



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 24th September 2023 (Harvest Festival)

WELCOME

Thinking about Harvest time set me back to thinking that when I was a young lad (not that long ago really) when we had certain times of the year when certain foods were only available during their season. For example; strawberries, lettuce, other salad stuff, oranges, new potatoes, etc. When I think back I remember them as tasting much better than they do now. I don't know if that is because you only had them at certain times and now you can have anything at anytime. Anybody else think this way or is it just me being nostalgic? I am not complaining because I know that God gave us the land and the knowledge to grow our food. He gave us the advances in our technology to produce food 'out of season', in fact he has given us everything. But what we have not done is use our intelligence to the best use. We can manufacture computers, we can produce fantastic effects on the cinema screen, we can send men into space – but why can't we cure the cold or cancer, feed the hungry and talk instead of fight? We've got something wrong somewhere. God put us on this wonderful planet, gave us the tools to do something with it – we just don't appear to have found out how to prioritise our needs as humans yet. Lord help us. (and this isn't even the God Slot). Welcome to this week's edition. Please enjoy.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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, as the new week starts (hurray), may it bring happiness, friendship, love and health and blow the past troubles away. May it bring us closer to you and your creation. May it make us generous in our giving, may it bring peace in our lives and in our world. May we be blessings to all whom we may meet in this coming week. 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.

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12: 2)

GOD SLOT

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 was a Baptist preacher from a tradition where alcohol was frowned upon. One day he went to see a member of the community and invited him to come to Church on Sunday morning. The man was a producer of fine peach brandy and said to Little Johnny he would love to attend his Church **IF** he would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of the congregation. Little Johnny agreed. The next day a bottle of peach brandy arrived at his house and he drank it over the next few days. Sunday morning came and the man came to Church. Little Johnny recognised him from the pulpit and said: "I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week and especially for the peaches he gave me and the spirit in which they were given."*

PERSONAL SPOT

I came across the following from a Diary entry in October 2017.... *“Just finished the third module of puppy training and were told that Floki had to repeat the training. Our trainer told us it was because the ‘trainer’ wasn’t ready for the next module; but, I knew really she didn’t want to upset Floki so she made it sound as though it was me and not Floki that needed the extra training!”* It made me smile because now that mischievous little puppy is the most perfectly behaved and trained dog ☺. Well in most, a lot, some cases.

SAVE THE DATES

4 th October	Pet Blessing Service (in the grounds of Ayia Kyriaki)
7 th October	Annual BBQ
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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, ‘O God, forgive me,’” (Billy Graham)

NOTICES

HARVEST FESTIVAL

All goods received at our Harvest Festival services will be donated to our individual church charities; Ayia Kyriaki - Caritas, St Stephen's - Human Kind, St Luke's – Regional Volunteer Association. PLEASE give generously.

SERVICES

Sunday 24th September – Harvest Festival

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 Andrew

Readings:

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; Psalm 65: 1-13; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 12: 16-30 or 17: 11-19

Sunday 1st October – Trinity 17

8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's	Graham Hare
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's	Revd Ken
6.00pm Holy Communion Ayia Kyriaki	Revd Ken

Readings:

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

Wednesday 4th October

4.00pm Pet Blessing Service Grounds of Ayia Kyriaki	Fr Jim & Revd Ken
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Mid-week Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at 9.00am at Ayia Kyriaki

The poem this week is actually song lyrics from 'Harvest Samba (Cabbages & Greens)', which we used to sing at Harvest Festival in our Family Church back in UK and thanks to Maureen Gage for reminding me of it. If you want to hear it sung go to YouTube and search for 'Harvest Samba (Cabbages & Greens)'.

Harvest Festival

Cabbages and greens,
Broccoli and beans,
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
Taste so good to me!
Apricots and plums,
Ripened in the sun,
Oranges and yellow bananas,
Good for everyone!
It's another Harvest Festival,
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity
to be grateful for the food we eat
To say thank you to God the Father.
Golden corn and wheat,
Oats and sugar beet,
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,
Wonderful to eat!

Coffee, cocoa, tea,
Growing naturally,
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices
Very nice indeed!
It's another Harvest Festival.
Thank you for the harvest,
Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables
and the wonderful things that grow.
It's another Harvest Festival.
(Mark & Helen Johnson)



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Saw an advert for a 'Ride on Lawnmower'



"God gave us a gift of 86,400 seconds everyday. Have we used just one to say 'thank you?'"