



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



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Ayia Kyriaki
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St Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 26th November 2023

(Christ the King/Sunday next before Advent)

&

Sunday 3rd December 2023

(Advent)

WELCOME

A two-week bumper edition this week. You lucky people. Due to circumstances way beyond my control we are producing a two-week issue, which I hope you will enjoy. As I write today the electric blanket has gone on the bed, I'm looking at my jumpers and fleeces and checking the gas fire works. Brrrr, winter is on it's way.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collects:

Christ the King/ Sunday next before Advent:

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

Advent:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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.

Lord, at the beginning of this new week, we offer you our lives. Come take our voices, 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. Come, teach us to be the people you want us to be here in this place at this time. Amen.

A Prayer for peace.

Compassionate God, as you know each star you have created, as you know the secrets of every heart; in your loving mercy bring to your table all who are fearful and broken, all who are wounded and needy, that our hungers may be satisfied in the city of your peace; through Christ who is our peace. 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.

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1: 3)

GOD SLOT

Happy thoughts are part of our lives. In an average day it's estimated that we have around 60,000 thoughts. Have you ever wondered how many of these thoughts are happy thoughts? It's known that happy people think more happy thoughts than unhappy people. If we think happy thoughts we create happy perceptions, we create a beautiful aura of light around ourselves, which leads us to happy events. When we think jealous, angry or fearful thoughts we become afraid and act defensively. This pushes people and other possibilities away from us. And so we become lonelier and more afraid. Yet, you know that little things are responsible for our happiness. We call them little things because they happen to us every day and we tend to let them pass unnoticed. When we smile or when someone smiles at us it fills our hearts with happiness and it's so easy to smile, and probably because of that, we think it's not so important. We tend to think that only the things we struggle for are important and that's soooo wrong. We are happy holding a loved one in our arms, we are happy at the smell of a new mown lawn or the smell of the forest, or the first snow makes us happy, chocolate, dinner with family... That's where happiness is. So what is your happy thought?

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was an Angel and was on duty at the Pearly Gates when a Doberman, a Beagle and a Poodle that had died came to the entrance to the kingdom of heaven. Little Johnny showed them through to the Throne Room and God asks all three of them, what they believe in? The Doberman says: "I believe in discipline, training and loyalty to my owner." "Good," says God, "take a seat on my right side." Then God asked the Beagle the same question. The Beagle answered: "I believe in love and care from my owner as well as peace in the world." "Ah," God said, "You can take a seat to my left side." Then God looked at the Poodle, "And what do you believe in?" The Poodle stood there, looked at God and answered: "I believe you're sitting in my seat!"

PARISH UPDATE

Please keep the Carr and Waters family in your prayers as we negotiate the horrendous red tape in both the UK and Cyprus for our respective moves. The paperwork is so detailed you even have to state how many books, bed linen, cutlery and individual ornaments. I'm dreading turning the page because they will probably be asking for how many pairs of underwear! Getting the paperwork for the dogs was easy compared to the HMRC forms. I even rang the removal company and told them I'd lost the will to live and I was only on the second page! I know Revd Paul is having the same problems in UK. The silver lining is that once everything is settled and we are in the UK ☺ and Paul and Paula are in Cyprus ☺ we'll look back and laugh about the hassle. Revd Paul is hoping to be here the week commencing 8th January to give him some time to get things sorted before starting with the Parish on Sunday 21st January. Wendy, Floki and I are praying hard that we can fly back to UK around 10th January. Get them prayer mats out folks and pray for us, and the plans, to all work out.

SAVE THE DATES

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 24	Revd Ken's final service in the Parish to be held at AK (confirmed)
13 th February 24	Beetle Drive (Stephanie Restaurant)
30 th March 24	Easter Lunch
2 nd April 24	Nicosia Coach Trip
27 th April 24	Spring Fair
18 th May 24	Mini Golf
September	Sunset Cruise to the Blue Lagoon
October 24	Annual BBQ
November 24	Quiz Night

NOTICES

ORGAN RECITALS

Our organist, Richard, will be giving a further recital this month, with all proceeds going to the two hospices. It will be at Ayia Kyriaki on **27th November**, at 12.00pm and will include famous wedding pieces. Richard will also talk about each of the pieces he will play.

SERVICES

Sunday 26th November – Last 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

Sunday 3rd December – 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
6.00pm Advent Carols Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken

Readings:

Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

Saturday 9th December

5.30pm Carols for Christmas St Luke's	Jayne Preston
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Sunday 10th December – Advent 2

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

Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark: 1: 1-8

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

"I re-labelled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin."

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

3 rd Dec	6.00pm	Ayia Kyriaki	Advent Carols
9 th Dec	5.30pm	St Luke's	Carols for Christmas
15 th Dec	4.00pm	Kings Mall	Carols in the Mall (<i>Compulsory</i> for all good singers 😊)
17 th Dec	11.00am	St Stephen's	Carol Service
	6.00pm	Ayia Kyriaki	Lessons & Carols Service
24 th Dec	11.00pm	St Stephen's	Midnight Mass
25 th Dec	8.15am	Ayia Kyriaki	Sung Eucharist (with Incense)
	11.00am	St Luke's	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Stephen's	Holy Communion
	1-3.00pm	Home or friends	Christmas Dinner (Don't forget to sing Happy Birthday to Jesus)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Every time you get dressed, remember; If you die, that's your ghost outfit forever!" (Charlotte aged 13)

Home Alone

My family's gone; there's no one home.
It's only me who's home alone.
I shouldn't hear a single squeak.
There shouldn't even be a creak,

So what's that thumping that I hear?
It must mean one thing: death is near.
"You're an adult, you'll be just fine."
I tell myself as I dial "nine"...

Was that a knock upon the door?
My heart beats faster than before
I know it's closed; I've checked the lock.
At least my killer knows to knock?

I cannot sleep, though I'm in bed.
I've made amends with God instead.
If He decides that it's my time,
Then this will be my very last rhyme.

I hear a bang and then a break.
My head shoots up; there's no mistake!
I turn my music volume high
So I won't hear the way I die.

I run upstairs, desk lamp in hand.
Over my head, ready to land,
And right before it did just that.
I remembered—I have a cat.

(Innarenko)

*"I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches.
He said, "I'll see," & walked away. I asked another & he also said, "I'll see," & walked away.
In the end, I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C."*



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

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You know it's bad when your mechanic
calls in two priests



*“I told my physiotherapist that I broke my arm in two places.
She told me to stop going to those places.”*

A CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you that no matter what this life holds, my future with you rests secure. So fix my eyes on eternity. Help me to rest in what I know is coming. But as I look to the hope of eternity to come, help me to trust you with the here and now. Amen.