really 'does my head in'; and the worst bit is sitting at a large table with lots of people eating breakfast in silence – the most miserable thing for me. I can confess now that I never managed any of the silences along with a couple of others, we would sneak off over the wall into town to the coffee shop or into a corner of the gardens and chat. Whoever coined the phrase 'silence is golden' is not my friend. I still don't do silence very well and I don't do 'doing nothing' very well either. On our recent holiday I did 'manage' three days before I became fidgety. Goodness knows what is going to happen when I have to retire. I'll probably drive poor Wendy crazy and Floki will be sick of six walks a day. But it's good that we are not all the same. Thank the Lord for all our blessings and may we share them with all we meet, even if that is just a smile and a cheery "hello" as we pass along the road.

God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was in his first year of primary school and on the second day his teacher noticed that he looked very anxious. She asked if he was OK and he said yes and there was nothing wrong. This continued for a few days and each day Little Johnny looked more and more concerned. Finally the teacher said to him that she was worried about him and maybe she should talk to his mum. Little Johnny pleaded with the teacher not to do this and he would tell her what was wrong if she promised not to tell the police. The teacher was really intrigued and very worried at this point. Finally Little Johnny told her that his mum had told him that she was going to have a baby and he'd have a little brother or sister. But then a week later Little Johnny's mum said that the baby was moving and would he like to feel it. That's when he knew his mum had eaten the baby. But please don't tell the police!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A young boy asked his Father, "Dad, what is the size of God?" The Father looked up at the sky and saw a plane and asked his son, "What is the size of the plane?" The boy replied, "It's very small, I can hardly see it." Then the Father took the boy to the airport and they looked at a plane on the ground and the Father said, "Now my son, how big is the plane?" The son replied, "Wow Dad, it's huge!" The Father then said to his son, "God's size depends on how close you are to him. The closer you are to him, the greater and greater he will be in your life."

(Thank you Jacquie Wood)

NOTICES

ANNUAL BBQ

At the meeting of the Major Fundraising Team, it was agreed to **postpone** the Annual BBQ, which is due to take place this Saturday. The decision was made owing to the fact that the Peyia Municipality was not allowing people to use the BBQ pit due to the fire hazard. A new date of **Saturday 7th October** has been set. If you have bought a ticket and are able to attend on that date, please keep your ticket. If not, and you would like a refund, then please see your ticket seller.

MAJOR FUNDRAISING TEAM

Have you ever looked at the Social and Fundraising diary and thought "**why don't they do this??**" Well, here's your chance. The Major Fundraising Team are looking for suggestions of events to be held in **2024** that will raise money for the Anglican Church. Either give your suggestions to Chris Hoskins or email them to churchsecretary04@gmail.com. Come on, it's your chance to have your say!!!



SAVE THE DATES

16 th September	Songs of Praise in the Park
7 th or 27 th September	Boat Trip from Latchi Harbour
24 th September	Harvest Lunch at the Kamares Club
7 th October	Annual BBQ
27 th October	Quiz Night
7 th November	Nicosia Coach Trip
16 th or 23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
15 th December	Carols in the Mall
25 th December	Christmas Day

SERVICES

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

Sunday 30th July – Trinity 8

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

Readings:

Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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

The Rime of The Ancient Minister

(With apologies to Samuel Taylor Coleridge)

It is the hopeful Parish Priest;
He preacheth one in ten:
'Oh, who will raise the sum he gives,
Then raise it yet again?'

He casts his baleful eye around –
Men tremble in their pews,
As from on high the message comes
With dire financial news.

'God giveth all, both great and small,
Rich blessings from above.
Dig deep into your purse and give
Some token of that love.'

'Our church bazaars can fill a gap,
And leave this roof intact,
But plugging holes won't reach our goals,'
He saith. 'And that's a fact!'

'Make every feast a sacrifice!
Make every season Lent!
Break open every piggy bank,
And aim for ten per cent!'

A gloomy leaflet backs him up:
We read it as we leave
And, like the rich man in God's word,
We go, and, richly, grieve.

'Men love the best who give the most,
In this world and the next.
So give and give until it hurts' –
Thus reads that painful text.

'Money, money, every week:
From giving do not shrink.
Money, money on the plate,
Nor any drop on drink!'

Avoiding other's eyes we leave:
Out of the church we steal,
And still our conscience as we eat
Our ample Sunday meal
(Chris Price)



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**My dream...when I retire,
with my savings, living on
a small island somewhere!**

