



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St Stephen's
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St Luke's
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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 15th October 2023

(Trinity 19 & Patronal Services for St Luke and St Stephen)

WELCOME

Well, a new week and the world around us changes again. The troubles in the Holy Land have once again shown us the brutality and horror that humans can wreak on this wonderful creation. The war in Ukraine still rages on. When will we learn?! We must double our efforts in prayer, we must support the peace-keepers, we must be true people of God.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect for Trinity 19:

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Collect for St Stephen:

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect for St Luke:

Healing God, we thank you for Luke, the beloved physician, and for his faithful recording of the life of your Son and the birth of the Church. Continue in us your work of healing: may we never pass by on the other side, but rather reach out to the poor and the sick and those on the margins, in the love of Jesus, 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.

Heavenly Father, as this new week starts, let us shout hurray! May it bring happiness, friendship, love and health, and blow any troubles away! May it also bring the Holy Spirit ever closer in our lives to guide and council us on our journey. May it also bring us many blessings that we may share with all whom we may meet. 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.

God does not want us to fear anything in life because He already won the victory over evil and death. While we may momentarily feel anxieties rise, we can be reminded by these encouraging Bible verses that we can trade our worries for joy:

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12: 12)

GOD SLOT

"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'" (Matthew 18:21-22) Can you imagine this conversation between Peter and Jesus? I'm sure Peter thinks he's being reasonable, perhaps even generous when he suggests seven times to forgive someone. I picture him with his mouth dropping open when he hears Jesus respond with, *"not seven times, but seventy-seven times."* I wonder if Peter offered a rebuttal or said something like *"wait a minute, let me tell you what happened!"* I think the Bible stops short of telling us more because there isn't a need to know more. Jesus calls us to keep on forgiving, regardless of the details or reasons forgiveness is needed. If forgiving someone more than once or twice seems unreasonable, just remember how often God forgives us. He doesn't put a limit on how many times we turn to him with our sincere heart, humbly seeking forgiveness. He's just glad we've returned. Life, as Christians, living together in a Christian community is not always easy. We are humans, after all, and while we may have God, for whom nothing is impossible, we forget and fail and fall out of love with God and each other. That's why Jesus taught us how to deal with the fact that we will fail. Jesus' teaching here is first about reconciliation, restoration of a brother or sister to the community. It's not about pointing out sin for the sake of it. It's not about making us feel better or proving a point. It's about repentance and forgiveness, for without that we perish. Jesus already died, horribly, so that we might have life. He hung on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and salvation. So Jesus is telling us how to win back those who seem lost. He's telling us how to make his payment worthwhile. Our sins have been paid for. We have been redeemed. God, who knows every one of us, our weaknesses, our faults and failings, longs to draw us close to himself and one another. What a world we would live in if we could all reach this standard.

God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny went to pay a visit to his friend Carl. When Carl opened the door Little Johnny noticed that he had a big swollen nose. "Whoa, what happened, Carl?", Little Johnny asked. "I sniffed a brose," Carl replied. "What?" Little Johnny said. "There's no 'b' in rose!" Carl replied, "There was in this one!"

SAVE THE DATES

27 th October	Quiz Night at St Stephen's
7 th November	Nicosia Coach Trip
12 th November	Remembrance Day Services at all three churches
23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
15 th December	Carols in the Mall
5 th January	Revd Ken's final service in the Parish (confirmed)
13 th February	Beetle Drive (Stephanie Restaurant)
5 th or 12 th March	Nicosia Coach Trip
8 th or 20 th April	Spring Fair
18 th May	Mini Golf
20 th June	Annual BBQ

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes." (Jim Carey)

NOTICES

ANNUAL BBQ. What an excellent afternoon in the forest at the BBQ on 7th October. Food and service was brilliant, Floki loved the sausage and chicken (from Mum's plate) and it was lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you to the workers and the organisers, which raised over €500 for church funds. Next year's event is in June, (I'm trying to persuade them to change it to October again, as Wendy and I will probably be on holiday then), so book your tickets in advance as it's well worth it. See the website for photos.

NICOSIA COACH TRIP – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the higher cost of fuel, the tickets for this trip have had to be increased this year to €18.00. A 53-seater coach has been booked and the ACP are hoping that most seats will be taken. We are asking congregation members plus their family and friends that, if they would like to take advantage of this trip, they let their church's ticket sellers know by **Sunday 22nd October**. After this date, any seats remaining will be offered on social media. Therefore, it's on a "first come, first served" basis. The timetable is: The coach leaves the old Homecare/Debenham's car park at 07.45. After a 'comfort break' it will arrive at IKEA/The Mall at around 10.00. Leaving for Ledra Street at 12.00. If you wish to visit the Turkish side of Northern Cyprus, please remember to bring your passport and yellow slip.

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 27 October

The Fundraising Team are again holding a Quiz Night this year at St Stephen's on Friday 27 October, and we are hoping to fill 8 tables of 6 people. It promises to be a fun evening where you can test your general knowledge and have a few laughs. Primarily it's a 'bring and share' evening and list of items required are at each church. Please let your ticket sellers know which item you are prepared to bring. Tickets are €5 each with proceeds to the Anglican Church. Come and join us!!!

SERVICES

Sunday 15th October – Trinity 19/Patronal Services

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 Andrew

Readings:

AK - Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

St L - Acts 16.6-12a; Psalm 147.1-7; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9

St S - Jeremiah 26:1-9,12-15; Psalm 31: 1-5; Acts 7: 55-60; Matthew 23: 34-39

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

Readings:

Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22" 15-22

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

Who/What Is God?

God is a spirit.

We should worship Him as thus.

God is all knowing.

He knows all about us.

God is our Father.

He is the father of Jesus, too.

God is powerful.
he can do a miracle for you.
God is our friend forever.
a human friend may leave us.
God is for giving.
You can tell him anything.
god is true.

Try Him! You will see...
God is loving.
he cares for you and me.
God is three persons all in one.
He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
hallelujah!
Amen!
(Eleanor Tingelstad)



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**THE MOMENT YOU THINK YOU'VE
HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK WHEN
YOU SEE 2 PLANES HAVING A LAUGH**



*I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep.
He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.*