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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"When you choose the lesser of two evils, always remember that it is still an evil." (Max Lemer)

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WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 20th August 2023
(Trinity 11)**

WELCOME

Life on this wonderful island is like a dream, the glorious weather, the 24 hour bakery just on the corner and of course you lovely people of my flock. It will be sad to leave all this (especially the bakery) and there is a little bit more about this (leaving not the bakery) later in the Newsletter. Please enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

Alternative Collect:

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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.

We come before you O Lord at the start of this new week. As the sun rises each morning, may your hope rise up in us. As the birds sing every day, may your love flow out of us. As the light floods into this new week, may your joy shine through us. We come before you, O Lord and drink in this moment of peace, that we may carry something of your hope, love and joy throughout the week in our hearts. 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>

and are worn down to hills in the end.
The trees are twigs, that grow to be...
massive giants,
as in the legends of old.
They tell us...
that it is all not real.
But it was all more than...
what they wanted us to see.
Truth is blinding like the sun,
and the shadows know
they must flee,
before the Light.
Do not watch where they go,
just let them leave.
Embrace the life,
the Lord has meant for you to live,
and be more than you ever dreamed,
you could be...
simply by being
with Him.
(Ann Foster)



SERVICES

Sunday 20th August – Trinity 11

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 William

Readings:

Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-20

Sunday 27th August – Trinity 12

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 1: 8 - 2: 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

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

These...

These are the days my friend,
that we thought would never come.

They are beautiful beyond belief,
and they are moving fast.

The seconds fleet by,
the minutes... are not slow.

The hours escape detection,
as I/we get lost in the moment(s)

that surface in the mirror...
of all time.

Come closer and look for yourself.

There are visions to be seen in the reflection.

The mountains are tall in the beginning

Encouraging Words:

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34: 4

GOD SLOT

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6: 34 NIV) Worry doesn't rid tomorrow of its sorrows, it just robs today of its joy. A salesman who usually drove an old car and wore out dated clothes turned up at his office one day in a designer suit and driving a new BMW. His colleague was amazed and said, "What happened, won the lottery or something?"

"Remember how I used to worry about everything? The salesman said, "Well, I hired a team of professional worriers; now I tell them my problems and they do all the worrying for me." The colleague asked, "How much do they charge?" £2,000 a week." Said the salesman. "How can you afford that?" his colleague asked. The salesman smiled and replied, "That's their worry not mine!" Wouldn't you like to have somebody to handle all your worries? You do; his name is Jesus and he said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11: 28 NIV) And God promises, *"...as your day, so shall your strength, your rest and security, be.."* (Deuteronomy 33: 25 AMP) That's because he only gives us *today's* strength for *today's* needs. Remember it's impossible to wring your hands and roll up your sleeves at the same time. So instead of wasting to-day worrying about tomorrow, *"Give your worries to God..."* (1 Peter 5: 7 NLT) and get busy living the life he gave you to enjoy!

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny went to visit a lawyer and asked him about his fees. The lawyer says, "I charge €50 for three questions. Little Johnny says, "That's awfully steep isn't it?". The lawyer replied, Yes, I suppose so. Now, what's your final question?"

SAVE THE DATES

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

COMINGS & (SADLY) GOINGS

I am writing this short piece with a heavy heart. Ken, Wendy and Floki have become much loved by all of us and they have been a wonderful part of our Church family. None of us want to see them leave us but Church rules specify that a priest cannot have their own Parish at the age of 70. In most walks of life, compulsory retirement on age grounds is no longer allowed but, in the Church, it is, and it is enforced. Revd Paul Carr and his wife Paula will commence their ministry on the 20th January 2024. Ken's contract will end on the same day. In practical terms, Paul and Paula will arrive a few days before their contract starts and their labradoodle (Dillon) will be along as soon as possible afterwards. Ken will stand down at a date to be agreed during those first three weeks of January. No interregnum has many benefits for us, but it also presents challenges particularly around housing for our clergy in the early weeks. It is Paul and Paula's intention to live in the Parish House that we presently have tenanted, and we need to bring that tenancy to an end. Closer to the time we will be arranging a service of thanks for Ken and Wendy, no doubt followed by a party! On arrival Paul will be given Permission to Officiate (PTO) status, so that he can start his ministry immediately with a formal licencing service arranged as soon as the Diocese allows. We all look forward to getting to know Paul and Paula (not forgetting Dillon) in the coming months. Please

keep Ken & Wendy and Paul & Paula in your prayers as this is a challenging and emotional time for all of them. (Graham Hare)

NOTICES

SUNSET CRUISE. Join us on board the MS Koulla from Latchi Harbour, on **Thursday 7th September**, for an afternoon sunset cruise to the Blue Lagoon, commencing at 3.00pm prompt and returning around 8.00pm. Tickets are €30 per person, available from the usual ticket sellers after the church services and include the cruise, swimming off the boat in the Blue Lagoon, a chicken and pork barbecue with Phasolia (local vegetarian bean dish), salad, fruit dessert and wine. You can take your own hamper with your choice of drinks, nibbles, desserts etc. and drinks will also be available for purchase at the boat bar. Friends and family are welcome.

SONGS OF PRAISE IN THE PARK. **Saturday 16th September**, starting at 5.30pm in Ayios Andronikos Park, Polis. This special outdoor event has popular hymns, poems and readings on the theme of The Four Seasons. Hosted by St Luke's Church by kind permission of the Mayor of Polis. Location maps for the park can be found on our website: www.paphosanglicanchurch.org Why not join us? Everyone is welcome.