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Our services follow the Church of England's Common Worship Order One (2000)

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, the 10.00 service is usually more informal.

See Calendar of Services inside for details of the next few weeks.

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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 this month's services**  
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# Chaplain's Message

2011 is a year of three significant anniversaries.

It is exactly 150 years since the publication of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. "A&M" has been revised several times over the years but is still the standard work of Anglican hymnody. I shall have more to say about this anniversary during the Archdeaconry Choir Festival.



On 3 July I shall be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination as priest and I shall be reflecting on this in my sermon that day.

The third anniversary is that of the Authorised Version of the Bible (also known as the King James Bible), which is 400 years old this year. There has been a spate of articles and TV programmes and, on 17 September, the Archdeaconry will be holding a special study day on the AV in Basel.

People have made much of its poetic style and its influence on the development of the English language. One aspect that, I think, has been overlooked, however, is its original intention. On the title page it says it is "Appointed to be read in Churches". Read out loud, that is, which explains its majestic language. There is a lot to be said for listening attentively, so that we really do "hear the word of the Lord".

It is often claimed that the Reformation put the Bible in the hands of the people. That is not entirely true. The AV was intended for use in the services of the Church, that is to be listened to in the congregation, rather than to be read silently alone with each reader coming to his or her own conclusions about what is written. As the Ethiopian said to Philip "How can I [understand], except some man should guide me?" (Acts 8:31). The Church has always recognised the need for someone, usually the clergy, to give authoritative teaching on the Bible. When this has been overlooked and people have felt free to interpret the Bible as they saw fit, the results have often been disastrous.

Not only has it led to splits in the Church, thus weakening its ability to proclaim the Gospel, but sects have come into being based on very questionable readings of selected verses of Scripture. As we know, some of these sects and cults have been fraudulent or downright dangerous.

The Bible was never intended as a private study manual. Indeed the Church, that is the community of believers, existed before the Bible came to be written down and it was compiled by various believers to meet the needs of the

developing Church. These included worship, of course, and also various forms of remembrance of God's mighty deeds. It provides the Church with an authoritative measure of her faith.

In short, then the Bible is the Church's book, appointed by the Holy Spirit to be read and listened to in the Church.

*Peter*

## A Sure Foundation

Osama bin Laden is dead. His ideas, alas, live on. Using terror as a way of imposing someone's will is probably older than civilization, and seems never to decrease.

From the plagues of Egypt to the destruction of the twin towers, from the genocide enjoined in Deuteronomy to the horrors of Auschwitz, of Srebrenica, of Rwanda, from the sacking of Jericho to the bombing of Dresden and Hiroshima, from the burning of witches and heretics to the purges of Stalin and of the Khmer Rouge, brutal force has been a temptingly easy way to ensure the dominance of a leader or of a way of thinking.

The three "Abrahamic" faiths – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – have themselves all run the danger of intolerance. All three faiths proclaim gentleness, a welcome to strangers, an attitude of peaceful acceptance. "You shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." (Lev. 19:34) "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt 5:44) Even the Koran welcomes tolerance in peacetime: "God does not forbid you to be kind to those who do not take arms against you. God loves those who are just." (60:8)

But running through this tolerance, there is often a rigid orthodoxy. "Jews do not share things with Samaritans." (John 4:9) "Do not receive or welcome anyone who ... does not bring this teaching." (2 John 10). "Fight and slay the infidels wherever you find them." (Koran 9:5)

This has also led to internal divisions. There has been disagreement about the interpretation of events and of texts. The Sadducees and the Pharisees had very different bases for their beliefs. So did Catholics and Protestants, Sunnis and Shi'ites. But along with all this divisiveness, the liberalism that came with the Enlightenment in western Europe at the end of the 18th century brought an increased attitude of tolerance.

In the nineteenth century there was a conservative backlash. In Judaism, the idea of Zionism grew up, based on an over-literal interpretation of the lives of Moses, Joshua and David. In the Catholic world, Pope Pius IX's *Syllabus of Errors* condemned liberal thinking, and among Protestants, sects grew up with their own interpretations of the historical authority of the Old Testament and their own reading of the book of Revelation. In Islam, movements in Egypt and Arabia sought a return to the practices of the seventh-century: a ban on alcohol, on images, restrictions on women's freedom, Koranic penalties for offences. All of these movements can be labelled as fundamentalist.

The word "fundamentalist" goes back to Niagara Bible Conferences of the 1880s, and to the "Five Fundamentals" declared by the American Presbyterian Church in 1910. But it is also no coincidence that the Arabic word *qa'ida*, literally "what is sat upon" translates as "foundation, groundwork, basis, precept, principle, footing."

But the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Koran, are not a solid foundation for faith. God is the foundation. For us Christians, it is God in the person of Jesus – as Paul puts it, "no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid: that foundation is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 3:11). God speaks in the scriptures, but in the words and through the mouths of prophets, evangelists, apostles.

In recent years, scholars have devoted their energies to getting at the message beneath the narratives. While outsiders have pointed at the way Bible passages contradict themselves, and even contradict observed reality (and the same is true of the Koran), scholars have worked on the basis that there is only one truth – God's truth – and that any differences are because writers (or even the same writer at different times) have seen different facets to this truth, which complement and do not contradict each other.

With God as our foundation, and this insight as our guide, might we not take a hesitant step towards listening to others and talking to them? Rather than burning mosques and churches, firing rockets in Gaza or spreading contempt for particular religious leaders, we should be examining the filters through which we all see God. For even our holiest saints are human, and can only see "through a glass darkly". We need to recognize that no image we have of God is perfect. It is only by understanding the limits to our vision that we can gain a true knowledge of the light beyond the glass.

- *Hector Davie*

# FAQ: What version of the Bible should I read?

Are you looking for one that best helps you understand? One that reads well; one that is an accurate translation; one that other people are familiar with?



The Authorised (King James) Version is of course unsurpassed in the beauty of

its language. This also gives it an authoritative tone, unlike some modern translations which are in the style of a fashion magazine or tabloid newspaper. On the other hand, the AV is 400 years old. Words have fallen out of use or changed their meaning in this time. Many more ancient manuscripts have been discovered which have revealed inaccuracies in the text of the AV. A good commentary will help with these difficulties, however, so the AV is still a good choice.

Some versions, including the New English Bible and the New International Version, are completely new translations. The translators of the NEB in the 1960s aimed to “understand the original as precisely as we could... and then say in our own native idiom what we believed the author to be saying in his”. The drawback with this method is that the NEB now sounds dated but without the timeless qualities of the AV.

In the case of the NIV the aim was to reflect the doctrines of conservative Christians. The translators were also suspicious of the ecumenical make-up of the groups that produced the NEB and the revisions of the AV. Its vocabulary and phraseology therefore would not necessarily be shared by the majority of Christians.

The NIV has also given rise to a number of “study bibles”. The notes contained in them reflect the doctrinal position of their authors and they tend to comment only on verses that bolster their views. It is better to get a good commentary. The Oxford Bible Commentary is a good general volume and there is the “For Everyone” series by Bishop Tom Wright.

The Good News Bible and other similar versions use a limited vocabulary. These are helpful for teenagers and people whose first language is not English.

They miss the subtleties and range of meanings of the original texts, however, and you should aim to move on from them. Similarly, *The Living Bible* and others are simplified to the extent that they are paraphrases rather than proper translations.

There have been a number of revisions of the AV over the years. The latest is the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). It has modernised the language and made it inclusive wherever possible. The translators did their work remarkably well and it retains much of the dignity of the AV without sounding archaic. It lends itself to being read aloud, which is why we use in our services. This is the version I would recommend for reading and studying at home as well.

- PMP

## A Word for the Month – Pentecost



We know the story. The apostles, the women, Jesus' "brethren" are all together (were there really 600 of them?) It is nine in the morning. They hear a sound like rushing wind. They see tongues from a single fire resting on each one's head. The Spirit fills them, and they start talking in other languages.

Outside a crowd gathers. Jews from every corner of the world are in Jerusalem for the feast. They hear words in their own language about God's powerful deeds. Some of them put it all down to too much new wine.

Peter and the apostles stand up. Peter addresses the crowd. It's not alcohol – it's the new wine of the gospel. It's God's Spirit, just as the prophet Joel proclaimed. Those outside had crucified Jesus, but God had raised him and exalted him, as the Psalms of David had foretold. Three thousand believe and are baptized.

That is why we call Pentecost the birthday of the church. In times past, it was a favourite day for baptisms, giving rise to its English name, Whitsun, White Sunday, after the white robes the baptismal candidates wore.



But what was Pentecost, and what were all those Jews doing in Jerusalem? *Pentekostos* is the Greek for fiftieth, and Pentecost was the last day of the grain harvest, which had started seven weeks before on the first Day of Unleavened Bread, straight after the Passover. The seven weeks, a week of weeks, gave it its Hebrew name, the Feast of Weeks. You can read about it in Deuteronomy 16:9-11, with detailed instructions in Leviticus 23:15-21.

It was a sort of Jewish harvest festival, and was one of the three times of the year when all Jews were expected to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem and sacrifice there. (The other two were Passover, and the Feast of Tabernacles in autumn – the time of the grape harvest.)

The three pilgrim feasts were linked to nature, but by Jesus' time, the two later ones had followed the Passover in being linked with the Exodus. Tabernacles recalled the long stay in nomad tents in the wilderness, while Weeks recalled the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Jews reading Acts would have been struck by the wind and the fire, recalling the storm and the fire that Moses encountered on Sinai (Exodus 19) – and which Elijah experienced at the same place (1 Kings 19). They would have seen parallels with the day's synagogue reading, Psalm 29, where God speaks in a great storm. And anyone noticing the geographical structure of Luke's two books, from Nazareth at the beginning of the Gospel to the furthest corners of the known world at the end of Acts, would see here, in the middle point of the account, the whole Jewish world coming to Jerusalem to hear the good news proclaimed.

The feast has lent its name to the Pentecostal churches – groups of Christians who, from small beginnings in Los Angeles in 1906, met together and sought a “baptism in the spirit”. They laid stress on “speaking in tongues” and on divine healing. In Britain, they grouped themselves into the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance and into the Assemblies of God.

But the Spirit works not only through tongues of fire and utterances in exotic languages. Jesus gave God's spirit to all those who follow him. The Spirit is present in the fire and in the tongues. But the Spirit also gives us faith, and hope, and love. And these, as Paul reminds the tempestuous Corinthians, are better than tongues – they are truly the most excellent of the Spirit's gifts.

*-Hector Davie*

# The Royal Maundy



This year's Royal Maundy Service (the 801<sup>st</sup>) was very special as it fell on the Sovereign's birthday and this year the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, the Bishop of Sodor and Man, together with the Dean of Westminster were invited to nominate Maundy Recipients. Thus people from England, Europe and the Isle of Man made up the eighty five men and eighty five women who received their Maundy Gifts from the Queen on Her Majesty's

eighty-fifth birthday.

Amongst the recipients was Nigel Coombs from St. Ursula's. Also from Switzerland were Joanna Koch from Zurich, Jill Howie from Geneva and Basil Bloodworth from Chateau d'Oex. Father Peter was one of the 7 European Archdeacons



in the procession. Each recipient was able to name a companion (to give aid in case of mobility problems) and two guests. Peter and Vreni Hawker were also invited to attend.

The distribution of Alms and the washing of the feet on the Thursday of Holy Week are of great antiquity. The Maundy can be traced back in England with certainty to the twelfth century, and there are continuous records of the Distribution having been made on Maundy Thursday from the reign of King Edward I. The first known Royal Distribution from records we have at present was at Knaresborough, North Yorkshire by King John in 1210.

The Service derives its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning a commandment, and its opening words are, 'Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment." '

From the fifteenth century, the number of recipients has been related to the years of the Sovereign's life. At one time recipients were required to be of the same sex as the Sovereign, but since the eighteenth century they have numbered as many men and women as the Sovereign has years of age. Recipients are now pensioners selected because of the Christian service they have rendered to the Church and the community. The Distribution is in two parts, and the gifts which are handed to the recipients are symbolic.

The red purse contains an allowance for clothing and provisions formerly given in kind and a payment for the redemption of the royal gown. The £5 coin is in tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and the 50p coin is one of the set of Olympic coins showing the modern Pentathlon. The white purse contains pure silver Maundy coins (1p, 2p, 3p, and 4p) for as many pence as the Sovereign has years of age. Maundy coins are legal tender, and when the United Kingdom changed to decimal currency in 1971, the face value of a set of four coins became 10 new pence, instead of 10d in the old system.

This year the four Children of the Royal Almonry were all selected from the Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe, the Diocese of Sodor and Man, Westminster Abbey and the Royal Almonry.

The Chapel Royal Choir which takes part in this Service has a notable musical history and remains a distinctive part of the Royal establishment. It sang at Agincourt and was present at "The Field of Cloth of Gold", indicating the place it took in the Royal entourage.

Though the act of washing the feet seems to have been discontinued in about 1730, the Lord High Almoner and his assistants are still girded with linen towels in remembrance, and carry the traditional nosegays of sweet herbs and fresh spring flowers (originally to disguise the smell of the recipients). This year, because Easter was so late, they had to be brought from Scotland. Some of the linen towels worn at this Service date from 1883, the newer towels were made in 1993 and 2003.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard (the "Indoor Guard") also plays an important part in the Service. This is the oldest Military Corps now existing, having been created in 1485 by King Henry VII.

In earlier times the Ceremony was observed wherever the Sovereign was in residence. For many years the Maundy Gifts were distributed in the old Chapel Royal (now the Banqueting Hall) in Whitehall, but from 1890 to 1952 the Service was held at Westminster Abbey, except during the Coronation year in 1937 when the Service took place at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Queen decided that the ceremony should rotate through the various dioceses. Initially it was held every



second year in Westminster Abbey but since 1981 it has been held in the Abbey only every 10 years.

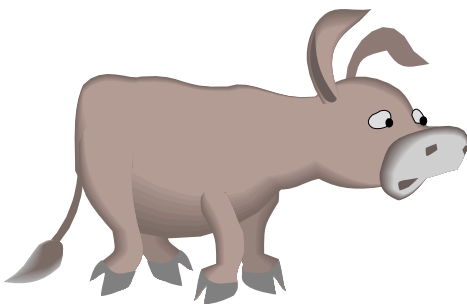
The Maundy ceremony is also special because it is the one ceremony where the Queen goes to the recipients, and not them to her!

In the almost 60 years of the Sovereign's reign, the ceremony has been held in most of the dioceses in England. This year was the first in which dioceses other than the "host" diocese have been invited to nominate recipients.

The ceremony was a fantastic experience made even more special because it fell on the Queen's real birthday and because it was used by the BBC to test their set up for the Royal Wedding which followed in the Abbey only 8 days later!

*- Nigel Coombs from an original by Paul Leddington Wright*

## Donkey's Adventurous Trip



Hello, my name is Donkey and I live in a village near to Jerusalem. I have two brothers and three sisters, but I am the eldest one. When I was born my mum used to work for a man called Nahal. He was very good to my mother and me. While my mum would go out with Nahal I would stay at home. They wouldn't take me with them. Nahal would say that I am too young. But frankly speaking I didn't mind staying at home. After all I could eat grass and sleep when I grew tired. Of course I always wanted to know what the city Jerusalem looked like. My friend, the horse, would go there regularly to deliver vegetables. She told me that Jerusalem is a big city. Oh, from that moment I knew.... Once I grow up I want to go to Jerusalem.

One day in the afternoon some men arrived. I didn't know what they were up to. But one of them untied me and said "Come Donkey, walk". Well, at first I didn't want to walk. As you know I am a donkey and donkeys don't like to be bullied around. And who did the man think he is, anyway? I stood still. But

then I heard one of the men saying that he wants to take me to Jerusalem! Oh I was so thrilled! I was actually a bit scared that Nahal might not let me go but he didn't stop the men from taking me. So very happily I went with them and jumped.

I must say though, I never thought it would be such a walk to Jerusalem. We had to get on top of a mount first. There some other men were waiting for us. One of them seemed to be their leader. They were talking about something and after a short break the leader wanted to ride me. It was quite a new experience for me. Of course I wouldn't have allowed anyone to ride me just like that but the leader seemed to be special, so I let him. And after all they wanted to take me to Jerusalem and I would have done anything to get to the big city.

As we were nearing Jerusalem the people in the city spread out their clothes and palm leaves on the road . I was so surprised and overwhelmed by the way they welcomed me. Wow! How amazing it is to be part of Jerusalem. And the people are so nice and friendly. They stroke me and one small girl gave me a carrot. And suddenly I saw my friend the horse standing near the vegetable stall. I was so proud that the horse could see how the people were celebrating me and treating me as a V.I.A. (Very Important Animal). And I was hoping secretly she would tell my mum how special I am.

That night the men brought me back to Nahal. I was waiting eagerly for the night to come because we all are tied up in the same stable. So everyone would hear the horse retell the story of my amazing visit to the big city. So, eagerly I asked her: "Horse, why don't you tell my mum how the people in Jerusalem rejoiced at my visit?"

The horse split with laughter when she heard my question. "Oh donkey, that's a good one!"

"What? Why are you laughing at me?" I asked angrily.

The horse eyed me suspiciously, "Do you seriously think the people were waiting for you donkey?"

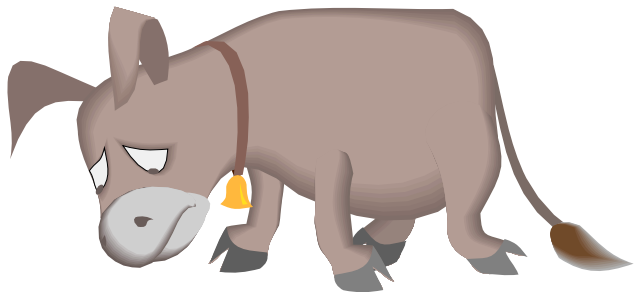
What kind of question was that? I felt so sad the horse was behaving so strange. "Yes", I said, "Of course they were waiting for me. Haven't you seen them spreading their clothes and palm trees on the road? Haven't you seen how the children fed me and how they sang songs?"

The horse raised her left eyebrow hearing that. Then she said, "Donkey, you were carrying a very important man today. That's why the people behaved like that."

When she said that, I understood what had happened. "You are jealous!" I exclaimed. "How can the people think a man who was sitting on my back is important? He wasn't doing anything, was he? I was doing all the work and carrying him around for so many miles. The people were congratulating me for my effort. You are just jealous because they never recognized your efforts but that's how life is."

The horse now raised her other eyebrow too. She said "Donkey, don't be stupid! I have no reason to be jealous. We have been good friends for so many years and you are being unreasonable now".

I really felt sad. How could she say something like that? She should really feel ashamed for treating me like this. I decided I would go to Jerusalem once more in the morning. "I want to prove to her how much the people love me," I thought.



"And I will tell the people how stupid she is! Then everyone will laugh at her and she'll get what she deserves." Thinking that I drifted off to sleep.

The next morning when I woke up the horse seemed to have gone to Jerusalem already. So I also sneaked away without my mum knowing about it. I still remembered which way to go. And this time I didn't care about the miles I had to walk. After all I was determined to prove to the world who I am and what I am made off!

When I was about to reach the city I saw a boy running towards me. I was so happy to see him because I knew he was jumping for joy when he saw me. But suddenly he bent over and took a stone. I was not sure what he was up to. Then he turned around and threw the stone at me. It hit me on my forehead and it really hurt me bad. I cried and ran away.

I was wondering why the boy was treating me bad when I saw the little girl who had fed me last time. I ran to her. I knew she would save me from the crazy boy. But when I went to her she ran away from me and told her friends that I stink. That was really mean of her.

I couldn't understand what had gone wrong with the people here. Then I saw one of the men who had spread his finest dress on the road the other day. So I went to him. But he didn't seem to notice me. So to get his attention I made a sound. Then he turned around and said, "Oh stupid donkey! Away with you! You will drive away my customers." When I didn't move he took a stick and

was about to hit me so I ran back to my village. I had enough of Jerusalem. "It's a bad city," I thought.

Crying I went home. I cried the whole evening until my friend the horse arrived. She asked me why I was crying. So I told her the whole story and I said: "You were right, horse. The people didn't celebrate me. They were just rejoicing because of the man on my back. I am sorry for accusing you of being jealous. I should have understood that you are a real friend. I can understand if you don't want to speak to me anymore because I behaved so badly."

Then the horse pushed one half of an apple with her nose to my side and smiled at me. I smiled back. She said: "Don't worry donkey, we are friends for ever. And don't be disappointed. Actually the man you were carrying is a king. His name is Jesus. I am sure you are special to him, that's why he chose you - a donkey. Other kings would just choose a horse. But Jesus chose you."

I was very happy about what my friend the horse said. I understood that my life was special as long as Jesus was with me. I decided I need not go to Jerusalem again. Because the people in the city were not nice to me. Only Jesus was. So I decided I would stay at home and be the donkey Jesus wanted me to be. After all he chose me though I am a donkey.

- A. Chittazhathu

## Education Matters

Margaret Oertig, a colleague of mine, is planning another book which will describe some of the educational challenges for expats and their families who enter the Swiss school system.



The book will be used to inform English-speaking newcomers to Switzerland about the intricacies of the Swiss school system and help them to get the best out of it.

As part of her background research, she'd like to hear from any of our magazine readers who have experienced coming from abroad and sending their children to local Swiss or international schools. She'd be interested in e-mail exchange or else conducting a short interview with them.

She can be contacted by email at the following address:

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- Pieter Perrett

# Chaplain's Notes

## Well done

April and May were remarkably full, what with the Pastoral Tea, Activity Club, weddings (royal and otherwise), the sleepover, the Summer Bazaar and the Choir Festival. And not forgetting Holy Week and Easter!

A lot of you were involved in making everything go well. Thank you for all your efforts and hard work. It all goes to build up our fellowship.

June and July look a bit quieter, so we can all have a chance to get our breath back.

## Prayers for Healing

The 10.00 Eucharist for Pentecost (12 June) will include an invitation to come forward for prayer for yourselves or someone known to you. Healing is a sign of the Holy Spirit at work among us, so the Feast of Pentecost is an appropriate day to celebrate God's gift of healing.

## Anniversary

I was ordained priest at Petertide 1986 and so I shall be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important day on 3 July. I hope you will be able to join me at the 10.00 Eucharist.

## Welcomes

On 15 May we officially welcomed the *Rev'd Dianne Cox* as the locum chaplain at Neuchâtel. She hopes to be there for 12 months, which will help greatly as we continue the work of building up the church there.

We send best wishes and prayers to the *Rev'd Anne Lowen*, who recently completed her curacy and will be licensed Assistant Chaplain at Basel on 12 June (Pentecost).

St John's Montreux will have a new chaplain when the *Rev'd Paul Dalzell* is licensed on 16 July. Fr Paul and his wife Robyn are coming from Australia, so there will be a lot for them to get used to as they settle in. Please keep them in your prayers.



## **For your diaries**

### ***Back to Church***

We shall be celebrating Back to Church Sunday on 28 August and an International Lunch is planned again. I should also like to take up a suggestion made at one of our Raclette Evenings, that we invite former members of our Junior Church and Youth Group. Can you please give me the names and addresses of any still in the area so that we can send them a personal invitation.

### ***King James 400***

The Swiss Archdeaconry Christian Education Programme (SACEP) is putting on a study day called "The Bible: opening a closed book for today". It is being held in conjunction with STH Basel and the Chrischona Seminar, and will include leading experts as speakers. The event will be in Basel on Saturday 17 September. Look out for flyers and posters with more information.

### ***Harvest and Pledge Sunday***

The last Sunday in October is our traditional day for Harvest Thanksgiving. This year I should like to make it a "harvest of talents". That is, a chance for you to offer something you have a gift for. As well as the usual fruit and veg (home grown?), you could bring a painting or a piece of craftwork. Perhaps you could bring a homemade cake or bake a loaf for Communion. If you have never done it before, you could sign up to read, lead intercessions or play a piece of music.

Any food items or craft will be auctioned afterwards for charity in the usual way.

Who knows what hidden talents we may discover!

- PMP



*Harvest Sunday 2010*



*Harvest Sunday Auction 2010*

# Calendar of Services

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| <b>5 June</b>  | <b>Easter 7 (Sunday in Ascensiontide)</b><br>10.00 Sung Eucharist<br>Acts 1:6-14<br>1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11<br>John 17:1-11                             | <b>3 July</b>  | <b>St Peter</b><br>10.00 Sung Eucharist<br>Ezekiel 3:22-27<br>Acts 12:1-11<br>Matthew 16:13-19                                    |
| <b>12 June</b> | <b>Pentecost</b><br>8.30 Said Communion<br>10.00 Informal Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>Acts 2:1-21<br>1 Corinthians 12:3b-13<br>John 20:19-23 | <b>10 July</b> | <b>Trinity 3</b><br>8.30 Said Communion<br>10.00 Informal Eucharist<br>Isaiah 55:10-13<br>Romans 8:1-11<br>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  |
| <b>19 June</b> | <b>Trinity</b><br>10.00 Sung Eucharist<br>Isaiah 40:12-17,27-31<br>2 Corinthians 13:11-13<br>Matthew 28:16-20  | <b>17 July</b> | <b>Trinity 4</b><br>10.00 Sung Eucharist<br>Wisdom 12:13, 16-19<br>Romans 8:12-25<br>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43                      |
| <b>26 June</b> | <b>Trinity 1</b><br>8.30 Said Communion<br>10.00 Informal Eucharist<br>Jeremiah 28:5-9<br>Romans 6:12-23<br>Matthew 10:40-42                           | <b>24 July</b> | <b>Trinity 5</b><br>8.30 Holy Communion<br>10.00 Informal Eucharist<br>1 Kings 3:5-12<br>Romans 8:26-39<br>Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 |
|                |  | <b>31 July</b> | <b>Trinity 6</b><br>10.00 Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism<br>Isaiah 55:1-5<br>Romans 9:1-5<br>Matthew 14:13-21                   |



*Fun, Faith, and Fellowship*  
**Weekend Away,  
Sept 9-11, 2011, Aeschi**



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**Be a part of the greening of St Ursula's**

*Friday: Arrive from 17h, Potluck Dinner, Session #1*

*Saturday: Morning Prayer, Breakfast, Sessions #2 & #3, Lunch, Free Time in the afternoon (with optional activities such as a group walk), Dinner, Quiz, Compline*

*Sunday: Breakfast, Creationtide Eucharist followed by Coffee*

**This year there will be lots of music (including Taizé music) in the 3 sessions and the Creationtide Eucharist, as well as fun and fellowship throughout the weekend. ✕ There will be a parallel children's program. ✕ People are invited to use the Chapel for times of prayer and reflection. ✕ The three chalets provide suitable accommodation for singles, couples, and families. ✕ There is a dorm for the older children, a large communal eating area, as well as indoor and outdoor play areas and quiet areas. ✕ The Jugend-und Ferienhaus Aeschi ([www.jugendhaus-aeschi.ch](http://www.jugendhaus-aeschi.ch)) is accessible by public transport and is located in a beautiful area not far from the Thunersee, Spiez and The Niesen ([www.aeschi-tourismus.ch](http://www.aeschi-tourismus.ch)).**

**Everyone is warmly invited to participate!**

**Look for registration forms on the website or in the Upper Hall or Porch and please sign up as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly.**

# New Minister in Neuchâtel Church

On 1 May, at our 10.00 service, we welcomed the Rev. Dianne Cox as our new Minister in charge. She is coming to Neuchâtel to care for our community and to carry on the tremendous work begun by Roy and Mieke Farrar.

The committee has found a flat for her in Corcelles and is in the process of furnishing it. If anyone has articles of furniture or household equipment, please contact Jenny Veenendaal for the list of what is required.



## NEUCHÂTEL CHURCH

Minister in Charge: The Rev. Dianne Cox

We meet in the Swiss Reformed Church at **La Coudre**, Chemin du Crêt-du-Chêne, nearly opposite the funicular train station to Chaumont

**Services are held twice monthly :**

**10 am on the FIRST Sunday of the month:**

Communion service  
Junior Church

**5 pm on the THIRD Sunday of the month :**

All-age Communion service

**Contact:** Mrs Jennifer Veenendaal (Church warden)  
Telephone 032 841 6432

Read the monthly magazine on the website, or, to receive a paper copy, phone Rosemarie Zimmermann, 032 853 2986

[www.neuchatel-church.ch](http://www.neuchatel-church.ch)

## Thun

There is also a fortnightly service (normally a eucharist) at the Reformed Church Hall in Bubenbergstrasse in **Thun**. This is held at 19.30 on the first and third Thursdays of the month, usually combined with a Bible study. (It's best to check with the office first!)

Church Office: 031 352 85 67

## St Ursula's Church Housegroups

**Fraubrunnen:** Meets every second Friday evening at Jackie Messer's.

Contact Jackie Messer 031 767 74 49

**Liebefeld:** Meets every second Wednesday evening at Brian Morgan's.

Contact Brian Morgan 031 971 66 81

**Neuchâtel:** Meets twice a month at 20.00 on Tuesdays.

Contact: Dianne Cox 077 488 46 25

**Thun:** Meets for the 19.30 service on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month in the Pavilion, Bubenbergstrasse, Thun.

Contact Rachel Huguenin 033 336 29 54

**Wohlen:** Meets mostly fortnightly on Wednesdays from 19.30 -22.00 at rotating venues around Berne.

Contact Shelagh Brawand 031 829 15 57 or e-mail:

[mbrawand@bluewin.ch](mailto:mbrawand@bluewin.ch).

If you would like to join one of our housegroups, please contact one of the people mentioned above.

# For Your Diary June & July 2011

## Regular Weekly Events

Mondays	09.30 – 10.00	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	09.15—11.15	Parents and Tots
Fridays	09.30	Patchwork
Saturdays	09.30—11.30	Choir Practice (not on 9, 16, 23 & 30 July)

## Other Events

Sunday 5 June	10.00	Youth Group
Tuesday 7 June	19.30	Church Council
Tuesday 14 June	19.30	Junior Church Teachers' Meeting
Sunday 19 June	10.00	Youth Group
Sunday 26 June	10.00	Youth Group
Sunday 26 June	11.30	Junior Church Activity Club – Family Event
Sunday 3 July	10.00	Youth Group
Sunday 3 July	12.00	Bring & Share Lunch to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Peter's Ordination
Tuesday 5 July	19.30	Church Council
Sunday 17 July	10.00	COPY DATE
Thursday 28 July	09.00—11.00	Magazine Collating

## Future Dates

Monday 8 August	08.15-11.30	Junior Church Activity Club
Saturday 27 August	08.00	Junior Church Activity Club
Sunday 28 August	10.00	Back to Church Sunday
Saturday 3 September	10.00—14.00	Book and Food Sale
Friday 9 - Sunday 11 September		Church Weekend Away
Saturday 17 September		SACEP Event in Basle
Friday 18 November	17.00—19.30	Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 19 November	10.00—15.00	

# Junior Church Birthdays

Congratulations to our Junior Church children with birthdays in June and July

Charlotte Gertsch 6 on 10 June  
 Shaun Künzler 8 on 12 June  
 Ben Piper 12 on 16 June  
 Ariel Hutchison 4 on 18 June  
 Julia Jayarajah 4 on 29 June



Rachel Eze 5 on 3 July  
 Celia Gaier 12 on 6 July  
 Sarah Gaier 12 on 6 July  
 Stephanie Okoli 5 on 10 July  
 Anne-Sophie Wiedenmayer 13 on 12 July  
 Emily Batley 13 on 15 July  
 Michael Hänggi 6 on 21 July  
 Sabrina Sovilla 15 on 22 July

## 3 July: Car Free Sunday

Sunday 3 July is car free Sunday in Berne and the only way to get to St Ursula's on that day by car will be via the low bridge by the Dalmaziquai in Marzili then along Dalmaziquai and then up Jubiläumsstr to the church. The restrictions are in force from 06.00 - 19.00. The map below shows the car free area.  
 - Jana Kutesko



For more information: [www.bern.ch/umweltschutz](http://www.bern.ch/umweltschutz)

# Prayer Diary

## June

1	Wednesday	Diocesan Synod
2	Thursday	The Anglican Communion
3	Friday	The people of Libya
4	Saturday	The missionary work of the Church in Europe
5	<b>Sunday</b>	Thanksgiving for the Ascension of Christ
6	Monday	Farmers
7	Tuesday	Church musicians
8	Wednesday	The city and cantonal governments
9	Thursday	<i>Columba</i> , the Iona Community
10	Friday	New arrivals in Berne, Neuchâtel and Thun
11	Saturday	Respect for God's animal creation
12	<b>Sunday</b>	Local medical practices
13	Monday	The ICS (Intercontinental Church Society)
14	Tuesday	Spitex
15	Wednesday	Groups using our premises
16	Thursday	The leaders of the nations from which we come
17	Friday	Partner Sein
18	Saturday	Seasonal chaplains at holiday resorts
19	<b>Sunday</b>	Theologians
20	Monday	Young people leaving school
21	Tuesday	Fair trade practices in the world
22	Wednesday	Ecumenical relations in Berne
23	Thursday	Thanksgiving for Holy Communion
24	Friday	<i>The birth of John the Baptist</i>
25	Saturday	The Archdeaconry Synod in Vevey
26	<b>Sunday</b>	Our charity of the month
27	Monday	The Willibrord Society
28	Tuesday	Colleges training candidates for the ordained ministry
29	Wednesday	<i>Peter and Paul</i> , the Old Catholic Church in Berne
30	Thursday	Vocations to ministry



## July

1	Friday	People looking for holiday jobs
2	Saturday	Teachers in local schools and colleges
3	<b>Sunday</b>	People being ordained priest or deacon
4	Monday	Ethical dealings in world trade
5	Tuesday	Environmentally-friendly travel
6	Wednesday	Christians facing discrimination
7	Thursday	Protection of children and vulnerable adults in the Church
8	Friday	Local hospitals
9	Saturday	Merchant seafarers
10	<b>Sunday</b>	Youth Groups in the Archdeaconry
11	Monday	The people of Northern Ireland
12	Tuesday	Marriage counsellors
13	Wednesday	Our Junior Church
14	Thursday	Holiness in our daily lives
15	Friday	The United Nations
16	Saturday	St John's Montreux and their new chaplain
17	<b>Sunday</b>	The Taizé Community
18	Monday	The Bishop's Staff Meeting
19	Tuesday	Local businesses
20	Wednesday	Diplomatic representatives in Berne
21	Thursday	Christians in the media
22	Friday	<i>Mary Magdelene</i> , victims of people-trafficking
23	Saturday	People made redundant
24	<b>Sunday</b>	Visitors to our churches
25	Monday	<i>James</i> , following in the steps of the apostles
26	Tuesday	People serving on peace-keeping missions
27	Wednesday	Transport workers
28	Thursday	All who contribute to the Magazine
29	Friday	Thanksgiving for God's goodness in creation
30	Saturday	People on holiday
31	<b>Sunday</b>	Children being baptised and their families

# Junior Church News

## Junior Church Sleepover 6-7 May 2011

What a weekend – and what a wonderful experience of church family love. Several members of our congregation (also at very short-term notice) supported the Junior Church team in making these two days fun-filled and a valuable learning experience.

The focus was on Luke 24:13-35 - “The Road to Emmaus”; the theme allowed us to revisit some well-known stories from the Bible and reinforce the understanding that although we may not know what lies ahead of us in our journey through life, we can be sure that Jesus is there along with us, helping us to see the bigger picture, linking our actions with His vision for our world. We have this certainty and the fellowship of other followers along our path.

The result of the sleepover was the creative integration of the members of our Junior Church into a festive All-Age worship on Sunday.

## Teaching

Moving from the reflective colour of purple during Lent, our teaching has turned to the festive colours of white and gold, symbolising joy and thanksgiving. These festive feelings are reflected in the content of our classes with the message that Jesus wants us to ask questions and He will answer them, even if we are not always aware who has given us the answer. Like Abram and Sarai, the people of Israel, Mary Magdalene, Thomas, the Emmaus



*Making posters*



*Playing games*



*All-age worship service on Sunday*

disciples, and Stephen, we too, are on a journey towards a future that is unknown and ultimately unknowable, but held in the hands of God. What joy there is in knowing that God cares about us.

### **Activity Club for the 7s-11s**

#### *Recent events – Bake Sale for TearFund*

We used the Saturday after the sleepover to combine our baking and creative skills and work in teams to make and pack cakes, brownies, fudge and several biscuits for our Bake Sale on 8 May. Activity Club raised about CHF 350.- for the Junior Church project we are supporting in South Sudan. The Bake Sale was an opportunity for some of our members to find out more about the project, why the children in this particular region in South Sudan are in need of our help and what exactly we hope to achieve with the money we contribute. Our children were also fully responsible for baking, setting prices and selling. The lessons they learnt in the process were valuable for their own personal development. Thank you every-one for contributing towards the success of the event. News update – South Sudan voted for independence in January this year. Apparently, this independence will be official from July 9!! We pray for a peaceful process of political transition.



*Our bake sale– the result of 4 hours of fun and hard work*



*Baking in teams*

#### *Upcoming events*

Sunday, 26th June - family outing on the Gurten with grill and games from 11.30-15.00. In case of rain, we will be offering an alternative programme.

Monday, 8th August - tour of the bakery and food section of the Coop Verteilzentrale Bern-Brunnen during the summer holidays. Other members of the congregation are also welcome to join us, if interested. Lift scheme will be organised. Costs: 5.- per participant. Time: 8.15 – 11.30

#### *Join up*

If you are aged 7 – 11 and would like to know more about this club, please phone Françoise Hänggi (031 802 10 05) or write an email:

fhaenggi@swissonline.ch

# Taking Care of the Rappen

The story of the Widow's Mite is a reminder that even the smallest gifts received, the five rappen in the Junior Church collection or in the coffee tray, come from an act of generosity, and in the same way, even the smallest amount we spend should reflect that generosity in our careful stewardship of the gifts entrusted to us.



This means not spending more than is really necessary, and making the best use of the resources available to us. The interpretation of what is “necessary” is one that people often discuss – and the Council do discuss! We did not plan to have a large Douglas fir dominating the front of the church, but we have inherited it, and it is “necessary” to maintain it. The new diode lighting in the hall was not cheap, but in the context of stewardship of energy and of long-term economy, it has been a good choice.

Please look around when you are at church, and if you see any sign of waste, or any area where money can be used more efficiently, let me know, or Peter, or anyone on Council.

Here are a few things that I myself see as wasteful:

- It is a waste, if you have a bank or a post account, to pay your pledge at the post office counter. If you pay us Fr10, we only receive Fr9.10. If you pay us Fr150, we only receive Fr148.25. The balance benefits the post office – it doesn't benefit us. (If you use a pink and not an orange slip, we get a further 60 rappen less.) Postfinance, UBS and Co. make enough out of using the money you keep with them. Pay us electronically, or by an order direct from your account.
- It is a waste for the church to have a state-of-the-art photocopier that sits idle for long periods. It pays for itself, but we could gain a (small) income if you ask Jana (or on Sundays anyone able to help) if you can do your private photocopying on it. Our rates undercut any commercial copier (especially for colour!!)
- In the same way, we have other resources which could be more intensively used. Have you thought of using the church hall as the venue for your next party? Do you need a Mobility car? The church has a card which is very seldom used, and is available for church members.

- It is a waste in winter if we heat our buildings and you leave the doors open. Please look after God's world, and use heat sensibly. And that goes for light too!

In some cases, the amounts are trivial, but many droplets will eventually fill a bucket!

- *The Treasurer*

## Contribution from Douglas Pratt

I first visited Bern in March 2010. It was a brief visit on a Monday over lunch to organise my return later that year in order to teach a Block seminar for the Old Catholic (Christkatholische) department in the Faculty of Theology. So it was that, whilst based at Heidelberg during a research visit, I popped down to Bern for three weekend (Fri/Sat) seminar sessions late last year. But by then I had also been invited to return for a full semester as a Visiting Professor in Theology for the *Frühlingssemester*, 2010. Being a New Zealand Anglican priest and theologian, as well as a professor in Religious Studies, and having previously had association with the English Church in Heidelberg, I decided to check out St Ursula's in late November in preparation for being here this year. When I first met Father Peter, St Ursula's looked a picture postcard, bedecked as it was in snow. I was enchanted. I set about the process of getting licensed to the Diocese of Europe (in New Zealand I hold licenses in two dioceses) and, it would appear, just as I am about to conclude my time here the final bit of paperwork has come through! However, Fr Peter assures me the licence will be valid for a good number of years – and already I will be back later in November once again.

The opportunity to contribute to the worship life of St Ursula's, as well as at Thun, has been a privilege. I have greatly enjoyed my association and the people I have met and got to know. I sense a foundation laid; who knows what God has in store. Had someone suggested, a couple of years ago, where and how I would spend the first half of 2010 I would have thought them crazy! Life is full of unexpected surprises and challenges. As a child I recall an old lady relative telling me (imagine here a Warwickshire accent): 'When opportunity knocks, don't complain at noise!' I am grateful to God for the challenge of my time at the University, and for the pleasant surprise of St Ursula's. When I return to NZ at the end of June I shall be glad knowing I shall be back before year's end. God Bless.

- *Revd Canon Professor Douglas Pratt*

# Charity and Missions Focus for June/ July 2011: Scripture Union South Africa Lifeskills Education Initiative

*The following report and prayer requests have been sent to us from Rob Mackay from National Development Coordinator for Sakh'Ulutsha, the Scripture Union South Africa Lifeskills Education Initiative:*

## **Scripture Union South Africa: responding practically and relevantly to voices of need**

Scripture Union (SU) South Africa is entering a new 5-year vision from 2011, aiming to increase its impact through innovative programmes. While South Africa has come a long way since first democratic elections in 1994, there is still much poverty / unemployment and the effects of HIV and AIDS are immense. SU is strategically placed in schools and communities to build God's Kingdom among young people and their families. A few examples of building hope recently include:

### **School shoes project:**

In response to a dire need in the impoverished Eastern Cape region of South Africa, SU Amatola Regional Director, Sue Bentley, and her team have risen to the challenge again this year. They collected some 800 pairs of school shoes for distribution at needy schools. The Amatola team play a facilitating role in



the East London community, being a drop-off depot for churches, schools and the general population for the shoes. Sue's team then distribute the shoes to needy children, using this as an introduction and gateway to further ministry which includes Lifeskills, in schools. It is attracting the attention of the whole community and combining churches in a united action of love to young people. Our project has been in the local newspapers and we are privileged for the opportunity to serve in this way.

### **Inclusion of environmental issues:**

In January this year, eight of our Scripture Union (SU) staff workers and others from the Students Christian Organization were challenged to venture beyond

their everyday comfort zones in the Cape Fold Mountains during an A Rocha South Africa Outdoor Leadership Course at Coaton Cottage (an hour from Cape Town). Participants in *Created for Life!* were presented an opportunity for a wilderness encounter with God which is aimed at building integrity and character. The training involved taking participants out into the wilderness to better appreciate the Bible's teaching on the integral role of creation, the image of God and stewardship. At the same time participants were trained to lead today's youth in outdoor programmes through guided nature walks, adventure learning and group-adventure games. A hands-on experience of forest, grassland or fynbos ecosystems in South African wilderness areas is integral to the course. SU is excited at this opportunity to incorporate an environmental component to our various youth ministry tools, including Lifeskills curricula, Bible Engagement and Youth Centres.

### **Reaching out to youth at risk in out-of-school settings:**

SU South Africa generally works with children in a school setting only, as that is where young people spend the greater part of their day and we can work within the school structure. In the first quarter of 2011, SU South Africa began working with out of school youth in a more formal manner, with support from an international donor. In many poor communities in our country, many young people leave school at around the age of 15 and gather on streets, in community centres, at taverns and on sports fields. In response to this growing need, SU developed a video-based training programme to assist our workers to reach out relevantly and effectively to these young people. This is being rolled out around the country in the various SU teams.

Part of the change in strategy is using smaller groups of young people and paying attention to their specialised care needs. So far the various pilot projects have been completed well and have included ministering to juveniles in prison, to street children and through youth centres. The scope for expanding this work is immense: please pray that SU will be able to demonstrate good work and inspire the broader Christian community to get involved in partnerships in reaching these often-neglected young people.

### **Prayer items June & July 2011, St Ursula's**

1. Please pray for Scripture Union's financial situation. We are facing difficult times what with the recession. Please pray for God's hand in this situation.

2. Due to capacity problems, Scripture Union's office in Soweto, the largest township has had to close down. Please pray for God to send us willing workers to revive the very important work in this area.
3. Scripture Union Lifeskills has formally begun work with out of school youth in our Gauteng North and KwaZulu Natal regions. Please pray that this work will grow and that many youth in juvenile prisons, on the streets and those who come to our youth centres will be reached by this important work.
4. Scripture Union this year drafted a new 5 year plan to better serve the young people of this country. Please pray that God will bless these plans and that we may reach more young children with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Please pray for the newly formed National Operations team, whose task it is to translate the new strategy into achievable goals for the organisation. Please pray for God's blessing as they set about this very important task.
6. Thank God with us for the wonderful relationships that Scripture Union's Lifeskills has with schools and that these relationships may be strengthened in this year and beyond.
7. Please thank the Lord with Scripture Union for our faithful band of volunteers as without them, this work would not be possible.
8. Please also thank God with us for the faithful donors who have supported Scripture Union work throughout the years. It is because of them that we are able to reach many young people.

- Cecily Klingler





# Stewards Together

A churchwarden is the guardian of a church. A sty-warden looks after the pigs. Some 25 of us got this insight into the origin of the word “steward” on 16 April. We had come to St Ursula's from all over Switzerland to hear Terry Parsons, formerly Stewardship Officer to the Episcopal Church of the United States.

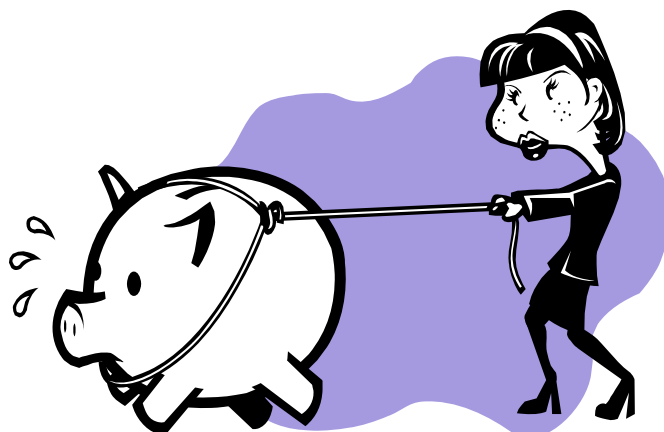
In a comprehensive programme, she gave us the benefit of her wisdom and experience on many themes related to giving, both the theology and the practicalities. For even if stewardship no longer involves pig-watching, it is good to remember that we are managing someone else's property. We don't own the world, or the church. We manage it on God's behalf.

One of Terry's themes was that we should involve church members more in the giving process. More information about how money and resources are used. More consultation in the decision process. More involvement of young people, so that they really understand the link between the coins they put in the collection bag and the way their money is being used.

She answered questions on pledging (“Call it 'Financial Commitment'”) and on budgeting (“Giving notice of what limits we intend to place on God's activities in the coming year”) - the day passed too quickly, and even though Terry left us each with a CD containing useful resources, some culled from her work for ECUSA, we would have liked more.

This was one of the seminars arranged by the Swiss Archdeaconry Christian Education Programme, SACEP. The next is on 17 September in Basle, when Professor Grace Davie (no relation!) from Exeter, Professor Thomas Schag from Zurich and our own Bishop, Geoffrey Rowell, will lead a study day on “The Bible - Opening a Closed Book for Today” to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James Version. Note the date in your diary!

- Hector Davie



# Summer Bazaar

It was a brilliant day, with sun and fun for all. Thanks to all who helped, all who came, and all who took part, the takings on the day were:

Books	1884.50
Restaurant	1307.40
Food	2670.00
Plants	356.00
Lucky Sunflower Draw	63.75
Tombola	300.80
Egg Game	39.00
Ladder Game	24.10
The Challenge	84.75
Parking Game	37.20
Face Painting	31.50
Guessing Competition	98.90
Cheese	200.00
Bric à brac	89.00
Usborne Books	50.00
Candles	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7298.90</b>



**Thank you everyone!**

*- Hector Davie*





# Who's Who



Revd Peter Potter  
Chaplain



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Jana Kutesko  
Church Office



Maxine Wildhaber  
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Mary McKinley  
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Ruth Freiburghaus  
Rota Coordinator



Walter Bisig  
Environment Officer



Elisabeth Pfyffer  
Choir



Hans-Karl Pfyffer  
Organist

# House Swap

Family of four are looking for a home swap for a 2 week holiday in August this year or next.

We have a four bedroomed terraced cottage that sleeps 6, overlooking the village green. It is situated in Leafield, Oxfordshire, in the heart of the Cotswolds, near to Oxford, Blenheim Palace, the Cotswolds villages and a good number of National Trust properties and gardens. Accessible to



London, Bath and Stratford on Avon. For more information contact Deborah Triff (daughter of Barbara Bream member of St. Ursula's 1976 –1991) e-mail: [dtriff@btinternet.com](mailto:dtriff@btinternet.com)

# Host Family

Wanted: an English-speaking host family, couple or individual for a Mongolian teacher of English placed for a 3-month internship at the International School of Berne in Gümüli. Personally interviewed and selected by the program director of the Swiss Program for Language Instruction and Teacher Training, this 52-year-old Mongolian man will come to Switzerland in early August 2011 and leave at the beginning of November, be fully integrated in the ISB, have health and liability insurance, pocket-money and a GA. He will often be traveling within Switzerland on weekends, but needs a warm welcome, a room, breakfast and supper during the week. Oyunbold, married and father of three, teaches English at the University of Khovd in western Mongolia. He started teaching only a few years ago but is a very active teacher, well liked by both students and colleagues. The aim of the internship is to help Oyunbold improve his English language ability and his teaching skills. For further information please contact Anita Fahrni, [a.fahrni@clinch.ch](mailto:a.fahrni@clinch.ch)



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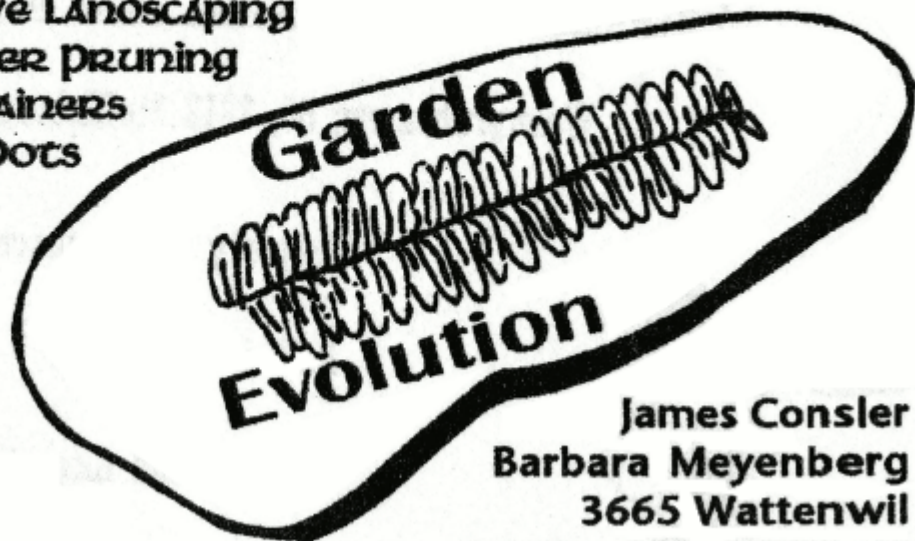
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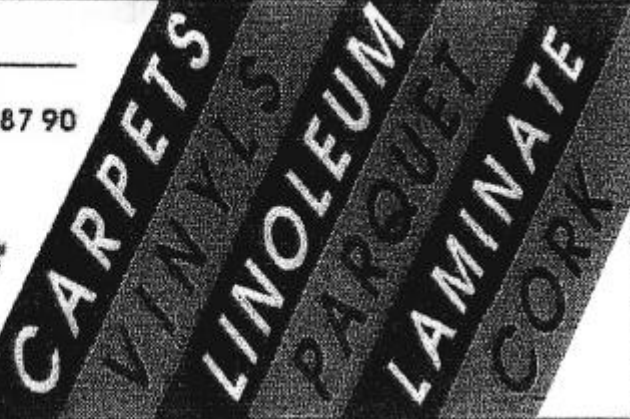
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## Pentecost

The dove descending breaks the air  
With flame of incandescent terror  
Of which the tongues declare  
The one discharge from sin and error.  
The only hope, or else despair  
Lies in the choice of pyre or pyre—  
To be redeemed from fire by fire.

Who then devised the torment? Love.  
Love is the unfamiliar Name  
Behind the hands that wove  
The intolerable shirt of flame  
Which human power cannot remove.  
We only live, only suspire  
Consumed by either fire or fire.

*from Little Gidding by T.S. Eliot (1888-1965)*

