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*Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision.*

*The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision*



**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS**



St. Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
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# WEEKLY NEWS

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Trinity 18)

**WELCOME**

Who brought October so quickly? It only seems two weeks ago I was welcoming June! We can rejoice as the weather gets more comfortable and at last we can start taking Floki out for her walks at more reasonable hours. We've actually set our alarm for 6am, however, there's a little wet nose poking me from 5.30am (I'm still talking about Floki here). Welcome to this week's edition.

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Collect:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Let us greet this coming new week with a smile. Let us thank God for the glorious opportunities this new week will bring. Lord, a week of forgiveness, that stretches out like a lake of never ending grace. A week of promise, of love in action, alive and outstretched. A week of unity, mending broken lives, where we build bridges of peace and restoration. A week of celebration, of worship to a living Lord who holds heaven out to us and proclaims life over death. Let us greet this new week with a smile. 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:

*"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."*  
1 John 4: 16

### You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in  
And chaos rules my mind,  
I turn my heart to you, Lord,  
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble  
You comfort me in pain;  
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,  
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,  
When things are going right,  
You lift me even higher,  
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;  
You hear my every plea;  
I'm safe because I know  
You're always there for me.

*(Joanna Fuchs)*

struction. A big thank you to the volunteers who helped with this. We have been able to give out 38 bikes due to donations for refreshments and no charge admin work, which meant we could divert that funding towards additional bikes. In addition the bike supplier donated an extra bike, plus any major repairs or problems with the bikes are sorted free of charge. Thanks to everyone for their support for this project, you have really helped with getting people mobile and they can get around for appointments, interviews and to work.

## SERVICES

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 18

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

#### Readings:

Exodus 20: 1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19: 7-14; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 19/Patronal Services

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

#### Readings:

AK - Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

St L - Acts 16.6-12a; Psalm 147.1-7; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9

St S - Jeremiah 26:1-9,12-15; Psalm 31: 1-5; Acts 7: 55-60; Matthew 23: 34-39

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

## GOD SLOT

*"A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:8-10)* Samuel needed Eli to help him recognise God's call. So often we need others to help us discern God's call, but not only that... there are times when we can be an 'Eli' to others, helping others hear the call of God. Sometimes we avoid asking for help out of fear that it admits failure. We think, *'I should be able to handle this on my own; I'm supposed to succeed. I just need to push through.'* But the truth is that God created us with a need for help. Asking for help isn't admitting failure, but recognising the way God made us. Even before the fall, in Garden of Eden, God created Adam to receive provision and help rather than be self-sufficient. On a material level, God provided all of Adam's food, water, even his breath. He provided fellowship for Adam through his own presence. But God also created Adam with a need for help from another person. He created Eve with this purpose in mind: *"It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18)*. God said that his own creation was not complete until he had built in a way for people to give and receive help – even before sin came into the world, it has been God's design for us to need help and give help to each other. This means our need for help is not shameful or equal to failure. God built into us a need for help from the very beginning – and then he immediately began fulfilling that need. Never be afraid to ask for help. God Bless,

Revd Ken

## JOKE SPOT

*Little Johnny was a student and taking a very difficult essay exam. At the end of the test, the Teaching Assistant asked all the students to put their pencils down and immediately hand in their tests. Little Johnny kept writing furiously, although he was warned that if he didn't stop immediately he would be disqualified. He ignored the warning, finished and the test 10*

minutes later, and went to hand the test to the Teaching Assistant. The Teaching Assistant told Little Johnny he would not accept the test paper.

Little Johnny asked, "Do you know who I am?" The Teaching Assistant said, "No and I don't care."

Little Johnny asked again, "Are you sure you don't know who I am?" The Teaching Assistant again said no. So Little Johnny walked over to the pile of tests, placed his in the middle, then threw the papers in the air. "Good" Little Johnny said, and ran out of the room. He passed.

## SAVE THE DATES

27 <sup>th</sup> October	Quiz Night at St Stephen's
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Nicosia Coach Trip
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Services at all 3 churches
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hot Pot Supper
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols in the Mall
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev Ken's final service in the Parish (TBC)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"He's always asking: 'Is that new? I haven't seen that before.' It's like, why don't you mind your own business? Solve world hunger. Get out of my closet." (Michelle Obama)

## NOTICES

### CHARITY POTS

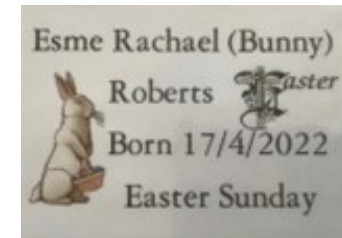
Well, tonight I thought I ought to turn over the calendar. Another month and a lovely picture of a kingfisher, in its splendour, by the river. Such wonderful creatures that share our planet. Exactly three weeks ago I was given a charity pot, which made me think, "Are we that far through the year???" Yes we are. In 6 months time we will be collecting the pots. I went to the cupboard and looked at ours. Oh dear. Not quite up to date. Easter Sunday is March 31<sup>st</sup> next year so there is still plenty of time. A euro a week each is not great until you join our efforts together and then it's massive. A friend said to me the other day. "Are you rich?" and I said yes because this

week I could give a bag of food to the harvest table and still eat. Sometimes I wonder at how blessed we are !! On and on with the collecting. If you want to suggest a charity to be included then just email me. God bless you all, Lou and Sue x

## HATCHED, MATCHED AND DISPATCHED

When I was young, the family read the Manchester Evening News. My mum used to look in what she called ... Hatched, Matched and Dispatched. You know, I had no idea what it meant! I soon learnt. A few years ago someone asked me if I would make notices to be put into the hymn books, or bibles, at St. Stephens, as a memory of such occasions. At €5 each item it raised some money for the church. If anyone would like to add their loved ones I could carry on doing them.

There are a couple of photos to illustrate the idea.



Please let me know if you would like one or more doing.

Thanks, Lou Scott [suelou@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:suelou@cytanet.com.cy)

## BIKE PROJECT

Our three-month Bike Project has almost come to its end. We have a few more bikes still to give out but this should be complete by next week. Just to recap, we initially started by raising funds and receiving a few donated bikes to give to the Asylum Seekers at St George's Complex and in Polis/Latchi. When Revd Anne Fatcher heard about this, in her role in the Diocese as Community Liaison applied for, and received, a grant from The Episcopal Church of America of €5510 to purchase 35 refurbished bikes plus kit (lights, bell, pump, puncture repair kit, lock, helmet and HiViz jacket). We went into partnership with The Learning Refuge in Paphos and as part of the deal we provided some basic bike maintenance training and basic road safety in-