



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

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

A Parish in the DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed, through Jesus, to sharing God's love
for all peoples and growing in our love for Him
and for one another.

Sunday 9th December 2018
Advent 2 - Year C

Parish Priest: The Reverend Andrew Burt

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Readings for Sunday 9th December

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4 -- Page 676
Canticle: Benedictus [Luke 1: 68-79] -- Page 724
Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11 -- Page 830
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6 -- Page 726

Organ Music for both services at Ayia Kyriaki

Before: 2 preludes - F. Peeters
After: Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' - O. Latory

Sunday 16th December

First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 -- Page 667
Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2-6 -- Page 492
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7 -- Page 832
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18 -- Page 726

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### *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**Collect:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East:** We pray for The Most Revd Suheil Dawani and the Diocese of Jerusalem; for the clergy serving the parishes and institutions in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, and for the congregations who keep the faith and sustain the churches in troubled times.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for those being confirmed and for the Holy Spirit to be with all who walk the path of the Christian faith. This week we pray for St. Barnabas Limassol and their parish priest Fr Andrew Mayes, who also serves as the Diocesan Spirituality Advisor. Recalling Acts 15:26 which describes Barnabas as one who 'risked his life for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ', their prayer is for courage, steadfastness and patience as they move forward under God.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We give thanks for a successful Christmas Fayre, for all who laboured to make it a success and all who came to part with their money in the aid of the local charities. We pray for the forthcoming events; today's Carol Service at St. Stephen's, the Carol Singing at the General Hospital next Friday, and next Saturday's Carols for Christmas at St. Luke's.

Please remember in your prayers the families and friends of **Terence Skinner** whose funeral took place last Tuesday and **David Kingsley Jones** whose funeral took place on Friday.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY & THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th December

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's
11.00am Carol Service - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

Wednesday 12th December

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

Friday 14th December

10.00am Carol Singing around the General Hospital
2.00pm Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's

Saturday 15th December

5.30pm Carols for Christmas - St. Luke's

Sunday 16th December

8.15am Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
9.30am Holy Communion - St. Luke's
11.00am Holy Communion - St. Stephen's
6.00pm Carol Service - Ayia Kyriaki

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## *THIS PARISH OF OURS*

### *Duty Wardens for this week*

**Ayia Kyriaki** - am - Gill Powell; week - Jacquie Hammond

**St. Stephen's** - Chris Hoskins

**St. Luke's** - Jayne Preston

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Gift Aid can boost Church finances: If you pay UK income or capital gains tax please help the Church by using the blue Gift Aid envelopes for your Open Plate donations. This will add approximately 25% to any donations you make, as the Church can reclaim the basic rate of tax from your donations. If you are or intend to donate via the Pledge Giving Scheme, you can complete a one-off Gift Aid declaration. **Please ask for a pen if you need one.**

To make a Gift Aid declaration, you will need to pay UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year greater than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your Gift Aid donations in that year, or you will be responsible for any difference. Income tax includes tax credits on UK dividend income. Boosting the Church income in this way will be a very welcome additional contribution to finances.

For our visitors and any residents eligible to Gift Aid:

PLEASE, if you are putting your donation in a Gift Aid envelope, would you make sure that the details on the front of the envelope are completed; if this is not done we are unable to claim the tax refund.

GENERAL NOTICES

Electoral Roll – Renewal – due in 2019: With the implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), across the EU in May, it has been decided to bring forward our scheduled Electoral Roll renewal process and to bring it into line with the new regulations. In the next week, or so everyone who is currently on the electoral roll (and able to receive emails) should receive an invitation and documentation to allow you to renew your entry. The new regulations mean that you must opt into this process, we cannot assume that you will. So, it is vital that you complete and return the required form, even if none of your details have changed. If you are not receiving emails, there will be a printed pack of documents, for you, to be collected from your warden. Please help us to complete this process smoothly and efficiently. Reverend Andrew

The Electoral Roll – What is it? The electoral roll is a parish's formal way of identifying and recording the membership of the Parish. Inclusion on the roll, establishes that you are a parishioner in good standing with one of our three churches, have been baptised and that your membership has been approved by the parish council. Membership also allows you to vote at our Annual General Meetings. Your inclusion on the roll would be welcomed. If you would like to make an application, please see your warden. Reverend Andrew

New Wedding Vergers – WANTED: Without the dedicated assistance of our eight current vergers, our wedding ministry would grind to a disappointing and alarming halt. Their role is crucial and we urgently need to add to their number. Wedding vergers normally work in pairs and their role is to look after the guests' needs during the service and to

assist with the practical aspects of the service, itself. If you enjoy meeting people and would look forward to helping a couple to organise their service, you would make an ideal wedding verger. Vergers meet a couple once before their wedding and then assist at this couple's wedding. The work is enjoyable and you would be paired up with an experienced verger, to begin with. We are hoping that members of our regular congregation might offer themselves as well as 'swallows' who might be available in the early or later months of the wedding season: April to the end of October. It is a role that both men and women can work in. If you would like to know more, please speak to Canon Anthony or myself and most importantly, contact our Wedding Coordinator, Trudie Murphy on 99212627 or at: anglicancofp@cytanet.com.cy
Reverend Andrew

Christmas Fayre – Thank you: Despite all the odds – especially with the weather – we masterminded a successful Fayre! A huge thank you to all involved especially to Margaret Keeble and to John and Penny Smith for all the leadership they have given and for going well beyond the 'call of duty'. Thank you as well to all the stall convenors for your incredible work, with your team, of rustling up an amazing array of goods for sale. Thank you to all who contributed, especially to Janine Scott for the brochure. A big thank you to all who worked on the day (and beforehand) to the logistic team – especially to Kevin Marsh, to those on car parking duty and to all who worked inside the hall including those cooking burgers! Thank you, as well to all who supported us, especially to those who advertised in the brochure and those who donated goods and prizes. You will have felt exhausted, afterwards, but you have the satisfaction of knowing that we put in our very best effort and whatever the final total raised, others will benefit from all that we did. Well done and thank you! Reverend Andrew

Can you help? Is there anyone who would be willing to re-home Barbara Reid's somewhat traumatised cat called Sunshine? Initially this would be on a temporary basis but with a view to permanency if Barbara is unable

to have it join her in Scotland. If you are able to help please call Judith Perrett on 97682150. Thank you.

Congratulations: warmest congratulations are extended to Joy and Martin Collins, from our Ayia Kyriaki congregation, for receiving an Honorary Mention in the recently announced Hearts of Gold Cyprus awards, for their 'volunteering and humanity' and to Ivy Gibson, also from Ayia Kyriaki for being nominated for her 'beautiful knitted blankets for charity'. Also receiving an Honorary Mention, at the Awards, was Wendy Burdon for her 'philanthropy and support of refugees and women facing domestic abuse'. Wendy heads up the charity Caritas in Paphos and is a member of the Latin parish. Reverend Andrew

Pastoral Care Team - can you help? Firstly, huge congratulations to Joy and Martin Collins for the 'Honorary Mention' they received at this year's 'Hearts of Gold' ceremony. It was so richly deserved for their 'volunteering and humanity'. Joy and Martin are part of the small Anglican Church Pastoral Care team.

This team is about to become smaller as we say 'Goodbye' to John and Elizabeth Finn, who have played an invaluable role in helping so many needy people within our community. They will be sorely missed.

If there is anyone within our Church community who feels able to offer some time to help others in need, as and when an occasion arises, or to visit and befriend people who may be unable to come to Church services, please make yourself known. Thank you. Judith Perrett.

Church History – final call: Have you caught up with the BBC4 series on Church history called: **A History of Christianity**. Two episodes are left showing modern developments – it's well worth having a look at. Reverend Andrew

NOTICES FOR TODAY, THIS WEEK & NEXT SUNDAY

Carol Singing Around the General Hospital

Please come and join in singing carols around the General Hospital

meeting for 10 am on Friday 14th December outside the Children's Ward. The more the merrier! Susie Sabben-Clare

Don't Forget: Carols for Christmas is this Saturday at 5.30 p.m. at St Luke's Church, Prodromi. The Church will be decorated, the readers ready to go, warm mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles to follow after the Carols and poems, all we need is YOU! Christmas starts here! Be there! 🍷🎵

Recycled cards: This year Sue & Lou made €1005 for local charities which they handed over at last Wednesday's Christmas Fayre. Next Sunday they are starting all over again for next year by selling their cards after the 8.15am service at Ayia Kyriaki and after the 11.00am service at St. Stephen's. They make wonderful cards so do please pay them a visit, have a browse and replenish your stocks of Greetings cards - not Christmas cards and help local charities in the process.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Friends, Neighbours, Visitors - all are welcome

PROPOSED FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2019 (TBC)

Mid Jan - Meal & Quiz at the Fantasia Club

Mid Feb - Bowling in Paphos followed by a meal

5th March - Beetle Drive

12th March - Nicosia Coach Trip

21st April - Easter Lunch

22nd April - Sponsored Walk

Ticket Sellers:

Ayia Kyriaki:

Morning: Carolyn Hart (97762371)

Evening: Duty Warden

St. Luke's:

Jayne Preston (96 511321)

St. Stephen's:

Caroline & Ian Geddes (Tel: 99 417976)

News sheet items to Sarah Sait, please, by 10.00 a. m.
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### **Advent Reflection**

*The following is an edited extract from a blog post written by The Reverend Michael K. Marsh, a priest in the Episcopal Church of West Texas in America. He writes an interesting series of sermons and blogs which can be found at <https://interruptingthesilence.com/> The blog is entitled: **Shh, Be Quiet, It's Advent**. The full version can be found at the above website.*

'The four Sundays of Advent are not the time when we prepare for Christmas but the time in which we are being prepared for Christmas. Advent is a time when the Church stands up in the face of the busyness of life, shopping, parties, cooking, traveling, and decorating and asks us to slow down, be still, and be quiet. We are to keep awake, looking and listening for the God who is always coming to us. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord. We watch and reflect on who we are. We look for the Christ in all the unexpected places – in the stuff of everyday life, in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. We live with expectancy and anticipation of God's presence in our lives. We wait for the angelic messenger that promises us that the womb of our humanity will bear a child named Jesus.

That is hard work any time but especially in one of the busiest times of the year which may just mean it is even more necessary. Advent reminds us that waiting and watching are holy work. So how do we do this?

Silence is the key. Silence is a way of waiting, a way of watching, and a way of listening to what is going on within and around us. We come to self-knowledge through stillness and silence, through attentiveness and

watchfulness.

So I wonder what we would discover if, for the Season of Advent, we took five minutes or maybe ten to just sit in silence and stillness, waiting and watching. What would the Coming One show us and say to us?’



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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## **Sunday 2 December - Advent Sunday**

8.15 am Holy Eucharist (with incense), Ayia Kyriaki  
6.00 pm Advent Carol Service, Ayia Kyriaki

## **Sunday 9 December**

11.00 am Carol Service, St Stephen's

## **Saturday 15 December**

5.30 pm 'Carols for Christmas', St Luke's

## **Sunday 16 December**

6.00 pm Carol Service (with choir), Ayia Kyriaki

## **Sunday 23 December**

All normal Sunday services

## **Christmas Eve**

11.30 pm Midnight Service/Mass, St Stephen's

## **Christmas Day**

8.15 am Holy Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki  
11.00 am Holy Communion, St Luke's and St Stephen's

## **Wednesday, 26 December - St Stephen's Day**

9.00 am Holy Eucharist, Ayia Kyriaki

For information on services, maps and directions  
please visit [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org)