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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS**



St. Stephen's  
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Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
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# WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**(Trinity 14)**

**WELCOME**

Welcome, bienvenido, salut, privet, khush amdeed, kalos oristate, to this week's edition. Please feel free to pass it on to others and also to contribute (I keep trying). Enjoy.

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Collect:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

Loving God, you have gathered us from different places, different traditions and with different needs. By ourselves, we cannot come with undivided hearts; unfinished business, un-mended brokenness, the hurts of the past, the fears of the present, our torn and weary world itself all weigh us down. But you can lighten our hearts, revive our spirits and unite us in glad and hopeful praise, and so we bless you. For your forgiveness of the harm that we have done for your healing of our deepest hurts for your love drawing us together we thank and bless you. For your inspiring of our reconciliation for your power to rebuild our lives and our communities for your call to journey on together in faith we thank and bless you. We ask your blessing on the week ahead, in the name of Christ our Lord. 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:

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



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Every challenge you face today makes you stronger tomorrow."* (Roy T Bennett)

*"A priest, a rabbi, and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender says, 'What is this, a joke?'"*

### **My Shadow**

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,  
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.  
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;  
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow -  
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;  
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,  
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,  
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.  
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward you can see;  
I'd think shame to stick to nursie as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,  
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;  
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,  
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

(Robert Louis Stevenson)

### **GOD SLOT**

'Community' is a word that seems to be heard everywhere these days. Of course, 'Community' is no longer restricted to mean the village, town, or neighbourhood where you live. Our community might be at our workplace, our Choir, our Gym, our Allotment, or our Sports Club. Communities can be centred around political activism and campaigns, support groups or identity. Many communities today are online, and their members never meet face to face! 'Community' is spoken of in glowing terms, emphasising mutual support, belonging, helping to overcome loneliness, making minority voices heard and inspiring action. 'Community' is expressed as an ideal and an end goal. What tends not to be spoken about is what happens when people of differing or strongly opposed views or behaviours in a community fall out with each other. By their very nature, groups can often be led by people of very strong views and communities seldom have any 'rules of play!' So what about our Church Community? Jesus could not have told his followers to take their disputes to the Church, as the Church, as a separate entity with disciplinary procedures, did not exist at that time. The early followers would still be attending Synagogue. We can assume that they would also be meeting together in homes and learning to be a separate entity - a new community that was trying to work out the implications of their newfound belief. Understandably, disputes would have arisen, and many of Paul's letters were recognising the disputes that arose. It would seem that there is nothing new under the sun as here we are some 2,000 years later and the church still has 'disputes' within itself. Reconciliation is a powerful and much-needed thing today. It is needed on the large scale between nations at war and on the small-scale one-to-one. Communities can flourish and Churches grow when reconciliation, hard as that is sometimes, is modelled on the principles Jesus taught. Reconciliation and forgiveness are not always the same thing and, sadly, we may never be reconciled with someone, but Jesus gives us a framework in which to try our best. It is in the giving and receiving of forgiveness and in reconciliation that we experience the true meaning of being a Christian.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

## JOKE SPOT

*Little Johnny had been to an all night party and was rather the worse for wear. Rather than go to bed he decides it would be a good idea to go ice fishing. He reaches the ice and is about to cut a hole in it when he hears a voice from above: "There are no fish here." Little Johnny is shocked but gets up and moves to another spot. As he's about to cut a hole, he hears a voice from above again, "There are no fish here either." He gets up and moves to a third spot. Before he's even finished walking, the voice says, "I'm telling you, there are no fish here." Little Johnny says, "God, how can you be so sure there aren't any fish here?" The voice replies, "This is the ice rink manager."*

## SAVE THE DATES

16 <sup>th</sup> September	Songs of Praise in the Park
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Lunch at the Kamares Club
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Annual BBQ
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Quiz Night at St Stephen's
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicosia Coach Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> or 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hot Pot Supper
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols in the Mall

## LEGACY GIVING

Have you thought about leaving a donation to the church in your Will? Would you like to? If so, full details of how to include a Legacy gift to the church can be found on the church website or take one of the Legacy leaflets, which are on display in each church. Failing this, ask your warden for information. Legacy donations can be made for specific use as prescribed by you, or added to the general income. Any amount of financial assistance is always welcomed and appreciated.

## RESIDENCY IN CYPRUS

Please be aware that the rules are changing. There is a separate paper coming out with this Newsletter explaining what the new rules are and what you have to do. Please don't leave it to the last minute.

## NOTICES

**SONGS OF PRAISE IN THE PARK.** Join with us in the wonderful setting of Ayios Andronikos Park in Polis for the annual 'Songs of Praise in the Park' on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at **5.30pm**, organised by St Luke's Church. This outdoor event, which has been running for many years, is an enjoyable occasion to sing well-known hymns, listen to poems and readings on this year's theme of 'The Four Seasons'. For directions visit our website on the 'Announcements or Special Services page'

## SERVICES

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 14

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

### Readings:

Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

5.30pm Praise in the Park (Ayios Andronikos Park in Polis)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15

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

### Readings:

Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114: 1-8; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

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