



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 22nd October 2023

(Trinity 20)

WELCOME

This week's edition comes as we hold our breath for what is happening in the Holy Land. I make no comment, just offer prayers for all those caught up in the horrors of war.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Heavenly Father, in this new week ahead help us all to know your unchanging love for us. As patterns of life change, help us to open our hands and our hearts in the letting go, help us to expand our horizons of love; and, day by day, help us to notice the light shining through in new patterns and unexpected places. 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.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15: 13)

GOD SLOT

I find that the busier I am, the more easily I become distracted: starting one job and then moving onto another before completing the first, looking at the latest email when the notification pings up on-screen, looking for the 'quick wins' rather than focussing on the things I have put in the 'too hard to deal with at the moment' pile. It can be easy for church life to become distracted too. In all the busy-ness, we can lose sight of the things that are important, particularly when it feels that there are so many competing priorities - each clamouring for our attention. Proverbs 4:25 reminds us to keep focussed: *"Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you."* And if we are left in any doubt what (or who) we should be focussing on, Hebrews 12:1-3 reminds us: *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."* As we move towards Advent, it provides a good opportunity for us to check what we are focussing on.

God Bless,
Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny and his wife, who were both elderly, went to dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and Little Johnny said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What's the name of the restaurant?' Little Johnny thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied Little Johnny. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

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
14 th November	Light up a Life Service at 6.00pm in Ayia Kyriaki (Latins)
23 rd November	Hot Pot Supper
24 th November	Annual Dinner & Dance (Latins)
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

"Friends are people who know you really well and like you anyway." (Greg Tamblyn)

NOTICES

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 27th 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!!!

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.

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Fr Jim writes: We are able to hold the annual service of light up a life again. It will be on Tuesday 14th November at 6.00pm in Ayia Kyriaki. If anyone would like a loved one mentioned and a candle lit, please put name in an envelope and a donation of €5 for the Hospice and hand into the Community Coffee Shop or to one of the priests. All are welcome.

LATINS ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Dinner and Dance will take place on Friday 24th November at Neos in Pegia. The cost is €25 per person with tickets available from Fr Jim, Stavros at Neos or the Community Coffee Shop. All welcome.

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

Just a reminder that poppies are now on sale.

SERVICES

Sunday 22nd October – Trinity 20

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

Sunday 29th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Readings:

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46

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

A Silly Poem

Said Hamlet to Ophelia,
I'll draw a sketch of thee,
What kind of pencil shall I use?
2B or not 2B?
(Spike Milligan)



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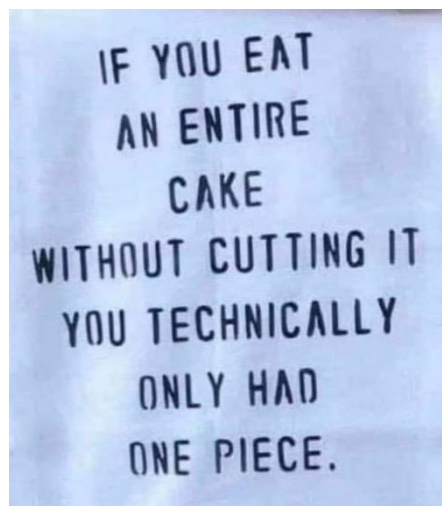
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*Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favourite apps.
When I was 3, I ate mud*