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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 3rd September 2023
(Trinity 13)

WELCOME

I sit here, writing this, watching the rain falling. Was it the same rain that caught us out when walking Floki this morning. For a dog that loves going in the sea and swimming pools providing there are steps and not ladders, she's a bit of a coward for rain as she doesn't like getting her paws wet – go figure. Enjoy this week's edition of the Newsletter, and if you don't then try sending me stuff to put in. Cheers.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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.

Heavenly Father, we come before you at the start of this new week, thanking you for waking us up each morning to embrace the sunlight that shoots down from the heavens. Thank you for giving us the health and strength we need to overcome every stronghold in our life. And thank you for loving us unconditionally in the times when we may have failed you. Lord, often we magnify our flaws and failures, which makes us feel down and depressed. But in this new week ahead, help us to come to a full realisation that we are fearfully and wonderfully made and created in your image. When the storms arise, bestow your tranquillity and peace upon us, so that we may not be moved. And, as we pray Lord, use us daily as your vessel, in whatever way you need us. 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:

“Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.” Psalm 90: 14



How to Paint A Wall

While I went off to work one day,

She decided to paint the wall.

And when I came back home that night,

She was curled into a ball.

Her eyes were closed, she was breathing hard,

Her hair was very wet.

From her head to the tips of her pretty toes,

She was covered all in sweat.

She was wrapped in a jacket made of down,

With a fur coat on top of that.

The wall was glowing with new, fresh paint;

On the floor, the paint can sat.

"Sweetheart!" I cried, with a worried look,

"Are you all right, my dear?"

She lazily opened her lovely eyes,

And smiled from ear to ear.

"I knew I could do it," she said with a grin;

"I followed the paint can notes.

It clearly said 'For best results,

Be sure to put on two coats.'"

(Joanna Fuchs)

GOD SLOT

I was looking through some photographs the other day and was surprised at how anorexic I looked in them. I lined myself up in front of the mirror and looked from photograph to image and thought..... goodness me - I look old and slightly portly..... when did that happen? I had to a photograph taken for a passport a while ago and the assistant asked me to have a look at it on screen before she printed it off. I immediately told her that it can't be me as this was a greying elderly gentleman. She looked at the screen and then back at me and said in all seriousness, "but it is you". I smiled, gave a big sigh and said "I know". In my head I'm still that lithe fit young man so when I catch a glimpse of myself in some reflection on a window or in the mirror it comes as quite a shock to see this old geezer looking back at me. My only consolation is that God does not look at our outer appearance, he sees us from within. And when I think about that I see how wonderful a gift it is to be able not to judge people by what they look like; but to see the beautiful person they truly are. My wife, Wendy, has just said over my shoulder she does that every day when she wakes up next to me! Ahhh. We are all beautiful people to God, how about we try to see everybody we meet in future through God's eyes.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

Little Johnny, who was a Vicar, was attending an interview and he told the Church Selection Committee, "If I am selected as Vicar of this church, I will work hard to bring us into the 20th century." Someone spoke up, "Uh, Vicar, don't you mean the 21st century?" Little Johnny replied, "Let's take it one century at a time."

SAVE THE DATES

7th September

Sunset Boat Trip from Latchi Harbour

16th September

Songs of Praise in the Park

24th September

Harvest Lunch at the Kamares Club

7th 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

EMERGENCY CONTACT/NEXT OF KIN - HELPING US TO HELP YOU.

If something serious happens to you, who will know who to inform, or indeed, who will act on your behalf? Does the church know who you wish to be contacted? And what about those people, perhaps friends or neighbours of yours who live alone? Would you know what to do on their behalf in case of an emergency? Emergency contact/next of kin forms are available at church solely for this purpose - to make life easy for you and yours. After completing the form (detailing your contacts and wishes) the information is stored securely in the church office. For your security and peace of mind why not complete the form which is available from your Church Warden - you know it makes sense.

NOTICES

VERITY CARE HUB welcomes young and old without prejudice or discrimination to meet and join in with a variety of activities to support physical and mental well-being. We will be holding our open day on **Saturday September 2nd** between 10am and 2pm and we would like to invite you to join us for coffee and cake and giving you an opportunity to see what we have on offer. The address is, 116a Tomb of the Kings Road. Thank you, Phil and Kath Renton.

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. Join with us in the wonderful setting of Ayios Andronikos Park in Polis for the annual 'Songs of Praise in the Park' on **Saturday 16th 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 and listen to memorable poems and readings on this year's theme of 'The Four Seasons'.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Give people light and they will find their way" (Ella Baker)

SERVICES

Sunday 3rd September – Trinity 13

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

Readings:

Exodus 3: 1-15; Psalm 105: 1-6,23-26,45b; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Sunday 10th 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

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