



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 30th October 2022
(All Saints)**

WELCOME

Welcome to this week's edition, full of interesting, fun and informative bits and pieces. If you don't agree with that statement then PLEASE send me your contribution, as it is YOUR Weekly News. Now that's what you call a hint ☺.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ 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 this week for our Parish and Ourselves.

Loving and compassionate God, as we face the week ahead of us, help us to see hope in the most desperate situations; help us to uphold the value of others in our words and actions; help us to see the potential you see in each of your children; help us to know and to respond to your guiding hand in our lives. Amen

A PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

Hear us O merciful Father as we remember in love those who have gone before us. We thank you for their love, their care, and for their example to us. As we give you our thanks, we ask also your comfort for those who still bear the burden of grief. We commend to your love and care, our family and friends departed. Amen.

Psalm 34: 4-5. *"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame."*

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>

GOD SLOT

God has always had a very hard time giving away God: No one wants seems to want this gift. We'd rather have religion, and laws, and commandments, and obligations, and duties. I'm sure many of us attend church out of duty, but gathering with the Body of Christ is supposed to be a wedding feast. Do you know how many times in the four Gospels eternal life is described as a banquet, a feast, a party, a wedding, the marriage feast of the Lamb? There are fifteen different, direct allusions to eternal life being a great, big party. Do you know how many parables there are about eternal life being a courtroom or a judgment scene? One. Matthew 25. And that's good. We need Matthew 25 because it makes it very clear that the ultimate issue is about how we care for the poor and marginalized. But we forget this good news of Jesus, sending a message out to the highways and the byways, inviting everybody who's willing to come to the banquet. It's that simple! Jesus goes out of his way to mention the good and the bad alike. We don't like that either. We only want the good people to be there at the banquet, assuming, of course, that we're the good people. Did you ever see the irony of that? Don't you realise that every religion thinks that they are the ones that God likes? And we end up gathering at the party with that smug certitude; but when we do, it resembles something that very often isn't much like a party. I don't want to offend anybody, but sometimes only half of us even sing when we're at church; half of us don't even pick up the hymnals. I'm not trying to be cruel, but let's just be honest and admit that many of us aren't excited to be at church. For many of us, the Body of Christ is not a party. Instead, we often believe that heaven is a giant courtroom scene. The good people win, the bad people lose, and almost everybody is bad except our group. That won't work! It gives no joy and no hope to the world. It tells people they're on the right side when sometimes they're very unloving people who don't care about the poor or the marginalised at all. And the statistics prove that Christians are no better than anybody else, in fact, very often - I'm sorry to say it - we're worse. Do we want to be a part of the wedding feast to which all are invited? The only people who don't get in on the party are those who don't want to come - so I guess we have to ask ourselves, "Do we want to come?"

(Adapted from Fr Richard Rohr, "[In the End, a Banquet](#)," homily, October 14, 2017)

God Bless

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny had taken to a life of crime and was burgling a house one night. He was pulling out the stuff from the drawers and cupboards when he heard the key in the front door and quickly hid. The lady of the house was returning from her weekly prayer meeting. She walked into the living room and saw the mess and realised she was being robbed. She shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized and your sins will be forgiven.'" Little Johnny quickly gave up and the lady rang the police. While handcuffing Little Johnny, the policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" Little Johnny said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

NOTICES

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

We are still in desperate need for volunteers to join the team. Would you please prayerfully consider giving up a little of your time to help others in our parish. For information on what the team does please contact Judith Perrett on 97682150 or see the Pastoral Care section on our website.

WINTER IS COMING!

Don't forget that the clocks go BACK one hour this weekend.



EVENTS

8 th November	Nicosia Coach Trip
24 th November	Quiz Night
27 th November	Advent Carol Service Ayia Kyriaki (6.00pm)
10 th December	Carols for Christmas at St Luke's
16 th December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall
18 th December	Carol Service at St Stephen's (11.00am)
18 th December	Carol Service at Ayia Kyriaki (6.00pm)
January	Bowling
21 st February	Beetle Drive
March	Nicosia Coach Trip
20 th May	Mini Golf

SERVICES

Sunday 30th October - All Saints

8.15am Sung Eucharist + Incense Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1: 11-22; Luke 6: 20-31

Sunday 6th November - 3rd Sunday before Advent

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

Readings:

Job 19: 23-27a; Psalm 17: 1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17; Luke 20: 27-38

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

No Mistakes

When my hopes fade
And my dreams die.
And I find no answer
By asking why.
I just keep on trusting
And hang on to my faith.
Because God is just
He never makes mistakes.
Should the storms come
And trials I must face.
When I find no solution
I rest in God's grace.
When life seems unfair
And more than I can take.
I look up to the Father
He never makes mistakes.
God sees our struggles
And every bend in the road.
But no mistake is ever made
Cause He weighs every load.
(Lenora McWhorter)



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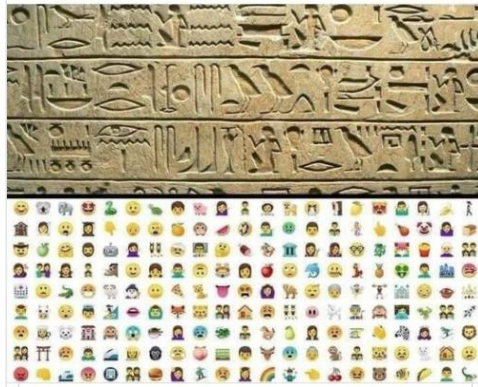
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4000 years later and we're
back to the same language.



*Christianity is all about relationships: with God and with others.
May we discover the heart of our heavenly Father to bring us peace this week.*