

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



October – November 2018

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Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement with the Chaplain

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.

Contact: Church Office 031 352 85 67

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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Vacancy Information

As you all know, we are currently in a period of waiting for our new chaplain. Over the summer, council members worked hard on the many papers to be submitted to the Diocesan Office for preparing the advertisement, selection of candidates and interviews. This is now all done and so we wait for the next steps. The advert will appear in the Church Times at the beginning of October. The interviews are planned for December and will take place here, in Berne. If all goes well, we can hope that our new chaplain will be able to join us next April.

During this time of waiting, we are blessed by locums (from the Latin *locum tenentes*, "holding the place"). Our present locum is Canon Michael Tristram who is here with his wife Pat and their dog Millie, who were last with us in Spring 2017. Michael was Precentor, Pastor and some time Senior Canon at Portsmouth (www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk) for 14 years prior to retirement three years ago when he turned 65. Before that he was Vicar of Pershore in Worcestershire (www.pershoreabbey.org.uk). Pat is a retired Practice Nurse (having worked in a local GP surgery) and they currently live on Hayling Island, the next island along from Portsmouth. They have two daughters, Beki who is a Primary School teacher who married Chris a design engineer at Rolls Royce in July, and Steph a Junior Doctor (F2) at Truro Hospital with her partner Richie an apprentice carpenter (Steph and Richie will be coming to Bern for a few days at the beginning of October). Michael, Pat and Millie are with us until 9 December. Our Archdeacon, Canon Adèle Kelham will accompany us over Christmas – from 16 December to 13 January.

Please continue to pray for the future of St Ursula's. Your prayers are valuable and much appreciated.

- *Tricia Carrick, on behalf of the Church Council*

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Advance Notice

The 2019 AGM will be held on Sunday 31 March 2019 at 12.00. There will be more information 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)*

Yarmulkas, nuns and letterboxes



The former British foreign secretary, Boris Johnson, recently raised a storm by comparing women dressed in the *burqa*, the face-veil found in some cultures, to British pillar-boxes. Was this a racist remark, a religious insult, a plea for gender equality, or merely a comment on fashion?

Clothing, like good manners, varies from culture to culture and from age to age, and often what is offensive, what is decent, what is disgusting depends, like beauty, on who perceives it, on where and when it happens. This is a vast topic, so let's stick to what we wear on our heads. Even that is a vast topic, for our taste for interfering with nature has led not only to trimming beards and painting eyebrows, but also to wearing ear-rings, piercings and more, so let's limit ourselves to head coverings. And because this is a church newsletter, let's forget about the practical questions of why people in particular places wear sombreros, coolies' hats and mortar boards. Has our religion anything to do with our headgear?

Even here we need to restrict ourselves to ordinary people. Monarchs wear crowns, Exodus 28 describes the turbans worn by the Jewish priests, shamans wear animal skulls, bishops in the western Church wear mitres, surgeons wear caps. And because the subject is so wide, to people of the Abrahamic faiths, to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

In the Old Testament, it seems that men did not normally have their head covered. Covering the head was a sign of penitence and shame (2 Sam 15:30, Jer 14:3-4). It is a bit more difficult to find out what women wore – the story of

Isaac and Rebekah in Genesis 24 suggests that in the countryside they wore headscarves, but there is little evidence for the idea that everyone went around looking like modern-day Bedouin nomads.

At the time of Christ, things were changing. We have Paul's letter to the church in Corinth: "Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head disgraces his head, but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head – it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved." (1 Cor 11:4-5). This was clearly a reply to something the Corinthians had written to Paul, and we can only guess what Paul was arguing against, and whether he was claiming God's authority for his apparently sexist remarks ("because of the angels"), appealing to common sense ("Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair, it is degrading to him, but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory?" (he hadn't seen the mediæval paintings of Jesus!)) or just putting his foot down and saying "that's not how we do things" ("we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God").

Paul's Jewish background and the standards of Corinthian society differed, yet in church practice in many parts of the world it is normal for women to don hats in church, even veils, and for men to take them off. That is what the local custom is, that is what "feels right".

Later, Jewish scholars developed the idea that men should cover their head "because the Divine Presence is always over one's head". Out of this this grew the *kippah*, the skull-cap worn by many Jews in synagogue or elsewhere. The *kippah* was taken over in Islam as the *taqiyah* – it was believed that Muhammad kept his head covered. (The skull-caps (confusingly called zucchetos) worn by Christian clerics arose in the Middle Ages to keep their shaven heads warm.)

The Old and New Testaments and the Quran all enjoin modesty for both men and women. The Quran also suggests men should tell their wives and daughters to wear a shawl "so as not to be harassed". The *hijab*, the *niqab* and the *burqa* are merely traditional clothing in parts of Asia and Africa that are or were considered as "modest". (The Christian nun's wimple has a similar origin, going back to the Roman custom for mature married women to wear a similar covering to ensure they were respected.)

Fashions change with time, and when we read scripture, we need to filter out the timeless from the time-bound. What we wear on our heads is an expression of what priorities we have in our hearts. And as the first letter to Timothy points out, God looks for good works – not good clothes!

- *Hector Davie*

A Not So Tawdry Story

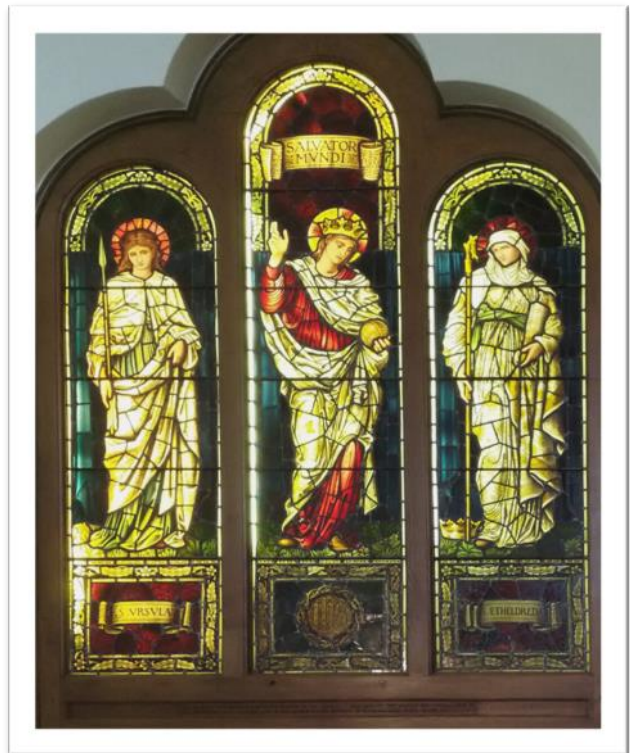
“What is the meaning of the crown in the grass?” someone asked me. Luckily, I knew the story of St Etheldreda (or Audrey, to put her Latinized Anglo-Saxon name into modern English). A seventh-century princess she took a vow of perpetual virginity. However her father, the king of East Anglia, gave her in marriage to a nearby prince. She persuaded him to respect her vow, and when he died three years later, she retired to the Isle of Ely, which he had given her as a wedding gift.

Her family insisted she remarry, this time to the heir to the kingdom of Northumbria. In time she became queen, but also became a nun. Her husband tired of a life of chastity, and tried to force himself upon her, so she fled, and was pursued as far as Ely, where she was saved by a miraculously high tide. In thanksgiving, she founded an abbey about the year 672, later destroyed by the Vikings. Ely Cathedral, built four centuries later on the site of an earlier monastery, held a shrine to her, which was a centre of pilgrimage.

So the crown is the royal crown which she laid down. She is dressed as a nun and she carries the staff of an abbess, as well as a book in her left hand, a symbol of learning.

And if you ask, St Ursula, on the left, carries a lance to symbolize her violent death. We commemorate Ursula on 21 October, this year the date of our Harvest Festival. Etheldreda is commemorated four days earlier, the date of her reburial at Ely, but also on 23 June. On that day, fairs were held in various places in East Anglia, which were known for the sale of lace. It is said that “St Audrey’s lace” was not of very high quality, the Puritans disapproved of wearing lace in any case, and this gave rise to the word “tawdry”, meaning cheap and pretentious. Let’s forget about that, and focus our eyes on the saintly abbess!

- *Hector Davie*



A Word for the Month - Blood

Leviticus 17 is the founding statute for all kosher butchers – and halal butchers too. Every animal or bird that is slaughtered is to be offered to the Lord. “If anyone of the house of Israel or of the aliens who reside among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood, and will cut that person off from the people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood... No person among you shall eat blood, nor shall any alien who resides among you eat blood. And anyone of the people of Israel, or of the aliens who reside among them, who hunts down an animal or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.” I’m sure people got the message!

Even in this modern age, where we know much more about the circulation of the blood and about the scientific definitions of life, blood and life are linked closely together. But to the people of the Old Testament, the idea of consuming blood was utterly taboo – even disgusting. Blood was to be given back to God by pouring it on the earth. In exceptional circumstances it might be sprinkled on the altar or even, in Exodus 24:8, when Moses accepted the covenant of the Law on their behalf, on the people. When people came to sacrifice their animals in the Temple, the blood was for God, and the flesh of the beast normally remained intact. Unless they had brought a holocaust, a burnt offering, the flesh was either returned to them or given to the priests. It was the blood that made atonement, which kept alive their relation with God.

This revulsion against consuming blood was regarded in the days of the apostles as absolutely basic. When the apostles met in Jerusalem to discuss how much of the Jewish law the new Christians needed to obey, James summed up their decision: “We should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood.”

With this abundance of commands against consuming blood, it must have been very striking at the Last Supper when Jesus commanded those present to drink “my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”. John’s Gospel reflects on this: “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you... Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.” What a change from the commandment in Leviticus!

But for those who follow Christ, the blood is not only a way of sharing in his life, but of sharing in his atoning sacrifice, and of sharing in a new covenant, a new relationship where God comes to dwell in us and in our hearts. The new

covenant goes much deeper than the old relationship, based on the written law and on a set of instructions.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews draws out the parallels in detail in chapter 9: contrasting the sacrifices in the earthly temple in the Jerusalem of 2500 years ago with the sacrifice made by Jesus – who “has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

John records that the blood that flowed from Jesus’ side on the Cross was mingled with water, and we recall this in our Eucharist at the offertory. The first letter of John recalls that Jesus came “by water and blood” (5:6) and the Revelation has the rather unusual image of the multitude of the saved from every nation, who “have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”.

Water recalls the gift of the Spirit in baptism, blood the gift of Christ in his sacrifice on the Cross. In baptism our past is washed away, and we rise to a new life. In Christ’s death and resurrection is the atonement for our sins and the gift of life for us all. For blood is life, in every sense.

- *Hector Davie*

Care and Prayer (Pastoral Care)

Pastoral care is sharing the love and grace of God within the church family.

It happens in lots of ways: support, visits in homes and hospitals, times of prayer, guidance and loving support.



Pastoral care happens not only through our chaplain, but also through our newly constituted pastoral care team, which is overseen by the chaplain and which cares and supports our church family in visiting, prayer, listening, comforting, encouraging and giving practical help.

Circumstances in which pastoral care support may be needed are many and varied. Times of change, stress, loss, illness are occasions in which a listening ear and the presence of another can be helpful.

You may contact the team through the Pastoral Care Coordinator, Lynn Morgan at 031 971 13 36 or infaith40@gmail.com or in an emergency telephone the chaplain on 077 495 74 19.

Imagine ...



Imagine a Sunday service without volunteers: no friendly church member greeting you at the door, no readers, intercessor, assistants at the altar, no hymns projected, no flowers, no coffee after the service. The priest facing the congregation all alone. But at least there would be music because the organist and music group are not on a rota.

If you suspect by now that this is about our rotas and the helpers needed for our services, you are right. Every Sunday a group of women and men voluntarily take on the tasks mentioned, a symbol of the congregation's commitment to serve God. Over the past year or so several rota members have left or resigned, others have reduced the number of tasks they are willing to take on. It is time to look for new helpers.

Some of the rota duties are more challenging than others, like serving at the altar, or they require technical skills in the case of the beamer. The music group is looking for people who play an instrument. Other tasks are easy: being a sidesperson or reader, or taking on coffee duty. But all newcomers are assisted by the coordinator for each rota, for most of the duties checklists are available and in the past we have had special training sessions for altar servers.

Maybe it is time for you to become a more active church member? Talk to the volunteers after the service about what they do and find out what it is like to be on a rota. The names and phone numbers of all the coordinators, including mine, are printed on the last page of the magazine. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

*-Ruth Freiburghaus
Rota Coordinator*

Pub Quiz Night



RETURNS!

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER FROM 19.00
with Diccon Bewes
as Host & Quizmaster

Once again we will be offering a fun-filled night of good traditional pub grub and drinks with a talk by Diccon Bewes and a fabulous pub quiz thrown in.

The entrance cost will be Fr10 per person which will include the first drink and entry to the pub quiz. Team size can be from 1 – 6 members. You can sign up as a team or simply join a team on the night.

Numbers are limited and all tickets must be bought in advance. Please contact the Church Office – berne@anglican.ch or 031 352 8567 to reserve your place.

Please take a flyer from the Upper Hall and help publicise this event – flyers are also available from the website www.stursula.ch

- Jana Kutesko, Church Office



This year – as ever! – we will be relying on the generosity of YOU to make the Christmas Bazaar a success and all help offered is gratefully received!

PRESERVES AND PICKLES

Home-made jams, marmalades and pickles are always very popular, so if you can spare a few jars, please leave them - clearly marked- in the Church Kitchen.

CAKE BAKING & DECORATING

Please join us to help make this year's Christmas Cakes. All the ingredients are provided but please bring along any small cake tins that you have. Baking day is Wednesday 24 October from 09.00. Decorating day is Saturday 17 November from 09.00. If you prefer to decorate at home, please collect cakes from the Church Kitchen. Cakes should be iced in the traditional way with marzipan and white icing, if you need icing ingredients, please contact Jana (see below).

TOMBOLA

The tombola is a wonderful “catch all” stall – we all receive gifts that aren't quite right for us but could be perfect for someone else, or perhaps you have some other goodies that you're happy to donate! Everything, as long as it's brand new, in perfect condition and not past its sell by date, is welcome. Please deposit any suitable prizes in the Red Tombola Box in the Upper Hall.

RAFFLE

The raffle is always very popular and if we can get some good prizes, will be even more so. If you can think of any potential donors or can donate a prize yourself, please contact Jana (see below)

CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOP

Come on Thursday 22 November at 09.00 to help make the lovely Christmas

Wreaths and Decorations for the bazaar. No special skills are needed to take part in this fun-filled day of crafts. Lunch is provided – just tell Jana you'll be there.

BAZAAR RESTAURANT

Help is needed throughout all of Friday and Saturday. We need lots of cakes, and scones too! All help, even just for an hour or two, will be gratefully received.

TOY STALL

New or second hand toys in excellent condition are wanted for the Toy Stall – please put your donations into the Red Tombola Box in the Upper Hall.

BRIC À BRAC

Please check your cupboards, drawers, cellars or attics for any “no longer wanted” crockery, ornaments, china & other items suitable for this stall. Note that we can not accept clothing or items of furniture – please put your donations into the Red Tombola Box in the Upper Hall.

NEW STALLS?

If you have an idea for a new stall, Jana would love to hear from you!

HELP ON STALLS

If you can help on a stall during the bazaar, please either contact the stall holder directly or write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Upper Hall.

SET UP

We need to move lots of furniture around to set up the bazaar, so if you can spare a couple of hours on Thursday 22 November from 17.30 to help set up the stalls please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Upper Hall.

CLEAR UP

Please join our clear up team on Saturday 24 November from 15.00 and help get the church and halls ready for Sunday. If you can help, please sign up.

FLYERS

Please use the flyer with this magazine to help advertise the bazaar. If you'd like more flyers, please either pick them up from the Upper Hall or contact Jana. Flyers are also available in German.

Contact: Jana Kutesko 031 809 47 37 or 031 352 85 67 or berne@anglican.ch

- *Jana Kutesko, Church Office*

St John's Anglican Church, Territet/Montreux

A great cloud of witnesses

A Quiet Day

Led by Rev Caroline Eglin (in English)

Wednesday 31st October 2018

10h - 16h

Cost CHF35
including lunch and drinks

For Booking (essential) and
further details contact:
Rev. Caroline Eglin
caroline@eglins.co.uk

A Letter from David Low

As Remembrance Sunday this year will be remembering/celebrating 100 years since the Armistice ending fighting in 1918, I'd like to pass this text on to you. Maybe for the magazine, or whoever will be preaching on that day. During my many years as Reader at St Ursula's, I often had the duty, and pleasure of preaching on several Remembrance Sundays at St Ursula's or in other chaplaincies. The text is by the Scottish (and later Australian) folk singer / composer Eric Bogle. It is an anti-war text as the last verse makes clear. It seems to be very apt of the situation in the world today where any of the world's leaders could spark off a conflict in almost any part of the world. And this time (if it happens) would in all probability involve the use of nuclear weapons. As one who served in the British Army in the early 1950s, the present tensions between the three great powers reminds me of the tensions 60 years ago. My last Remembrance Day service was on 10 November 2013 (still on St Ursula's website!) but then I concentrated on war in general and the effect on the civilian population and POWs. Maybe the text could be used for the magazine in November?

Yours aye,
- David Low

Well how d'ye do Private William
McBride,
D'ye mind if I sit here down by your
graveside?
And rest for a while in the warm
summer sun,
I've been walking all day and I'm
nearly done
And I see by your gravestone you were
only nineteen
When you joined the glorious fallen in
1916;
Well I hope you died quick and I hope
you died clean,
Or young Willie McBride, was it slow
and obscene?

*Did they beat the drum slowly,
Did they play the fife lowly?
Did the rifles fire o'er ye
As they lowered you down?
Did the bugles sing the Last Post in
chorus?
Did the pipes play the Flowers o' the
Forest?*

And did you leave a wife or a
sweetheart behind?
In some faithful heart is your memory
enshrined?
And though you died back in 1916,
In that loyal heart are you forever
nineteen?
Or are you a stranger without even a
name,
Enshrined forever behind a glass pane,
In an old photograph, torn, and
tattered and stained,
And fading to yellow in a brown
leather frame?

Refrain:

The sun's shining now on these green
fields of France,
The warm wind blows gently and the
red poppies dance,
The trenches have vanished, long
under the plough,
No gas and no barbed wire, no guns
firing now.
But here in this graveyard it's still No
Man's Land,
The countless white crosses in mute
witness stand
To man's blind indifference to his
fellow man,
To a whole generation who were
butchered and damned.

Refrain:

And I can't help but wonder, young
Willie McBride,
Did all those who lie here know why
they died?
Did you really believe when they told
you the cause,
Did you really believe that this war
would end wars?
For the suffering, the sorrow, the glory,
the shame,
The killing, the dying were all done in
vain,
For, Willie McBride, it's all happened
again,
And again and again and again and
again!

Refrain:



Services and Readings

October and November 2018

7 October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Genesis 2.18-24
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12
Mark 10.2-16

14 October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Informal Eucharist
Amos 5.6-7,10-15
Hebrews 4.12-16
Mark 10.17-31

21 October Harvest Festival and Pledge Sunday

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Joel 2.21-27
1 Timothy 6.6-10
Matthew 6.25-33

28 October St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Eucharist
Isaiah 28.14-16
Ephesians 2.19-22
John 15.17-27

4 November All Saints

10.00 Eucharist
Wisdom 3.1-9
Revelation 21.1-6a
John 11.32-44

11 November Remembrance Sunday

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Jonah 3.1-5,10
Hebrews 9.24-28
Mark 1.14-20

18 November Second Sunday before Advent

10.00 Informal Eucharist
Daniel 12.1-3
Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13.1-8

25 November Christ the King

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Daniel 7.9-10,13,14
Revelation 1.4b-8
John 18.33-37

2 December Advent Sunday

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Jeremiah 33.14-16
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13
Luke 21.25-36



Christmas Bazaar Helpers Needed

23 November 17.00 till 19.30

24 November 10.00 till 15.00

Hi Folks,

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be here before we know it. The Catering Team need your invaluable support to make it happen. There will be a sign-up sheet put up in the Upper Hall for all willing hands to fill in. We look forward to seeing you then.

Blessings

- *The Catering Team*



Electoral Roll Revision – Advance Notice

In 2019 we have to completely revise our Electoral Roll. This process takes place every six years, so I'm sure some of you will remember doing it before. It means that everyone has to (re-)apply to be a member of the Electoral Roll. So, even if you have been a member for 20 years or more, you must fill in an application form.

Application forms will be available from January. Please complete one as soon as possible (in January, but not before) and return it to me. The closing date for applications will be Sunday 3 March.

There will be more information about the Electoral Roll and what it means in the next church magazine. In the meantime, if you have questions please talk to me or a member of council.

- *Tricia Carrick (Electoral Roll Officer)*

For Your Diary

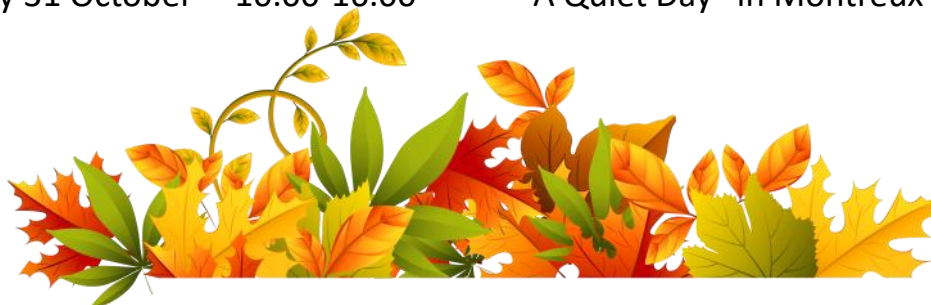
October & November 2018

Regular Weekly Events

Mondays	08.00 18.00	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesdays	08.00 18.00	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Wednesdays	09.15 - 11.15	Parents and Tots
Thursdays	10.30	Prayer and Fellowship
Fridays	08.00 09.30 18.00	Morning Prayer Patchwork Evening Prayer
Saturdays	09.30 - 11.30	Choir Practice

Other Events

Tuesday 2 October	19.30	Church Council
Thursday 4 October	18.30	Thun Service
Sunday 7 October	08.30	Church Breakfast
Thursday 18 October	18.30	Thun Service
Sunday 21 October		Harvest Festival & Pledge Sunday
Wednesday 24 October	09.00-11.00	Christmas Cake Baking
Friday 26 October -		
Sunday 28 October		SACEP Retreat in Diemtigtal
Saturday 27 October	10.00-12.00	Second Hand Children's Toy and Equipment Sale
Wednesday 31 October	10.00-16.00	"A Quiet Day" in Montreux



Thursday 1 November	18.30	Thun Service
Friday 2 November	09.00-13.00	Book Sorting
Friday 2 November		Concert for Fragile Bern
Sunday 4 November	08.30	Church Breakfast
Tuesday 6 November	19.30	Church Council
Friday 9 November	19.00	Pub Quiz Fundraiser
Saturday 10 November	18.00-23.00	Night of Religions in Bern
Sunday 11 November		Remembrance Sunday
		Magazine Copy Date
Thursday 15 November	18.30	Thun Service
	19.00	Cecily's Fund Benefit Concert
Saturday 17 November	09.00-14.00	Christmas Cake Decorating
Sunday 18 November	11.30	Cecily's Fund Pumpkin Soup Lunch
Thursday 22 November	09.00-11.00	Magazine Collating
	09.00-16.00	Christmas Decoration Workshop (tbc)
	17.30-20.00	Bazaar Set-up
Friday 23 November	09.00-16.00	Bazaar Set-up
	17.00-19.30	Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 24 November	10.00-15.00	Christmas Bazaar
	15.00-17.00	Bazaar Clear Up

Future Dates

Saturday 1 December	19.30	Gospel Choir Concert
Sunday 2 December	08.30	Church Breakfast
Sunday 9 December	12.00-13.30	Nativity Service Rehearsal
Sunday 16 December	10.00	Nativity Service
Thursday 13 December	19.30	Heiliggeist Carol Service
Thursday 20 December	19.00	Thun Carol Service

Next Event in support of Cecily's Fund

Benefit Concert, Sibylle Bähler, Marc Fitze, Alexandre Dubach



and Emma Saskia Bähler



*Emma (*14 June 2007) began playing the piano at the age of three years and nine months. She gave her first public concert before her sixth birthday. Emma has been studying at the Geneva Conservatory of Music since 2018.*

Thursday, November 15, 2018

7 p.m.

Location

**Heiligeist Church, Berne
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Prayer Diary

October 2018

Monday 1

For our Locum, Michael Tristram and his wife Pat; for their mission here at St Ursula's

Tuesday 2

For the Church Council Meeting this evening

Wednesday 3

For Bishop Robert and Bishop David as they lead and pastor the Diocese

Thursday 4

For Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

Friday 5

For Evening Prayer this evening

Saturday 6

For William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536

Sunday 7

For the Church Breakfast and for those who prepare and partake

Monday 8

For Morning and Evening Prayer today

Tuesday 9

For the Anglican Church in Basel, for Chaplain Hilary Jones and Assistant Chaplains Russell Hilliard and Anne Lowen

Wednesday 10

For Käthi who looks after the Vestry

Thursday 11

For the 10.30 Eucharist and Fellowship

Friday 12

Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845

Saturday 13

For the Delta Church using our Premises

Sunday 14

For today's Services and Junior Church

Monday 15

For the Anglican Church in Geneva; for Canon Alex Gordon, Chaplain.

Tuesday 16

For the newly constituted Pastoral Care Team

Wednesday 17

For Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 107

Thursday 18

For Luke, the evangelist

Friday 19

For Vreni and her team of Flower Ladies

Saturday 20

For the Brazilian Church using our Premises

Sunday 21

For Harvest Festival and Pledge Sunday

Monday 22

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

Tuesday 23

For Henry, and his priestly training in the UK

Wednesday 24

For the Christmas Cake bakers

Thursday 25

For Sue and John, our Chaplaincy Interview Representatives

Friday 26

For Jana, our church administrator

Saturday 27

For the SACEP Retreat in Diemtigtal

Sunday 28

FOR Simon and Jude, apostles

Monday 29

For the Interregnum Prayer Group

Tuesday 30

For Cecily and the Charity and Missions Team

Wednesday 31

Give thanks for Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

November 2018

Thursday 1

All Saints Day; the service in Thun this evening

Friday 2

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

Saturday 3

For the Anglican Chaplaincy in Lausanne; for Christine Bloomfield, Chaplain

Sunday 4

For the ministry of our Locum, Michael Tristram

Monday 5

Magazine Copy date draws closer. Pray for inspiration for all contributors to the Church Magazine

Tuesday 6

Give thanks for William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1955

Wednesday 7

For Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739

Thursday 8

For the Saints and Martyrs of England

Friday 9

For the Pub Night Fundraiser and all helping to prepare it

Saturday 10

For the Night of Religions in Bern and the participation of St Ursula's

Sunday 11

Remembrance Sunday

Monday 12

For healing and wholeness for the sick in our chaplaincy and beyond

Tuesday 13

For the U.S.A, its President, Government and people

Wednesday 14

For Archana, our Lay Reader

Thursday 15

For our Lay Representatives to Archdeaconry Synod; Hector, Donna and Richard

Friday 16

For the UK and its Government with prayer for successful Brexit negotiations

Saturday 17

For the Christmas Cake decorators

Sunday 18

For the Cecily's Fund Pumpkin Soup Lunch today after the service

Monday 19

For Rolf, our Caretaker

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Most Rev Justin Welby

Tuesday 20

For the Old Catholic Priests and Congregation of St Peter and Paul, our Sister Church in Bern

Wednesday 21

For the Anglican Chaplaincy in Lugano; for Nigel Gibson, Chaplain

Thursday 22

For the Magazine Collating this morning led by Annemarie

Friday 23

For the Christmas Bazaar; the many workers and visitors

Saturday 24

For Outreach at the Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 25

For Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748

Monday 26

For our Wardens, Maxine and John

Tuesday 27

For the Anglican Chaplaincy in Montreux, currently in interregnum

Wednesday 28

For Clive Atkinson and the Chaplaincy in Vevey – for their Praise and Prayer Evenings

Thursday 29

Day of intercession and thanksgiving for the missionary work of the church

Friday 30

For Andrew, the apostle

A Quote for the Interregnum (or your own life...)

“God’s will is what is left when all other avenues have been explored”

Joan Chittister, American Benedictine

- *Compiled by Brian Morgan*

Junior Church News

Groups and Meeting Times

Junior church meets on most Sundays during the 10.00 service. The children start the service with the congregation and then leave together after the welcome. We usually split into two classes depending on the age range of the children. The second Sunday of the month is a more informal service and the older children (11 years and above) stay for the service and on these Sundays we just have one class.

Junior Church Charity

Tear Fund remains the focus of our charity efforts, with our weekly collection - at the start of each Junior Church - going to the "Uganda Water and Sanitation" project.

Crèche

For children younger than three there is a supervised crèche. The crèche is in the lower hall. Parents can bring their children before the service. Pick up is immediately after the service or alternatively before the Eucharist where children are welcome to receive a blessing.

Bake and Craft Day

There will be a Bake and Craft Day on Saturday 17 November – an event for children, youth and adults. E-mail (rubywildhaber@gmx.ch) or talk to Ruby for more details.

Junior Church Project

Between June and August we spent Junior Church time learning about and researching into the life and times of St Paul which culminated in a presentation to the whole church during the service on 2 September. We also produced a booklet about the project, copies can be picked up in the Upper Hall or downloaded from our website:

<http://www.stursula.ch/Junior/PaulProject2018.pdf>

- *Jana Kutesko*

Nativity Service

The annual Nativity Service will take place on Sunday 16 December at 10.00. As always, it will be a celebration of the birth of Christ with carols. Please come along - and invite other people to come to this special service.



The rehearsals will be during the Junior Church time on Sunday 2 December and Sunday 9 December – on the 9 December, we will continue for a short time in church during coffee time.

We need lots of people, young and old (it is not “just for the children”), to be involved in many different ways. So if you are interested, please contact Tricia, Ruby or another JC teacher.

- *Tricia Carrick*

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our Junior Church Children with birthdays in October and November:

Amélie Sims 16 on 1 October

Daniela Cintron 5 on 19 October

Ayla Carnell 6 on 22 October

Louis Carnell 6 on 22 October

Marvin Carnell 6 on 22 October

Takura Wyder 15 on 11 November

Joana Agoba 15 on 13 November

Gabriela Cintron 10 on 19 November

Samuel Wienand 4 on 28 November



Note from the Treasurer

Dear all,

Summer is now over and our thoughts turn to harvest and being thankful for all we receive. Pledge Sunday will be on the 21 October, the same day as we will celebrate the Harvest Festival. It seems appropriate to do this on the same day, for we reap as we sow in all things. The pledge letter this year will be signed by our wardens, and we rely upon your generosity once more to see us through another year. As your treasurer I would like to thank you already in advance for your prayerful response to this year's appeal, and for all the support that we continuously receive from our congregation.

Also enclosed with this magazine is a survey related to the Thun Church. The congregation there is small, but dedicated, and we desire to grow this congregation in order to be able to provide a reliable pattern of worship in Thun in addition to what we offer in Bern. The survey can be completed also online under the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D72C7HM>

The more who complete it, the better idea we have of what the needs are in the Thun area.

For those interested in where our finances currently stand, my latest forecast is for a small surplus at year end, although at the time of writing, we are still in a small deficit position. Some costs are saved in an interregnum, but others increase, not least the search costs involved with finding a new Chaplain to take Stephen's place. We hope these costs are well spent and in line with the wishes of the majority of the congregation.

Yours in Christ,

- *Susan Higson*

A UK Pension?

Will you soon retire? Have you ever worked in the United Kingdom? You may know that under the Social Security agreements between the British and the Swiss, you may be entitled to a UK pension even if you have only worked there for a single year. Get in touch with the British Pensions Service and check. And if you checked before 2009, check again, because the rules have changed slightly – the new pension is higher, and the opportunities for contributing more to it are greater. And if you think the sum involved is not worth the effort, you can always pledge it to St Ursula's. Pledge Sunday is 21 October!

- *Hector Davie*

Cecily's Fund supporting Zambian communities to be more self-reliant

A message from Cecily's Fund UK

Everybody at Cecily's Fund is very grateful for the longstanding support of St Ursula's Church for enabling us to send hundreds of Zambian orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV to go to school each year.

There are estimated to be 1.2 million orphans in Zambia, 75% thought to be due to HIV/AIDS. The HIV/AIDS pandemic has left a nation of young people without parents. 46% of the population is aged below 15 years and extended families and communities struggle to afford to send these children to school.

Technically primary education in Zambia is free with the government funding the salaries of teachers in official government primary schools but they are very few and far between so communities often set up their own very basic local school which they fund. At secondary level students must pay school fees every term, approximately 1000 kwacha (approx. £75) and wear a uniform, shoes, buy books etc. as well as pay exam entry fees. Only 20% of young people complete secondary education in Zambia.

I joined Cecily's Fund in July this year in a fundraising capacity and was invited by our founder Basil Eastwood to join a party of supporters who were visiting the three areas where we operate in Zambia. We visited the Chazanga compound, a shanty town in Lusaka and both Kitwe and Chingola, two cities in the Copperbelt.



Sunshine Club meeting

I was really impressed by the local partnerships Cecily Fund have established in Zambia since 2003. There is Bwafwano Integrated Services Organisation (BISO) providing support to orphans and vulnerable children in Lusaka. Our other partners are Afya Mzuri and the Copperbelt Health Education Project (CHEP).

During the past year Cecily's Fund has been working with our

partners to identify ways of making the communities more self-reliant and independent.

In July 2016 we set up a 2 year programme to reduce HIV in adolescent girls in Chingola where HIV levels are still high. We supported 900 girls to stay on at school during grades 8/9, paying school fees, uniform and books. A very high percentage of these girls would otherwise have dropped out of school. During 2017/18 we only had 5 drop outs. This programme is based on a simple 'theory of change' outlined below;

- If girls can move on from primary to secondary school and not drop out, they will be more motivated to succeed and reach their potential
- Whilst at school, if girls were educated about HIV and sexual reproductive health matters there is more chance they will not be distracted by boys, or they will at least be more informed about contraception and less likely to contract HIV
- Mothers who understand the value of education are more likely to support daughters to continue with their education
- By bringing mothers/guardians and daughters together to learn about setting up a micro business and about savings, household income will increase and they will be able to pay for school fees

In July 2015 we started a 3-year programme called Connecting Communities, in Kitwe. We established 'Sunshine Clubs' in eight local communities for orphans who remain unemployed or who have dropped out of school. Our trained youth Peer Educators (orphans supported by Cecily's Fund who have graduated from High School and know the issues around HIV) run the Sunshine Clubs through a variety of activities ranging from sports and music to business studies. The clubs have become an important source of support, information and friendship for older adolescents and as a result, many have been able to return to school and gain further vocational training. 313 'out of school' orphans have been supported through the Sunshine Clubs.

There is still a massive need for what we are doing; thousands more orphans in our areas are at risk of growing up without a school education. School gives children emotional support, skills to earn a living, information about how to stay healthy, and the confidence to act on that information. Above all it gives hope.

With your generous help Cecily's Fund can continue to provide destitute children with the minimum needed to go to school – fees, pencils, school books, uniforms, and even in some cases shoes. All this is enormously

appreciated by these young people who recognise that education is the best route out of poverty.

- Anne Cooper, Fundraiser, Cecily's Fund



Fanny Chanda and Lister Malama: Lister Showing off her end of term test Results

Lister is one of 900 girls who stayed on at school because of the support she received from Cecily's Fund. Her grandmother, Fanny Chanda, lives in a two-roomed house in the shanty compound of Chiwempala, Chingola in Zambia's Copperbelt. Fanny has five other dependents. Lister is benefiting from our Learning for Life; Keeping Girls in School programme. This has enabled Lister to stay in education, keep healthy and not succumb to the pressure of early marriage. The programme empowers women and girls together through training in entrepreneurship so that families are able to have an income and help pay for school fees.

Fanny says it is not only Lister who has benefited because Fanny is learning how to run a business. 'I never realised I had the potential to learn how to run a business but after the training I am confident that I can make a profit from very little capital and look after my family. I was overjoyed and knew that my prayers had been answered.'

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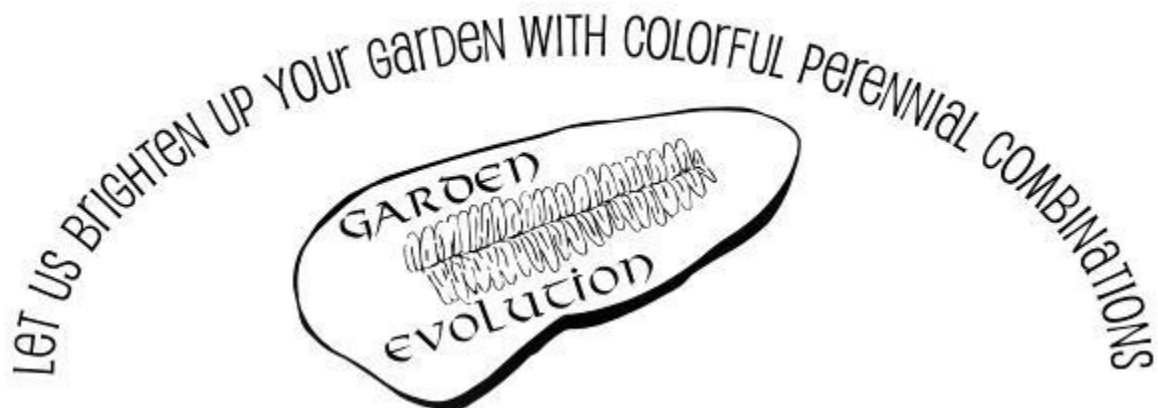
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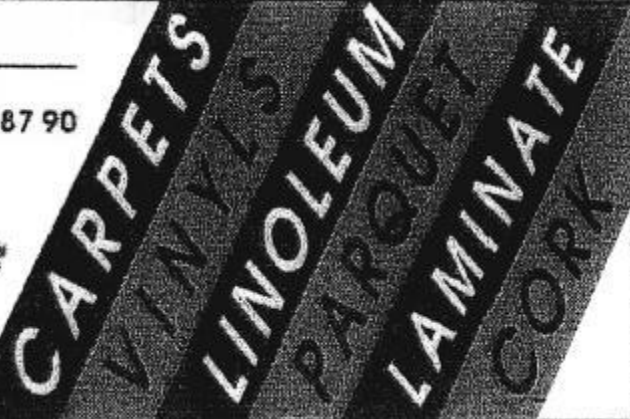
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I remember startling the pupils at their morning assembly at a school in Zambia by announcing that we would sing Hymn Number such-and-such “omitting verse one”. For the hymn on our back cover began in their hymn-book with a starred verse:

Oh! timely happy, timely wise,
Hearts that with rising morn arise!
Eyes that the beam celestial view,
Which evermore makes all things new!

In fact, this was the fifth verse of a long poem called “Morning” at the beginning of a book of poems called *The Christian Year*, which has been described as the most popular volume of verse in the nineteenth century.

The Christian Year was published in 1827 (the poem itself dates from five years earlier). It was anonymous, but it soon became known that the author was a young curate and former Oxford tutor, John Keble. Four years later, Keble was appointed Professor of Poetry at Oxford. He is most famous for preaching the sermon at the start of the Assize Court session in 1833 on the topic of “National Apostasy”, reproving the government for its neglect of Christian teaching and for interfering in church matters. This sermon was a significant milestone for the “Oxford Movement”, which felt the Enlightenment had made the church too secular and sought to return to the church’s early roots.

The poem was prefaced “His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)”. It ran to sixteen verses, and our cover has verses 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 and 16. Old hymn books sometimes include other verses. The tune we use dates back to a tune written by Samuel Webbe, organist at the Sardinian Chapel in London, and published in 1782 in a book on Latin plainchant.

The message of the part we use is similar to that of George Herbert’s poem two centuries earlier, *The Elixir* (“Teach me, my God and King”) – God is present everywhere, even in the routine of daily life. Life on earth is a preparation for life in heaven, a train of thought made even clearer if we add back the penultimate verse:

Seek we no more; content with these,
Let present Rapture, Comfort, Ease,
As Heaven shall bid them, come and go:--
The secret this of Rest below.

A recipe, then, for rest on earth, and a prayer to become fit for rest above.

- *Hector Davie*

Morning

New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies each returning day
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.

Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be
As more of heaven in each we see;
Some softening gleam of love and prayer
Shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task
Will furnish all we need to ask
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

We need not bid, for cloistered cell,
Our neighbour and our words farewell,
Nor strive to find ourselves too high
For sinful man beneath the sky.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

John Keble (1792-1866)