



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St Stephen's
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Ayia Kyriaki
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St Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 19th November 2023

(2nd Sunday before Advent)

WELCOME

I'm sitting in my study writing this welcome to the sound of torrential rain, and thinking it may be time to dig out those warmer clothes and say farewell to the t-shirts and shorts. O, wait the sun has come out again let's not be hasty in changing things yet ☺. Other news is that I've gone 'cold turkey' on Christmas films until 1st December. Let's hope I can make it through. Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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.

Let us awake as the new week ahead beckons us. This is our week, a gift. A week that the Lord has made. Let us listen to the birds singing and leave behind that which has dragged us down and awake to a new start. Awake each new day in the week ahead to praise the Lord. May this new week be full of wonder, joy and love and thankfulness and praise to the Lord for the blessings he has given us. Amen.

A Prayer for peace.

Heavenly Father, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of your great love come upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.

"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory," (1 Peter 1: 8)

GOD SLOT

I've always thought that I had a wide taste in music and over the last month this has really been highlighted. The music playing while I am writing this is really heavy blues, a song called 'Black Snake Moan' with the actor Samuel L Jackson singing, which he makes a good job of. I really like music and I'm always sad that I'm not blessed with the gift of a good singing voice or the ability to play an instrument. I have tried over the years to learn to play the guitar, but always after a short period of time was told I was wasting my money and my teachers time! I think God just looks down on me with a smile and thinks 'I like a trier, but use the gifts I've given you rather than the gifts you want! I also like a guy called Fernando Ortega. He has a beautiful voice and sings both traditional hymns like 'Be Thou My Vision' and modern worship songs. One in particular is called 'Jesus, King of Angels', which makes my whole body tingle when I hear it. It's a song that is a prayer for the end of the day and I can highly recommend it. For those of you with the internet go to www.youtube.com and enter his name and listen. Thank goodness my wife Wendy also likes a wide variety of music too, although we did have a disagreement once – she was a Rolling Stones fan and I was for The Beatles – but because we both liked Motown we overcame the differences. Music has always played a large part in the worship of God and I'm sure that he too has a wide taste in music. Thank goodness he is forgiving too, as I love our hymns that we sing during our services; but I always feel sorry for those standing close to me as I cannot hold a tune for love nor money but that doesn't stop me singing with gusto! Come and join me if you can't sing either – we could start an 'alternative choir'. God loves noisy (out of tune) worship too!

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was walking along the path when he finds a magical lamp. He rubs the lamp, and a genie appears and says, "What is your first wish?" Little Johnny thinks for a little while and then says, "I wish I were rich!" The genie replies, "It's done! What's your second wish, Rich?"

(Think about it, before ringing me to explain)

SAVE THE DATES

18 th November	Accreditation Service for Lay Worship Leaders (11am St Stephen's)
23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
2 nd December	Making Palm Crosses (10am St Stephen's)
3 rd December	Advent Carol Service (6pm Ayia Kyriaki)
9 th December	St Luke's Carols for Christmas
15 th December	Carols in the Mall
5 th January	Revd Ken's final service in the Parish to be held at AK (confirmed)
13 th February	Beetle Drive (Stephanie Restaurant)
2 nd April	Nicosia Coach Trip
27 th April	Spring Fair
18 th May	Mini Golf
October	Annual BBQ
November	Quiz Night

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not." (Mark Twain)

CHURCH FINANCE

We are nearing the end of our financial year and the prediction is that we should end with a small surplus, which is good but still slightly worrying. We are totally self-supporting and at one time could support both a Parish Priest and an Associate Priest and this was mainly due to a thriving wedding ministry. Weddings have dramatically reduced in recent years and we had to take the decision that we could no longer afford an Associate Priest. At the moment we are just about breaking even on the current wedding ministry costs. The Parish side of the finance scales is where we have to look at. We have cut our outgoings as much as possible and we are just managing, however our costs rise next year so we have to also raise our income to cover the increase. The fundraising team have done brilliantly, but they cannot raise the extra cash alone. I would ask you all to think and pray on your contributions to the church; can you afford to give a little extra? Could you also look at paying by a monthly standing order or direct debit as this makes budgeting for the year easier and more accurate. To coin a phrase from somewhere... 'Every little bit helps'. *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:7) Thank you. KW

NOTICES

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS ACCREDITATION SERVICE

Angela Hamilton and Linda Hill from St Stephen's and Graham Hare from St Luke's have successfully completed their training as Lay Worship Leaders and this will be recognised by holding a special Accreditation Service on **Saturday 18th November at 11.00am** at St Stephen's. Archdeacon Christopher will represent the Bishop at the service. Please do come along and support them and their achievement.

ORGAN RECITALS

Our organist, Richard, will be giving two organ recitals this month, with all proceeds going to the two hospices. The recitals will both be on Monday at **12.00pm**, in Ayia Kyriaki. The first, entitled, "Organ Greats", will be given on the **20th November** and the second, a week later, on the **27th November**, will include famous wedding pieces. Richard will also talk about each of the pieces he will play.

SERVICES

Sunday 19th November – Second Sunday before Advent

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

Readings:

Zephaniah 1: 7,12-18; Psalm 90: 1-8; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Sunday 26th November – Last Sunday before Advent/Christ the King

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 Bailey

Readings:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16,20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46

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

I live alone

I live alone Dear Lord, stay by my side
In all my daily needs, be Thou my guide,
Grant, for me good health, for that indeed I pray
To carry on my work, from day to day.
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed.
Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbours need.
Spare me from flood, malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear and evil ones.

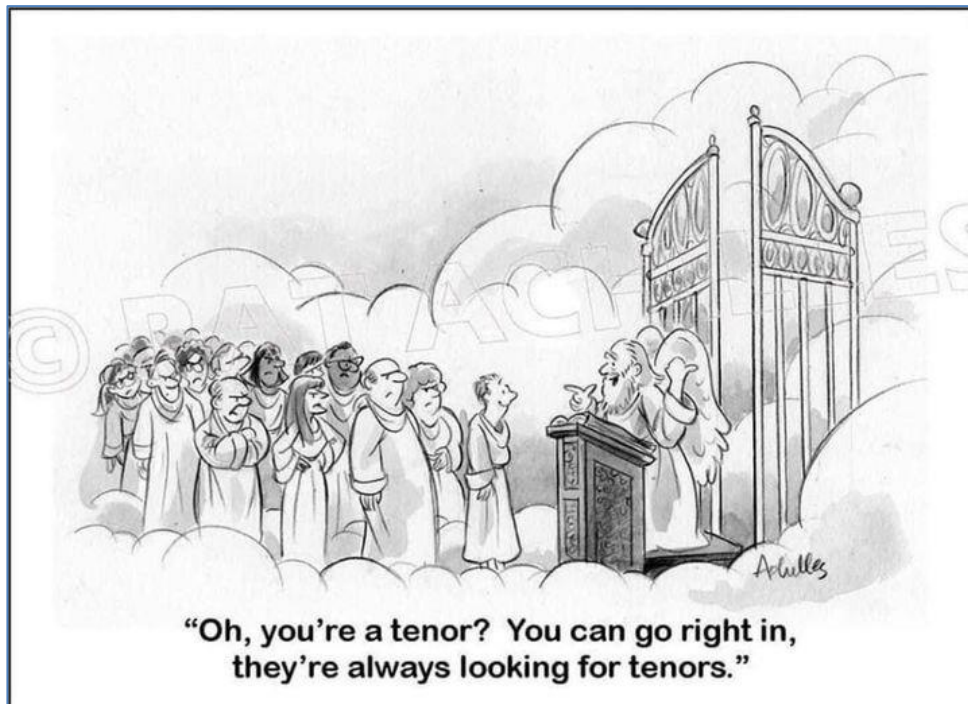
If sickness or accident be-fall,
Then humbly Lord I pray, hear Thou my call.
And when I'm feeling low or in despair
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.
I live alone, Dear God, yet have no fear,
Because I feel your presence ever near. Amen.
(Unknown)



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*I like to make lists. I also like to leave them lying on the kitchen counter,
and then guess what's on the list when I am at the supermarket.*

