

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



June – July 2019

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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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From the Chaplain

Dear Friends,

It is usually advised that new chaplains begin their ministry at a quiet time of year. I started my ministry at St Ursula's on Ash Wednesday, approaching the busiest time of the year. But it has been a wonderful privilege to share with you the journey through the spiritual disciplines of Lent, the re-telling of the passion and suffering of Christ in Holy Week, to the celebration of the Risen Lord at Eastertide.



We now approach another big festival of the church year: Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples. Sometimes, perhaps, Christians can be wary of the Holy Spirit; the Spirit is just for a few, for those Charismatic Christians who like that kind of thing. But the Holy Spirit is an essential part of our Christian lives. As Jesus prepares to leave his disciples, he tells them that the Father will send them his promised Holy Spirit, 'who will abide with you and will be in you.' The Spirit is God within us and among us.

It is the Spirit who leads us into a deeper intimacy with God in prayer, and enables us to call God 'Abba, Father'. It is the Spirit who interprets Jesus' words to us and helps us understand them. It is the Spirit who gives us gifts to enable us to serve God and one another. It is the Spirit who makes our lives fruitful with the fruit of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.

We say in the creed, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life.' The Spirit gives spiritual life to us as individuals, but the Spirit also draws us together as a community. It was the receiving of the Spirit at Pentecost that gave the new disciples fresh life and energy, enabled them to speak boldly about the good news of Jesus to people of different languages and nationalities, and drew others to join the new community in faith and hope. The Spirit creates 'koinonia', fellowship, and as we meet together week by week we meet in the

‘fellowship of the Holy Spirit.’ A fellowship which is composed of people from very different cultures, nationalities and backgrounds; something we will celebrate with a Pentecost international bring and share lunch on 9 June.

Christians have traditionally believed that the Holy Spirit is not a spiritual force but a Person, one of the three Persons of the Trinity. When the disciples experienced the Spirit within them and among them, they were encountering God himself, the same God they encountered in the Father and in their Lord Jesus Christ. This is, of course, what we celebrate on Trinity Sunday, the week after Pentecost.

After Trinity Sunday on 16 June, we go into the long season called ‘ordinary time’ with the liturgical colour green. It’s encouraging to think of ‘ordinary time’ as the time of ‘greenness’, of life and growth and fruitfulness. For as we move into ‘ordinary time’ the God we have celebrated through Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost goes with us. We are always surrounded, encircled, by the love of the Trinity.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and always. Amen

- *Helen Marshall*



Staying alive

What would have happened after Jesus' death if there had been no resurrection? Was Good Friday a triumph or a tragedy? According to the fourth Gospel it was the former. John records Jesus' cry, "It is finished" - not in the sense of life being all over, but a triumphant cry of work being complete. But the third Gospel tells of the disappointment of the two disciples on the Emmaus road, "We had hoped he was going to redeem Israel". Yet after that first Easter we need not worry – Jesus was raised. Jesus lives.

How exactly Jesus lives has no simple answer. Paul reminds his hearers that Jesus lives in his church, the body of all who have been baptized into his death and raised into his life (Romans 6:3-6). And Paul makes it clear that Jesus, now risen, ascended and glorified, now has a different kind of life, a changed one, not perishable but imperishable (1 Cor. 15:42), but still a human one.

We too share in that life. When John's Gospel describes the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus describes himself as "the bread of life". "Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever." (John 6:51) And later he describes himself as "the resurrection and the life", and makes the same promise, "whoever lives and believes in me will live for ever." (John 11:26)

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus no longer walks bodily with his followers. In the account in Acts, the disciples go to the Mount of Olives, and Jesus vanishes into a cloud, to live and reign in heaven. Ten days later, seven weeks after his resurrection, it is Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks. On this day, it was the custom to celebrate the completion of the wheat harvest – it was a day of rejoicing at the final deliverance of God's people from slavery (Deut.16:9-11). The disciples are all together when they experience a wind and "tongues, as of fire". This is the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised that God would send the disciples "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit" to lead them "into all truth." Throughout the Bible, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the source of life, in every sense. Certainly on that Pentecost after the Resurrection, the Spirit fills the twelve with life. They are no longer disciples, learning from their Master, but apostles, sent out to preach the Good News to the ends of the world.

We too share in the Spirit's life, just as we share in the bread of life. This is not simply life in the biological sense – not just like the life of a fruit fly or a pine tree, but "abundant life" (John 10:10), "life in its fullness" (Col. 2:10) – a life of joy and peace.

- *Hector Davie*

Swiss Archdeaconry Choir Festival 2019

The traditional annual Swiss Archdeaconry Choir Festival was hosted by the Anglican Chaplaincy at Holy Trinity Church Geneva over the weekend 27- 28 April 2019. It was attended by about 40 singers from the chaplaincies in Basel, Berne, Geneva, Lausanne and Zürich, with 9 singers from St Ursula's Church.



Photo by Andreas Bomonti

The merged choirs had their

first practice on Friday evening, to be continued on Saturday morning and afternoon. The music was led by Mark Jones, with Mark Charles at the organ. The choral Evensong on Saturday, and the choral Communion Service on Sunday morning, were the highlights of the occasion.

On Saturday the choral music included works by E.C.Bairstow (the Canticles Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and the Anthem 'Save us O Lord'), by P. Wilby ('If ye love me'), C.V. Stanford (Psalm 150) and John Sanders (The Preces and Responses).

On Sunday the choir sung the Mass set by John Ireland (Office of the Holy Communion, in C) and the Communion Motet by R. Shephard (The Strife is over).

The Community of the Chaplaincy of Holy Trinity Geneva made all singers and non-singing partners very welcome with a friendly reception, with excellent refreshments and arranging a singers' dinner on Saturday evening, all contributing to a lively fellowship. A great vote of thanks is due to all who helped in many ways to make this Festival a memorable event once again.

These Festivals are one of the few regular annual occasions where members from the different chaplaincies meet together and join forces in a common cause: enriching worship with great and meaningful music.

- *Hans-Karl Pfyffer*

A Word for the Month - Ritual

Have you ever killed an ant? There are ants on my balcony wall, and they go their harmless way in search of food and bits of plant. Occasionally, I put my glass down carelessly and accidentally squash one. After a while, another ant will find it, and show signs of distress. And later, two or three ants will combine to drag their dead companion away. That's what ants do.

Throughout the animal kingdom, there are patterns of behaviour which make no immediate sense to us, from the dances of bees to the billing and cooing of doves. We call them rituals, and we apply the same word to human behaviour. Many of the things we do are rituals, from shaking hands when we meet, through blowing out candles on birthday cakes, to ringing church bells at six o'clock and burning exploding snowmen in Zurich, or pretending to imprison bears at eleven minutes past eleven in Berne. For practically all of them, there is no definite reason. We celebrate anniversaries with cakes, we put rings on fingers when we marry, we listen to the Queen on Christmas Day or the Federal President on 1 August. It's the way things are done.

In a religious context, "ritual" is connected with the word "rite", the way we do things. Originally the word was to do with the way things fit together, with good order (we still use the expression "order of service"), and referred mainly to the words that were used to accompany particular actions – baptizing in water, joining in marriage, sharing in the supper of the Lord, anointing the sick, burying the dead. Nowadays, it has come to refer to the actions that accompany the words – raising our hands in praise, cupping our hands in prayer, standing or kneeling, bowing, joining in processions, preaching from pulpits, using the sign of the cross, and the like.

The rites themselves, baptism, communion, healing, even marriage, are closely tied up with our relation with God. So was sacrifice in the Old Testament, or visiting the black stone at Mecca in the Qur'an. But few of the rituals accompanying them are essential to our relation with God, either as individuals or as a community. The rituals have evolved over time, changing only very slowly: people are still happy for their services to be led by someone wearing an adaptation of the dress of a Roman gentleman, they are still happy to "plight their troth" at weddings even if they have no idea what the words mean, or to address God as "thou" (often with a capital T). Religious people tend to be very conservative in such matters.

The trouble with this is that rituals can multiply to the point where one cannot see the rite behind the rituals. In some countries the Reformation swept away “unhelpful” rituals. In the words of one of the prefaces to the old Book of Common Prayer, “Christ’s Gospel is ... a Religion to serve God ... in the freedom of the Spirit; being content only with those Ceremonies which do serve to a decent Order and godly Discipline, and such as be apt to stir up the dull mind of man to the remembrance of his duty to God, by some notable and special signification, whereby he might be edified.” (And man in those days meant a person of the female sex as well!)

New rituals evolve continually. They may be helpful or unhelpful. But they are most helpful when they stir up our dull minds and edify us. We can praise God in our words, in our thoughts, in our songs – but also in our rituals!

- *Hector Davie*



The Baptism of Christ, Piero della Francesca

St Ursula's Church Summer Fête

Saturday 15 June
10.00 – 15.00



This year's summer fête will be an event for ALL with lots of adults' and children's activities and games, bric à brac, tombola, cake stall and a barbecue outside - whilst not forgetting our usual sales of second hand books and British food.

However, to make this day a success we'll need lots of help, from helping to "set the scene" on Friday evening, during the sale itself and of course the clear up afterwards.

Set up will start at 18.00 on Friday 15 June and clear up will be from 15.00 on Saturday 16 June – many hands make light work and so with plenty of volunteers, both tasks should only take about an hour.

The restaurant also needs lots of volunteers to help on the day as well as plenty of home-made cakes and scones.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Upper Hall for anyone who is able to help at the fête.

Anyone wanting to sell their own bric à brac or crafts is welcome to book a space – just contact Jana in the Church Office (031 352 8567)

New and in perfect condition (please check the sell-by date on any food items first though!) tombola items are also needed – just leave them in the red box in the Upper Hall.

Please use the flyer with this magazine to advertise this event widely, more flyers are available in the Upper Hall or you can print some from our website, www.anglican.ch/berne

For further information or to volunteer please contact the Church Office (031 352 8567) or email berne@anglican.ch

- *Jana Kutesko, Church Office*



**Bring & Share International Lunch at
Pentecost**

Sunday 9 June after the 10.00 service

Eco-Notes



Our Eco-Church group held its kick-off meeting at the beginning of May, with the aim of gathering ideas to make St Ursula's even more ecologically aware, and to work towards becoming an eco-church (ecochurch.arocha.co.uk).

We are going to provide a "Tip of the Week" each Sunday. You will read it in the notices, and it will appear on our website, at www.stursula.ch/Eco. We also plan a blog to give more information than a one-line tip can convey! Everyone can contribute ideas – we haven't yet worked out the logistics, but if your own ideas are brimming over, send an email to ecochurch@stursula.ch and we will look at them.

The environmental group A Rocha, who started the eco-church movement, has a detailed questionnaire to evaluate how well we are doing. We made a start on answering the worship section – how often do we teach about the environment in our services, sing hymns celebrating creation, pray for the physical world around us, teach our children about caring for God's earth, for people, plants and animals? We have done things in the past and they have tended to fizzle out – now with Helen and many of our members showing enthusiasm, we are going to make a To-Do list and maintain the impetus.

We also started to look at our carbon footprint – as everybody should do. Our sustainability project has brought greater efficiency in heating, insulation and use of resources. But some things can still be improved. Is all our lighting the right kind in the right place? Do we source our fuel sustainably? And where we cannot improve our carbon footprint, we need to offset the harm we are causing by contributing to funds that will counteract the pollution of our world. In this way, we can practise our love for our neighbours – and at the same time, respond to what is an urgent need throughout Creation.

- Hector Davie

Pub Quiz short report – 10 May 2019

QUIZ NIGHT

The evening pub quiz was a great fun event to which over 60 people came along. The questions set were a good mix, without being impossible, plus some were educational as well. The food prepared by the team led by Lynn was eagerly consumed. We also had Dan as our barman, assisted by Toni and Jonathan, keeping everyone supplied with drinks. The evening made about Fr1250 profit.

There are some photos on the Facebook page and even a short video. Congratulations to all the teams, and especially the winning teams.

Our next pub quiz evening will be combined with a curry evening prepared by Abraham Koshy. That should be an excellent night, make sure you keep an eye out for tickets as we expect them to sell quickly.

- Sue Higson

Church Breakfasts

The church breakfasts are still popular and are held on the first Sunday of each month. So the dates for the next few months are:

2 June

7 July

4 August

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 people to meet.

- Tricia Carrick



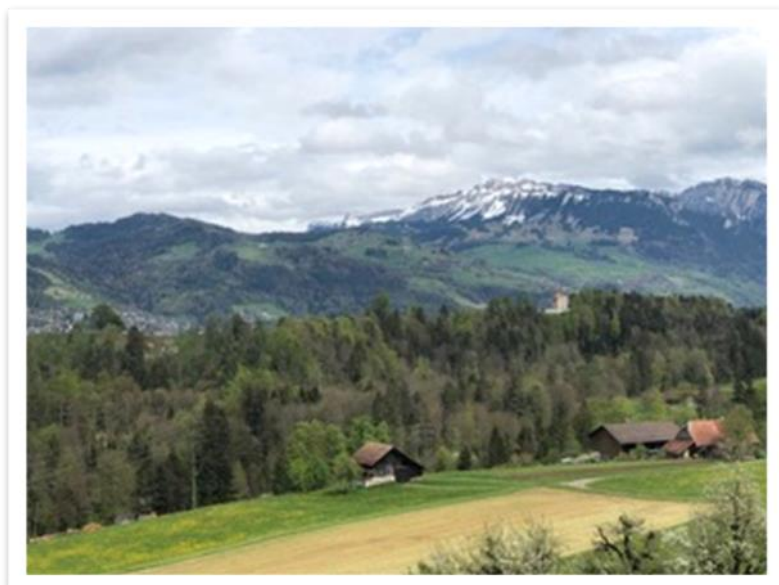
Church walks – walking the Jakobsweg

Despite the dark clouds and threats of wet stuff, ten of us and a baby had a lovely walk from Amsoldingen on 27 April, although two and a baby did actually miss the bus, so had to start from the other end. The rest of us though caught the correct bus, and started off with a short reading in the lovely historic church at Amsoldingen. From there we managed to get to the end of the street where we found an excellent cheese shop, so we all of course had to go in and sample the wares.



Finally we set off again, and luckily the *Brennerei* next door was closed, so we got out of Amsoldingen without any further sampling. The walk led us along small roads, through woods, down tracks and finally up a hill to a wonderful viewpoint over the Lake of Thun, where we managed to find the ones walking from the other end, or rather they found us. Together we descended to Gwatt where we had welcome refreshments at the campsite café. Some still had energy and chose to walk along the lakeside to Thun itself. Others took a bus, which was a wise choice, as

the heavens opened while we were waiting for it.





All in all it was a good first walk, with good fellowship and everyone being able to keep up with the pace. Join us for the one in June – on the 29th. This will be a continuation of walk number 1, and we will walk along from Gwatt to Spiez via Einigen. From Spiez we can take the boat back to Thun. The boat runs every half an hour and takes 46 minutes. Meeting point will be Thun station, at 14.00 on platform 1 at the top of the ramp. We will take a bus to the start of the walk, which is expected to be fairly leisurely and around 7 km in length. Map below.



Questions about our walks can be sent to me under treasurer@stursula.ch

- Sue Higson

Treasurer's Report

Dear all



I am happy to report that our income as at end of April is looking better than the same time in 2018 and also better than budgeted. Our expenses on the other hand are totally in line with 2018 and with the budget. This is great news, and I want to thank all our faithful donors and pledgers. The Sunday collection is also up, which is something I had suggested everyone could add a little to. We are on a good way for this year. The magazine subscriptions are also coming in, many with a generous extra top-up. If you haven't paid yet, but you intend to, then please take this as a reminder. It does not matter if you have lost the slip, you can transfer it to our Postfinance account 30-4416-8 with a note that it is for the magazine (CHF 22 including postage within Switzerland).

Sue Higson

Jokes that can be told in church

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'



Services and Readings

June and July 2019

Sun 2 June Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14,16,17,20,21
John 17:20-26

Sun 9 June Pentecost

8.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sun 16 June Trinity Sunday

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Sun 23 June First Sunday after Trinity

8.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Sun 30 June Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Sung Eucharist
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Sun 7 July Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sun 14 July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 Said Communion
10.00 Informal Eucharist
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sun 21 July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Genesis 18:1-10a
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sun 28 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

Sun 4 August Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



For Your Diary June & July 2019



Regular Weekly Events

Mondays	08.30	Morning Prayer
	18.00	Evening Prayer
Tuesdays	08.30	Morning Prayer
	18.00	Evening Prayer
Wednesdays	08.30	Morning Prayer
	09.15 – 11.15	Parents and Tots
Thursdays	10.30	Holy Communion & Fellowship
	11.30	Lectio Divina
Fridays	09.30	Patchwork
	18.00-18.30	Evening Prayer
Saturdays	09.30 - 11.30	Choir Practice – not in July

Other Events

Sunday 2 June	08.30	Church Breakfast
Tuesday 4 June	19.30	Church Council
Thursday 6 June	18.30	Thun Service
Sunday 9 June		PENTECOST
	12.00	Bring & Share International Lunch
Friday 14 June	09.00	Book Sorting
Saturday 15 June	10.00 – 15.00	Summer Fête
Thursday 20 June	18.30	Thun Service
Saturday 22 June		Junior Church Games Day
Saturday 29 June		Church Family Walk
Tuesday 2 July	19.30	Church Council
Sunday 7 July	08.30	Church Breakfast
Sunday 14 July		COPY DATE
Thursday 25 July	09.00 - 11.00	Magazine Collating

Future Dates

Saturday 10 August	Church Family Walk
Sunday 18 August	Family Treasure Hunt & Picnic
Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 August	Family Event & JC Sleepover
Saturday 7 September	Book and Food Sale
Friday 13 September	Afternoon Tea & Quiz
Saturday 5 October	Church Family Walk
Wednesday 23 October	Christmas Cake Baking
Friday 8 November	Pub Quiz

Confirmation

The confirmation preparation course for young people is going very well. There are four committed young people involved.

The course is made up of four modules covering the following topics:

- God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- The Bible, Prayer and Eucharist
- Baptism, Confirmation
- The Church, Living as a Christian

We hope to complete the first module before the summer holidays – and then move on to the others .

We are meeting on Saturday and Sunday mornings and having lunch together on the Sundays. The next meetings are

- Saturday 1 June
- Saturday 22 June
- Sunday 7 July

Please pray for these young people as they continue their Christian journey to become confirmed – and for the leaders

If you would like more information please contact Tricia (email: pcarrick@sprintgill.org) or the church office (Tel: 031 352 85 67 or email: berne@anglican.ch)

- *Tricia Carrick*

Prayer Diary

June 2019

Saturday 1

Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165

Sunday 2

For Helen and David's Ministry here at St Ursula's

Monday 3

For Evening Prayer this Evening and for Maxine leading it

Tuesday 4

For the Church Council Meeting this evening

Wednesday 5

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

Thursday 6

For the Communion Service in Thun this evening and all who help with it

Friday 7

For Evening Prayer today and for Peter leading it

Saturday 8

For the St Ursula Ecological "Task Force", its participants and Hector leading it.

Sunday 9

For Holy Communion this PENTECOST SUNDAY and the International Lunch afterwards

Let us thank our Father God for sending us the Blessed Holy Spirit

Monday 10

For our new Church Wardens, Vinitha and Martin

Tuesday 11

Barnabas the Apostle

Wednesday 12

For the Archdeaconry of Switzerland and Archdeacon Adèle

Thursday 13

For the Holy Communion Service followed by Lectio Divina this morning

Friday 14

For a shared Vision for the focus and future of St Ursula's

Saturday 15

For renewed fellowship as we reach out beyond our church doors

Sunday 16

TRINITY SUNDAY

Monday 17

For our Archdeaconry Synod Representatives; Hector, Donna & Richard

Tuesday 18

For Evening Prayer being led by Brian

Wednesday 19

For the Parents and Tots meeting in the hall today

Thursday 20

For our Treasurer Sue Higson

Friday 21

For the Patchwork Ladies meeting most Fridays

Saturday 22

Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c 250

For the Junior Church Games Day today

Sunday 23

For the 8.30 Said Eucharist and for the small but faithful congregation

Monday 24

The Birth of John the Baptist

Tuesday 25

For "our" Refugee Family Sediqii and for Cecily, Rolf, Chloé and Beat who support and encourage them

Wednesday 26

For the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar and Archdeacon Geoff Johnston

Thursday 27

For David's work with the World Council of Churches in the field interreligious dialogue

Friday 28

For Jana in the Church Office

Saturday 29

Peter and Paul, Apostles

For the Church Family Walk today

Sunday 30

For the Readers and Intercessor at the Eucharist this morning

July 2019

Monday 1

For those in our community who are unemployed or unable to work because of a disability

Tuesday 2

For the Church Council Meeting this evening

Wednesday 3

Thomas the Apostle

Thursday 4

For all members of the Congregation in Thun and their faithfulness in supporting the twice monthly services

Friday 5

Continue to pray for the Ministry of our Chaplain Helen and pray she may relax on her weekly day off on a Friday

Saturday 6

Thomas More and Bishop John Fisher, Reformation Martyrs, 1535

Sunday 7

For the Church Breakfast and for those preparing it

Monday 8

For the Archdeaconry of Italy and Malta

Tuesday 9

For the sick in our community and those who take care of them

Wednesday 10

For the elderly and infirmed in our community especially those who can no longer live at home

Thursday 11

For the Leaders and Governments of our own home countries

Friday 12

For the World Council of Churches in Geneva and especially David's responsibilities there

Saturday 13

For the Confirmation Class and Tricia leading it

Sunday 14

That the Lord's day may be held Blessed and Holy

Monday 15

Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c. 862

Tuesday 16

For Janiffer and Lynn, newly elected to Church Council

Wednesday 17

For Junior Church teachers; Françoise, John and Jana and others

Thursday 18

For Archana, our Reader and her family

Friday 19

For the Pastoral Care Team

Saturday 20

For the persecuted Church throughout the world

Sunday 21

For all Christians throughout the world meeting this day to worship our Lord

Monday 22

Mary Magdalene

Tuesday 23

For Adèle , Archdeacon of the Swiss Archdeaconry

Wednesday 24

For Querida, our Church Magazine Editor and Tricia who manages the Magazine Mailing List

Thursday 25

James the Apostle

For the Magazine Collating Team

Friday 26

For Tony and all other Musicians in the Music Group

Saturday 27

For Hans-Karl, our Organist, Elisabeth our Choir Leader and members of our choir

Sunday 28

For all the people on the Coffee Rota serving the congregation every Sunday

Monday 29

For the Old Catholic Church in Switzerland, especially the Priests and People of St Peter and St Paul's here in Bern

Tuesday 30

William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Anti-Slavery Campaigner, 1833

Wednesday 31

Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

- Compiled by Brian Morgan

The Church at the Foot of the Bernina



Pontresina – Engl. Kirche (postcard published by Wehrliverlag Kilchberg (Zch.), around 1940)

The first inn opened in Pontresina in 1851. It was the *Krone*, or *Crown*, and it offered three beds. It was enlarged several times from 1857 on and is today the *Grand Hotel Kronenhof*. The carriage road across the Bernina Pass, finished in 1865, made Pontresina more easily accessible and it thrived. The 1867 edition of Murray’s Handbook for Travellers listed three inns; Pontresina was a “considerable village ... seated at the foot of a snow-capped mountain, at the junction of two glacier-headed valleys, 5566 ft. above the sea-level”. Murray also described several excursions, among them the Roseg and Morteratsch Glaciers and the Diavolezza, then just a mountain viewpoint. No wonder British travellers and mountaineers loved Pontresina.

Anglican services began to be held in the *Hotel Krone* (as it was called by then) in the summer season of 1865, with chaplains sent by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (today USPG). Ideas for a small church came from Rev. J. W. Ayre (chaplain from 1871) and English architect and archaeologist Richard Popplewell Pullan, after he visited Pontresina in 1872. By then the room in the *Krone* had become too small for the worshippers and they were using the village church for services. But money was a problem until the end of the 1870s, when the congregation had grown considerably. Some famous regular guests played an important part in the fundraising effort: Composer

Arthur Sullivan organised a production of his popular comic opera “Cox and Box, or The Long Lost Brothers”, playing the part of Cox himself; and London theatre stars Squire and Marie Bancroft offered evening entertainments at the *Krone*. Local hoteliers gave money as well as land, so finally architect Pullan was asked to draw up definite plans for the church.

In August 1882 Holy Trinity Church was consecrated, with 500 persons attending the service including 14 clergy. From that year on services were held for three months every summer by chaplains from the SPG. When Pontresina introduced the winter season in 1905 the church went along, introducing a special fund for the heating.

Holy Trinity has been called the most important of the English churches in Switzerland by Dr. André Meyer, eminent Swiss historian of architecture. Pullan had followed local tradition in the use of quarry stone and pinewood available in the valley. He designed the neo-gothic interior of the church as well, with slim pillars, arcades and stained-glass windows. A drawing of the altar was reproduced in his book “Studies in Architectural Style” (London 1883).

As times and habits changed in the 20th century, Holy Trinity suffered the same fate as other Anglican churches and chapels in Switzerland: the number of worshippers went down, while costs for the upkeep went up. In 1968 the church was sold to the municipality. Pfarrer Gion Gaudenz of the local protestant church rescued textiles, the cross, candlesticks and other artefacts, which were later taken to the *Kulturarchiv Oberengadin*. Shortly before the demolition of the church in 1974, items of furniture and other liturgical



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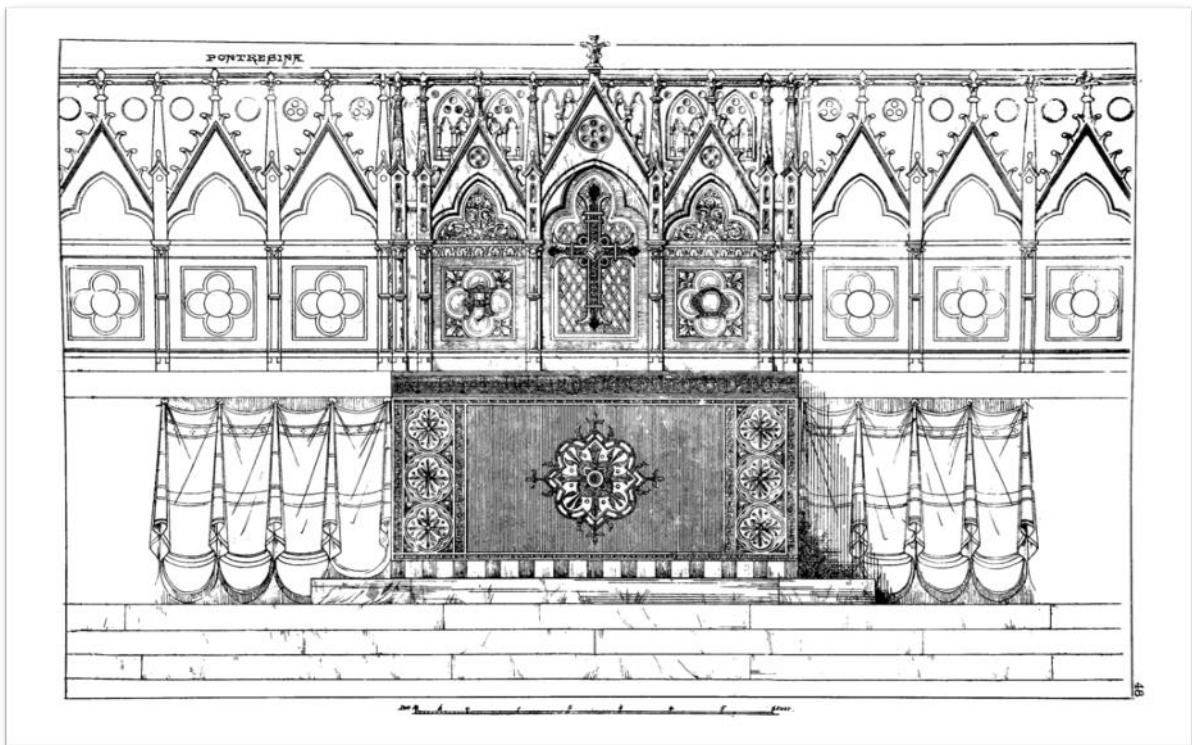
A view of the exhibition (photo bilderwerkstatt.ch)

objects were given to the *Rätische Museum* in Chur along with the beautiful stained-glass windows. Among these there was one donated “...in loving memory of a beloved Mother by Marie Effie Bancroft”. All the efforts of the defenders of the church had been in vain, the Pontresina voters were not interested in this very special example of Swiss built heritage. On the site an apartment building for employees of the municipality was constructed.

But if there can be a resurrection for a church, it happened for Holy Trinity. In 2016/2017 it was featured in an exhibition in the *Museum Alpin* in Pontresina, thanks to Diane Conrad, a member of the Anglican congregation of St. John the Evangelist in St. Moritz for many years. In the course of doing research on the history of that chaplaincy for its 150th anniversary in 2010, she happened to see the items from the Pontresina church in the *Kulturarchiv*. One thing led to another, and she ended up working with professionals from Switzerland and the UK to recreate as much as possible of the beauty of Holy Trinity. The title gives us a description of the exhibition: “19th Century British Visitors and their Church in Pontresina – Personalities, Tradition and Architecture 1860 - 1900”. I only wish I could have seen it.

- Ruth Freiburghaus

Thank You, Diane, for your information and support.



Altar of Holy Trinity Church by R. P. Pullan (Wikimedia Commons)

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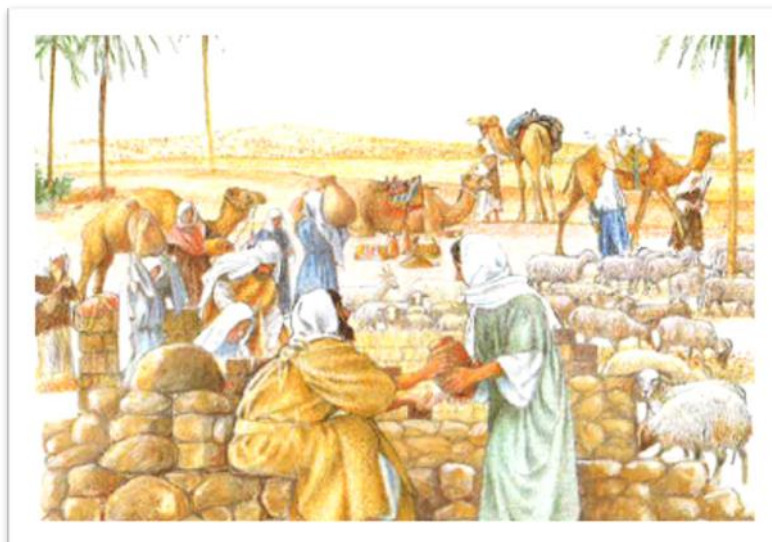


Groups and Meeting Times

Junior Church meets on most Sundays during the 10.00 service. There are usually two classes, Sparklers (ages 3 - 8) and Pilots (ages 9-14). Children start the service with the congregation and then leave together after the welcome. The second Sunday of the month is a more informal service and the older children (11 years and above) stay for the service. On these Sundays we just have one class.

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 starts and are asked to go down and pick them up at the beginning of communion, when they are welcome to receive a blessing.



Old Testament Project

The last few months the Junior Church has been focusing on the Old Testament. The Sparklers heard and made crafts to many of the stories. During that time the Pilots chose and researched stories on their own initiative. Using

the Bible, commentaries for children, the internet and occasionally their teachers' experience, they dug into the stories and characters of the Old Testament. It was a lot of fun to support them as they found answers to their questions, made posters with their findings and prepared a final presentation for the congregation that was held at the end of April. I believe everyone enjoyed the project and learned new things. It was very interesting to see these well known stories from fresh perspectives and realize that sometimes you don't know half as much about things as you thought you did. Make sure to check out the posters in the upper hall.

-John Hutchison



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our Junior Church Children with birthdays in June and July:



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Jakob Klingler 2 on 10 June

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Refuge Egypt in Cairo is a ministry of the Episcopal/Anglican Church, Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa. It was established in 1987 on a small scale and has grown to serve many thousands of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers living in Egypt who have fled their countries of origin due to war or disaster and who have well founded fears of return due to persecution or loss of rights. Refuge Egypt seeks to provide humanitarian assistance, spiritual guidance and encouragement to help build self-sufficiency and self-respect in preparation for repatriation, resettlement or integration into Egyptian society.

The work of Refuge Egypt is based on seeking to fulfill God's command in Leviticus 19:33-34: "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

Refuge Egypt is active in community development, health, education and other areas such as youth and prison ministries.

Humanitarian assistance includes registering refugees when they arrive in Cairo. The aim is to provide food, clothing, blankets and emergency support



for refugees and their families for their first two years in Egypt – to help them find their footing.

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English language classes are offered as are health care and a well-baby and well-child clinic.

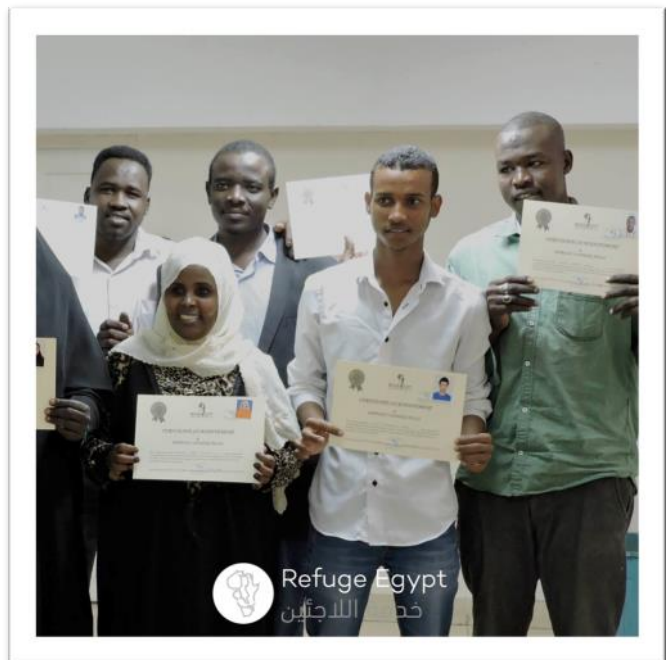
We can support the valuable work of Refuge Egypt through prayer, donations or also purchase of products through their gift shop.

If you would like to experience the Refuge Egypt work first hand, they have a guest house in Cairo. Look at gsthouse@gmail.com.

It is evident that the goals of Refuge Egypt to “Serve our neighbours in Christ’s name”, and “dialogue with other faith communities” are being met. To receive news and announcements search for Refuge Egypt Cairo. They also have an e-newsletter.

Please pray for their work, those who are helped by them and for the world situation to be touched by the love of God so that people will no longer be forced to leave their homes and countries.

- Donna Goepfert for the Charity and Missions



Looking for a Flat in Bern

I'm currently a member of the Anglican/Episcopalian Church Christ-the-King in Frankfurt, Germany. My girlfriend and I will be moving to Bern to work at the opera house in the coming season and are looking forward to attending worship services at St Ursula's!

We are currently looking for a flat and would be most grateful for any form of help/tips/advice on the matter. Ideally we would like something starting at 55m2, dog friendly and ideally no more than CHF 1500 per month. If you are able to help us please feel free to get in contact!

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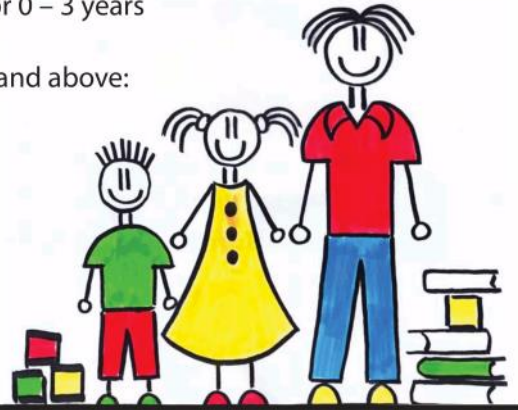


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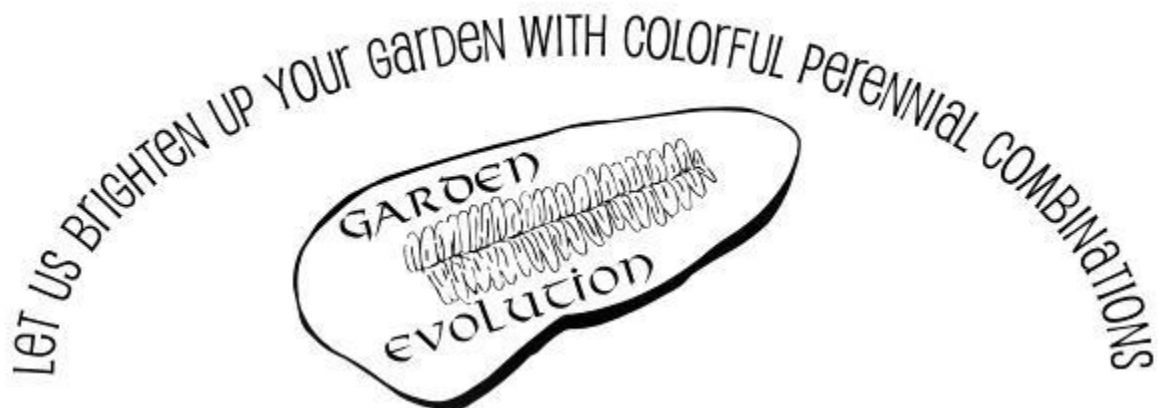
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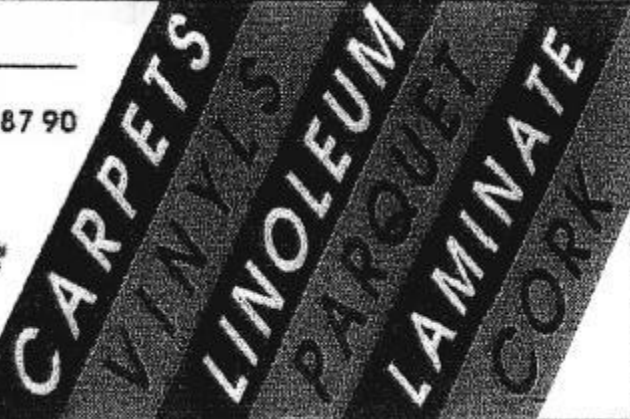
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A few weeks ago, we sang Isaac Watts' hymn, "Jesus shall reign". Half the congregation were singing the words projected on the screen, half were singing the words printed in the hymn book. Normally these words are the same, but for once, the words on the screen were Watts' original words: "His name like sweet perfume shall rise" and the words in the book were "His name like incense shall arise."

At the time the hymn was written, "perfume" meant "thick smoke", with the stress on the second syllable. But today, with a different pronunciation, it means "pretty scent". (The same change in meaning has happened in French and Italian.) Smoke rises, but perfume just wafts around. So the compilers of Hymns Ancient and Modern, the book we use at St Ursula's, changed the word to "incense", which is what Watts meant. They also changed the first word of this verse from "for" to "to", as "for" was ambiguous, and could confuse people ("Jesus needs our prayers" - entirely true in one sense, but not in the other!).

Old-fashioned language can be a problem and a barrier. What are "peculiar honours"? (We would say "particular" or "special" today.) Why not just say "the poor" rather than "sons of want" (what, no daughters?)? Do today's Christians want to sing words first published in 1719, exactly three hundred years ago?

Isaac Watts, who wrote the hymn, had the same idea. I wrote about him last Christmas (he wrote "Joy to the World"). He thought the Calvinist tradition of metrical psalms was too rigid and pedantic. Some of the ideas in the Psalms were out of touch with modern life. The Psalms referred to Israel and Judah, Kings David and Solomon. People in Watts' day lived in England and Scotland, under Queen Anne and King George. A line in Psalm 147 ran "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem". Watts' version of it began "O Britain, praise thy mighty God".

And so in this month's hymn, the inspiration is from Psalm 72. But where the psalmist mentions Tarshish, Sheba and Saba, Watts mentions Europe, Persia and India – and in these globalized days, we omit verses 2 and 3 altogether! And most importantly, the Psalm is focussed on "the king" and "the king's son", the hymn begins "Jesus shall reign". As he wrote in the preface to his book *The Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*, Watts has "made David and Asaph always speak the Common Sense and Language of a Christian."

Here we normally sing it to a tune, Truro, published in 1789, but possibly much older (and incidentally a near-perfect inversion of the tune to "Joy to the World").

The hymn is about mission – the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It was certainly popular among missionaries – it is said to have been sung when King George of Tonga freed the nation's slaves in 1862, but it is not just about growing geographically. Jesus reigns not only from east to west, but in the hearts of the prisoner, the weary, the poor – and indeed all of us.

- Hector Davie

Christ's Kingdom among the Gentiles

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Behold the Islands with their Kings,
And Europe her best tribute brings;
From North to South the Princes meet
To pay their homage at his feet.

There Persia glorious to behold,
There India stands in Eastern Gold;
And barbarous nations at his word
Submit and bow and own their Lord.

For him shall endless pray'r be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice;

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant-voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns,
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Where he displays his healing power
Death and the curse are known no more;
In him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our king;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)