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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 18th & 25th June 2023
(Trinity 2 & 3)

WELCOME

Hi everyone, a two-week edition this week as I'm taking a few days off (well deserved I hear). Please stay safe and well while I'm away and see you when I get back.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collects:

Trinity 2

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Trinity 3

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 weeks ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Lord on the weeks ahead of us, let us run into your loving arms. May the days be a celebration, filled with thankfulness, where we connect with the presence of Heaven, seek your beauty and goodness, and cherish special time together. Come fill our hearts afresh with your love. May we overflow with Heaven's bounty, moving through the days and the week's to come. Lord let us find shelter, comfort and that inner peace in your hands. May these weeks be a celebration, full up to the brim, with Heaven's promise ringing loud, and your love flowing in and through us and all those whom we meet. Amen.

Our Diocese:

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here:

<https://www.cypgulf.org/prayer-diary/>

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of Peace and Justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We

"Missing"

I've hunted near, I've hunted far

I even looked inside my car.

I've lost my glasses, I'm in need,

To have them now so I can read.

I loudly swear and I curse

Did I leave them in my purse?

Are they behind the sofa, under the bed?

Oh there they are - on my head!

(Anne Scott)



SERVICES

Sunday 18th June – Trinity 1

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

Readings:

Genesis 18: 1-15, 21: 1-7; Psalm 116: 10-17; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35-38, 10:1-23

Sunday 25th June – Trinity 3

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:

Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39

Sunday 2nd July – Trinity 4

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

Readings:

Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

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

pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1: 9)

GOD SLOT

Do we limit God in what we believe he can do? We might believe that God has the power to deliver people from many situations but somehow, we just don't expect God to work for us personally. When the sea comes crashing in, when our world starts shaking underneath us, we don't go to God because we don't expect him to work miracles for us. Our faith seems to be out of commission. Remember when the disciples faced the storm, pulled at the oars, scooped water as quickly as they could, done everything themselves to try and save the boat from sinking and their faith never got out of its very limiting box until desperation drove them to wake the sleeping Jesus. He stilled the storm, settled the waters. Often we go through life, depending on our own expertise, our own strength, relying on our own work. That's why problems overwhelm and wash us overboard. Our small limiting faith sees only our own strength and work and it doesn't see the incredible power that God has given us by being able to pray to him and put our storm at his feet. "Where is your faith?" Jesus asked his disciples and is asking us here and now. The challenge of the word of God is to put our faith to work, whatever our challenge is, whatever chaos is threatening us, if we put our faith to work rather than our bodies and mind, then we

won't be frantically trying to keep the boat afloat, we'll be in the stern resting with Jesus.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny was the world's leading expert on European wasps and walks into a record shop. He asks the assistant "Do you have 'European Vespidae Acoustics Volume 2? I believe it was released this week." "Certainly," replies the assistant. "Would you like to listen before you buy it?" "That would be wonderful," says Little Johnny, and puts on a pair of headphones. He listens for a few moments and says to the assistant, "I'm terribly sorry, but I am the world's leading expert on European wasps and this is not accurate at all. I don't recognise any of those sounds. Are you sure this is the correct recording?" The assistant checks the turntable, and replies that it is indeed European Vespidae Acoustics Volume 2. The assistant apologises and lifts the needle onto the next track. Again the Little Johnny listens for a few moments and then says to the assistant, "No, this just can't be right! I've been an expert in this field for 43 years and I still don't recognise any of these sounds." The assistant apologises again and lifts the needle to the next track. Little Johnny throws off the headphones as soon as it starts playing and is fuming with rage. "This is outrageous false advertising! I am the world's leading expert on European wasps and no European wasp has ever made a sound like the ones on this record!" The manager of the shop overhears the commotion and walks over. "What seems to be the problem, sir?" "This is an outrage! I am the world's leading expert on European wasps. Nobody knows more about them than I do. There is no way that the sounds on that record were made by European wasps!" The manager glances down and notices the problem instantly. "I'm terribly sorry, sir. It appears we've been playing you the bee side."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value" (Albert Einstein)

NOTICES

MINI GOLF

A welcome return to this popular social event, which is to be held at Island Cove in Yeroskipou on Saturday 24th June 2023, 5.00 for 5.30pm. After enjoying a round of golf there will be a 'bring and share' buffet, total cost €15. A list of food requirements is posted on the notice board in each church, and you are asked to purchase drinks at the venue bar. Your usual ticket sellers will be promoting this exciting evening (tickets are €15 each) and there will be a trophy for each Lady and Gentleman with the best golf score. Please come along and support this event.

BIBLE STUDY

Remember, Bible Study resumes on Monday 19th June at 10.30am at St Stephen's, if you are interested in joining this lively group then please contact me. We are studying a different topic each session so you can join anytime. Why not come along and give it a try.

SAVE THE DATES

24 th June	Mini Golf
22 nd July	Annual BBQ
16 th September	Songs of Praise in the Park
September	Boat Trip from Latchi Harbour
24 th September	Harvest Lunch – venue to be advised
November	Hot Pot Supper