

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



February – March 2018

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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 more informal.

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

Services in Thun: 18.30 on the first and third Thursdays of the month at

Chapelle Romande, Frutigenstrasse 22: Eucharist and Bible study.

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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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Stephen Writes...

Our attitude to the season of Lent often reveals mixed motives and reflects a changing culture both within and without the Church. A season of fasting and preparation becomes a relative pursuit in a culture of constant plenty and satisfaction. Nevertheless recent events on the world stage serve to remind us that poverty, war and hunger still stalk the earth. One way of creatively representing our lenten discipline is to use it as a way of standing in solidarity with those innocently suffering in this way. How might we align ourselves helpfully with people just like us who find themselves victims of injustice?



I often find my thoughts return to the 'accident' of birth. So much flows from the family, culture and geo-political context into which we are born and over which we have little control. Justice demands that we recognise our privilege by pursuing justice for those made victim, seeking to liberate them and sharing of our plenty.

A beautifully written article in the Church Times by retired priest David Bryant warned against the perils of a distorted attitude towards self-denial in Lent. Question your motivations, he suggests and the belief in which they are rooted. 'Lent is an unmissable occasion to give out a few sparks of understanding to those who differ from us, and to reflect on our own stance, possibly modifying it.' We should, he suggests, 'not be looking for ways to "give up" but for opportunities to "give out"'. It is this that enables us to reset our parameters and reshuffle the way we perceive the world.'

'Together with Christ, we are shaping the world's destiny, Every act, thought, kindness or cruelty becomes an indelible piece of the universe. This is both sobering and challenging. We can sour the world or sweeten it. Throw out a few sparks of kindness, compassion, happiness and love and Christ will surely smile.'

The journey of Lent takes us to the powerful events of Holy Week. We are given an opportunity to walk with Jesus through the events of the Palm

Sunday the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Day. This year I shall be holding a short vigil on the evening of Easter Saturday - the very best way of preparing for Easter Day as we hear the story of Salvation in the Bible and renew our Baptismal vows.

If you are interested in some Lent study we are looking at organising a group to meet on Wednesday Evenings with an introductory session following the Ash Wednesday Service. Further details to follow.

-Chaplain Stephen

Believing and believing

The Creed does not say “I believe that God made heaven and earth.” It does not say “I believe that Jesus died for our sins.” It does not say “I believe that the Holy Spirit brings life to God’s people.” If it did, it would be quite another document. If it did, there would be little point in affirming it in church every Sunday.

What it does say is “I believe in the God who made heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, who died for us. I believe in the life-giving Holy Spirit.” It is not so much about what we believe as about who we believe in. It affirms a relationship. It does not just state what we think are the facts. It is not about knowing but about trusting.

Belief in God is an experience. It is not like believing that the world is round, or that smoking can cause cancer. It is part of an encounter, and like every encounter, it can mature and deepen over time (though it can also wither!) It leads deeper and deeper into understanding, just as love can or an appreciation of art or music. In the words of St Anselm, a twelfth-century Archbishop of Canterbury, echoing St Augustine of Hippo, *Credo ut intelligam*, I believe so that I may understand.

Each of us is different, and our roads to faith are different. For most of us, knowledge comes first (“hearing the Good News”), trust comes later (“living the Good News”), and with more trust comes more knowledge. Belief becomes certainty. Someone has compared it to putting one foot on a staircase, where the rest of the staircase is out of view. As we mount or descend, we become more and more aware of the place on the next floor.



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (1320) by Pietro Lorenzetti

Lent begins soon, and this is the time to turn our individual beliefs into something more profound – something that is part of the way we think. All the Gospels tell the story of the last week of Jesus’ life in great detail. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds cheered him. He gathered with his disciples for a last meal, where the bread and the wine and the foot-washing are what the evangelists notice (and it is interesting how little they do

notice). He is arrested, tried before the religious authorities and questioned by the Roman governor. The crowd demand his crucifixion, he is humiliated and sent to a painful death. He is buried, and when they come to anoint the body the next day but one, he is not there.

It is easy to “know the story”, just as we can know the story of other executions - Nicholas II of Russia 1918, Charles I of the Two Realms in 1649, Louis XVI of France in 1790. Or of Oscar Romero in 1980, Dietrich Bonhoeffer in 1945, Stephen the first Christian martyr in who-knows-when. But knowing the story is only the first tread of the staircase.

Faith demands something more. “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.” (John 6:54). “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24). Paul sums it up at the beginning of Romans 6: “How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” It is one thing to “know the facts” about Jesus’ death and resurrection, but the important thing is to bury our old reliance on worldly rewards, and to make sure that we walk in newness of life. This is what Lent should be preparing us to do.

- *Hector Davie*

A Word for the Month – Jew

“The Jews started persecuting Jesus”, the fifth chapter of John’s Gospel tells us, and indeed from the nineteenth verse of the first chapter, this Gospel records the opposition to the new things that were happening on the part of “the Jews”.

These words, and others like them, have been misunderstood and misinterpreted over the centuries, and have led to the ugly and catastrophic tragedies which poison our world even today. For if you read the text carefully, seven verses after first referring to “the Jews”, the writer makes it clear that the opponents are not the Jews, but the Pharisees (and later also the Sadducees). Obviously the Jews could not persecute Jesus. For Jesus himself was a Jew. So were all the apostles, nearly all the people whom Jesus taught and healed, and all of the first Christians converted before Peter had his vision, in Acts 10, of the sheet filled with unclean animals, showing the acceptability of us pork-eating Gentiles.

The word Jew comes from Judah, the fourth of Jacob’s sons. The narrative in the Old Testament explains the beginnings of the kingdom of Judah in terms of a dispute between Solomon’s son, Rehoboam, and Solomon’s chief of staff, Jereboam, where five-sixths of the territory ruled by Solomon was lost. Rehoboam was left ruling over the small remaining part, the country round Jerusalem, which had traditionally been regarded as the lands of Judah and Benjamin. The two kingdoms that resulted, Israel in the north and Judah in the south, at first followed the same religion. Elijah, Elisha, Amos and Hosea prophesied to the rulers of the northern kingdom in Bethel; and Joel, Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah to those in the south in Jerusalem. In time the northern kingdom was overrun by the Assyrians, and the land of Judah remained until their exile in Babylon in the sixth century before Christ. When they returned from exile, there was a clear division between the people in the south, called Jews, and the people in the north, known as Samaritans.

The Jews gathered, and attempted to follow, the writings of what we now call the Old Testament. (The Samaritans had their own version of the law, but no later writings.) Over the centuries, Jews spread throughout the world, at first as far as Ethiopia, Arabia and India, later throughout the Roman Empire, and in modern times to the rest of the world. In the Old Testament, their worship centred on the Temple in Jerusalem. This was rebuilt after the exile in Babylon, but after the Romans destroyed it yet again in 70 AD, there was no attempt to

restore it. They became very much an ethnic group, with their own traditions and practices.

The Gospel of John unintentionally created a split between Christians and Jews, and Paul's letters unintentionally depicted them as rejecting the Good News about Jesus. This would lead to the horrific pogroms and massacres which have marred the loving relationship God wants for his people. One response to this was the Zionist movement at the end of the 19th century, which coincided with the decline of the Turkish empire and a period of Protestant fundamentalism which scooped texts from the Old Testament about God's chosen people and the land which was given them and ignored their context: texts about righteousness and the response to God's love were misinterpreted as commands to Jewish people to colonize ruthlessly and to set themselves apart.

We live in an age of extremism. Fortunately not all Jews are Zionists, just as very few Muslims are militant jihadis. Only by listening to each other can we know each other's story, and only then can we find a way to present our own story, of a Jew who died on a cross and who rose in glory to save us all.

- *Hector Davie*



Rabbi, circa 1900



It seems that good photographers boycotted last year's Christmas Bazaar and so there's very few photographs to choose from to remember it by!

However, our newly renovated church did us proud and looked beautiful decorated for the bazaar. We had lots of

extra stalls in the church this year which helped the festive atmosphere.

The Lower Hall gave people the chance to buy books, toys, fine wines and have a chance to win some superb tombola prizes. The mulled wine and mince pies stall was very popular with, at times, all the tables taken.

Upstairs the restaurant, Christmas Cakes and the British Food stall proved as popular as ever.

An ENORMOUS thanks to all those dozens of people who helped make last year's Christmas Bazaar such a joyous, welcoming and profitable event.

The final bazaar tally was Fr 21,100.

Enclosed with this magazine is a flyer for our next Book and Food Sale on Saturday 3 March – please help to advertise this event. More flyers are available from the church website, www.anglican.ch/berne

- Jana Kutesko, Church Office





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ST URSULA'S CHURCH, BERNE

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Full Name.....

Title..... (Mr, Mrs, Miss etc)

Full Address.....

.....

I declare that

1) I am baptised

2) I am aged sixteen or more years

or I shall reach my sixteenth birthday on (being a date before the AGM)
(delete as appropriate)

3) I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in full communion with the Church of England

or I am a communicant member of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and am in good standing with that Church
(delete as appropriate)

4) I have habitually attended public worship in this chaplaincy during the last six months

or My name is on the electoral roll of(parish or chaplaincy)
(delete as appropriate)

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the electoral roll of St Ursula's, Berne

Signed Date

When completed, this form should be returned to:
The Electoral Roll Officer
St Ursula's Church
Jubiläumsplatz
3005 Berne

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year's AGM will be held on **Sunday 18 March at 12.00**. You will find the invitation, including the agenda, in this magazine on page 10. We hope you will be able to attend this important church meeting.

The meeting will be held in the church, starting at 12.00. It should be finished by 14.00 at the latest. Cold drinks and simple food will be provided during any break needed to count votes. Please note that no child care is provided during the meeting – perhaps parents can arrange this themselves.

At the AGM we will elect church wardens and church council members. If you would like to be able to vote at these elections (or perhaps stand for election yourself) you need to be a member of the Electoral Roll. There is more information about the Electoral Roll in the article below.

The nomination sheet will be available in the church hall from 4 March. Please follow the instructions carefully if you wish to nominate someone for election.

If you would like to know more about the church council please speak to a current council member – list at the back of this magazine.

- *Tricia Carrick*

Electoral Roll Revision

Each year our Electoral Roll is revised just before the Annual General Meeting (AGM). 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. You can see the current list of members of the Electoral Roll in the church hall.

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, may I encourage you to consider joining. You can find an application form on page 8 of this magazine. Forms are also available in the church hall and on our website, or you can contact the church office to get one sent to you. Please fill in the form and return it to me. The **closing date** for the receipt of applications is **Sunday 25 February**.

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

- *Electoral Roll Officer (Tricia Carrick)*

To: All Members of St Ursula's, Bern

9 January 2018

Annual General Meeting

Dear friends,

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St Ursula's Church, Bern, which will be held at **12.00** on **Sunday 18 March 2018** in the church.

The **Agenda** for the meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Reception and Approval of the Electoral Roll
3. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 2 April 2017
4. Approval of the Audited Accounts for the year 2017
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Auditors' Report
5. Presentation of the Budget for the year 2018
6. Election of
 - a. Two churchwardens
 - b. Six council members

If necessary, there may be a short break while the votes are counted.

7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Chaplain's Report
9. Any Other Business

A list for nominations for the elections will be available in the church hall from 4 March. Names should only be entered after obtaining the consent of the candidate. The proposer and seconder should sign their names (and also print their names, just in case the signature is unclear). All those standing for election or proposing or seconding someone for election **must** be members of the electoral roll.

Please make nominations on or before Sunday 11 March, so that those voting have time for prayerful consideration before the AGM.

Note that to be able to vote at this meeting you must be on the electoral roll.

Annual reports of the various groups and activities in St Ursula's will be available from at the AGM and afterwards - in the Upper Hall or from the church office. Please collect your copy.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of the Church Council,

Donna Goepfert
Council Secretary

Notes from the Treasurer

Dear all,

Our annual accounts are now in the final stages and I am very happy to confirm that we managed to cover our standard costs, with a little spare, as well as meet our energy appeal target. This is very good news. In addition we have covered our extra requirements for 2018 with extra people pledging to our Church for next year, and our budget is showing a breakeven position. This is very positive news for our mission. A big thank you to all. I look forward to being able to present the accounts and budget to you at the AGM.

All people who donated last year should by now have received an acknowledgement for their records/ tax. To save some money this year I emailed to all those where I had an email address. If you received one by post and are happy to have an electronic version next year, please send me a quick mail to treasurer@stursula.ch to say so. If you have not received an acknowledgement, please contact me as well for a copy. Please note that I might use your email address also in the future for updates or pledge material purposes, let me know if you would rather I did not.

More and more people are carrying less and less cash, so I have also registered our Church for TWINT and hope to be able to take payments via Twint at our



sales and maybe on a Sunday. If you would like to have the flexibility of paying via TWINT in the future please download the app and set it up on your smartphone.

Yours in Christ, Sue Higson

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 13 February** and participate in this tradition. Pancakes and drinks will be provided. Savoury pancakes with chilli con carne, 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*

Archdeaconry Choir Festival 2018



The traditional annual Choir Festival will be held in **Basel over the weekend of 20 - 22 April 2018** with a choral Evensong on Saturday and a choral Eucharist on Sunday. The music will include a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Purcell for the Evensong, the choral Communion service by Palestrina, and anthems by MacMillan and Gjeilo.

Our choir has just started practising the festival music. Singers interested in joining the choir in view of this event are welcome. For more information please contact Hans-Karl or Elisabeth Pfyffer. We are also contributing as usual to our own services on several occasions.

Choir practices are as usual on Saturdays from 9.30 to 11.30 in the church.

Looking forward to seeing you.

- *Hans-Karl Pfyffer*

Spring Booksale

3 March 2018

May the catering once again extend a warm invitation to all those who have a servant's heart to help on 3 March in the restaurant. It is always a time of fellowship whilst providing tasty titbits to those who support St Ursula's. Mail, phone or speak personally to either Tricia or me.



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Cell Phone: 078 891 07 35

Tricia's mail: pcarrick@hispeed.ch

Phone: 031 971 27 71

Many thanks and looking forward to hearing from you.

- *Lynn Morgan*

Church Breakfasts

The Church Breakfasts continue - on the first Sunday of each month. So the dates for the next two are:

4 February

4 March

Put these dates in your diary now.

Everyone is welcome. Just come along any time between 8.30 and 9.15 – no need to sign up or bring anything. Cereals, fruit, bread, butter, jam, marmalade and croissants together with tea, coffee and juice will be there waiting for you.

And you can meet people – those you know and perhaps even some you do not know.

Easter

There will be a special church breakfast on 1 April, Easter Sunday. We hope lots of you will join us to break your fast on this very special day.

- *Tricia Carrick*

Services and Readings

February and March 2018

Sun 4 February 2018 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Malachi 3:1-5
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Sun 11 February 2018 Sunday next before Lent

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Informal Eucharist
2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Wed 14 February 2018 Ash Wednesday

18.30 Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (jointly with the Swedish church)
Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Sun 18 February 2018 First Sunday of Lent

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Sun 25 February 2018 Second Sunday of Lent

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Genesis 17:1-7,15,16
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Sun 4 March 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Sun 11 March 2018 Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Informal Eucharist
Exodus 2:1-10
Colossians 3:12-17
John 19:25b-27

Sun 18 March 2018 Passion Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Sun 25 March 2018 Palm Sunday

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Matthew 21:1-11
Mark 14:53-15:39



Thu 29 March 2018 Maundy**Thursday**

18.30 Eucharist

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

Psalm 116:1,10-17*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17,31b-35

Fri 30 March 2018 Good Friday

10.00 Family Service

14.00 Liturgy of the Cross

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 10:1-25

John 19:1-37

Sat 31 March 2018 Easter Vigil

19.00 Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-4,26-31a

Genesis 22:1,2,9-13,15-18

Exodus 14:15-15:1a

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ezekiel 36:25-28

Romans 6:3-11

Sun 1 April 2018 Easter Day

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

“New” Books in the Church Library

We are adding over 30 books to the church library! They have been kindly donated by David Low, Peter Hawker and Allison Masciadri. The books are new to us, although not all are necessarily new in years. Categories are mainly History/Biography, Spirituality and Reference.

Under Reference there are studies of John, Ephesians, Hebrews, Genesis and Daniel as well as a book about “Jesus and the Spirit”, “An Introduction to the Complete Dead Sea Scrolls” and “Erasmus of Christendom”.

The History/Biography books are entitled “Judas”, “You Wretched Corinthians!”, and “Rowan Williams”.

Some of the books on Spirituality cover “Meditations on the Cross und Resurrection”, “Reason to Believe”, “Why Evil and Suffering” and “Intercession, Thrilling and Fulfilling”.

If you still like the feeling of paper in your hands and would like to add some Christian reading to your fare, come by the library, browse and borrow. Books may be taken for a month and usually renewed at will.

- *Donna Goepfert*

For Your Diary

February & March 2018

Regular Weekly Events

Mondays	08.00 - 08.30	Morning Prayer
	18.00 - 18.30	Evening Prayer
Tuesdays	08.00 - 08.30	Morning Prayer
	18.00 - 18.30	Evening Prayer
Wednesdays	08.00 - 08.30	Morning Prayer
	09.15 - 11.15	Parents and Tots
Thursdays	10.30 - 11.30	Holy Communion & Fellowship - not on 15 February
Fridays	08.00 - 08.30	Morning Prayer – not on 30 March
	09.30	Patchwork – not on 30 March
	18.00 - 18.30	Evening Prayer – not on 30 March
Saturdays	09.30 - 11.30	Choir Practice

Other Events

Sunday 4 February	08.30	Church Breakfast
	10.00	Youth Bible Study
Tuesday 6 February	19.30	Church Council
Sunday 11 February	11.30	Junior Church Teachers' Meeting
Tuesday 13 February	18.00	Pancake Evening
Wednesday 14 February	18.30	ASH WEDNESDAY Joint Ash Wednesday Service with the Swedish Church Followed by the first Lent Course
Sunday 18 February	10.00	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday 21 February	19.30	Lent Course
Sunday 25 February	12.00 - 14.00	Parents' Group Meeting Closing date for receipt of Electoral Roll applications
Wednesday 28 February	19.30	Lent Course

Friday 2 March	09.00	Book Sorting
Saturday 3 March	10.00 - 14.00 17.30	Book & Food Sale Apèro and Film: The Abandoned Bride
Sunday 4 March	08.30 10.00	Church Breakfast Youth Bible Study
Tuesday 6 March	19.30	Church Council
Wednesday 7 March	19.30	Lent Course
Friday 9 March	19.00	An Evening with Diccon Bewes
Sunday 11 March		MOTHERING SUNDAY COPY DATE
Wednesday 14 March	19.30	Lent Course (in Church House)
Saturday 17 March	10.00 - 12.00	Children's Toy & Equipment Sale
Sunday 18 March	10.00	Youth Bible Study St Ursula's AGM
Wednesday 21 March	19.30	Lent Course
Thursday 22 March	09.00 - 11.00	Collating
Sunday 25 March		PALM SUNDAY
	12.00 - 14.00	Parents' Group Meeting
Wednesday 28 March	19.30	Lent Course
Thursday 29 March	18.30	MAUNDY THURSDAY Eucharist and Watch
Friday 30 March		GOOD FRIDAY
	10.00	Family Service
	14.00	The Good Friday Liturgy
	17.00	Performance of Stainer's "The Crucifixion"

Future Dates

Sunday 1 April		Church Breakfast
Friday 20 – Sunday 22 April		Archdeaconry Choir Festival in Basel
Saturday 28 April		SACEP Conference in Berne on Creation Care
Saturday 16 June		Summer Fête

Prayer Diary

February 2018

Thursday 1

That God may continue to bless our Chaplain Stephen in his ministry here

Friday 2

Today is the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)

Reflect on the presentation of Christ in the Temple and the words of Simeon as he beheld the Messiah (Luke2: 29-32)

Saturday 3

For the Anglican Chaplaincies in Monte Carlo and Strasbourg

Sunday 4

For the Church Breakfast and for Tricia and Hector for its preparation

Monday 5

For the Anglican Chaplaincy of Greater Athens

Tuesday 6

For the Church Council meeting this evening

Wednesday 7

For our Wardens, Maxine Wildhaber and John Hutchison

Thursday 8

For General Synod meeting in London, 8 – 10 February

Friday 9

For the Anglican Chaplaincies in Padova and Sicily

Saturday 10

Give thanks for the renovation work so far to the church and house and all those involved

Sunday 11

For the Sunday Services, the children in Junior Church and the Junior Church Teachers' Meeting afterwards

Monday 12

For the magazine editor and contributors

Tuesday 13

For good fellowship at the Pancake Evening

Wednesday 14

For the joint Ash Wednesday service with the Swedish Church

Thursday 15

For the music group and their preparation for the informal Eucharist services

Friday 16

For continued donations to our energy and building appeal

Saturday 17

We give thanks for Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, 1977

Sunday 18

For the Sunday Services and the Youth Bible Study

Monday 19

For the Anglican Chaplaincies in Reykjavik and Riga

Tuesday 20

For morning and evening prayer today

Wednesday 21

For the Lent Course continuing this evening

Thursday 22

For the Anglican Chaplaincies of Amsterdam, the Amsterdam Community OZ100 (look them up on Internet) and the Ministry Team at Schiphol Airport

Friday 23

For Evening Prayer today

Saturday 24

For an end to the atrocities in Syria and other countries at war of the Middle East; for the total defeat of ISIS

Sunday 25

For the Sunday Services and the Parents' Group Meeting over lunch time

Monday 26

For the Chaplaincies in the Archdeaconry of Switzerland; its priests and people

Tuesday 27

Give thanks for George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633

Wednesday 28

For the Lent Course, for its leaders and participants

March 2018

Thursday 1

For our Chaplain Stephen, his wife Jane and family

Friday 2

For all those sorting books for the book sale tomorrow

Saturday 3

For the Food and Book Sale; the stall and restaurant holders, those setting up and clearing away

Sunday 4

For the Sunday Services and the teachers and participants of the Youth Bible Study

Monday 5

For the Anglican Chaplaincy of Warsaw with Cracow and Gdansk

Tuesday 6

For Church Council meeting this evening

Wednesday 7

That God may speak through the Lent Course this evening

Thursday 8

Give thanks for Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

Friday 9

For fun at the evening with Diccon Bewes, Author

Saturday 10

For our brothers and sisters of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the English services at the Bruder Klaus church

Sunday 11

Today is Mothering Sunday. We pray for all mothers though out the world, especially in areas of oppression or drought

Monday 12

For the Anglican Chaplaincies in Bucharest, Belgrade and Kiev and the Odessa Mission to Seafarers

Tuesday 13

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Most Rev Justin Welby; for our Bishops, Robert and David and Archdeacon, Adèle

Wednesday 14

That the Lent Course provides a greater understanding of God's purpose for the world

Thursday 15

For the Eucharist Service being held this morning and the following time of fellowship with tea and cake

Friday 16

Give thanks for Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, ca 460

Saturday 17

For the Children's Toy and Equipment Sale being held this morning

Sunday 18

For renewal of the heart and mind as we partake of the body and blood of Christ at the Eucharist today

That this unity in Christ is reflected at the AGM being held afterwards

Monday 19

Give thanks for Joseph of Nazareth

Tuesday 20

Give thanks for Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

Wednesday 21

That the Lent Course stirs up a renewed working of the Holy Spirit in this place

Thursday 22

For the magazine collating team, in action this morning

Friday 23

For the Service of Evening Prayer today

Saturday 24

For strength to love and forgive our enemies

Sunday 25

Today is Palm Sunday. It is also the Annunciation of our Lord to the blessed Virgin Mary

Let us welcome our Saviour King into our hearts with Palm branches and shouts of Hosanna.

Monday 26

Let us seek God diligently during this Holy Week

Tuesday 27

For a shared vision for the future for St Ursula's

Wednesday 28

That the Lent Course has been a blessed preparation for Eastertide

Thursday 29

Today is Maundy Thursday

That we observe this day as what truly happened at the Last Supper

Friday 30

Today is Good Friday

We remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the Cross.

Saturday 31

For all Christians throughout the world preparing for Easter, the glorious Resurrection, the cornerstone of our faith

- Compiled by Brian Morgan

Junior Church News

The youth regularly meet during the 10.00 service. We all start together in church and then leave to our different groups.

The Junior Church has 3 classes:

Sparklers for children aged 3 to 6+

Trailblazers for children aged 7 to 10+

Pilots for children aged 11 to 14+

Every second Sunday of the month we have an informal service where the Pilots are together with their parents in church.

After the service we all meet in the Upper Hall for coffee, tea and fellowship.

Crèche

St Ursula's crèche cares for children up to the age of 3 years during the 10.00 service on Sunday, so that parents can leave their babies and toddlers in the care of two helpers whilst they attend the service.

Before the service parents can accompany their children to the lower hall and can pick them up for communion or after the service.

Youth Bible Studies

Our young adults have the possibility to attend the youth Bible study twice a month.

The course is led by Tricia Carrick and gives the youth the opportunity to talk and share their opinions about different topics in the Bible.

If you are interested please get in touch with Tricia Carrick (pcarrick@hispeed.ch).

Don't forget that we also have a WhatsApp group to keep you informed of what is happening or simply to be in touch. To enter the group please send me a text message Ruby Wildhaber (078 808 75 15).

- Ruby Wildhaber

Children's Toy & Equipment Sale

This very popular sale will be held on Saturday 17 March from 10.00 – 12.00 in the Upper Hall.

Please let your friends and family know about this opportunity for buying excellent quality second-hand clothes, toys & equipment. For more details please contact the Church Office (031 352 85 67). Flyers are available from St Ursula's website, www.anglican.ch/berne



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our Junior Church Children with Birthdays in February and March:



Cara Hofer 12 on 7 February

Christopher Shergold 10 on 12 March

Lydia Shergold 8 on 12 March

Daniel Hänggi 16 on 15 March

Edem-David Agoba 11 on 28 March

News from The Diocese of Kigezi , Uganda Water and Sanitation Project

Our St Ursula's Christmas collections were in aid of the Tearfund Kigezi water project, something we have supported for a long time. We have just sent Fr1,201 to them for this. Our Harvest and Junior Church collections also went to Tear fund for this project, another Fr2,572 this year. Thank you to all who gave so generously. You can find out more about the project under this link <https://connected.tearfund.org/en/partners/kigezi/blog/>



The Water and Sanitation Project from the Diocese of Kigezi, Uganda - "Water is life, and Jesus is Everlasting Life" - is led by Rev. Reuben. The first aim of this project is to help villagers to build rain-harvesting tanks, which have multiple benefits - clean water to drink and cook with; water for crops in dry weather; girls able to go to school instead of spending hours daily

collecting (usually polluted) water. The Project, which has been recognised by awards, is also involved in HIV/Aids education, and is helping other dioceses in Uganda to set up similar projects.

In the following Christmas letter Kenneth Twinamatsiko gives an update on the work being done in Kigezi.

Merry Christmas from Kigezi

8 December 2017

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! My name is Kenneth Twinamatsiko from the team here at KDWSP.

Our favourite Christmas Traditions

To Christians here in Uganda, Christmas means the day the Christ is born to redeem man from sin. It also means family and communal get-togethers for celebrating achievements in the year, reflections, family meetings and bonding family and community ties.

Christians here will attend massive Christmas services in their villages and towns, as everyone is home for the festive season. We offer gifts in church

which can be most generous at this time of year, and contribute to church projects and charity organisations, in particular those projects who help provide food to the needy around the Christmas season.

At KDWSP, we have a special Christmas event for the entire Diocesan team where we have Holy Communion, speeches and lunch before we take a break to join our families. We appreciate in a reflection what God has enabled us to achieve like accomplished projects and those under way.

Looking back at the past year

We have had a fantastic 2017, and we would like to thank you all so much for standing with us in prayer. Giving people access to clean, sustainable water, improved hygiene and sanitation and community mobilisation would not have been possible without your support, as well as the dedication and commitment of the team here. We would like to thank the Lord for how far He has brought us in this partnership serving all people irrespective of social status and religious affiliation including the poor, disabled, elderly and all genders.

We have been able to complete many projects over the past year, including 80 tap stands, 20 protected springs and 15 water tanks at schools, health centres and churches.

For the communities hit by floods and landslides, we have been able to apply new technologies and management to stabilise the areas and help people get back on their feet.

There have been improvements in sanitation and hygiene best practices in homes, schools and communities derived from embracing safe water and hand washing at critical points of contamination.

Practising Thankfulness

We are blessed to have seen Christ in our everyday work life. We work in hard-to-reach, hard-to-live and hard-to-work areas in very steep terrains and slippery, bumpy roads. Cars ferrying materials or workers could easily slide off and cause fatal accidents. But the God we pray to every morning in our devotions for protection has done it for us this year and we have not had any troubles in this year. Our staff have had sound health which has enabled them to translate our annual targets into accomplishments beyond expectations.

We would like to thank you for your support in prayers and finances. We appreciate those that have gone an extra mile to come and visit our projects to interface with beneficiaries and listen to their breathtaking confessions and success stories. This has helped to further relationship and having a touch that

you cannot get from any reports or updates, however good the writer may be. We commend this and pray that next year we will have more visitors from connected churches and other supporters.

Our hopes for 2018

In the coming year, we hope that we will have the opportunity to become a national programme with an expanded mandate to the neediest and water stressed in our areas here and beyond. We pray that our dream to ensure that 'some water for all, not all water for some' be realised.

We pray that Christ blesses you in every sphere of your life and that the meaning of His birth will be realised in your lives, families, churches, businesses and workplaces. As we celebrate we will remember you in prayers and this partnership to grow even stronger next year

Merry Christmas and happy prosperous new year to you all, brothers and sisters!

Kenneth Twinamatsiko

- Cecily Klingler, Charity and Missions Team

**Die TearFund-Partnerorganisation KDWSP unterstützt
Dorfgemeinschaften dabei, den Zugang zu sauberem Wasser
zu verbessern.**





Marcus Perkins/Tearfund

Jouvlet sits in the kitchen whilst her mother prepares lunch for friends and neighbours who are helping to build a rainwater harvesting tank. The new tank will mean Jouvlet (12) and her sister Doreen (13) will no longer have to walk for four hours each day to collect water. Rwanyana village, Kigezi district, South West Uganda.

Das Wasser stammt meistens aus den Flüssen im Tal. Zweimal pro Tag steigen Frauen und Kinder hinab, um die Kanister zu füllen. Deshalb bleibt kaum Zeit, in die Schule zu gehen. Ausserdem enthält das Wasser oft Krankheitserreger.





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Go Behind the Scenes with Hector Davie
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Readers of the June magazine last year will remember the sad story of Dora Gallner, an Austrian waitress in Berne some 95 years ago, and her American fiancé, Delbert Havens. (If you’ve forgotten, the magazine is still online on our website).

Del’s granddaughters, Deborah Havens and Lynette Doele, came to St Ursula’s to research the story. One of them is a film maker, and they have produced a documentary telling the story behind this relationship between Del and his "abandoned bride". The film is being shown at several film festivals, and on their way through Europe, the sisters will be showing it at St Ursula's on 3 March at 6.30 pm (with an apéro before at 5.30). All are welcome (though you are even more welcome if you come to our Book and Food Sale, which is on the same day from 10.00 to 14.00!).

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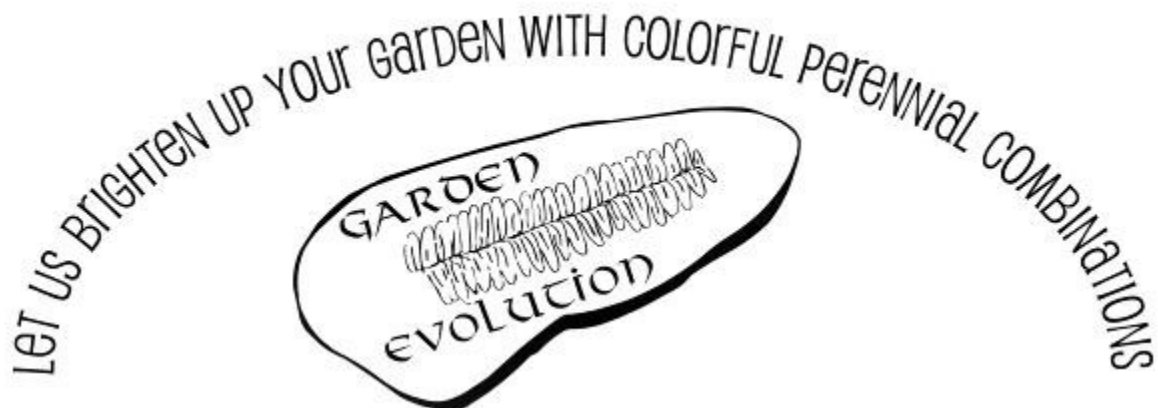
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It is fifty years since I wrote my first contribution to a parish magazine. It took the form of a long reply to a letter to the editor, who was chaplain of St Matthew's, Addis Ababa. The earlier letter had complained that our Palm Sunday procession, round the church and back in again, was superstitious and ritualistic. Did not the hymn contrast the fickle Hebrews, with their palms, and us mature Christians, presenting "our prayer and praise and anthems"? What were we doing waving our palms when we should be concentrating on prayer and praise?

The critic had made the mistake of assuming that prayer could only involve our voices, not our whole bodies. And he had made the common mistake of reading words out of context. For the next verse has the same format, and contrasts the Hebrews' "hymns of praise" with our "melodies". Using his argument, singing hymns of praise would also be wrong!

The hymn on our back cover was written to be sung at a Palm Sunday procession. It was written by Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans, some 1100 years ago. Theodulph had been born in Italy. He became head of an abbey in Florence, and caught the attention of Emperor Charlemagne, who had him appointed Bishop. When Charlemagne died in 814, his successor Louis I accused Theodulph of plotting against him and threw him into jail. According to legend, Theodulph wrote the hymn there (it had 39 verses – Palm Sunday processions in those days were very long!), and sang it out of the prison window as Louis passed. Louis was so impressed that he ordered Theodulph's release.

The hymn became an established part of Palm Sunday processions in the Middle Ages – the first verse was sung as refrain by young choristers inside the church ("the lips of children"), the other verses (just five, not all 38) by the congregation gathered outside. At the end the door was opened and the congregation entered.

In Reformed countries, and in England, the custom died out until the nineteenth century. But in 1851, John Mason Neale, who wanted to restore many older hymns to current use, published a translation. We still use it today. One reason for its acceptance is its tune, a chorale written about 1613 by Melchior Teschner, cantor of Fraustadt (now Wschowa, south of Poznan in Poland) to accompany a hymn for the dying, *Valet will ich dir geben*, written by the local pastor. (Bach wrote a prelude for it, and used the chorale in his St John Passion.)

Neale remarked that the other 33 verses were hardly worth translating – though he did so, and a second version in our red hymn book (AMNS 328) uses two of them. One verse was sung in the Middle Ages, said Neale, "at the quaintness of which we can scarcely avoid a smile" - it ran:

Be thou , O Lord, the rider
and we the little ass,
that to God's holy City
together we may pass.

Smile we may, but the verse is good theology. Who says we can't enjoy a laugh at times?

- Hector Davie



*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.

The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!

*Theodulph of Orleans,
translated by J.M. Neale .*