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Chaplain's Message

Candlemas, which we will keep on 1 February, is the popular name for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. It brings to an end the forty days of the Christmas-Epiphany season and recalls the scene in the Temple where the Holy Family are greeted by Simeon.

The link with candles is provided by Simeon's words about Jesus being the "light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people, Israel" (Luke 2:32). One of the customs that sadly fell out of use at the Reformation was that people would bring candles to church to be blessed in the service that day.

Afterwards they would take them home and light them at times of particular need. This was a way of reminding them of the light of Christ and assuring them that he was present with them in their troubles. These customs are another illustration of the way the Gospel can communicate itself to us in ways that do not rely on words and intellectual explanations.

At this time of the year we are already noticing the daylight getting stronger and lasting longer, perhaps helping us to experience the impact of Luke's comment that rounds off the Presentation scene: "the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the favour of God was upon him". Although Christianity is obviously not a nature religion, nevertheless we recognise that the Psalmist got it right when he exclaimed "The heavens are telling the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). That is to say, God reveals himself to us in natural phenomena, like the change of the seasons or light and darkness, as well as in our fellow men and women.

Candlemas marks one of the two turning points in our Church calendar. (The other one is All Saints.) We take one last fond look at the infant Jesus and then turn away, ready for the short journey to Lent. As we do so, we become aware again that discipleship has its hard, serious side and that trials lie ahead.

This year Lent begins on 25 February. As you will see elsewhere in this issue of the magazine, our Lent programme is taking shape. There will be opportunities for prayer, learning, worship and fellowship. I hope you will make these events a priority this Lent, particularly if you have not done this sort of thing before.

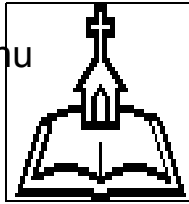
As with many other things in life, the more you put into Lent, the more you will get out of it – especially by the time Easter comes.



ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY 2009

READERS

- 1 A Funkhouser+E Pfyffer
- 8 A Masciadri+Y Chittazhathu
- 15 B Winfield+T Carrick
- 22 C Hodler+I Jordan



INTERCESSIONS

- 1 S Higson
- 8 E Hutchison
- 15 P Hawker
- 22 S Brawand

SIDESPERSONS

- 1 B Winfield+Helper
- 8S Klein+Helper
- 15Y Chittazhathu+Helper
- 22W Astor+Helper

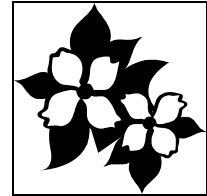


COFFEE & TEA

- 1 Köniz Housegroup
- 8 J Chisholm+M Wittwer
- 15 R Fenner+C Eggler
- 22 Y+A Bomonti

FLOWERS

- 1 V Hawker
- 8 J Josi 15 M Wittwer
- 22 C Hodler



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

- 1 J Hutchison
- 8 D Goepfert
- 15 A Funkhouser 22 M Wildhaber



CHALICE ASSISTANTS

- 1 R Freiburghaus+K Chittazhathu
- 8 E Hutchison+P Hawker
- 15 D Low+P Perrett 22 H Davie+S Zysset

DUTY COUNCIL MEMBER

- 1 M Wildhaber
- 8 H Davie
- 15 E Hutchison
- 22 T Carrick

AUDIO

- 1 H Wenger
- 8 D Sovilla
- 15 P Perrett
- 22 E Wildhaber



JUNIOR CHURCH

Dear Parents,

Do you ever wish you knew more about what your child is learning in Junior Church? We have been printing the monthly Bible verse in the magazine and church notices in the hope that you could use this as a link between what your child is learning on Sunday mornings and your own teaching at home. The following information provides you with the aims of the teaching each week in February and the Bible passages we are studying in Junior Church. I hope you will find this helpful as you discover God's promises through his Word together with your child. Feedback welcome!

Kelly

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

February 1 Genesis 18:1-15:21:1-8
AIM: To see that God faithfully keeps his promise.

February 8 Genesis 22
AIM: To realise God wants his people to trust his faithfulness

February 15 Genesis 24
AIM: To see that God does many things to show us his faithfulness.

February 22 Genesis 25:19-34:27:1-45
AIM: To be confident because God is faithful even though life is messy.

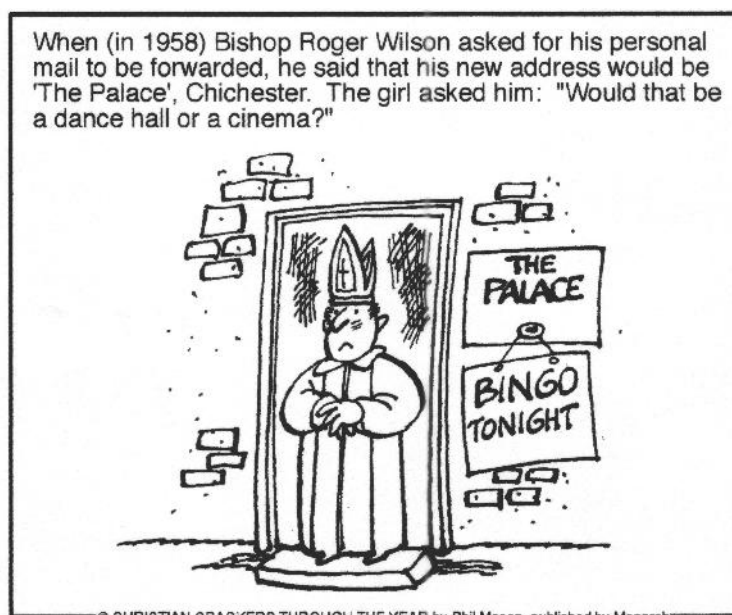
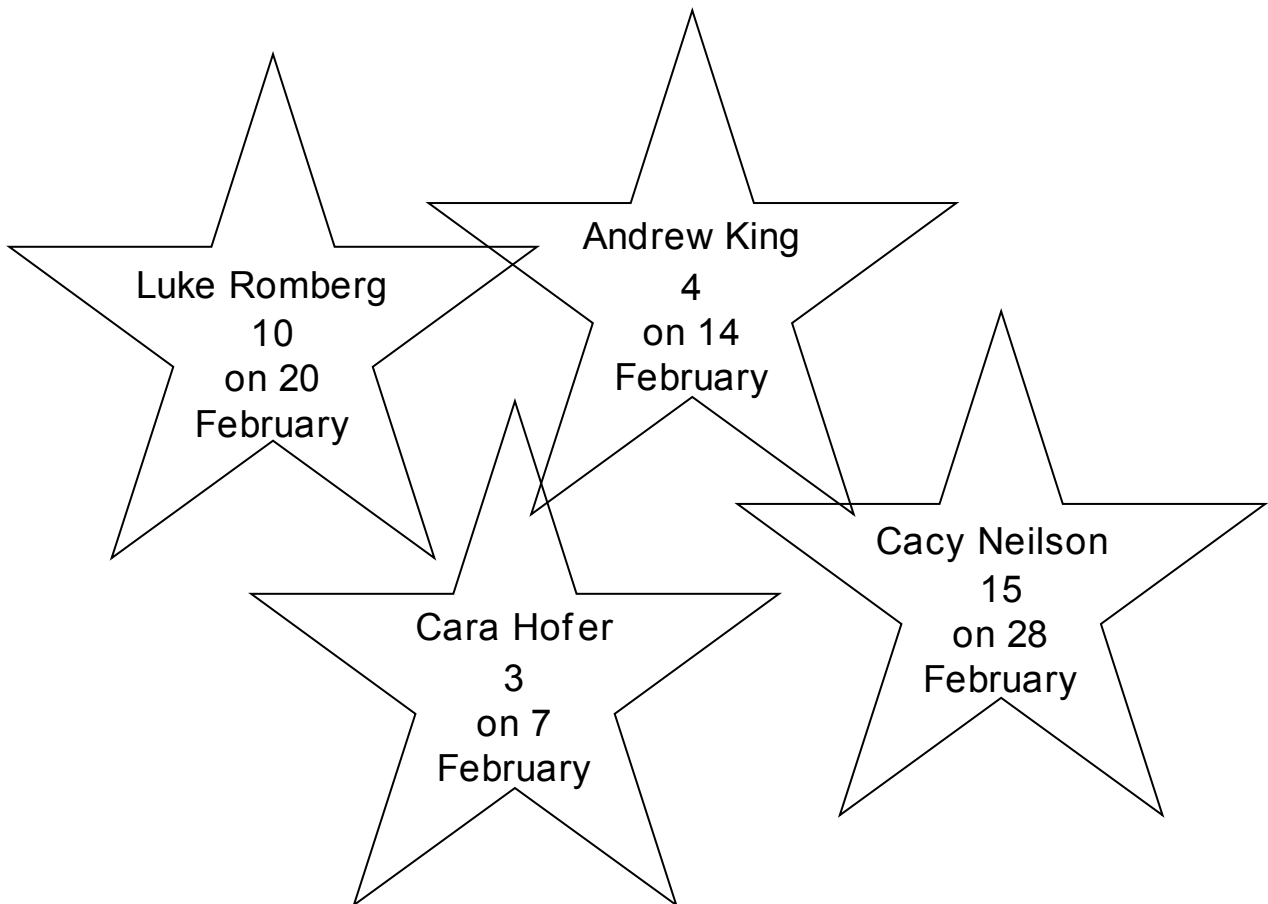


NURSERY ROTA FEBRUARY

1 Yvonne BOMONTI & Sharon BATLEY
08 Lynn ROBB & Belinda ARÉSTEGUI
15 Jerusha VIGGISWARAPU & Maxine WILDHABER
22 Somayeh FATTAHI & Jessica HOAG



Congratulations to our Junior Church Children with Birthdays in February



FAQs

How can I pray for the people mentioned in the intercessions when I don't know who they are and what's the matter with them?

The same question applies when situations in the news are mentioned too, as we do not know all the facts or the people involved. But that should not stop us from praying for them.

The question can best be answered with another question: "Why do *you* need to know?" The thing is, these are the corporate prayers of the Church and not the prayers of separate individuals. In fact, a better name for this part of the service is "The Prayers of the People", for that is what they should be – the gathered prayers of the whole assembly. Of course, for the sake of good order, it is necessary for someone to lead and gather these prayers and he or she needs to have someone or something to pray about.

It does not matter whether the person leading the prayers or others in the congregation know the person being prayed for. What matters is that God knows and that the person being prayed for and/or the person who asked for the prayers knows. God does not need us to tell him what to do because, obviously, he knows already. By praying we are helped to align our desires and concerns with his will. The people being prayed for also gain great benefit because they feel supported and cared for. Most of us will know how much better we feel when we know people are praying for us. Time and again I have received messages of thanks from people who have been prayed for in church and they have said what a comfort it was.

People question the lists of names that are sometimes read out at the intercessions and wonder what is being achieved by them. The point is that each person mentioned means something to God and means something to someone in the congregation. These too are helped because they know their concerns have been heard and they are reminded that they are part of a praying, caring community. For this reason it is often better to hear the names spoken out loudly and clearly, or to see them written down in the intercessions book in the porch. That helps those being prayed for and us who are being asked to join in the prayers for them. Needless to say, this is not an occasion for the curious to wonder "Oh, what's the matter with her/him?" (or - perish the thought - to gossip about them in the hall afterwards!).

The intercessions are our opportunity, in confidence and faith, to support each other in love and to show our concern for all God's people, near and far, known and unknown (see James 5:13-16).

PMP

Knowing it all

“Lord, you know everything,” said Peter in desperation, after Jesus had asked “Do you love me?” (John 17). Certainly Jesus had intense powers of observation – seeing Nathaniel under his fig tree before Philip went to him (John 1:48), and telling the Samaritan woman about her five previous husbands (John 4:18) point to an almost unnatural insight into the natural world. This is not to say that as a human being he was omniscient – it is unlikely that he could have repaired a faulty television set, for instance. But he saw people's hopes and fears, strengths and weaknesses, and could foresee and handle Peter's denial, Thomas' doubt, even Judas' betrayal.

This power of insight allowed Jesus to stand beside people in their need. This is very clear from the healing stories, where Jesus often appears to recognize the sufferers' needs better than they do, and where healing is in a very real sense a new beginning, the start of a new life, a resurrection even.

But Jesus is not just beside us to heal our sickness and our sinfulness. He is also with us in our daily walk through life – in our work and in our relaxation. Two stories may help to illustrate this.

Jesus grew up, we are told, in the home of a carpenter. Even if Joseph did not teach him the trade, he must have been familiar with the tools and skills. Yet when we meet him in his ministry, he is at Capernaum, on the shores of Lake Galilee, and when he finds disciples, several of them are fishermen, with their own skills. And despite their “leaving their nets” to become “fishers of real people”, in practical terms, they keep their boats and presumably continue to catch the occasional fish as well.

John's Gospel (21:1-14) tells us of an event after Jesus' resurrection. Peter and six of the other disciples decide to go fishing, and catch nothing. They see a stranger on the shore, who tells them to cast their net on the other side. They do so, and the catch is so copious that they cannot pull the net in. Only then do they realize that the stranger is Jesus.

Jesus meets the disciples at their work. They know their job, but are not being very successful at it. Jesus gives them a different insight. There is no reason why they should trust a remark made by a complete stranger, but they do. It is in this act of trust that they recognize that the “stranger” is in fact someone who knows them better than they do themselves. Perhaps here is a lesson for all of us, as we do our jobs or as we go about our daily business.

Not just that “who sweeps a room as for thy laws makes that and the action fine”, but that we need to stand back from what we are doing, whether cooking our supper or dealing with our bosses or our customers, and ask if God can give us a fresh insight.

Another story is also set in a fishing boat. Again, the disciples know their job. But they have got out of their depth. Jesus has made them fish for people to follow the Way, and they get into the boat to sail to “the other side” - an unfamiliar shore in a land, the Decapolis, where people live with different ways and different traditions. And not only is this a new challenge, but when they are half-way across, a storm brews up, and with all their fishing experience, they see that the boat seems to be sinking, and they panic. They turn to Jesus, who is asleep in the stern: “Teacher, don't you care that we are perishing?” And of course, Jesus brings peace and tranquillity to the whole situation.

“Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” he asks. If they had had faith, they could have mastered the situation themselves, safe in the knowledge that they were doing what Jesus had asked them to do. As it was, their faith extended to the realization that Jesus, “raised up” (for waking and resurrection in the Gospels are the same side of the coin), would do something about it. So he did.

As we go through life, Jesus calls us all to use our talents and skills in his service. At times, this will lead us, too, “out of our depth” - even at times when we do not think of ourselves as directly serving God. Yet we serve God in our daily lives and in our work, just as much as when we come together for worship, or to study the Bible. In our lives, we can easily feel a sense of failure, of being out of our depth. Yet Jesus' words are for us too in our work, in our daily life. We too should have faith. We too should not be afraid. We may feel out of our depth, but Jesus will not leave us to struggle alone.

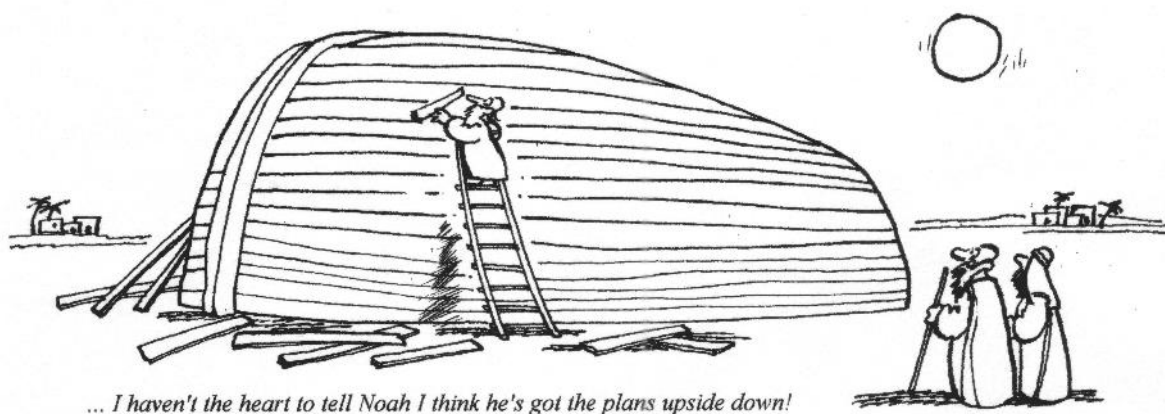
-Hector Davie -

For Your Diary February 2009

Regular weekly events

Mondays	09.30-10.00	MORNING PRAYER
Wednesdays	09.15-11.15	PARENTS AND TOTS
Fridays	09.30-11.00	PATCHWORK
	12.00-13.00	SPIRITUAL CLASSICS
	18.00-20.15	BIBLE STUDY
	19.00-21.00	YOUTH GROUP

Tues	3	CHURCH COUNCIL 19.30
Sun	8	COPY DATE
Thurs	12	HOUSEGROUPS' GET-TOGETHER 19.30
Thurs	19	MAGAZINE COLLATING 9.00 – 11.00
Wed	25	ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST 18.30
Fri	27	"PATHWAYS" LENT STUDY 12.00



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.)

Minister in charge: The Rev. Roy Farrar

Chemin du Chasselas 11
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Tel : 032 730 51 83

www.neuchatelchurch.ch

From Roy and Mieke

This past year has been a real time of excitement in the church as we have seen God at work in building up the church and in the growing commitment of many of the members. When we are really following the Lord, then we can expect blessing and an impact on the world around us.



2009 is going to bring quite a number of challenges to us, we may have to move from Charmettes, if the Reformed Church decides that it will no longer use the Chapel, we are also thinking about the re-alignment of the church to the French speaking part of Switzerland rather than Bern and how to sustain the growth in the church over the next three years.

Continue to pray that the Lord will lead and guide us, so that we remain in His will for this church.

I shall be running the next Teaching Day on 28 February 10.00 - 16.00 at our flat in Auvernier entitled "Sitting with Job"

This course will be of interest to anyone who has or will have to deal with loss and the question '**Why does God seem to be silent?**'.



Job can be seen as a classic example of bereavement or loss. The dialogue he has with God and his friends finds many echoes with the conversations people have when they have been bereaved, been made redundant or suffer deep traumas.

It is also an insight into the question **'Why Me, God ?'**

Please contact us by e-mail to roy.farrar@bluewin.ch or on 032 730 5183 to confirm that you are coming.

And Back in Berne:

From the Treasurer

This is to thank you all that you have given during 2008, and for all your giving now. The church's finances are on a sounder footing than a year ago. Over the next week or so I shall be sending individual letters of acknowledgement for your specific giving. Please check these – while my computer may be infallible, I am certainly not, and mistakes occasionally creep in!

If you have received this magazine through the post, you will have received a request for paying your 2009 subscription. If you are reading it electronically, the magazine is basically free. In the course of the year, we hope to use the internet more and more to spread news of the church and its activities here. If you have IT skills and would like to give practical help in developing St Ursula's web presence, please mention this to me.

➤ *Hector Davie -*

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year's AGM will be held on **Sunday 26 April at 12.00**. Please note this date now. We hope many members of the congregation will be able to attend this important church meeting.

At the AGM we will elect church wardens and church council members. If you would like to be able to vote at these elections (or perhaps stand for election yourself) you need to be a member of the Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, please consider joining. Application forms are available in the church hall or can be obtained from the church office or from the Electoral Roll Officer. The closing date for the receipt of applications is

Monday 6 April

If you have questions about the Electoral Roll or are unsure whether to join please speak to the Electoral Roll Officer or a member of council (contact details at the back of the magazine).

There will be more information about the AGM and the Electoral Roll in the next magazine, but please note the date and time **now**.

- Tricia Carrick (Electoral Roll Officer) –

Archdeaconry Choir Festival 2009, Zürich

This year's Archdeaconry Choir Festival will be held in Zürich from 8 to 10 May starting on Friday evening with a first practice, followed by an all-day Saturday practice. The Musical Director of the event will be Mark Duley, who led the choirs in Lausanne in 2007. We expect choirs and singers from the various Chaplaincies of the Swiss Archdeaconry to join in the event.

On Saturday there will be a sung Evensong, and on Sunday a sung Eucharist; the joint choirs will contribute the music to the sung liturgies, and there will be anthems sung by the choirs. At St Ursula's there will be choir practices on most Saturdays from 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

For more information please contact:
Hans-Karl or Elisabeth Pfyffer (031 7217 541)

Christmas Bazaar Report

Thanks to the tremendous support from both members of our congregation and others, St Ursula's Christmas bazaar can once again be counted a success. Financially we achieved our goal, which is to maintain the level of income we receive from this event. However, it was the wonderful sharing, helpfulness and fellowship, prior to, during and after the event that leaves us with a sense of awe and thankfulness.

To all of you who were in any way involved in the Christmas Bazaar our many, many thanks. To the team leaders for the running of their stalls, to all the helpers, to the manpower team, to the ladies in the office, to our treasurer, to those who helped less directly but still in necessary ways, our grateful thanks.

Of course thank you too to Father Christmas for dropping in on us.

We would like to express our appreciation also to Kathy Hoag for her wonderfully presented Christmas floral arrangements in the foyer; also to Trish Carrick for her input and production of the flyers, to Chris Morgan for creating the advertisement publicizing the Bazaar, our thanks.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to take over publicity for the next Bazaar. It requires both good English and German as well as reasonable computer skills. If you could help us we would love to hear from you. We will also need someone to co-ordinate the manpower team, again please contact us or the office if you can help.

Once again, thank you.

The Christmas Bazaar Coordinators

Maxine Wildhaber and Lynn Robb

YOUTH WORKER

As you probably know, council has been discussing the idea of a youth worker for some considerable time. Council has now decided to go ahead and look for someone to work 50% from the autumn. We hope this person will be able to plan, organise and coordinate programmes for two groups of young people: aged 11-13 and 14-18. Of course, this will mean working together with other people.

If you would like more information about this new venture, please contact the chaplain or the Junior Church leader.

Tricia Carrick
(Acting Council Secretary)

MAKE A NOTE

Prayers for Healing

For some time we have wanted to re-introduce prayers for healing at our Sunday worship. The Gospel reading for 8 February concerns one of Jesus' healing miracles, so that seems a good place to start.

It will be offered in a form that I have used in other churches, where it has been well received. It is slightly different to what has been done here in the past in that it will take place as part of the prayers of intercession. There will be an open invitation for anyone to come forward and receive prayer, for we are all in need of healing in some form or other. You may also wish to come and ask for prayers on behalf of someone else.

Get-together for housegroups

People have said to me more than once that it would be good if members of the various housegroups could get together sometimes. We will give this a try on Thursday 12 February in the hall, starting at 19.30.

The programme will include an opportunity for people to share what their groups are doing, for prayer and for a bible study.

If you have wanted to join a housegroup, or know more about them, then perhaps this is for you as well?

PMP

LENT'S EVENTS

Ash Wednesday falls on 25 February this year and, as usual, there will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 18.30 in the church. The ash used at this service is traditionally made from last year's palm crosses, so please bring them back to church in February for "recycling" in this way.

Teaching

On Fridays in Lent (starting on 27 February) there will be a study series called "Pathways – an introduction to spirituality". This is based on an ecumenical course produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and will explore the various traditions of Christian spirituality - devotional, contemplative, charismatic etc.

The course will take place on Fridays at 12 noon and (provisionally) at 19.00.

Worshipping Together

On three Wednesday evenings we will be joining with our Christian friends at the Old Catholic and Lutheran churches for a service of Holy Communion with a sermon. The theme of the sermons is the slogan of Partner Sein (the Old Catholic development agency which we support) for this year, "*Weil das Recht auf Nahrung ein gutes Klima braucht*".

The services will be at 18.30 at the church of St Peter and St Paul in the Rathausgasse on Wednesday 18 and 25 March and 1 April (and will be in German).



Lunch Invitation in Lent

We would like to invite you to a
Soup Lunch in aid of **Cecily's Fund**

At: St Ursula's

Date: Sunday 1 March

Time: after church

Please join us for an informal lunch of delicious home-made soup and good company! We will provide soup, bread, tea and coffee. If you would like to bring some cake or cookies to share they would be most welcome.

There will be a basket for voluntary donations which will go to Cecily's Fund to support their work providing education for orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia.

www.cecilysfund.org

Cecily's Fund is UK registered charity no. 1071660

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY



Fun, Faith & Fellowship
Jugend- und Ferienhaus , Aeschi
September 4 – 6, 2009
More information available soon!

St Ursula's Church, Berne Volunteers Needed

For a while, we have been looking for volunteers to:

- **operate the beamer on Sunday mornings and prepare the slides for hymns using photos**
- **coordinate Youth Sidespersons**
- **take over the Coffee & Tea Rota**

We are also now looking for volunteers for the following important jobs and tasks:

- **help on the Flower Team**
- **Junior Church Leader**
- **Catering Coordinator**
- **Outreach Coordinator**
- **planning the Weekend Away**
- **helping with Building Projects and Priorities e.g. painting interior walls, laminating floors, fixing chairs, etc.**
- **serve on Council in 2009/10 – Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting on April 26, 2009 after church.**

**If you can help in any way, please contact
the office at 031 352 85 67 or berne@anglican.ch,
or the chaplain 031 351 03 43,
or any member of council.**

Thank You.

A Word for the Month - Atonement

On 27 October 1340, a monk in the city of Canterbury called Michael finished translating a devotional book about Christian living. He called his translation *The Ayenbite of Inwit*, and wanted it to be read by “lewd men.”

Words change over time. Michael's intended readers were people without a religious education – soon after his book was finished, “lewd” lost its meaning of “uneducated” (or “lay”), and in recent times, “men” has been losing its original meaning of “people”. And “ayenbite” and “inwit” have dropped out of the language altogether, pushed out by the “educated” words which correspond to them: “remorse” and “conscience.”

In Michael's time, just as one person could be “alone” - unaccompanied, so two people could be “atone” - in agreement. In modern English, we have separated the two words, and we would say they were “at one” with each other. The word “atone” would have disappeared, just as “inwit” has disappeared. But nearly two hundred years later, William Tyndale translated the Bible into English, and created a new word, atonement, to describe the process by which God's people could become “at one” with their Maker.

People who are at one are in harmony: they agree with each other and get pleasure from being with their partner. It is important to remember that the root meaning in English implies good feelings – the sort of feelings that led the Psalmist to sing of our delight for God and God's ways, and of God's delight in us.

When we think of atonement, we think first and foremost about the way we and God become “at one”. This is something where God has taken the first step, breaking down the barriers separating us, breaking them down through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is possible to spend a long time discussing just how a painful death, a judicial execution, can make us at one with God. This was one of the things scholars debated in the Middle Ages, and argued about keenly in western Europe after the Reformation.

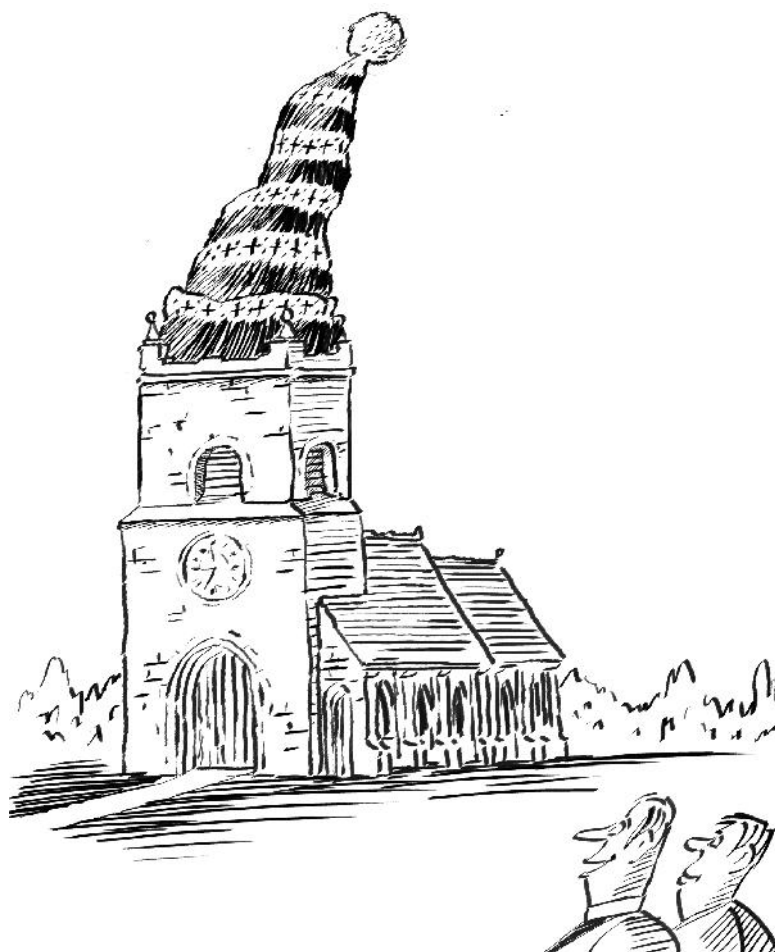
But it is far more useful to look at the effects of Jesus' death and resurrection – to see that through Christ's work, we are reconciled, made one with him, and united in the Godhead, sharing in God's glory – in Jesus' words, “I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:21-23)

For atonement is a relationship, not a process. The verb “to atone” came into the English language later, and does not appear in the King James Bible. When we talk of atoning for sin, we move beyond the idea of making things good again to the idea of paying a penalty, undergoing a punishment. The Latin

version of the word which Tyndale was translating was *expiatio*, and expiation again carries the idea of paying a price, although the original meaning was simply making something holy (interestingly, John Wycliffe, who had translated the Latin Bible into English around the time of Michael's *Ayenbite*, used the word "cleansing"). The original Hebrew word was *kippur*, which means covering up – another thread of meaning, which contains the idea that it is God who covers over our own failings, calls us, makes us acceptable and draws us closer.

However Christ effected our atonement with God, our response can only be wonder and thanksgiving (at God's "amazing grace") and a desire to be closer, to be more at one, sharing in Christ's risen life. And if we are at one with God, we should also be at one with each other, bearing each other's burdens, grieving and rejoicing together. For atonement is not just for each of us to be reconciled to God, it is for us all "to be one", joined in our life together as God's redeemed people.

- Hector Davie -



"The knitting circle are playing their part
in our heating efficiency programme."

St Ursulas Charity and Missions Team

For many years St. Ursula's Church has set aside 10% of our pledged giving for charitable and missionary work.

The task of the Charity and Mission team is fourfold:

- *To draw up a proposal towards the end of each year for council as to how to allocate these funds*
- *To keep in contact with the organisations we are supporting*
- *To pass on news to our church family about the organisations through articles in the church magazine, information on our website, displays in the church hall and by direct contact*
- *To help our church family pray faithfully for the people we support with our gifts*

Each month our aim is to update you about one of our missions through our magazine article, as well as through displays on the hall noticeboard. We very much encourage and appreciate the prayer support of our church family.

Last year the Wohlen Housegroup undertook to specifically pray and support the Passantenhilfe project and the Fraubrunnen Housegroup is planning to specifically support the USPG. We have had several events last year to raise support for Cecily's Fund and the Junior Church organised a Cookie Bake Sale for TearFund Schweiz in December. We hope that these examples of support might encourage other groups in our church to specifically support other charity projects!

Weekly prayer focuses to help you pray specifically are included in the weekly notices and each month in our magazine article. If you look on the Charity and Missions notice board in the church hall in February. you can see some of the letters of thanks received from many of our charities and organisation we support.

If you would like more information about any of our charities or missions please do contact one of the Charity and Mission team members (Peter Potter, Esther Funkhouser-Hutchison, Donna Goepfert, Cecily Klingler, Hector Davie and Pieter Perrett)

Local Charity or Mission Organisations supported at St. Ursula's

- ❖ Partners (Partner Sein, Old Catholic Relief Organisation) with whom we work together closely
- ❖ Passantenhilfe, Heilsarmee (Sepp Levi) is run on behalf of the Bernese churches by the Salvation Army, offering advice and support to people locally without fixed homes

- ❖ Discretionary (to be used locally by Chaplain)

Regional Charity or Mission Organisations

- ❖ Family Life Mission: Piotr and Mariola Wołochowicz and their team train men and women in Christian family life in Warsaw, Poland
- ❖ St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, UK
- ❖ Lifewords: formerly known as the Scripture Gift Mission is based in Torun, Poland, and produces Bible material and tracts in a variety of languages

International Charity or Mission Organisations

- ❖ Church Mission Society
- ❖ United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose projects cover everything from wells for villagers to bicycles and books for evangelists
- ❖ Refuge Egypt: All Saints Cathedral Cairo, Egypt, the Anglican community in Cairo and their "Helping Program", now called Refuge Egypt, work with the refugees there who have fled from persecution in Sudan and elsewhere
- ❖ Children's Convalescent Home founded by Professor da Silva in Talagolla, Ragama in Sri Lanka
- ❖ Street Children's Mission, Thailand, founded by Erwin Gröbli, OMF
- ❖ HLID, Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan
- ❖ Cecily's Fund, Zambia supports and educates Zambian children who have been orphaned by AIDS
- ❖ Life Skills Project (Sakh'ulutsha), run by Scripture Union, South Africa
- ❖ TearFund Schweiz (Junior church project)

Our weekly Charity and Mission prayer focuses for February are:

- *Prayer for the local charities or missions we support around Berne*
- *Prayer for the regional charities or missions we support in the UK and Poland*
- *Prayer for the various international charities and projects we support in Cairo, Jordan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Zambia*
- *Pray that our church family may provide generous financial support as well as active and regular prayer support*

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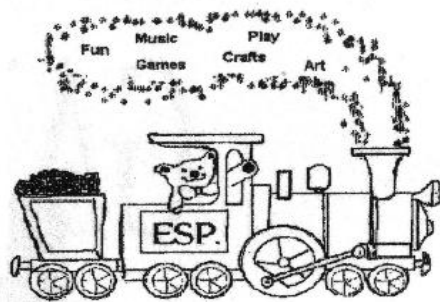
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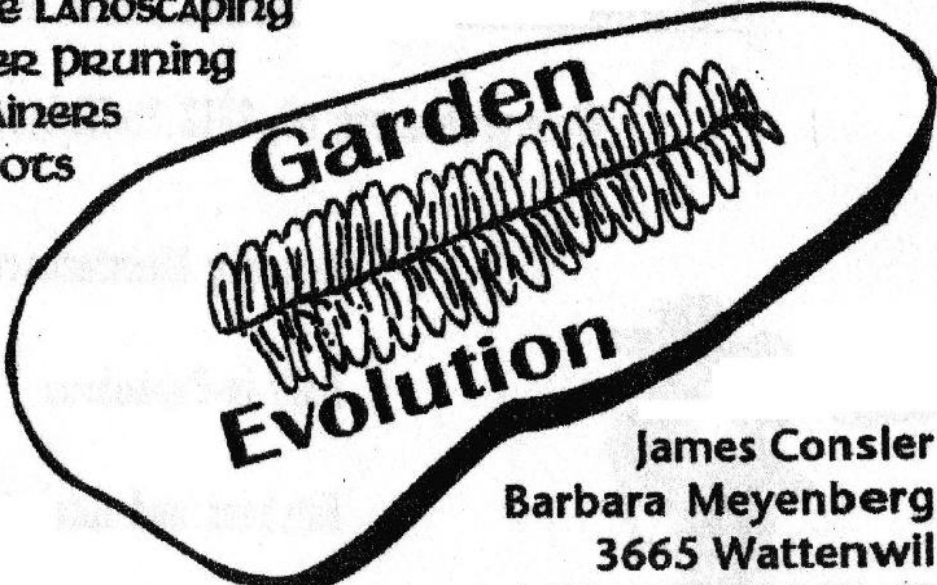
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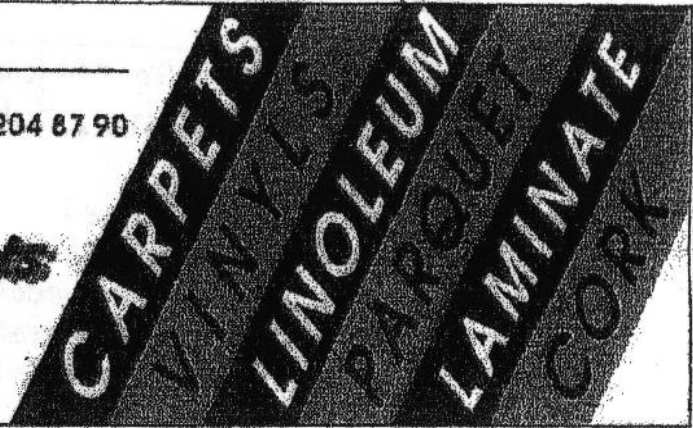


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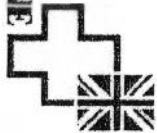
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