

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS







18 FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos Sung Eucharist with Revd Paul

11.00 am Saint Luke's, Polis Morning Worship with Jayne Preston

11.00 am Saint Stephen's, Tala Holy Communion with Revd Paul

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.**

25 FEBRUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos Sung Eucharist with Revd Paul

11.00 am Saint Lukes, Polis Holy Communion with Revd Paul

11.00 am Saint Stephen's, Tala Morning Worship with Bryn Jones

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

WELCOME We give you a warm welcome to the Anglican Church of Paphos - especially if you are here for the first time. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to Paul or one of our churchwardens or one of our service leaders - we'd love to get to know you. Refreshments are served after all of our services - you are very welcome to join with us.

PAUL WRITES Well ... I survived Diocesan Synod! What an interesting and stimulating experience that was. There were a number of intense discussions alongside times of fun and laughter. I'm sure a summary of events will be forthcoming in due course. It was good to meet Archbishop Hosam, my new colleagues in the Diocese and to spend time getting to know Jayne, Sarah and Jacquie and many others who were present. I was especially pleased to finally meet Georgia, the Bishop's PA, who has undertaken so much paperwork on my behalf over the past several months. This week I attended my first Church Council and completed my first Ash Wednesday services. I'm looking forward to leading my first Lent Course - details below.

Do continue to keep Paula and I in your prayers as we face the challenges of settling into a new ministry in a new country in a new culture and making new friends. Be sure to keep Ben & Beth and Annabel in your prayers too as they settle into a new way of life without us around.

SOCIAL MEDIA I continue to post my sermons every week on my website <u>revpacman.com</u> this is for those of you who want to catch up on a talk they've missed or those of you who may wish to read through again what you've heard! I write several articles a month which are well worth a read! You can also follow me on the following social media platforms:

X/Twitter revpacman Facebook revpacman1
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LENT COURSE: PEOPLE ON THE EDGE Will begin at 11.00 am **Tuesday 20 February** for six weeks at Saint Stephen's. Revd Paul will be leading this and, he is looking forward to spending time with those who are able to attend. Each session is a stand alone topic, so don't worry if you can't make every week. More details on the back page and on Paul's website here https://revpacman.com/2024/01/30/lent-course-2024-people-on-the-edge/

MIDWEEK COMMUNION Takes place at Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos **every Wednesday** at 9.00 am. This is a said service and lasts around 30 mins. Those attending usually meet for a coffee afterwards and is a good opportunity to catch up with friends.

SUNDAY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION Beings again, after the winter break, at Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos, on the **First Sunday** of every month at 6.00 pm. You are very welcome to join with us.

DEREK & BEATRICE HIND I recently received an email from Derek and Beatrice wishing me God's blessing on my new appointment. I knew Derek in Sunderland back in the 1980's when he planted a church, from Enon Baptist, in Gilley Law - the village next to mine! I hadn't realised they'd moved to Paphos when I moved away around the same time. What a small world. They have asked me to pass on their best wishes to those who may remember them.

DAILY READINGS For readings and the daily services of Morning and Evening Prayer and Compline, please download https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast

If you have any notices to be included in the weekly news, or additions to the prayers, please send Revd Paul an email and he will include it!



ZOOM PRAYERS On my first Sunday I suggested that I would like to give opportunities for folk across the parish to pray together on a regular basis. From **Tuesday 20 February** we will meet on Zoom for Morning Prayer each Tuesday and Thursday at 9.00 am for 15-20 mins. Zoom link from Paul or Di or the church office.

PRAY FOR THE DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF See/download the Prayer Calendar here https://www.cypgulf.org/prayer-diary Do pray for our new Bishop Elect, Sean Semple. Pray too for Father Drew and the congregation of St Martin's, Sharjah https://chaplain17.wixsite.com/anglican-sharjah A link church to the parish of ACP (We were reminded of this at Synod).

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH For our Clergy, Lay Ministers and Service Leaders. For our Churchwardens, Church Council and all who serve the needs of the Parish. May God be a blessing to them as they seek to be a blessing to us. Pray for all the services, events and activities that take place in all three churches - especially for the Lent Course.

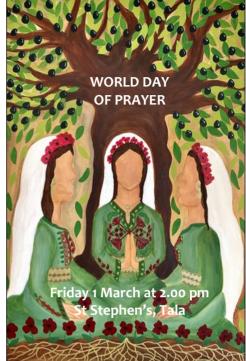
THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL Please remember in your prayers: Ann, Elizabeth, Alexander, Gerald, John, Brenda, Mary, Paul, Ivy, Ray & Catherine, Geoffrey, Bruce & Margaret, Maureen, David, Jenny, Dex, Pat, Dennis, Di, Laura, Bob D, Hugh, Bob W and all those who weigh heavy on your heart.

THOSE WHO ARE BEREAVED Please continue to pray for all those we know who have been recently bereaved, pray especially for the family and friends of Shirley Anne Bowley.

		Dates for your Diary
Weekly		Zoom Parish Prayers on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9.00 am
20	February	Lent Course at Saint Stephen's at 11.00 am (until 26 March)
1	March	World Day Of Prayer at Saint Stephen's at 2.00 pm
10	March	Mothering Sunday - services across the parish
24	March	Palm Sunday - services across the parish
28	March	Maundy Thursday - services across the parish
29	March	Good Friday - services across the parish
30	March	Holy Saturday: Easter Lunch
31	March	Easter Sunday - services across the parish
2	April	Nicosia Coach Trip

A STATEMENT ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS As many parishioners will know, the legal status of our Church has not been recognised by the Cypriot government and 5 years ago, we started working on rectifying that situation. We are delighted to announce that from the 30 January 2024, The Anglican Church of Paphos has been incorporated as an Association in Cyprus (registration number PAFOS174). As a result of becoming an Association we will now review and revise the electoral roll. People on the revised electoral roll will then become members of the Association and the membership list will then replace the electoral roll. The Anglican Church of Paphos will now be governed by the Articles of Association and what was the Constitution will become the bylaws of the Association. Anyone who would like a English translation copy of the Articles of Association should apply to the church secretary by email or ask through a churchwarden.







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