

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



February - March 2015

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Normal pattern of Sunday services:

8.30 Said Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sundays)

10.00 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church and Crèche

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

On the 2nd Sunday of the month, the 10.00 service is usually all-age.

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

Services in Thun: 19.30 on the first and third Thursdays of the month: Eucharist and Bible study. Contact: church office 031 352 8567

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

It is still early January as I write this but the *Fasnachtschüechli* are in the shops already.

It's hardly original to say that we live in a consumer society and the year goes from one marketing opportunity to another. We Christians tend to think we are immune to its charms. Well, partly at least. But are we, really, or is churchgoing another consumer choice? Sometimes people turn up one Sunday and say quite openly that they are shopping around for a church. One that suits them and gives them what they want. They move around until they find one. Perhaps eventually they decide that none of them fits and they stay at home, do something different – or even start a church of their own.

Then there are people who quite like the church they have found but it is only one among several options for Sunday morning. They will come if they haven't got anything else on that day. In other words, church has come to be just one activity competing for consumer choice.

Churches are partly to blame. They have borrowed marketing techniques and phraseology. Books on mission and church growth talk about the target groups, strategies, associational networks and action plans, and contain pie-charts galore. Some of this has its use in helping us be more effective but it can also lead us astray.

The forty days of Lent call the Church back to her true purpose in an annual imitation of Jesus' time in the desert. The point of the Church is the worship of the living God. All our other activities – mission, teaching, pastoral care, etc – flow from this. It follows therefore that participation in the Church's core activity must be a priority and an obligation. In our consumerist society, however, choice is king and “nobody is going to tell me what to do”. Lent, with its emphasis on going without and on “thy will be done (not mine)”, is a radical and uncomfortable contrast. It calls us to stick with our obligations even if – or especially when – we would rather be doing something else.

So, this Lent, let us give thanks for the dedication of the faithful few - and let us pray for the gift of unfashionable virtues like perseverance, commitment and resistance to the temptation to be always on the lookout for something different.

Peter

One Faith?



Two very different comments I heard this week set me thinking. One was from an Anglican priest, one from a Muslim garage mechanic. One was about visiting Canterbury Cathedral, the other was related to the atrocious

killings at the offices of Charlie Hebdo. Here was enough material for two articles, but there is something that links the two comments into one theme.

First the priest. Every year, Canterbury Cathedral invites a generous handful of clergy from different parts of the worldwide Anglican communion to a week's study together of current issues. It is a chance to exchange ideas, and to see how different cultures have different problems, and to discuss how the church should deal with these. Fijians can talk with Bolivians, Nigerians with Americans, Irish with Chinese. Sometimes the problems in Johannesburg are the same as the problems in Hong Kong. Sometimes they are very different.

The remark came from a very charismatic Kenyan, who said he looked forward to finding out how churches in some countries could justify the ordination of gay priests. The Bible, he said, condemned homosexual behaviour, and even if God loved sinners, God certainly condemned their sins. And, in his words, "the church has the Holy Spirit. There is only one Spirit, and the Spirit can't be saying to one group of Christians that ordaining gay priests is right and to another group of Christians that it is wrong."

The mechanic spoke in a totally different context. He did not condone the killing of the journalists – it was for God to punish them. But drawing cartoons mocking Mohammed was wrong. "I love Mohammed more than I love my father and mother," he said.

A person in a liberal society would say that each of these two views is bigoted. "My way of looking at things is right, and your way is wrong." But both speakers believed sincerely in what they said, and this raises two questions. How much tolerance should we have of other people's beliefs and practices? And is it possible for something to be right in one society and wrong in another?

We Christians follow Jesus, who said: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one nobody comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). Muslims assert that there is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is the prophet of Allah.

We tend to see these two statements as mutually incompatible – if one is right, the other must be wrong. And certainly it is a step too far to say that coming to God “through Jesus” is possible for everyone, whether they believe in Jesus or not, or that because “Allah” is merely the Arabic word for God, used by Christians, Muslims and Jews alike, and since Mohammed was one of God's believers, the Muslim *shahada* is more or less the same thing. No, there are differences.

But the New Testament is clear that we should not persecute those people we disagree with. The story of the wheat and the tares implies that it is for God to reward the good, and not for us to punish the bad. We should not listen to false teachers, but our attitude should be to kick the dust off our feet, and not to attack them in return. Under some circumstances, their values can be praiseworthy – like the pagans who were still able to do good deeds because “what the Law requires is written on their hearts.” (Romans 2:15)

At Pentecost, the crowd heard the effect of the Spirit on the apostles. “In our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power” (Acts 2:8). There is indeed one Spirit, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. But we are all different. Paul may well have felt the Spirit telling him that “if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair” (1 Cor 11:6) but few of us would see this as compulsory. We may regret that the place of marriage in Swiss society is changing, but forget that a couple of centuries ago, even for a widower to marry his sister-in-law was out of the question. Like warmth, the Spirit can work in different ways in different circumstances. Heat can turn ice liquid or turn a raw egg solid, but it is the same heat. A few verses after his comments about women’s hair, Paul tells the Corinthians that “there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit” (12:4): what is right for one may not be best for another.

So let us speak less and listen more. The Spirit sets us free from the straitjacket of the law - rules and regulations that bar us from doing wrong without guiding us to do right. The Spirit leads us to love God and love our neighbours – and so exploitation, cruel atrocities, or simply ignoring the needs of others are out of the question. This is the one Faith, and it is for us, through the power of the Spirit, to put it into practice, however we perceive it, and wherever we are.

- *Hector Davie*

FAQ: Who are the Old Catholics?

We call the Old Catholics a sister church as we have been closely linked since 1931. In Switzerland it is known, for historical reasons, as the *Christkatholische Kirche/Eglise catholique-chrétienne* but elsewhere as Old Catholics. They are a group of national churches, mainly in German-speaking countries but also in the Netherlands, together with some small groups in eastern Europe and France. The Dutch church is the oldest and the Archbishop of Utrecht is the senior bishop.

They separated from the Roman Catholic Church after disagreements about the infallibility of the Pope in 1870. The “old” in their title reflects their wish to organise the church according to the doctrines of the early Church Councils. They adopted worship in the local language, not Latin, and allowed priests to marry. In other words they soon began to look very much like the Anglicans and the two churches began to explore a closer relationship.

In 1931 the Bonn Agreement was signed and the two churches entered full communion. That means each church recognises each other's ordinations so that, for instance, an Old Catholic bishop can take a confirmation for an Anglican congregation and a Church of England priest could be appointed as *Pfarrer* in an Old Catholic parish (and both these have happened in Switzerland). For this reason the Old Catholics do not have any parishes in English-speaking countries and their people simply join a local Anglican church. Conversely, the understanding is that the Diocese in Europe offers ministry in English and the Old Catholics in the local language.

Today the Old Catholic Church in Switzerland has some 24 parishes with about 12,000 members. There is an Old Catholic Theology Department at the University of Berne and it often runs courses led by Anglican theologians. (A frequent visitor is of course Canon Prof. Douglas Pratt, who is well-known to us.) The Swiss Old Catholic aid organisation Partner Sein is supported by our chaplaincies and it works through Anglican charities in developing countries. In his 2014 Lenten Pastoral Letter Bishop Harald proposed closer cooperation between our two churches in mission work in Switzerland. This is still under discussion but some fruitful projects could come of it.

If you want to help build up these closer relationships with our sister church, why not join the Willibrord Society? (Information from its treasurer, Hector Davie)

-PMP

A Phrase for the Month – Kyrie Eleison

“It’s all Greek to me,” you may rightly say. What are these words in a foreign language – one that Jesus might have known but would not normally have spoken – doing in our church services? What’s wrong with “Lord have mercy”, which means the same and has fewer syllables too?

Thomas Cranmer, the 16th-century archbishop of Canterbury, believed passionately that prayer should be “in such a tongue as the people understandeth”, and in the Book of Common Prayer he relentlessly translated not only Latin prayers, but Greek and Hebrew – practically the only foreign word left untouched was “Amen” (for which the English translation “Indeed” was perhaps a step too far!). *Kyrie eleison*, which had survived from Greek liturgical prayers and had found its way into the Roman missal, was replaced by “Lord have mercy upon us.” So why has it come back, and can we learn anything from the expression?

The return of the Greek phrase is partly the result of our musical tradition, where old settings survived in choral singing, partly because the phrase never completely died out (along with words like alleluia (or hallelujah, if you prefer the original Hebrew) or hosanna – which Cranmer also rooted out). In particular, the Prayer Books had turned the prayer into a response to a reading of the Ten Commandments at the beginning of the communion service, and as these came to be used less and less, something traditional seemed needed to fill the gap.

In the Greek church, *kyrie eleison* is used repeatedly, almost hypnotically, to echo prayers, rather as we use “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer”. In our own liturgy, we tend to use it in sombre seasons like Lent and Advent, often instead of the joyful song of glory to God in the highest.

Kyrie is the way we address God (and our sung prayer is addressed to Father, Son and Spirit). As with the English *sir* or the German *Herr*, it is also the polite way to address someone, but it also translates the Hebrew word for master, *adonai*, which was used to refer to God. Like *Herr*, it means someone who has power, someone who has ownership, someone to whom people pay respect, and it is good from time to time to think of the many meanings which go into the way we address God.

But if we think of God as powerful, we can sometimes fall into the trap of misinterpreting “have mercy”, the second part of the phrase. “Have mercy” is what a defeated soldier says, kneeling before a sword-wielding victor. “Have

mercy” is what a prisoner says to a judge threatening a long prison sentence. God is not like that.

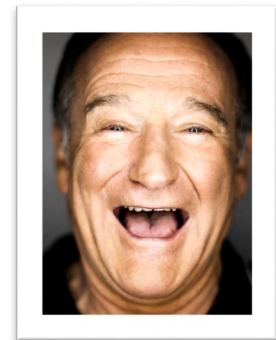
God is not lurking in a dark corner, waiting to pounce on us and punish us for doing wrong. God really wants the best for us, and sent Jesus to share our human weakness. The real meaning of mercy, and of *eleos*, the Greek noun that is the root of the imperative verb *eleison*, is pity, pity for the needs of others, and having the resources to meet those needs. The Bible describes God as rich in mercy (Eph 2:4), always ready to give health and salvation.

In the Greek Bible, several of the Psalms include the call *eleison me kyrie* (6:2, 9:13 – the first a prayer in sickness, the latter a song of praise) – often translated “be gracious to me, O Lord.” For one thing is certain – God knows our needs, and is generous in providing for them. God's mercy is abundant and everlasting, and so we can confidently add our prayers to those of the church throughout the ages: *Kyrie eleison!*

- Hector Davie

Top 10 Reasons to be an Episcopalian

(from the comedian, the late Robin Williams, who was an Episcopalian, the American name for an Anglican.)



10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female, God created them; male and female, we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
6. Pew aerobics.
5. Church year is color-coded.
4. Free wine on Sunday.
3. All of the pageantry - none of the guilt.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.

And the Number One reason to be an Episcopalian:

1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.

Chaplain's Notes

Welcoming Bishops

We shall be welcoming two bishops in the coming weeks. Unusually neither them are here for a Confirmation. Bishop Robert will be attending the Archdeaconry Synod at St Ursula's on Saturday 7 February and he will be staying on to join us at the 10 o'clock Eucharist on Sunday. It will be a good opportunity for him to get to know us and vice-versa.

Sunday 8 March is our Missions Sunday and our guest preacher this year is Bishop Henry Scriven from CMS, one of the charities we support. We are using the CMS "Possible World" course in Lent this year, so it will be good to hear some first hand experiences of the work they are doing. Bishop Henry was previously the Suffragan (assistant) Bishop in our Diocese.

Worshipping Together



During Lent we shall be joining with our sister church, the Old Catholics, for evening worship. The services will be held every Sunday in Lent at 18.30. They will be at St Ursula's on 1 March and 29 March and at St Peter and St Paul's on the other Sundays. Many people value Evensong as a quiet, reflective way to round off the day and to get ready for the week ahead.

Lent will soon be here

Ash Wednesday is on 18 February and there will be a Eucharist at 18.30. At this service we invite you to receive a cross of ash as a sign of penitence. We make the ash from last year's palm crosses, so please bring them to church from Sunday 1 February.



... so will Easter

Easter is early this year, on 5 April. There will be more details of our services in the next magazine but please note that we shall have our Palm Sunday procession as usual on 29 March, then during Holy Week there will be services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.



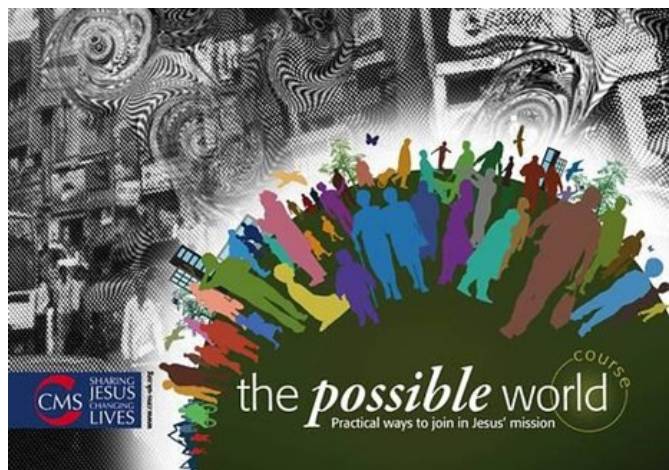
Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter are the important days of the Christian calendar, so please make every effort to be in church.

Another date to note

Our AGM is after the 10.00 service on 26 April. Full details will appear in the next magazine. You need to be on the Church Electoral Roll if you want to take part. The closing date for new entries is 29 March, so please fill in an application form straight away if you are not already on the roll.

Lent Course

This year we want to increase the numbers taking part in our Lent course by having groups meeting at a variety of times and places. You can choose one that suits you. You will know by now that we are following “The Possible World” produced by CMS, one of mission agencies we support. The course looks at vital issues like injustice, suffering and consumer culture. It challenges us to live out our faith in Jesus.



Please see the poster in the hall and the weekly notice sheet to find out about a group near you.

A concluding evaluation meeting for the study with input and any conclusions from each of the groups is planned for Sunday 29 March after church in the lower hall (11.45 – approx 12.45). We hope that as many as possible of the participants of the study groups will be able to attend and share experiences at the meeting. We will provide some bread & cheese and you can pick up a coffee or tea quickly before the meeting.



Missions Sunday 8 March 2015



On 8 March we will be having our Missions Sunday where we focus on the missions and charities we support at St Ursula's. This will be an All in Church worship service. This year our special focus is on the CMS (Church Missionary Society) a mission we have supported for many years. Our guest speaker at the service will be Bishop Henry Scriven who was formerly Suffragan Bishop in Europe and is now the CMS Mission director for South America.

Following the Sunday service we will be having a Pot Luck or Bring and Share lunch. All (including children!) are most welcome to join us in the fellowship at the lunch and you will have an extra chance to meet Bishop Henry personally. During the lunch we will be able to hear a presentation from Bishop Henry with more detail about the work of the CMS and in particular he will help us with launching our new CMS church link with CMS mission partners in Northern Argentina, Andrew and Maria Leake (see the Charity & Missions Focus on page 26 of this issue)! This is an exciting opportunity to learn about our new CMS link so that we can give better support as a church to the Leakes.

Please bring along a dish of food to share (salad, main and/or dessert) enough for you (and your family) plus a little extra. It is helpful for us if you make sure your food is heated and ready to serve when the meal starts. Since our focus is on South America perhaps you might be able to cook something South American even?

We will also have materials displayed in the hall about our other missions we support at St Ursula's and you are encouraged to look at this and to talk with members of the Charity & Missions team about our charity support.

- Cecily Klingler on behalf of the Charity and Missions Team

Electoral Roll Revision

Each year our Electoral Roll is revised just before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) – you will find more information about the AGM elsewhere in this magazine.

At the AGM we elect representatives to the church council and also the churchwardens.

In order to vote at these elections, you **must** be on the Electoral Roll. You must also be on the Electoral Roll if you would like to stand for election yourself or nominate someone else.

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, may I encourage you to consider joining. You can find an application form in the church hall and on our website, or you can contact the church office to get one sent to you. Please fill in this form and return it to me. The **closing date** for the receipt of applications is **Sunday 29 March**.

If you have questions about the Electoral Roll or are unsure whether to join please speak to the chaplain, to me or to a member of council.

- Electoral Roll Officer (Tricia Carrick)

Archdeaconry Choir Festival 2015

The Archdeaconry Choir Festival 2015 will be hosted by the Chaplaincy of St Andrew Zürich on Saturday 11 April and Sunday 12 April 2015, with a first rehearsal in the Evening of Friday 10 April. The music will include traditional and contemporary works for the Liturgy (Choral Evensong on Saturday and sung Communion Service on Sunday).



The Choir of St Ursula's Church will start rehearsing the music from late January onwards.

Our regular choir practices are on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30. Singers who are not regularly singing in our choir, but would like to join us for this event, will be welcome at our choir practices. Please contact Elisabeth or Hans-Karl Pfyffer (026 492 03 26) for additional information.

- Hans-Karl & Elisabeth Pfyffer

Church Breakfasts

The monthly Sunday Church Breakfasts are still popular. So we plan to continue them in 2015 – on the first Sunday of each month.

Everyone is welcome. Just come along from 8.30 – no need to sign up or bring anything. Cereals, bread, butter, jam, marmalade, croissants together with tea, coffee and juice will be there waiting for you.



Easter Sunday

This year Easter Sunday (5 April) is the first Sunday of the month. So there will be a church breakfast. But this will be a bit special – maybe there will be a small addition to the menu. It will also be slightly more formal than usual and include some readings from the Easter Vigil.

So put the date in your diary now and plan to come along and experience something special.

- *Tricia Carrick*

Jam Jars!

It's that time of year again.... the oranges are almost ready to make marmalade but I'm still lots of jars short, so a special plea for lots of jam jars so that we don't have a shortage of marmalade at this year's sales.

The jars should be no bigger than 450g size, have all their labels removed, be totally clean inside & out and have their lids with them.

If you have any to spare, please leave them in the Church Kitchen

THANK YOU!

- *Jana Kutesko*



Shrove Tuesday = Pancakes

It is a tradition in the UK to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday – the day before Lent begins.

You are invited to drop in at the church hall from 18.00 on Tuesday 17 February and participate in this tradition. Pancakes and drinks will be provided. Savoury pancakes with chilli con carne, cheese or cheese and ham will be available. As will sweet pancakes with the traditional sugar and lemon juice topping. If you would like any other topping please bring it with you.

We would like to welcome everyone, of all ages, to join us.

- *Tricia Carrick*



A Matter of Tax

By the time you read this, you should have had a letter from me acknowledging your gifts to the church during 2014 – where I can identify them. My thanks to everyone who has supported the work of the church, whether I have a record of it or not, and not just with money, but with time, talent, service or prayer.

Computers do not make mistakes, but the people who enter data into them do, so please check that my figures agree with yours!

For many years, money given “für Kultuszwecke” (“butts cultuels” - to support worship) cannot be set against your income for tax relief, unlike gifts to other charities. You can try arguing this with the tax authorities, but to make it easier, the church has a separate “charitable organization”, which looks after the premises, gives spiritual and practical help, and supports needs here and in the developing world – gifts to the charitable association are accepted as deductible income, and if your tax person says they are not, please ask me to provide official evidence to show that they are!

- Hector Davie, Treasurer

Thun Church

There is 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

Neuchâtel Church

The Neuchâtel Church is now linked with Christ Church Lausanne.
For information contact Mrs Jenny Veenendaal (tel 032 841 64 32) or see the website www.neuchatel-church.ch

Ecumenical House Group in Liebefeld

Why not join us in 2015? We welcome you to walk with us on our journey of faith.

“Understanding the beginning is the beginning of understanding”

We are studying “Unshakable Faith” by Rick Joyner, a devotional based on the Book of Genesis.

The Ecumenical House Group meets on the following dates at 19.30:

Wednesday, 4 and 18 February 2015

Wednesday, 4 and 18 March 2015

Please contact Brian or Lynn Morgan (031 971 13 36, 079 415 26 19 or bmorgan@bcmconsult.ch)

for more information.

Address: Falkenstrasse 2, 3097 Liebefeld (No.10 bus to Hessesstrasse and then just a short walk)



Services and Readings February, March 2015

1 February, The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

10.00 Eucharist with prayers for healing

Malachi 3:1-5

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

8 February, Second Sunday before Lent

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 All in Church Together

Proverbs 8:1,22-31

John 1:1-14

15 February, Sunday before Lent

10.00 Sung Eucharist

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

18 February, Ash Wednesday

18.30 Holy Communion with

Imposition of Ashes

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

John 8:1-11

22 February, Lent 1

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

18.30 Evening Prayer at SS Peter and Paul



1 March, Lent 2

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Genesis 17:1-7,15,16

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-36

18.30 Evening Prayer, St David

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12

8 March, Lent 3

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 All in Church Together

Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

18.30 Evening Prayer at SS Peter and Paul

15 March, Lent 4 and Mothering Sunday

10.00 Sung Eucharist

1 Samuel 1:20-28

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:33-35

18.30 Evening Prayer at SS Peter and Paul

22 March, Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

18.30 Evening Prayer at SS Peter and Paul

29 March, Palm Sunday

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Mark 11:1-11

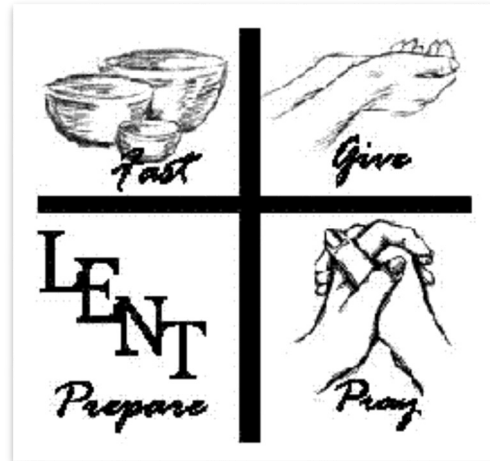
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Mark 14:1-15:47 (Passion Gospel) (dramatised)

18.30 Evensong

Isaiah 5:1-7

Mark 12:1-12



Prayer Diary

February and March 2015

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| 1. Sunday | The Presentation: May we welcome Christ into our lives |
| 2. Monday | music students studying in Berne |
| 3. Tuesday | the Mission and Charities Committee |
| 4. Wednesday | Christians in the Middle East |
| 5. Thursday | victims of human trafficking |
| 6. Friday | the people and churches of New Zealand |
| 7. Saturday | the Swiss Archdeaconry Synod |
| 8. Sunday | Bishop Robert's ministry |
| 9. Monday | our young people's confirmation group |
| 10. Tuesday | members of the Federal Council |
| 11. Wednesday | the Church Mission Society (CMS) |
| 12. Thursday | victims of natural disasters and relief workers |
| 13. Friday | the Mothers' Union |
| 14. Saturday | couples getting married |
| 15. Sunday | our church library |
| 16. Monday | the Bishop's Lent Appeal |
| 17. Tuesday | social events at church |
| 18. Wednesday | Ash Wednesday: Our keeping of Lent |
| 19. Thursday | the Thun Church group |
| 20. Friday | our Lent study groups |
| 21. Saturday | new chaplains in the Diocese |
| 22. Sunday | the Anglican Church in Estonia |
| 23. Monday | victims of Ebola |
| 24. Tuesday | the Train a Priest (TAP) Fund |
| 25. Wednesday | people caring for a family member at home |
| 26. Thursday | the Fair Trade movement |
| 27. Friday | the police force |
| 28. Saturday | the book and food sale today |

1. **Sunday** **St David:** the people and churches of Wales
2. Monday local medical services
3. Tuesday today's Council meeting
4. Wednesday the American Episcopal Church in Europe
5. Thursday peace among people of different faiths
6. Friday a spirit of sorrow for our sins
7. Saturday all who enrich our worship with music
8. **Sunday** our Missions Sunday service
9. Monday being environmentally aware in our shopping
10. Tuesday discipline in prayer
11. Wednesday the CMS project in Argentina
12. Thursday the Junior Church children and helpers
13. Friday colleagues at work
14. Saturday the Willibrord Society, working together with the Old Catholics
15. **Sunday** Mothering Sunday: the Dean and cathedral congregation in Gibraltar
16. Monday chaplaincies with a vacancy
17. Tuesday **St Patrick:** the people and churches of Ireland, north and south
18. Wednesday social outreach at the Athens chaplaincy
19. Thursday family members far away
20. Friday the Patchwork Group
21. Saturday our Youth Group
22. **Sunday** Cecily's Fund
23. Monday people in our neighbourhood
24. Tuesday prisoners
25. Wednesday the Swiss Council of Churches (AGCK)
26. Thursday the people and government of Greece
27. Friday the magazine team
28. Saturday people working unsocial hours
29. **Sunday** **Palm Sunday:** "sing Hosanna!"
30. Monday praying for those who have hurt us
31. Tuesday listening in prayer

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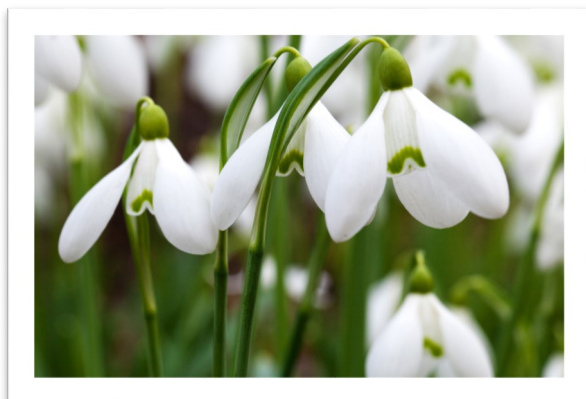
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Regular Weekly Events

Mondays	09.00-09.30	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	09.15-11.15	Parents and Tots
Fridays	09.30	Patchwork
Saturdays	09.30-11.30	Choir Practice

Other Events

Sunday 1 February	08.30	Church Breakfast
	10.00	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
Monday 2 February	19.30	Piano Recital
Tuesday 3 February	16.15	Charity & Missions Team Meeting
	19.30	Church Council
Wednesday 4 February	19.30	Ecumenical House Group (Liebefeld)
Saturday 7 February	09.30	Archdeaconry Synod
Sunday 15 February	10.00	Confirmation Class
Tuesday 17 February	18.00	Pancake Evening
Wednesday 18 February	18.30	Ash Wednesday Service
	19.30	Ecumenical House Group (Liebefeld)
Sunday 22 February	10.00	Youth Group
Friday 27 February	09.00	Book Sorting
Saturday 28 February	10.00 – 14.00	Book & Food Sale



Sunday 1 March	08.30	Church Breakfast
	10.00	Confirmation Class
	18.30	Evening prayer at St Ursula's
Tuesday 3 March	19.30	Church Council
Wednesday 4 March	19.30	Ecumenical House Group (Liebefeld)
Sunday 8 March		MISSION SUNDAY
	10.00	Youth Group
	12.00	Bring & Share Lunch
Saturday 14 March	10.00 – 12.00	Children's Toy & Equipment sale
Sunday 15 March		COPY DATE
		Mothering Sunday
	10.00	Confirmation Class
Wednesday 18 March	19.30	Ecumenical House Group (Liebefeld)
Sunday 22 March	10.00	Confirmation Class
	12.00	Lenten Lunch
Thursday 26 March	09.00 – 11.00	Collating
Sunday 29 March	10.00	Youth Group
	12.00	Lent Course Evaluation Meeting
	18.30	Evensong at St Ursula's
Tuesday 31 March	19.30	Church Council

Future Dates

Saturday 11 April – Sunday 12 April	Archdeaconry Choir Festival in Zürich
Sunday 26 April	Annual General Meeting
Saturday 20 June	Summer Fête
Sunday 21 June	Confirmation Sunday

Junior Church News

Meeting Times

Junior Church meets every Sunday, All-Age services are the second Sunday in the month. It begins with a time of worship with the whole congregation in church. After this, all the children and teachers meet together in the hall for a brief introduction, prayer and to collect our gifts for Tear Fund. We currently run three classes for children aged between 3-14 years.



Nativity Play

Teenies have a separate meeting schedule.

Lessons

As we embrace the new year 2015, we celebrate the Epiphany, a time we remember the arrival of wise men from the East seeking to see the King of the Jews. They were guided by the star which went before them to Bethlehem and it stopped where the child was, this brought great joy to the wise men. They knelt before Him, worshiped and offered Him their gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh. God revealed to them in a dream to go home through a different route. As the year unfolds, we have the same God who guided these men, we have the great star, his Holy Spirit, to guide us. Let us be active to worship him as we offer service, our strength, knowledge, creativity, songs, prayers, money etc. to God our Father. Let us be ready to obey when he tells us to leave our ways and follow His, I believe we will end up in perfect peace in December 2015.

Activity Club (7-13 year olds): past and coming up

We have an active Activity Club for our 7-13 year olds in St. Ursulas Church. We generally meet every two months for an outdoor activity together in the

region. Our traditional end-of-year event for Activity Club was held in Rubigen Bowling Centre. It was a lovely evening, playing together, sharing photos and planning the new year. We look forward to another year of Activity Club with our kids. The programme will be published soon on our notice board: ice-skating, cycling, mini-golf, hiking are planned.

If you are interested in joining Activity Club and would like to receive our mails, please contact Sharon Batley (079 482 2972) or Françoise Hänggi (fhaenggi@swissonline.ch).

Nursery

All children under 3 are welcome in the nursery (creche). A reminder to parents: please collect your child immediately after the service; you may also fetch your child before communion, if you would like him/her to receive a blessing.



Drumming workshop with Renato, Activity Club November 2014

- *Janiffer Kingori*

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to the Junior Church Children with birthdays in February and March:

Cara Hofer 9 on 7 February

Andrew King 10 on 14 February

Justin Campbell 9 on 22 February

William Hockley 12 on 4 March

Christopher Shergold 7 on 12 March

Daniel Hänggi 13 on 15 March

Gemma Hockley 10 on 21 March

Edem-David Agoba 8 on 28 March



Youth Confirmation Class

The youth confirmation class enters its last few months this year and there will be lots of special events.

The first meeting was on 18 January, while everyone else was at the ecumenical service in the Münster. We looked at some aspects of prayer. This was followed by a special joint meeting on 25 January with the Youth Group to hear about Ruby's trip to Tanzania.

This introduced the focus of our last series of meetings: we want to learn more about what it means to live as a Christian. And we'd like you to come and tell us about your experiences. We have done this in previous courses and it is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the young people and for them to learn from your experience. So contact me as soon as possible and we can find a suitable date for you to come to the class.

As you probably already know, there will be a confirmation service on Sunday 21 June with Bishop David. Please pray for the young people as they prepare to make the decision whether to be confirmed at this service.

-Tricia Carrick



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 26 April at 12.00. There will be an invitation to the AGM in the next magazine, but please note this date now. We hope many members of the congregation will be able to attend this important church meeting.

- *Tricia Carrick (Electoral Roll Officer)*

Nativity

What does a modern-day family preparing for Christmas have in common with the census time in Bethlehem? Are they all too busy to think of Jesus?

In this year's Nativity service, the magic Christmas card (sent by uncle Z) allowed the children to find out what Christmas is all about. It took them to Bethlehem where they see the baby Jesus and various visitors. Then they also see other aspects of Jesus' life. The play ends with everyone going to the stable, reminding us that we can all worship Jesus.

This was the traditional Christmas story - with a difference, including a reminder of why Jesus came to earth. There were traditional Christmas carols, some songs from last year and some new ones too.

Many people, of all ages, took part. So thanks to all of you. There are too many to mention by name – but without you all, it simply would not have been possible.

Unfortunately, we don't have any photos to show you yet. I know a number of people took pictures, so if you have any to share please let me know.

-*Tricia Carrick*

Charity of the Month: CMS Land for Life Project in Northern Argentina

What are the origins of CMS (Church Mission Society)? Its beginnings, in 1799 in London, were connected with a campaign to abolish slavery. The founders of CMS were also committed to social reform at home and world evangelisation. Originally they agreed to leadership by bishops and an Anglican pattern of liturgy. Today CMS is a worldwide network of people in mission and not confined just to Anglicanism. In the early days CMS recognized its need to learn about cross-cultural mission, and it was decided that outreach should be mostly the work of inspired local people, with emphasis on the role of laymen and women, rather than, for instance, sending bishops into the field.

Today CMS calls itself a community of people in mission who want the world to know Jesus. Mission partners are members of the community who feel called to serve alongside local Christians in other cultures all over the world.

St Ursula's has been donating to CMS for many years and last year the Charity and Missions team decided it would like to



The Leake Family

support some specific CMS project in South America because we already donate to projects in Asia, Africa and Europe (including Bern). The team was made aware of a CMS project in northern Argentina and began research. It has now decided to support Maria and Andrew Leake, CMS mission partners serving with the Anglican Diocese of Northern Argentina. They are involved in sharing the Good News through addressing environmental needs amongst indigenous peoples and the rural poor in the Chaco region. Through Land for Life, a Christian conservation initiative they founded, they help equip communities, churches and local organisations with technical advice and information. This helps empower people in the efforts to protect their local environments. Andrew grew up in the Chaco, where his parents were

missionaries, giving him a deep affinity with and understanding of the region and its people.

St Ursula's now has the status of a Link church with CMS. What does a Link church do? It gets involved in mission through building a relationship with a specific CMS person in mission. Through that person in mission (mission partner) we are then connected to his or her community, in this case with the Leakes in Northern Argentina. As a Link church we will provide much needed prayer, financial support and friendship. In return we will receive letters, visits, insights about their region and prayer and support from our mission partner

The idea is to build a relationship with our mission partner on a personal level as well as grow an understanding of world mission in the area where they work. It is not just supporting mission, it IS mission. We are part of a chain of people all working together to see the love of Jesus transform lives and communities. It is a two-way relationship in a mutual exchange of love and care.

Bishop Henry will be at St Ursula's for Missions Sunday on 8 March and will officially "launch" the link with us as part of the Sunday service. In addition, Andrew Leake will be on leave this year so it is possible that that he could come visit us sometime during the second half of this year and have the opportunity to talk about his work.

In December, Cecily, as leader of the Charity and Missions team, received an email from Andrew expressing his joy and encouragement that we will be his Link partner. He informed her that they sometimes put out communications via Facebook (called Land4Life). The CMS British office has sent us a "link letter" and the Leakes send out circulars every couple of months in which they provide updates of various aspects of their ministry and family life. They have three children.

Andrew, in a previous circular, reports how landowners convince local Indian leaders to lend their support to agricultural projects that would lead to further deforestation of the Chaco region. It is recognized that Indians have a right to give their own opinion, and they need jobs, some of them generated through agriculture, but indigenous people are being manipulated and the ecological destruction of forests will bring disastrous consequences to the region and their way of life. The Land4Life project leaders are having deforestation projects monitored and documented. And as a result of their work there has been a temporary ban placed on issuing deforestation permits in most of the Chaco area, though not all.

Andrew writes in his December Link Letter that the biggest challenge to finding long term and socially just solutions lies in the transformation of people's hearts and minds. It is a spiritual challenge and deals with selfishness, greed and apathy. He mentions speaking truth with love and writes, "Our role as a church must be to help find little bits of common ground for dialogue between those who control environmental policies, those who destroy the forests and those who are most affected by those actions. It is not a comfortable role, and it is often open to criticism (from the extremes) but it is where we must operate if we are to be truly relevant in caring for God's creation and seeking justice for the poor and marginalised."



Pray for

- wisdom and discernment on the part of the indigenous people as well as the authorities in deciding how to operate to best protect the environment
- safety and protection for Andrew and his family
- the worldwide missionary work of CMS
- Jesus will be honoured in all CMS work

- *Donna Goepfert on behalf of the Charity and Missions Team*



Lenten Soup Lunch in support of Cecily's Fund

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We look forward to seeing you and your friends!

Please pray

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- for healing for those who are saddened by the loss of their parents
- for those who are HIV+
- for the children's education, that they will do well at school and better themselves

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- Yvonne Bomonti

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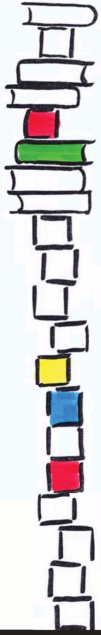
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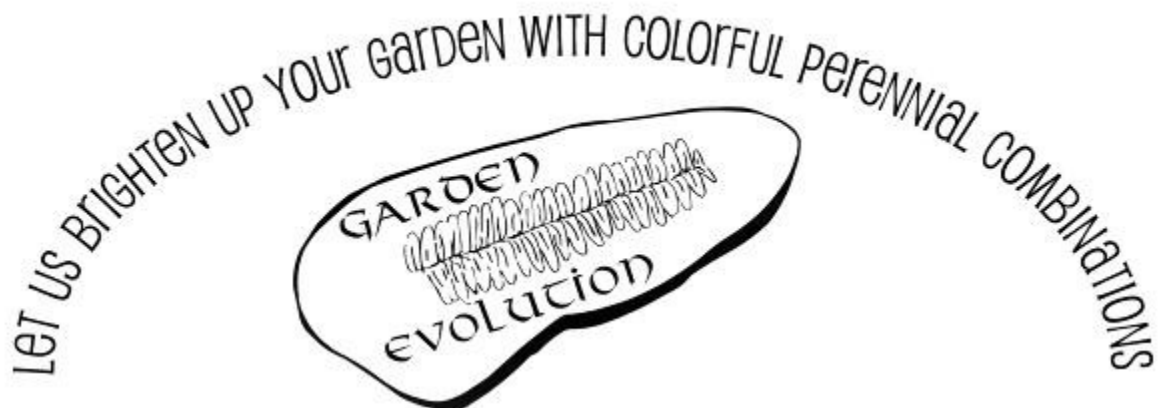
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Prayer for Good Humour

(attributed to St. Thomas More)

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good

and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,

but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments,

nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,

and to be able to share it with others.

Amen.

