

The Anglican Church of St Thomas, Kefalas

*Reaching our Community through
the Gospel Message*

Welcome!

today and throughout January and
thank you for sharing in worship with us

Our Chaplain Terry writes:

As the year turns it is traditionally a time to look back and a time to look forwards. Looking back I think about the films I saw in 2012 and one must stand out. It is James Bond in Skyfall. I'm not sure if it is the best Bond film ever but it did seem to have quite some psychological depth. It focusses on sacrifice for a cause. How do you respond when your leader allows you to be tortured and perhaps killed for the sake of your country?

In Skyfall two agents respond in very different ways. Bond is sacrificed by M and looks as if he will abandon his job, Queen and country. But he doesn't, and comes back into the fray. In contrast, Silva, the baddy of the film, is turned viciously vengeful by what he sees as M's heartless betrayal. "M" is the secret agents' boss but also "M" is for mother in both cases. Both Bond and Silva must have thought, "If M really cared for me, she wouldn't have given that order." A thought which is not very far from, "If God really loved me, he wouldn't have allowed x, y or z to happen." Total commitment in the secret service or in the service of God is no guarantee of physical protection – as the crucified Son and his followers know.

Bond shows a determined and realistic view of Britain; perhaps a country that is not as great and powerful as it once was, but still worth something. A cause that is worth fighting for with vigour. In a similar way Bond is not portrayed as having eternal youth. He has past his best and in reality was not passed fit for further service. He has grey stubble on his chin. Yet he fights on.

It always surprises me how much theology you can find in films; perhaps I have a peculiar way of thinking about them! When Bond is interviewed by a psychologist, as his fitness for future service is being assessed, he is asked to respond to word associations. To the word day he responds wasted, to the word death he responds resurrection and to "M" he responds with a rude word, but by the end of the film he ends up loving her. There is something here about turning to God despite what life throws at us.

As Bond sprints to Westminster to try to save M (boss, mother & country) from death, M is reading from Tennyson's Ulysses:

*"Though much is taken, much abides: and though
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."*

This film is not about a sexual icon or even invincibility or overt masculinity; rather it is a summons to offer every sinew in a noble cause. That last line of Tennyson well reflects our Christian journey, both last year and this new year. And even though I too have grey stubble on my chin, it is something I look forward to with relish.

I wish you all a peaceful 2013.

Terry

The next Church Council meeting will take place on **Monday, February 18**

Please contact any member of the Church Council if you would like a particular item included in the Agenda.

Mary

**Diary Date:
Church Open Meeting
February 14, 4pm to 5.30pm**

Following a recent discussion the Church Council decided to hold an open meeting to explore ideas about outreach to our local Apokoronas area and also to talk about possibilities of other types of worship.

More details to follow, but please make a note of the date.

Terry

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Sunday,	11am	Holy Communion
Monday,	9 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9am	Morning Prayer

LENT COURSE: *Glimpses of God*

You are all invited to attend the Lent Course whether or not you have been to one before, or have not experienced any other form of Home Group. These have been very successful in the past and once again we are using one of the 'York Courses'. Course booklets are available for a small charge (as a donation up to 4 Euros).

There are 5 consecutive sessions starting on the 20th February. You can come to however many you feel comfortable with.

The course is to be held at the home of Julia and John Bradshaw near Palaloni starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 9pm.

If you are thinking of attending, or for any other information regarding this course, please contact Julia.

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PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care remains a priority within Church life and the Pastoral Care Co-ordinators do still meet to discuss situations in which we may be of help.

Please keep this important role in mind and do let us know if you are aware of any situations in which a little extra support or practical help might be required.

Thank you, Rev'd Terry, Rev'd Tony, Keir, Jill & Jan'

CHURCH SERVICES INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER

Date	Service	Attendance	Collection
Dec 2	Holy Communion Advent Sunday	32	€ 212.00
Dec 9	Holy Communion Advent 2	28	€176.33
Dec 16	Holy Communion Advent 3	25	€152.60
	Nine Lessons & Carols Almyrida Beach Hotel	c180	€ -
Dec 23	Holy Communion Advent 4	28	€ 242.49
Dec 24	Christingle	15	€ -
	Midnight Mass	28	€ 93.50
Dec 25	Holy Communion Christmas Day	20	€ 77.23
Dec 30	Holy Communion Sunday after Christmas	23	€ 188.80

		Total	€ 1142.95

Above figures do not include payments made by Bankers Order

Proceeds of the Nine Lessons & Carols donated to Church Charities

CHURCH FINANCE INFORMATION

As at December 30:

Euro income December 2012	=	€ 1986.06
Euro expenditure December 2012	=	€ 2795.34
Sterling income December 2012	=	£ 260.00
Sterling expenditure December 2012	=	€ 0.00

CHURCH LIBRARY

Our Church is fortunate in having a fairly extensive library. However, as the books are housed in the apothiki there is limited access for borrowers. The Church Council has agreed that we can have a library table at the back of church every Sunday so that you may browse and borrow our books.

I anticipate beginning this facility early in January and would be grateful for any volunteers who can help with this, setting out books before the service, ensuring that a record is kept of books borrowed and returning them to the apothiki about twenty minutes after the service.

If you could help with this, say once every six weeks, please contact me.

Many thanks,

Sue Whitehouse
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SERVICES AND BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday 6th January	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12
Sunday 13th January	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Sunday 20th January	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11
Sunday 27th January	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31 Luke 4: 14-21

**Please could you forward any items for the February Newsletter to Mary
by January 24
(E-Mail: moonspin@otenet.gr)**

Revision of Electoral Roll 2013

Every chaplaincy is required to prepare a new Electoral Roll at the start of 2013.

This occurs every six years. The Electoral Roll contains the names and addresses of everyone who can vote at the Annual Church Meeting.

Anyone who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new roll must apply for entry by completing the form of application for enrolment.

No names are carried over from the old roll to the new one.

An e-mail will be forwarded to everyone on the existing Electoral Roll towards the end of January and it is of course also open to any persons who does not have his or her name on the existing roll to apply for entry on the new roll

Mary

Helping Our Neighbour

The proceeds from the Almerida Winter Fayre raised over €5,000. After buying a cardiac monitor and a stretcher for Vamos Health Centre, there is some money left over. At a meeting to discuss what the rest of the money should go to we were a bit concerned the general feeling was that it shouldn't go to Vamos Health Centre for their 'wish list' of basic supplies because they will not last more than a month or benefit more than one person. It was suggested it should go towards a Sat. Nav. and GPS for the ambulance. It's a good idea, but without the 'wish list' of supplies (plasters, bandages, gloves, support bandages, antiseptic creams etc - all the things we take for granted in England) they will not be able to function to use the big things!

As you are probably aware many people here can't afford to buy their own medicine; one man in the village can't even afford to get his diabetic medication which is on prescription. The Health Centre really is desperate and we wondered if anyone would like to contribute to a collection of said items. It would be great to be able to take these basic supplies to the centre and say they are from the church. We have sent emails to a couple of churches in England, but it would be good to show we really care and reach out, in Jesus name, to the community here in a very practical way. If you feel you would like to help these people in this way please speak to Eric or Shirley, or email: e.royle.is@gmail.com

We realise that there are many practical issues yet to resolve if this project is to develop and be sustainable and also that the Church Council has not yet had an opportunity for discussion. So for the time being this is a "Shirley & Eric project" which we hope you will feel able to support. Could you also pray about this please. Thank you. ***Shirley & Eric***

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