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Normal pattern of Sunday services:

8.30 Holy Communion said (2nd and 4th Sundays)

10.00 Junior Church begins in Church

10.00 Eucharist (1st + 3rd + 5th Sundays)

Service of the Word (2nd Sunday)

Morning Prayer (4th Sunday)

See Calendar of Services inside for any changes.

Services in Neuchâtel: at Chapelle des Charmettes

17.00 Family Eucharist - *2nd and last Sundays in the month*

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ST URSULA'S BERNE

The church is one of the nine Swiss chaplaincies that have a resident chaplain (minister) and together form the Archdeaconry of Switzerland. This is part of the Anglican Diocese of Europe which stretches from the Canary Islands to Ankara, from Moscow to Morocco.

The church was built in 1906 on a site that had been given to the community by the British-Berne Land Co. An American lady, Mrs Castleman from St Louis, provided the bulk of the money for the building as a thank offering for the near miraculous recovery of her adopted daughter, who was treated at the clinic of the famous Professor Kocher.

The hall and the house were added in 1959. An English Missionary Society, the USPG, helped to support the church from its earliest days. Since 1977, however, the chaplaincy has been fully self-supporting, relying solely on its members and well-wishers for its financial support.

St Ursula's has a long tradition of ministry to all English-speaking people in the Canton of Berne and beyond. It also provides a home for Christians from many different denominations and cultural backgrounds. Regular worshippers are encouraged to add their names to the Electoral Roll and so play a full part in the life of the church. Details from the Churchwardens or any member of the Church Council.

See Calendar inside for details of the month's services

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Message from our Chaplain

“How are you settling in?” is a question we have been asked quite a bit recently. Thank you all for asking. The answer is: we are doing pretty well, finding our way around and getting to know the ropes.

As it happens, arriving in the holiday season has had its advantages and disadvantages. It has been (relatively) quiet, which has given us some valuable breathing space after the move. On the other hand, all the comings and goings have meant that it's taking rather longer to put names to faces and work out what is what.

Some of you have asked about my vision for the St Ursula's or the direction I would like us to move in. It's still early days but I would suggest two headings:

1. **Enrich:** I am impressed by the commitment and the depth of knowledge that I have encountered. But I sense not everyone has had the chance to broaden their experience. There are, for instance, other ways of doing Bible study, of prayer and of worship that are not familiar to many. There are also other styles of modern music and worship songs that we could add to our repertoire.

To make a start, I am going to be running a series of study sessions in the autumn called “The Beauty of Holiness”. The aim is to deepen our understanding of worship: what it is, why we do and say certain things in our liturgy and how it all links with the wider life of the Church and our day-to-day discipleship. A wider knowledge of these aspects should help enrich both what we offer and what we receive. (More details elsewhere in this magazine.)

2. **Refresh:** This is a bit more of a challenge. Having been offered the chance to try something different, are you willing to accept it and to move on? If so, then we become the people of whom Psalm 23 speaks. A flock who hears the voice of the shepherd and who receives his words with confidence, so that they can go forward together to find fresh pasture.

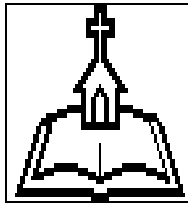
My prayer for us is that we will all be led to this rich pasture and there find refreshment for our souls.

Peter

ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

READERS

- 7 I Jordan
- 14 J Wong+ Y Chittazhathu
- 21 A Masciadri+P Jayaraj
- 28 D Hoag+S Higson



INTERCESSIONS

- 7 D Low+T Carrick
- 14 E Hutchison
- 21 Z Balogh
- 28 B Morgan

SIDESPERSIONS

- 7 S Faillettaz +Helper
- 14 H Davie+Helper
- 21 S Klein+Helper
- 28 W Astor+Helper

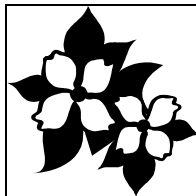


COFFEE & TEA

- 7 Köniz Housegroup
- 14 Family Wildhaber
- 21 VRomberg+JPFluckiger
- 28 Ittigen Housegroup

FLOWERS

- 7 C Hodler
- 14 M Wittwer
- 21 R Schelker
- 28 E Pfyffer



If you would like to donate flowers for a special reason during the coming month, please contact Yojena Chittazhathu at 031 859 64 12 or the church office.

SERVER

- 7 L Robb
- 21 D Goepfert
- 28 t.b.a.



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CHALICE ASSISTANTS

- 7 D Hoag+B Morgan
- 21 S Zysset+P Perrett
- 28 t.b.a.



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DUTY COUNCIL MEMBER

- 7 B Morgan
- 14 J Eze
- 21 P Perrett
- 28 G Güntert

AUDIO

- 7 H Wenger
- 14 D Sovilla
- 21 Hj Gusset
- 28 P Perrett

How Old was Judas?

What a funny question, you may say. But the idea came as I was reading one of those chatty, popular articles you find in Christian magazines and on websites describing John as "one of the youngest of the disciples."

Now we know very little about the disciples. We know there was an inner group of twelve of them, and we know the names of at least ten of them (Was Levi another name for James the son of Alphaeus? Was Thaddaeus, or Lebbaeus, or Judas ('son of James'): one man with three names, or a lapse of memory, or a slip of the pen?) We know that Thomas was a twin, that Matthew was a tax collector, that James and John were brothers, that Thomas and Philip had a talent for asking difficult questions. We can build up a picture of Peter's bluff loyalty. But we do not know how old they were, or what they looked like, or how they dressed.

When we read a story, our mind rushes to build images of the events and the people described. With the Bible, we have the help of artists through the ages, who have illustrated some of the best-known passages: David facing up to Goliath, the animals entering the ark, the wise men bearing gifts, the Last Supper. These images can be both a hindrance and a help.

They are a hindrance because they give us a different picture from "what really happened." The twelve-year-old and the ogre, the tidy London boat-queue with giraffes, the three Turkish kings on camels, the thirteen men one one side of a long table stem from the imagination of their artist, not from the words of scripture. But this is at the same time a help, for the artists have shared with us their own interpretation of the inner meaning of the event - Goliath's pride, the wise men's humility, the awfulness of betrayal. There are even little details entirely from the artist's imagination which can provoke us to thought, like Titian's little dog lifting its leg against the open stable as the magi bring their gifts - incarnation brought down to earth!

And when we read a story, our mind tends to fill in the gaps with details of our own invention. The Bethlehem stories in Matthew and Luke must have been handed down to the writers: so they must have come from Mary (or, since they differ in detail, partly from Mary and partly from Joseph). Or must they? Peter had a mother-in-law, and so was older than the other disciples. Really?

John's gospel mentions Jesus going up to the Passover three times during his ministry, so his ministry must have lasted three years. How can we know?

Over the years, traditions have built up which we tend to take for granted. Are we sure that the third Gospel was written by a physician called Luke? That Mark was the young boy who fled naked in Mk 14:52? That "the disciple whom

Jesus loved" was called John and died on Patmos at a ripe old age? That the "sinful woman" who washed Jesus' feet with her tears was called Mary Magdalene?

The Bible is not a newsreel. Its writers selected their details carefully, intending us to receive the message they wanted to proclaim, and not what we want to hear. We need to study what it tells us, not what we think it ought to tell us. There is a danger, for example, in putting narratives in different accounts together, as if they are one story seen through different eyes. But the evangelists are not "telling a story" - they are giving us a message: that God has worked through events in history, and is working even now. The message is not about whether the fish that fed the five thousand were carp or perch, it is not about which part of Egypt Mary fled to to avoid Herod's anger, it is not about Pilate's motives in releasing Barabbas rather than Jesus or how long it takes to walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

The message is that God cares for us, provides for us, suffered and still suffers for us, and walks with us. Compared with this overwhelming news, who cares whether Judas was in his twenties or in his eighties?

-Hector Davie -

Laughlines

Young son to father: "Dad, what is the middle class?"

Dad: "The middle class consists of people who are not poor enough to accept charity and not rich enough to donate anything."

Teacher: We borrowed our numerals from the Arabs, our calendar from the Romans, and our banking from the Italians. Can any one think of other examples?

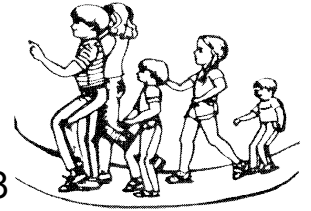
Student: Well, we borrowed our lawnmower from the Smiths, our ladder from the Brownes, and our hose from the Jones....



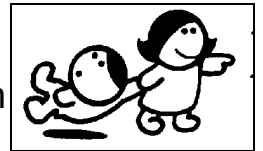
JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church Notes

The Junior Church (Sunday School) provides Christian teaching each Sunday for children aged 3 to 13+. There are currently four classes: Sparklers for children aged 3 to 5+, All-Stars for children aged 5 to 8+, Trailblazers for children aged 8 to 11+ and Pilots for those aged 11 to 13+. Children under 3 are welcome in the Nursery (crèche), which meets in the lower hall.



The Junior Church normally meets every Sunday in the year (unless there is a special All-Age service). It begins with a time of worship with the adult congregation in church. After this, the children go to their own classes. At Eucharist services they rejoin the congregation in church for Communion.



If you would like more information about the Junior Church, please contact one of the people listed at the back of the magazine.

NURSERY ROTA SEPTEMBER

- 7 L Robb & B Aréstegui
- 14 G Hall & W Bisig
- 21 Q & O Long
- 28 C Aeberli & S Hutchison

Advance Notice

Nativity Service

This year's Nativity Service will be held on Sunday 14 December at 10.00. As usual, it will include a Nativity Play led by the Junior Church. More information will be available at the end of October, but please note this date now so that you don't miss this special celebration of Christ's birth.

Laughlines

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural-history museum. "I've just discovered a 3,000 year-old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed.

To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out." A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath'."

Congratulations to our Junior Church Children with Birthdays in September

Shelley Wildhaber

9

3 September

Salome Aeberli

7

11 September

Eric Sovilla

14

7 September

Michelle Kucera

9

12 September

Matthew Wenger

16

15 September

Isaac Agyekum

13

17 September

Analisa Romberg

5

18 September

Liam Frauchiger

6

20 September

Florie Masciadri

8

23 September

Mouse Makes

1. To make your **HARVEST MOUSE** carefully colour him in then cut around the outside along the thick black line.

2. Curl the sides around to the back and glue the edges together to make a cone shape.

May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us,
may all people everywhere
honour him.
Psalm 67:6

HARVEST is a time to **REMEMBER** that **GOD** made the world; our land, our air, our water, our food.

HARVEST is a time to say **THANK YOU** to **GOD** for giving us all that we need.

HARVEST is a time to **SHARE** with others all that **GOD** has given us.

Thank you Lord for the harvest

glue

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For Your Diary

September 2008

Mon.	1	MORNING PRAYER 9.30 – 10.00
Tues.	2	COUNCIL MEETING 19.30
Wed.	3	PARENTS & TOTS 9.15 – 11.15
Fri.	5	PATCHWORK 9.30 SPIRITUAL CLASSICS 12.00 – 13.00 BIBLE STUDY 18.00 – 20.15 BOOK SALE PREPARATION 12.00
Sat.	6	BOOK & FOOD SALE 10.00-14.00 with Bric à Brac
Sun.	7	OPEN FORUM 12.00
Mon.	8	MORNING PRAYER 9.30 – 10.00
Wed.	10	PARENTS & TOTS 9.15 – 11.15
Fri.	12	PATCHWORK 9.30 SPIRITUAL CLASSICS 12.00 – 13.00 BIBLE STUDY 18.00 – 20.15 ARCHDEACONRY RETREAT (until Sun. 14)
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Mon.	15	MORNING PRAYER 9.30 – 10.00
Wed.	17	PARENTS & TOTS 9.15 – 11.15
Fri.	19	PATCHWORK 9.30 SPIRITUAL CLASSICS 12.00 – 13.00
Mon.	22	MORNING PRAYER 9.30 – 10.00
Wed.	24	PARENTS AND TOTS 9.15 – 11.15
Thurs.	25	COLLATING MAGAZINE 9.00
Fri.	26	PATCHWORK 9.30 SPIRITUAL CLASSICS 12.00 – 13.00
Mon.	29	MORNING PRAYER 9.30 – 10.00

October 2008

Wed.	1	PARENTS AND TOTS 9.15 – 11.15
Fri.	3	PATCHWORK 9.30 SPIRITUAL CLASSICS 12.00 – 13.00 BIBLE STUDY 18.00 – 20.15

Odds & Ends

Future Dates

28/29 November

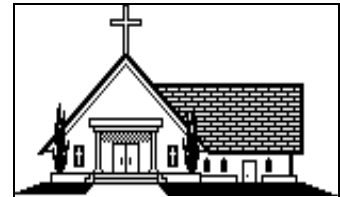
Christmas Bazaar

(Dates in September can be found on the 'For Your Diary' pages.)

COPY DATE !!!
 for the October issue
14 September 2008
COLLATING DATE
25 September 2008

English Church Services and Housegroup in Thun

Services in Thun are held at the "Pavilion" of the Reformierte Kirchgemeindehaus in Bubenbergstrasse, Thun on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at **19.30** and are followed by coffee. The Housegroup is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 19.30 (normally also at the Pavilion).



For more information please contact Sharon Bachmann ☎033 336 93 78.



Christmas Bazaar Cake Workshop



We are having a **Christmas Cake Workshop on Wednesday 8 or Wednesday 29 October beginning at 9.00.** We hope to be making mince pies also.

We hope as many of you as possible can come along. We shall be making Christmas cakes of all sizes and we need people to help make the cakes, line the cake tins and perhaps to take some cakes with them to bake at home. All ingredients for this workshop are donated but **please** bring a cake tin or two, only small ones.



We are also looking for people to ice the cakes at a later date.

For more information please contact Wendy Astor ☎031 302 02 14



NEWS FROM NEUCHÂTEL CHURCH

Regular Services: 2nd and last Sunday of each month at 5 pm
 Chapelle des Charmettes, Rue Varnoz 1, Neuchâtel
2nd Sunday : Family Communion Service
Last Sunday : Communion service (During the sermon and liturgy, children leave to follow their own programme in Junior Church.)
N.B. No service at the Charmettes on 14 Sept. - see below

Minister : The Rev. Roy Farrar Tel : 032 730 51 83
 Chemin du Chasselas 11
 2012 AUVERNIER www.neuchatel-church.ch

From Roy and Mieke --- **Walls, Waterfalls and Wonders.**

It doesn't seem that it was a year ago we came to join you in Neuchâtel Church and looking back we want to thank you for all your love and support. We are so grateful to the Lord for ALL he has done amongst us and in particular for the **wonderful** ways he has touched so many individual lives in new and liberating ways. For us, that is the heart of ministry and long may it continue. We believe that the role of leadership is to liberate and use all the gifts that the Lord has provided to his people, just as Nehemiah did when re-building the **walls** of the city.



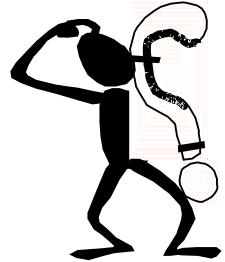
When we were on holiday this year in Scandinavia, we saw many spectacular **waterfalls** and it made us stop and think about this image for the Christian life. Surely we are called to give ourselves totally to the will of God and allow him to blend us and use us to his greater glory, just as each droplet of water is part of the whole. In the same way as each droplet abandons itself to the glory of the total waterfall, so we are called to abandon ourselves to the infilling power of the Holy Spirit so that all our lives and gifts can be used to the work of the Kingdom.

We continue to pray that in this next year we shall see major growth in the church, as the news about what the Lord is doing in Neuchâtel spreads out through the region. One way to encourage people to come and see what is happening is to invite them to the Picnic Service on 14

September at Karen and Bill Packer's home in Yverdon. We shall meet at midday; have a short informal service of Praise before enjoying "le grill de Bill".

(See the details in the other part of this page).

As part of the growth and development of the church, your committee has been thinking about a request from several people for us to run an ALPHA course in Neuchâtel, so that we all can think through the basic truths of the Christian faith.



We have also been exploring the possibility of changing the service time to the morning, hopefully meeting at the Chapel when it is free and also arranging the occasional joint services with the Eglise Réformée congregation who also meet at Chapel des Charmettes.

We would value your reactions and comments on these suggestions, tell us over a 'hot dog'

PICNIC AND FUN SUNDAY – 14 SEPTEMBER 2008 from 12 noon

at Karen and Bill Packer's home: 5, Route de Bellevue, Yverdon tel: 024 534 3116

BRING: Your picnic and utensils (grill provided)
Chairs, if you have the room.
Tea and coffee provided by Bill and Karen

HOW TO REACH THEM.....

A5 motorway Neuchâtel-Yverdon. Exit at *Yverdon Ouest & Sainte-Croix*. At roundabout at bottom of run-off turn left (2nd exit). Continue straight on over next three roundabouts. At traffic lights, turn right and stay in right-hand lane - follow traffic through town centre towards *Payerne*.

Leaving Yverdon town centre you will pass under a railway bridge. Carry on to roundabout and go straight over (2nd exit). Drive up the incline past the College of Engineers on the left. The road bends to the left. On this bend, turn right into Route de Bellevue. No. 5 is about 150 metres up the road on the right. Room for 6-8 cars in the drive, or use the College of Engineers car park.

If you need a lift or can offer one, please contact Rosemarie Zimmermann, tel: 032 853 2986
rzim@netcourrier.com

An Autumn Study Course led by the Chaplain

“THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS”

Sundays 11.50 to 12.50

(with bring and share lunch afterwards)

12 October: “In the beginning...” What is worship, the scriptural basis

19 October: “With angels and archangels” Worship and the Church

26 October: Harvest Thanksgiving (no study session)

2 November: “As Jesus taught us, so we pray” Teaching through liturgy

9 November: Workshop for all interested in leading intercessions in church

16 November: Workshop for all interested in prayer for healing in the liturgy

23 November: “Can these dry bones live?” Non-verbal aspects of worship

30 November: “To love and serve the Lord” Worship and everyday life

7 December: “Times and seasons” Worship through the year

Worth Repeating

Photos

From time to time, we like to use pictures in worship (perhaps as a background to songs, prayers or sermons). It is always a challenge to find the right pictures which we can use (without copyright issues), so some of us thought that it would be an idea to create our own picture gallery. This would then be made available on CD to members of the congregation to use.

So if you have appropriate digital photos which you would be happy to have included on this CD please let me have them. The kind of photos we would like to include are pictures of nature, (trees, flowers, animals, sky etc), pictures of churches (especially St Ursula’s), pictures of people (but only with their permission).

Other ideas welcomed, of course.

- Tricia Carrick -



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E-magazines

From September, our church magazine will be available electronically. If you would like to be notified when the magazine is published on the Web, and to help the environment by not receiving a paper copy through the post, please go to our website (www.anglican.ch/berne) and follow the link on the magazine page. Once you have registered, we will send you information how to find the magazine and an email reminder each time the magazine is published.

- Tricia Carrick -



Christmas Bazaar (28/29 November)

Good quality items, in good condition, are needed for the Bric-à-brac stall. They can be brought to the Church at anytime prior to the Bazaar. Please, no furniture, we simply do not have the space.

Many thanks, Maxine and Lynn. Co-ordinators



The following letter was received several months ago.

Letter from Pfarrer Eduard Wildbolz to St Ursula's Church, the Churchwardens and Church Council, 17 June 2008

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the institution of your new Chaplain.

It is with regret that I must tell you that, due to certain personal circumstances, I am unable to respond positively to your invitation for the service of next Sunday. I beg you to understand and excuse my absence. I hope you will have a blessed service of institution and an encouraging meeting of welcome.

I join you in this welcome and extend it as a welcome from the ecumenical community of Churches in this city!

The new Chaplain, Rev. Potter, will meet a most faithful and joyful congregation.

I am sure that St Ursula's church will continue to be, in Berne, the unique meeting point of English-speaking Christians coming from all over the world.

If I am seeing correctly your church is an open door; inviting English-speaking Christians to join the worship and to become members of the local church community.

But I feel that it means more: the invitation is at the same time a message coming from the church through the open door into the city and into the life of Bernese society. What does this mean for your worship and for the celebration of the Eucharist here?

It means that your life with God, your commitment to the sake of peace and love and freedom make you witnesses for this new life. That is: it is calling you to pass through the open door: out into the streets and places of Berne and beyond, into homes and working places, but also into the sector of where St Ursula's is situated: the Kirchenfeld sector with its particular society: A society of people whose responsibilities have to do with international relations, mutual trust and mistrust, cooperation of nations and freedom. It is in this respect that lately much debate has taken place about religion and Human Rights. So St Ursula's calling to be a witness for peace and understanding has a proper place of action here.

To abandon this task of being witnesses usually is ending up by God being marginalised. This may happen at any time and suddenly. We had the experience of it in Berne at the end of last year. One day, the daily paper "Der Bund" announced that it would cease to publish the weekly list of Sunday worships. The editors stopped a very ancient tradition in order to get more space for more cinemas, sports-events and popular happenings in the region of Berne. God is evidently forgotten by these editors.

I was really surprised to read that "Der Bund" restarts to let the readers know about worships on Sundays in Berne. An arrangement with the churches has obviously taken place.

For me this experience is significant for our time. When the churches do not speak up, God gets forgotten. When Christians do not dare to give their witness, then the good news of Christ remains unknown by our fellow human beings. And so our self-understanding and our identity will change dramatically from Christianity into nihilism.

I am confident St Ursula's church will strengthen your faith in God and your courage to be His authentic witnesses. Your new chaplain will help you in this task in days and years to come. May God bless you and your community!

Yours

Eduard Wildbolz, Ph.D., retired minister of the Reformed Church of Berne in charge of a City-Ministry in Berne.



Archdeaconry Retreat

Our Archdeaconry Retreat is taking place this year from 12 to 14 September at the Foyer Montbarry again and will be led by Revd Martin King, who was with us last year.

The usual brochures with application forms have been distributed. Please get your application in as soon as possible as space is limited. For more information please contact Wendy Astor ☎031 302 02 14 or email wendysa@swissonline.ch



Other Happenings

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Maybe you have always wanted to go to the Holy Land, maybe this idea is new and catches your imagination - read on, for this is a wonderful opportunity to go there with a group of people from St Andrew's and perhaps one or two of our sister Anglican churches in Switzerland.

Flights, hotels, coach and local guides will all be organised by Kultour Ferienreisen AG, who specialise in arranging this sort of trip for church groups. We have worked out our own itinerary which will be divided more or less equally between Galilee and Jerusalem, with visits to the main places connected to biblical sites.

The spiritual impulse will be given by Zurich chaplain, John Newsome.

Dates: Monday 27 April - Wednesday 6 May 2009

Cost: about Fr2,500 (based on sharing a twin room)

Please tell us as soon as possible if you are interested.

Contact me on my private number 044 984 5174 or email:

vivian.nind@ggaweb.ch

Looking forward to hearing from you, Vivian

BAZAAR 2008

Organization for the Bazaar is already in full swing and we want to raise even more money for our church than ever before.

This year we foresee having a really special stand for

Bric-à-Brac

For this we will need your donations of smallish items of glass, gold, silver, china such as vases, plates, ornaments, cutlery and jewellery.....

So please search out your cellars, your attics and your cupboards for suitable pieces you can part with and bring them along to church, either Sundays or during the week.

Our Bric-a-Brac receiver and coordinator is Dorothy Beriger, 031 352 34 68

*Thanks in advance
Your Bazaar Team*

The Charity and Missions Team monthly focus for September is on St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy.

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy is a hospital in London providing free treatment to Anglican clergy, active and retired, widows and widowers, and their spouses and children, as well as Church Army officers, members of recognised monastic or convent orders, active and retired overseas missionaries, licensed theological students and their families and licensed lay workers. It also provides private treatment for non-clergy.



Both St Luke's Hospital and the College of St Barnabas owe their existence to the work and vision of Canon Henry Cooper. In 1892, Cooper together with his second wife began the great task which was to occupy them for the next eight years, the creation of St Luke's Hostel in London and the Home of St Barnabas (later the College of St Barnabas) near Lingfield in Surrey.

The Hostel of St Luke's was set up in Beaumont Street with the house accommodating seven patients. Two years later the Hostel moved to larger premises at 16 Nottingham Place. In 1904 two houses were acquired in Fitzroy Square and rebuilt.

1994 saw the start of a major refurbishment and redevelopment. This was completed in 1995 and on 17 January the Archbishop of Canterbury rededicated the Hospital. Today St Luke's is one of the best equipped and most up-to-date acute hospitals in London.

St Luke's offers a fresh experience in Independent Healthcare. Why is it so different?

First it is small – it has 22 beds. This means each patient gets very individual treatment and attention.

Secondly, it is a haven of peace in a busy world. Although St Luke's is situated in London it prides itself on its atmosphere of peace and tranquillity. It is really a place where you can relax.

Thirdly, it is probably the least expensive way to enjoy independent healthcare. Very often the lowest insurance cover is sufficient. It is recognised by all the private insurers.

The Hospital of St Luke's aim is simple - to heal and make whole again all those who are eligible for treatment at St Luke's, to do so as quickly as they can, and as far as possible at a time convenient to the patient, so that they may return to their families and ministries with the minimum of delay and disruption.

Through its 220 Honorary Consultants, all of whom give their services without charge, the Hospital is able to offer treatment over a wide range of conditions and at a number of associated hospitals throughout the UK.

St Luke's is a charity (#209236). Their main business is bringing help and healing to eligible carers of the Anglican communion worldwide. St Luke's is run independently of the Anglican Church. While some charities spend up to 50% of their funds on administration, St Luke's can guarantee that 98% of their income goes directly into the special services and treatments that they offer. Every donation received, large or small, directly benefits the patients.

As a charity, they must raise enough money to support themselves through fundraising and generous donations. Despite a generous annual contribution from the Church and income from private patients, St Luke's needs over £4000 per day to continue offering its services. To do this it has to raise £4500 per day from various sources.

For more information on St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, look at the Charity and Missions notice board in the Church hall in September or refer to www.stlukeshospital.org.uk.

Please do help by supporting St Luke's Hospital in your prayers in September:

- *Pray that St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy will receive the funding and donations they need to maintain their services offered*
- *Pray for clergy receiving medical care at St Luke's that they will have a full and speedy recovery so that they can return to their ministries*
- *Give praise for the many Honorary Consultants who offer their services at St Luke's Hospital without charge*
- *Give thanks for the help and healing St Luke's Hospital brings to eligible carers of the Anglican communion worldwide*

Word for the Month – Name

George, Mary, David, Elizabeth, Robert, Victoria, Adam, Condoleeza. Some children are named after relatives or friends, some after people their parents admire, or qualities parents wish they had, like Patience. In the Bible, names often have a meaning, and children are often named for a reason: Isaac ("laughter"), Reuben ("he has seen my misery"), John ("God is gracious"), Jesus ("God saves"), though, as with Mary (perhaps "bitterness") or Caleb ("dog"), not always pleasantly. And pity any child named Mahershalalhashbaz ("hasten the spoil, hurry the plunder", after Isaiah's second son).

A name not only helps to identify someone, it also gives a certain power over someone (remember Rumpelstiltskin!) People who seek to hide take pseudonyms. People misbehaving in a crowd try hard not to give their names.

This is why God reminds us "I have called you by your name. You are mine." (Is. 43:1). We are God's possession, God's children.

But God's name (Yahweh, interpreted as "I am who I am") is quite different. God reveals it to Moses beside the burning bush (Ex. 3:14), but commands the wanderers in the desert not to misuse it. People were so afraid of misusing the name that they replaced it with "the Lord" whenever they read the Bible aloud, and hence the modern version of the name Jehovah, which has the consonants of Yahweh, but the vowels of *adonai*, Lord. In Revelation 19:12, Jesus, the Word of God, has "a name that no one knows but himself." God's name, like God's nature, is something special, something holy.

So in the Psalms we find the refrain "How majestic is your name in all the earth" (8:9), "All that is within me bless God's holy name" (103:1), "I will bless your name for ever and ever" (145:1), "Let the peoples bless your great and awesome name" (99:3). And in the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, we ask "Hallowed be your name."

This not only echoes Ps.99:3, but reminds us that ultimately God's kingdom will extend to every part of the universe, and that all will come together in a sea of praise - not just for a name, but for God in person. The Lord's Prayer is first and foremost a prayer for the coming of that kingdom, and for our own share in it.

In a secondary sense, having a good name means having a good reputation - and a bad name just the reverse. The builders of the Tower of Babel wanted to "make a name" for themselves (Gen. 11:4) - what sort of a name was a question of interpretation! We read of Jerusalem "making a name among the heathen" (Ezek. 16:14). And we remember, in the words of the King James version, that "some there be, which have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been.... Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name

liveth for evermore." (Ecclus. 44:9,14).

The Letter to the Philippians, however, goes even further. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray for the day when God's name will be honoured everywhere. But Jesus, having emptied himself and taken the form of a servant, has received "the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- Hector Davie -



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...firstly, thank you whoever it was who put two buttons in the collection plate last week - they turned out to be early Victorian, and I've just sold them on 'ebay' for £800 each!

Newspaper Headlines + Comments - Laughlines

- Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter
This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!!. They put in a correction the next day.
- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
(No, really?)
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
(Now that's taking things a bit far!)
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
(What a guy!)
- Miners Refuse to Work after Death
(No-good- for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!)
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
(See if that works any better than a fair trial!)
- War Dims Hope for Peace
(I can see where it might have that effect!)
- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
(Ya think?!)
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
(Who would have thought!)
- Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
(They may be on to something!)
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
(You mean there's something stronger than duct?)
- Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge
(He probably IS the battery charge)
- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
(Weren't they fat enough?!)
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
(Chainsaw Massacre all over again!)
- Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
(Boy, are they tall!)
- And the winner is....
Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
(Did I read that right?)

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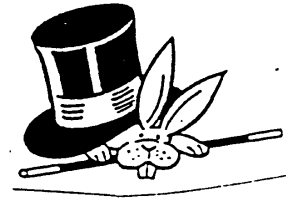
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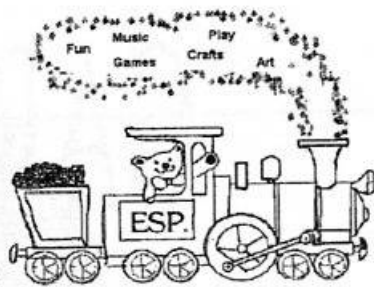
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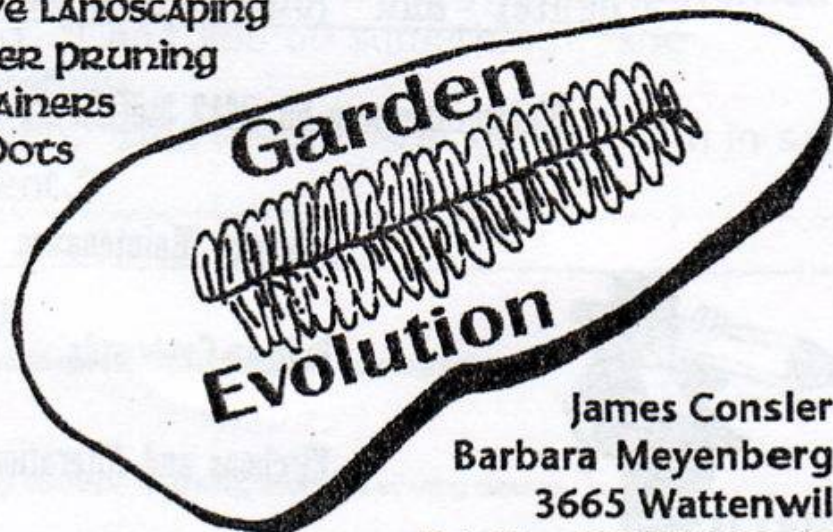
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Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray;
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Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ the world's
Redeemer,
As a victim won the day.

He, our Maker, deeply grieving
That the first made Adam fell,
When he ate the fruit forbidden
Whose reward was death and hell,
Marked e'en then this Tree the ruin
Of the first tree to dispel.

Tell how, when at length the fullness,
Of th'appointed time was come,
Christ, the Word, was born of
woman,
Left for us His heavenly home;
Showed us human life made perfect,
Shone as light amid the gloom.

Lo! He lies an Infant weeping,
Where the narrow manger stands,
While the Mother-Maid His members
Wraps in mean and lowly bands,
And the swaddling clothes is winding
Round His helpless feet and hands.

Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
Went He forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Wrought His work, and met His
death.
Like a lamb He humbly yielded
On the cross His dying breath.

There the nails and spears He
suffers,
Vinegar, and gall, and reed;
From His sacred body piercèd
Blood and water both proceed;
Precious flood, which all creation
From the stain of sin hath freed.

Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,
Now for us the noblest tree,
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigor
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend!

Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's ransom to sustain,
That a shipwrecked race forever
Might a port of refuge gain,
With the sacred blood anointed
Of the Lamb of sinners slain.

To the Trinity be glory
Everlasting, as is meet:
Equal to the Father, equal
To the Son, and Paraclete:
God the Three in One, whose praises
All created things repeat.