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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS**



St. Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
Prodromi

# WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**(Trinity 15)**

**WELCOME**

Well, my weather app on my phone showed light clouds and outside my door there was heavy rain and thunder! Which do you believe? I mean computers are always right. Right? Welcome to this week's edition of the Newsletter. I'm looking at my list of Little Johnny jokes and I may have to start repeating them from mid-December, so if you have any you would like to share with me that would be great. Enjoy.

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Collect:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Today as the new week begins we hope for wonderful things; that a new page is turning and fresh times will come. We wonder what this new week will bring us, what blessings we will receive and give. We pray for the days to feel bright, for our sleep to be sweet in the night; for our health to be full and our dreams to come true. May our hearts feel happy and light in the knowledge of your love. 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 as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15: 13)*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"A question that sometimes drives me hazy: am I, or are the others, crazy?" (Albert Einstein)*



Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, "Close enough."

A church whose music is always great  
A church where people are never ever late.  
A church whose people never sneak  
And none is proud and all are meek;  
  
Where gossips never peddle lies,  
Or make complaints and criticise.  
Where all are always sweet and kind  
And to all others' faults are blind.  
Such perfect churches there may be  
But none of them are known to me.  
  
If you could find the perfect church  
Without one fault or smear  
For goodness sake, don't join that church  
You'll spoil the atmosphere.  
  
If you should find the perfect church  
Then don't you even dare  
To tread upon such holy ground  
You wouldn't fit in there.  
  
But since no perfect church exists  
Where people never sin  
Then let's stop looking for that church  
And look at the one we are in.  
(Anon)

## GOD SLOT

A teenager was telling a senior citizen why the older generation doesn't understand the younger generation. "You grew up in a primitive world," he said. "We've got space travel, nuclear energy, the internet, phones more powerful than the computers in the first space ships." Smiling, the old man replied, "You're right, we didn't have those things – that's why we invented them!" So what are we doing to bless future generations? *I will pour out my Spirit into your descendants and my blessing on your children* (Isaiah 44: 3). God wants the next generation not just to follow, but to overtake this one! Don't use the comfort of the status quo as an excuse for not challenging old thinking. Stop saying things like, 'That's just the way I am,' or 'My family never amounted to much, so I won't either.' It's in such moments that your destiny is shaped. Think: the decisions you make today will affect not only you; but future generations – so make sure they're the right ones!

God Bless,

Revd Ken

## JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was a miserly, wealthy man who didn't want anyone else to inherit his money. He kept it all in gold bars under his bed. As he aged, he wondered whether he could take his money to heaven. One night he prayed, asking God if he could take a suitcase of gold to heaven. He heard God say, "All right Little Johnny, you can do it." Little Johnny happily went to sleep. That night, he passed away and went to heaven's pearly gates. The apostle Peter appeared and said, "Customs check." He opened up Little Johnny's suitcase and looked at its contents. Then he looked at him and said, "You brought pavement?"

## SAVE THE DATES

24<sup>th</sup> September

Harvest Lunch at the Kamares Club

4<sup>th</sup> October  
Kyriaki)

Pet Blessing Service (in the grounds of Ayia

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
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Services at all three churches
16 <sup>th</sup> or 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hot Pot Supper
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols in the Mall

## NOTICES

### PRIEST FAREWELLS & WELCOMES

There are still a few folk asking what is happening in the Parish so here is the outline. I was due to finish on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 but as Revd Paul is not taking over until 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 I have been blessed with being able to be with the Parish for the Christmas Celebrations (don't groan because you like me really). Wendy, Floki and I will be leaving around 10<sup>th</sup> January (still a flexible date due to not being able to book Floki's flight until a month before). Revd Paul, his wife Paula and Labradoodle Dillon will be arriving roundabout the middle of January ready to lead you for the next few years.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

All goods donated 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.

### ADVANCE WARNING

Not that I'm being cruel; but by the time you are reading this there are probably only 14 weekends until Christmas (Yippee). So start being good, otherwise you may end up on the Naughty List. Get that present list started. (A Range Rover for me if anyone is feeling generous J)

## SERVICES

### 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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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

### The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see  
 A church that's all it ought to be;  
 A church whose members never stray  
 Beyond the straight and narrow way!

A church that has no empty pews,  
 Whose people never have the 'blues'.