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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS



St. Stephen's
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's
Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 31st July 2022

Trinity 7

WELCOME

I'm back from holiday, having had a good rest and really ready to get back to 'work'. Looking at my email inbox still hasn't put me off being back J. The sun is out, the sky is blue and the Lord is ready to bless us, what more could we ask for? Enjoy this week's edition.

COLLECT and PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collects:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 this week for our Parish and Ourselves.

Think

At the start of this week, take a moment to steady your thoughts and invite God to enter into the week with you. However you feel about the week ahead, whether it fills you with joy or dread, now is a time to remind yourself that God is present with you, and He has a plan for your week. Let us pray.

“God of unending mercies, as we stand at the precipice of another week, would you reset our expectations. This is not merely another week, but a **new** week; not just another day, but a **new** day. And as we are stumbling into it, bewildered, and bleary eyed, we should realise that you’ve already been up for hours, planning how to show us your mercies in ways we can’t imagine. Not one day have you repeated yourself, phoned it in, copied and pasted, or served up stale, day-old goodness. It’s fresh every morning. So as we consider the week ahead; the new row on our calendar, the new to-do list, the new cycle of jobs, interactions, hopes, dreams and emotions; may we know that you have gone before us, scattering breadcrumbs of blessing through the days. And you’re watching with glee, urging us to find them. This week, even Monday! Is the week that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad. Amen”

Psalm 118: 24

“This is the day (week) that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”

Our Diocese:

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here:

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

I Asked God

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for; but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all people, most richly blessed.

(Anonymous)

SERVICES

Sunday 31st July

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Readings:

Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21

Sunday 7th August

08.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's

11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's

6.00pm Holy Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki

Readings:

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12: 32-40

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

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>

GOD SLOT

In one of our recent services we looked at when Jesus sent out his disciples on their mission to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world. He didn't make it sound easy or even very attractive. The tough nature of their job was spelt out in honest detail. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus warned them that they were not to expect any better treatment by the world than what he received. I think if Jesus were alive today, he would be advised to re-package his message to be more attractive. A PR expert would say, "less heavy on the potential suffering angle, Jesus, more on the eternal reward". Disciples these days might be asked to carry out Risk Assessment appraisals, fill in Insurance forms. If anything confronted them which was difficult, or caused them pain, they might be advised to seek counseling or a 'no win no fee lawyer.' Mentors would advise them not to burn themselves out, or tell them how to set boundaries to protect them from the people they were commanded to serve. What a sad society this appears. Let's not forget that Jesus told us to live our lives and live it abundantly. Being worried about what "might" happen shouldn't stop us trying or doing new things. Enjoy the summer because – Christmas is on the way...! (YIPEE)

God Bless

Revd Ken

Joke Spot:

Little Johnny was walking to lunch when he saw a bowl of apples and there was a note on it and it said take 1 God is watching. He continues walking and sees a bowl of cookies that said take 1 please. So Little Johnny quickly made his own note, which said, "take as many cookies as you want because God is watching the apples".

ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ

Great location, great company, great weather and, most importantly, great food all came together for our reinstated annual BBQ in Pikni Forest, fol-

lowing a three year absence due to Covid restrictions. 48 people from all three churches and some very welcome visitors gathered for a wonderful and successful evening. As usual at a BBQ the male 'chefs' were slaving over the hot coals fulfilling our needs; but also there was a lot of work done by the fairer sex too! Thank you one and all. As a 'bonus' the event raised nearly €300 for church funds. Photographs can be found on the website.

THANK YOU

Following the Spring Fayre there was quite a lot of bric-a-brac left over. Kathy and Phil Renton took it home and put it in their garage. Last week they took a stall at the Duck Pond and sold most of the items. They raised €241 and after paying for the stall it means they have raised another €229 for church funds. The few items that were left have gone to a charity shop. Thank you, Kathy and Phil.

PRAY FOR THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

In the week following Sunday 24th July, the Lambeth Conference of Bishops of the Anglican Communion will begin to gather at the University of Kent in Canterbury at the invitation of Archbishop Justin Welby. Although Lambeth Conferences are normally held every ten years, this one for various reasons, not least the pandemic, is taking place fourteen years after its predecessor, which I attended in 2008. The first week will be spent in prayer and retreat, during which bishops will also have many opportunities to meet one another informally or renew acquaintance before the main sessions start.

The overarching headline for the conference is *God's Church for God's World*. Rooted in intensive daily study of the First Epistle of Peter, already begun over the past year and continued every morning of the conference, we shall discuss both strategic and urgent matters of Church affairs and the life of God's creation. We shall share stories from our multiple cultures and from the gamut of Anglican Christian expressions. At the suggestion of the Archbishop of Canterbury this Lambeth Conference is likely to develop and issue a series of Calls, to Church and world, rather than formally debate motions and pass resolutions. They are expected to result from hard work in the plenary sessions and seminars that will form the bulk of each day's programme, on mission and evangelism, communion as

the hallmark of the life of faith, reconciliation, Christian unity, discipleship, and the decade ahead. I shall be present both as Primate of the Province of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and as diocesan bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf. What I shall bring to the conference, contribute within it, and take from it will be informed by the wonderfully rich warp and weft of the people, parishes, and chaplaincies that I have served for the last fifteen years. Please pray for the conference as a whole, and for me. In Christ our Lord. + Michael

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NOTICES

THANK YOU BUT STILL WANTED

You wonderful people! We've managed to purchase two refurbished push bikes so far. It would be great if we could continue to keep a pot going of donations to get a few more bikes to get our new church family members mobile? Please donate at the Sunday services or contact Revd Ken (99555290).

Food & Necessities Collection Points

Don't forget to think about our food collection points at all three churches as you do your shopping.

EVENTS

8 th September	Boat Trip from Latchi.
10 th September	Songs of Praise in the Park, Polis.
25 th September	Harvest Festival Lunch – venue TBA
October	Pet Blessing Service, outside Ayia Kyriaki
October	Annual Sponsored Walk.
8 th November	Nicosia Coach Trip
November	Barn Dance
10 th December	Carols for Christmas at St Luke's
16 th December	Christmas Carols in the Kings Mall.