



**Just be thankful
that it's not
snowing. Imagine
shovelling snow
in this heat!**

AC ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

St. Stephen's Tala Ayia Kyriaki Kato Paphos St. Luke's Prodromi

WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 6th August 2023
(Trinity 9)**

WELCOME

The weather continues to keep us near the fans and air conditioning (or is that just Floki?). Although I have to admit I have melted a few times at some of the outdoor weddings. The announcement on Sunday (30th July) that we have appointed a priest to take over when Wendy and I leave towards the end of the year was great news. What makes it better is that Revd Paul is from the North East of England, has a wife, Paula, and a Labradoodle so you may not even notice the difference when the change happens. Enjoy this week's edition.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Collect:

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; 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.

Heavenly Father, in the week ahead of us help us to remember that you make all things new, you are the Creator who is continually nurturing, renewing, and developing every aspect of our remarkable universe. Lord you make all things new. We rest in your creative arms, we dwell in the hope of this renewal, we hope in the strength of your mighty hand. Lord as you make all things new, take all we are, all we care for, and all we love into your gentle arms. Come to touch and heal, mend and restore, release and minister. Lord thank you that you make all things new. Thank you that there is always a new start in you. Thank you that this week our lives are being remade anew. 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:

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'." (Jeremiah 29: 11)



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(Don't forget Friday is my day off - most weeks)

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Talking Talents

The Church Council in its wisdom was formulating ways
Whereby the church might keep afloat in dark financial days.
Four thousand Euros at least we need to keep us up to par:
In dread we faced the prospect of another church bazaar.

Then, lo! one spake and suddenly a cunning scheme suggested
Wherein the skills of one and all might safely be invested.
And thus was born and brought to life a great and mighty plan:
That very day 'twas voted in - the Talents Scheme began.

Now folks are making marmalade, and others making wills,
Or printing things, or mending things, and ringing up the tills
With washing cars and knitting toys and offering B and B,
Or typing things or walking pets or having folks to tea.

Each took five Euros and pledged that it would not inactive lie,
But grow, expand, increase, add up, go forth and multiply.
So some clean brass and some make cakes and others teddy bears,
Sing opera-grams, plan busking shows or make and sell their wares

At Talents Mini-Markets, where goods are on display
For the rest of us to do our bit by buying what we may.
For all can help and all must help in this our hour of need,
That we may reach our target and the Talents Scheme succeed.

So forward one, and forward all, support all those who strive
By giving skills and services to keep our Parish alive.
The Church Commissioners' mistakes have left things in the balance;
We'll tip the scales and square our books by cashing in our Talents!

(Chris Pine)

GOD SLOT

ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE

Words that mean a lot. Life has many ups and downs, but how refreshing it is when you bump into someone who has a presence that lifts you. None of the moaning and groaning about things, but a bright and happy word to say about everything. We all know someone who always appears cheerful no matter what; and don't we just envy him or her?! What makes them so happy, even when their life has the same ups and downs as we have? The answer is simple - attitude. They look at life differently. They see problems as opportunities and set backs as a chance to start again. A wonderful philosophy to live by. Life has its hard knocks and it's how you see and handle them that matters. As a Christian we are already one step ahead, as we have God permanently with us. What an advantage that is because whatever comes at you there is nothing that God and you can't sort out. He fills the gaps with his strength where we are weak and lifts us when we're down. All he asks from us is our faith and belief that he is our Lord and Saviour. A very fair-trade as far as I'm concerned. Getting back to the happy people – my outward expression is one that looks quite dour, however, inside I'm a rolling ball of laughter. If you meet me in the street, ask how I am, because I can only give one answer and that is "brilliant". Because I have a head start, I have the Lord!

God Bless,

Revd Ken

JOKE SPOT

(With apologies to St Luke's congregation who heard this last Sunday; but it was too good a joke not to share it with everyone else.)

Little Johnny was at High School and the annual high school dance was coming up. He plucked up the courage to ask the girl he liked to go to the dance and she said yes. To get flowers for her, he had to stand in a line outside the florist for an hour. To make things worse, he had to wait another hour in a line outside the tuxedo shop. And to top that off he had to wait in line to book the limo. Finally, the day arrives he goes to the dance with the girl. On their arrival the girl wanted to have some apple punch so Little Johnny went to get it, but to his surprise, there was no punch line.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A word to the wise isn't necessary, it's the stupid ones who need advice." (Golda Meir)

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

*The ability to speak several languages is an asset,
but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.*

NOTICES

LEGACY GIVING

Have you thought about leaving a donation to the church in your Will? Would you like to? If so, full details of how to include a Legacy gift to the church can be found on the church website or take one of the Legacy leaflets, which are on display in each church. Failing this, ask your warden for information. Legacy donations can be made for specific use as prescribed by you, or added to the general income. Any amount of financial assistance is always welcomed and appreciated

SERVICES

Sunday 6th August - Transfiguration

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:

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Luke 9: 28-36

Sunday 13th August – Trinity 10

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

Readings:

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-10; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

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