

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



October - November 2022

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Normal pattern of Sunday services:

10.00 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church and Crèche

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

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,

We will all be aware that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died on Thursday 8th September after reigning as sovereign of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth for over 70 years.

Here at St Ursula's we are an international congregation and the death of Queen Elizabeth will not mean the same thing to everyone. But all of us, whether we are British citizens or not, whether we are monarchists or republicans, cannot fail to be struck by the late Queen's sense of duty and commitment, and her faithful and devoted service right up to the end of her life. Her energy, graciousness and resilience have been admired by people all over the world and they are a good example to us all.

Queen Elizabeth was also Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and she was personally committed in her Christian faith. Many of us will remember her broadcast messages every Christmas in which she often spoke of how her faith sustained her and gave her hope. I quote some of her words from two of her Christmas messages below:

'I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life....He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served. We can surely be grateful that, two thousand years after the birth of Jesus, so many of us are able to draw inspiration from his life and message, and to find in him a source of strength and courage.'

Christmas Message 2008

'Finding hope in adversity is one of the themes of Christmas. Jesus was born into a world full of fear. The angels came to frightened shepherds with hope in their voices: "Fear not", they urged, "we bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love.'

Christmas Message 2011



Let us give thanks for the late Queen's faithful service and her trust in her Lord. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

There will be a special Commemoration Service at St Ursula's to give thanks for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at 2pm on Thursday 22 September.

A Prayer

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:

- for her love of family and her gift of friendship;
- for her devotion to the United Kingdom and the nations of the Commonwealth;
- for her grace, dignity and courtesy;
- and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for:

- the courage that she showed in testing times;
- the depth of her Christian faith;
- and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

Accept our thanks and praise, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With love in Christ,
- *Helen*

Would you believe it?

A friend once told me that the *Liebestod* from Richard Wagner's opera *Tristan und Isolde* was the greatest piece of music that had ever been written. It wasn't just that my friend thought it was. The friend said it really was. And if you put your faith in Google, you can ask it "What is the most famous quote from Alice in Wonderland?" and it will refer you to the exchange between Alice and the White Queen: "One can't believe impossible things," with the reply: "I daresay you haven't had much practice. When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

There is sometimes a fine line between fact, fiction and opinion, and a strong case for testing possible opinions against our own experience. For a while in the past, the words of Psalm 38:8 – "O taste and see that the Lord is good" were used to encourage people to join in the Eucharist. At one level, this is a rather fanciful interpretation of the Psalm – which is more about protection and encouragement for those who "fear the Lord", who walk in God's ways – though also about God's provision for our needs. But at another level, it is a reminder that we know things more deeply when we experience them ourselves.

Few people have seen God, and those who have have sometimes been blinded by the power of the experience. In the days when Jesus led life "in the flesh", it was possible to see – even to see "that the Lord is good". And God is indeed good. We forget that we can still see God in the kindness of others, in simple acts of goodness or courage. I remember someone asking after the particularly evil siege which led to the killing of several hundred children at Beslan in Ossetia in 2004, "where was God in all this?", and the reply "in every child that put his arm around another child to give comfort."

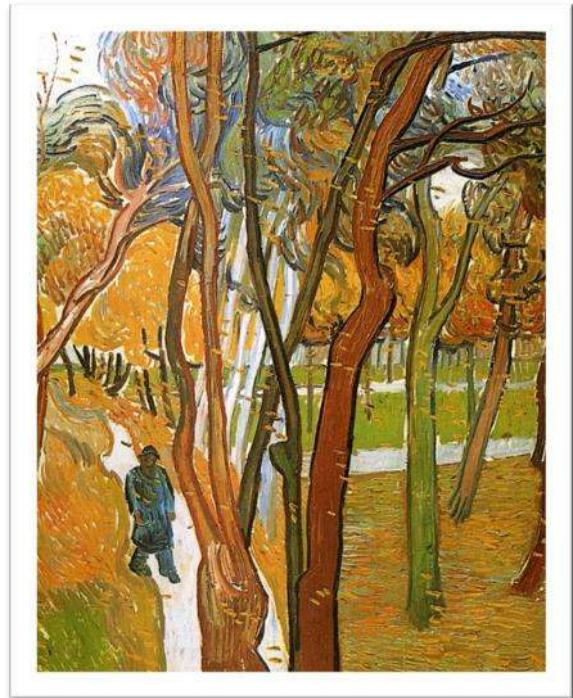
This was the same reply that the angel gave to Gideon in Judges 6:14. Don't stand and complain. Do something about it!

O make but trial of his love;
experience will decide
how blest they are, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

- *Hector Davie*

A Word for the Month – Walk.

At the beginning of the Bible we read about the Creation of all things, about Adam and Eve’s disastrous investigation into the Tree of Knowledge in the middle of the Garden which God had entrusted to them. We read how the world sinks into wickedness, before God washes it away and prepares a fresh start. And we read in Genesis of Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam. According to the New Testament, Enoch foresaw the future coming of “the Lord ... with ten thousands of holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness ...” - not a nice thought for those who have the mediæval picture of judgment above the doorway to the Berner Münster fixed in their minds, but not so blood-curdling to those who realize that executing judgement and living in righteousness are two sides of the same concept.



The Walk - Falling Leaves,
Vincent van Gogh, 1889

The Book of Genesis also tells us, though, that Enoch did not live to an immense age, like those before and after him. Instead for a mere 365 years, “Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him.” (Genesis 5:24) What kind of a walk was this?

Obviously not a country ramble, or even a long and deliberate march. Just as we know we are “made in God’s image”, we know that God does not have two legs, jointed at the knee. The walk is a symbol of company, not of exercise.

Walking with God is not complicated. It means doing what God wants, being God’s friend, living a life of holiness and righteousness. The English language is unusual in having a separate word for going on foot – it probably evolved from the trampling on cloth during the fulling process (French had a similar development with *marcher*, to trample on grapes). The Hebrew word *halak* simply meant going, travelling.

A journey is a good image for our life with God, and the Jewish people were constantly reminded of this in the story of the Exodus, God’s liberating them from slavery under Pharaoh and leading them “with a

strong hand and an outstretched arm” through the desert to safety. The image of God as our shepherd, leading us to fresh pastures is one that easily appealed to a largely rural and nomadic people, giving us reassurance even in the darkest ravine – the “valley of the shadow of death”.

And as Christians we are reminded of Jesus’ words in John 14, “I go to prepare a place for you,” of Thomas’ despairing question, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” and of Jesus’ reply, “I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life.”

We can get it wrong. The Bible tells us of people walking “in the imagination of their heart”, in stubbornness, in contrariness, in their own devices, with predictable results – stumbling, falling in the darkness.

The Jewish name for right practice, *halakha*, is the word for walking (and so in a related culture is the Muslim word *sharia* – the Way). Let us remember that we are on a journey too, and that we can only be confident and safe if we walk with God too, in the company of him who is the Way, and who is Truth and Life.

- *Hector Davie*

Autumn Sale

Thanks to everyone who came to the Autumn Sale on 3 September.

The stalls offered delicious home-baked goods and homemade jams in addition to the always popular British food. The restaurant served up a delicious lunch, including vegetarian options. The second-hand books were also a crowd-pleaser.

It was an enjoyable day for all and nearly Fr4,000 was raised.





Christmas

Bazaar

Friday 25 November

17.00 – 19.30

& Saturday 26 November

10.00 – 15.00

After our successful Autumn Sale we are now all looking forward to our greatest holiday tradition and fundraising event; our Christmas Bazaar.

Trying to create the best Christmas atmosphere we often wonder:

What does Christmas look like?

Maybe pine trees and lights, beautiful wreaths, candles and gifts? I am sure we all can “see” it.

And what does Christmas smell or taste like?

For me it's cinnamon, cloves and ginger, orange and chocolate, roasted turkey, mince pies and mulled wine. Scents and tastes associated with warmth and happiness.

Christmas is all that but most importantly, it's happy faces, honest smiles, giving and welcoming warm hearts.

And you can find this atmosphere at our Christmas Bazaar.

Come along, get in the holiday spirit with us while choosing unique gifts for friends and family.

Feast on delicious holiday treats and home-made goodies and browse our stalls with British food, Christmas cakes, fabulous wreaths and seasonal decorations, handmade accessories and gifts, and as always, second hand books.

Would you like to help?

We are constantly impressed with the creative and unique ideas our volunteers come up with, and the amazing amount of effort they put into those ideas. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful team, please contact the Church Office for further details.

Donations

Gifts you didn't quite love? Books collecting dust on your shelves? New or second hand toys in excellent condition your kids do not want any more? Overstocked food items or some other extra goodies that you're happy to donate? Crockery, ornaments and china looking for a new home? Donations for our stalls are welcome and will be much appreciated. Please bring them into church and put them in the red tombola box in the Upper Hall or contact the Church Office for more information.

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 the Church Office: office@stursula.ch or 031 352 8567.

Updates

For more updates and additional information please stay tuned to St Ursula's website www.stursula.ch and Facebook page. Moreover, Helen with her weekly emails will send you more details closer to the date of our Bazaar.

Take care of yourselves and stay healthy!

- Maria Avdikou, Church Office

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Children receiving communion

This Autumn a group of our children at St Ursula's (all baptised and 7 years old and over) will attend several sessions to prepare them to receive communion. Welcoming children to receive communion before confirmation is something that has been practised in the Church of England for some time and has taken place at St Ursula's since 2005.

We hope that being welcomed to receive communion will strengthen the children's sense of belonging to the church and nourish them in their faith. We pray that, in due course, they will want to think further about the Christian faith and get confirmed. (NB Some parents will prefer their children to wait until confirmation before receiving communion and this is fine. There is no pressure on children to join in this preparation for communion course. It is essential that it is something both the parents and the child want to do).

As part of the preparation course, the children will meet with me and other adults for several sessions to think about baptism, what it means to belong to the church, and how to pray, as well as the significance of communion itself. Of course, the children will not have a 'full' understanding of communion, but then who among us does? The mystery of the Eucharist is something we need to go on learning about and enter into more deeply throughout our lives.

I hope that, as part of the preparation process, the children will be able to ask some of the adults in the congregation about what communion means to them, so do not be surprised if you are asked!

The preparation course for the children will be held in the church hall on:

Wednesday 2 November

Wednesday 9 November

Wednesday 16 November

Saturday 19 November

I hope we will then meet again at a later date after the children have been receiving communion for some time to talk about their experience and answer any questions.

The children will first receive communion at an All Age Eucharist on Sunday 20 November. I hope that this will be a special occasion not only for the children and their parents but for all of us. May we all learn more about what it means to be fed by Christ's life through the bread and wine.

- *Helen Marshall*

From the Treasurer – Autumn 2022

Dear all,

We are now in autumn time, when the leaves fall off the trees and we have a great excuse to put on our woolly jumpers and get the jackets out of the cupboard. Possibly we will need one or two jumpers more as winter draws near in order to stay warm whilst not spending too much on heating costs in this time of energy crisis and rising prices. Also here at church we will need to do our part, especially as we are heating with gas, and the price of gas is expected to rise significantly.

Our accounts still show a deficit in the Church and an excess in the Association which is as expected. Our autumn sale was well attended, and we raised close to Fr4,000. Thank you to all who attended or helped. It was a super atmosphere. It was also my first time running the restaurant. 😊

I was fortunate to have Abraham Koshy helping as well as some very experienced ladies from our church, and of course the International School students, without whom we would have really struggled.

It says something when the accountant has to run the restaurant, and underlines our need for more people to step forward to join in the life of our church in a more active role. We would love more volunteers willing to help us either in our events, in the garden, or to stand for council, join the Tcom (they are indeed looking for new people), or run the coffee rota. If there is another accountant in the congregation, then I am also looking for an assistant who might like to take over as Treasurer in the future.

You may have all received messages from your bank about needing QR codes to pay your bills. I have sent out QR codes to those who were paying regular sums via ESR slips. Payment via IBAN should continue to work, but if you would like a QR slip, check out our finance page on the website (link at the bottom of the home page). You will also find our IBANs there as well as a link to the pledging details.

Speaking of pledging, our Pledge Sunday is coming up in October. Please think and pray about your giving to our church and how you will commit to our work on Pledge Sunday.



We are also putting together a team to look at our website, and to give it a more modern feel. Hector Davie has built the site from scratch and run it over decades now. It is not fair that he does all the work alone. If you would like to help us with the website, please contact me.

- Sue Higson

Church clean-up day report

On Saturday 27 August we had a clean-up day at the church. I must admit, I was pleasantly surprised by all the volunteers who showed up.



Many hands make light work, and we managed to clear out a lot of stuff that was just gathering dust, mainly in the attics. We cleared up the garage too and made space for the chairs that had been in the porch. The porch looks way more inviting as a result.



A big thank you to those who came and helped as well as to Graeme for the lunch.

Gardening report

We also had a gardening day on 30 July, with help from Ernest and Julie who were here covering for Helen's absence. They love gardening, as do we, although the main job was cutting the hedges this time. Michael Agoba had asked two friends of his to come along and help us. They were marvellous with the hedge trimmers, and had strength and youth on their side. We got through a lot of trimming and clearing up. Ernest sorted out the tomato plants, and we had another great lunch together at the end.



It really is a fun way to help out. The next gardening date is on 22 October. Come and join us.

- Sue Higson



Services and Readings

October and November 2022

Sunday 2 October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Eucharist

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2:1-4

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Sunday 9 October – Harvest Festival

10:00 Eucharist

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Philippians 4: 4-9

John 6: 25-35

Sunday 16 October – Pledge Sunday

10:00 Eucharist

1 Chronicles 29:1-14

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Luke 21:1-4

Sunday 23 October – Bible Sunday (Last Sunday after Trinity)

10:00 Eucharist

Isaiah 45: 22-25

Romans 15:1-6

Luke 4:16-24

Sunday 30 October – All Saints and All Souls (Fourth Sunday before Advent)

10:00 Eucharist

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6: 20-31

Sunday 6 November – Third Sunday before Advent – (Cem's baptism)

10:00 Eucharist

Isaiah 43: 1-3a

Mark 1: 9-11

Sunday 13 November – Remembrance Sunday (2nd Sunday before Advent)

10:00 Eucharist

Readings to be confirmed

Sunday 20 November – Children's First Communion (Sunday next before Advent)

10:00 Eucharist

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Mark 14: 17-25

Sunday 27 November – Advent Sunday

10:00 Eucharist

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday 4 December – Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 Eucharist

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12



For Your Diary October and November

October

Sunday 2 October	Special Lunch for Students
Tuesday 4 October	Church Council meeting
Thursday 6 October	Thun Service
Sunday 9 October	Harvest Festival and visit from the Kigezi Diocese Water & Sanitation Project team
	Auction after the Service
	Bring & Share Lunch
	Talk by Bishop Gaddie Akanjuna
Sunday 16 October	Pledge Sunday
Thursday 20 October	Thun Service
Sunday 30 October	All Saints and all Souls

November

Tuesday 1 November	Church Council meeting
Thursday 3 November	Thun Service
Saturday 12 November	Nacht der Religionen
Sunday 13 November	Remembrance Sunday
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Thursday 17 November	Thun Service
Sunday 20 November	First Communion for some of our children
	Cecily's Fund Pumpkin Soup
Friday 25 November	Christmas Bazaar 17.00 – 19.30
Saturday 26 November	Christmas Bazaar 10.00 – 15.00

Future Dates

Thursday 1 December	Thun Service
Tuesday 6 December	Church Council meeting TBC
Sunday 11 December	Nativity Play
Sunday 18 December	Carol Service at St Ursula's at 18.00
Saturday 24 December	Christmas Service
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Service



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held on

Sunday 19 March 2023 at 11.30

in the church

Please reserve this date and plan to come to this important church meeting where we will hear about various church topics and elect representatives to the church council, to the archdeaconry synod and the churchwardens.

The agenda for the meeting and more information will be included in the next magazine.

- Tricia Carrick (on behalf of the church council)

Junior Church News

Junior Church meets every Sunday during the service in the upper hall. The families start worship together in church and then the children go to the hall for their Junior Church session.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us. Those aged between three and fourteen participate in the all-age Junior Church class, and we also welcome the crèche children to join us. At the moment, there are between 5 to 10 children, and we hope to welcome many more.

Since we offer Junior Church every Sunday, we need more helpers and teachers. Please keep us in your prayers. If you feel that God is calling you to help the Junior Church contact Helen or a Junior Church teacher. You can come and see what we are doing on a Sunday. The material we use is from Roots, if you would like to have a look at it or use it at home with your children, please contact Helen or a teacher.

- *Ruby Wildhaber*



Nativity Play

This will be held on 11 December 2022. We need lots of children and also adults to take part. Please contact Ruby or Tricia if you can take part. Once we know how many people can participate, we will arrange a script and give you your parts. There will be a short rehearsal after church on 4 December.

- *Tricia Carrick*



Happy birthday!

Daniela Cintron 9 on 19 October
Ayla Carnell 10 on 22 October
Louis Carnell 10 on 22 October
Marvin Carnell 10 on 22 October
Emmanuel Lehmann 16 on 22 October

Joana Agoba 19 on 13 November
Gabriela Cintron 14 on 19 November
Gabriela Matthews 8 on 26 November
Samuel Wienand 8 on 28 November



Use of Photos

We have recently been advised that we may only use photos of anyone – adults and children – if we have a written consent form. As always we will not publish individual pictures and certainly no names will be mentioned. But to fulfil the safeguarding and data protection rules we need you to complete the form – one per family – and return it to the church office. Each adult and child over the age of 16 must sign the form. You can find the form in the church hall.

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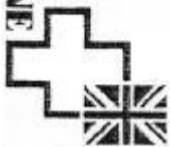
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The club was formed in 1991 as a non-political, non-religious organization open to all men, women and their families, interested in meeting for social and cultural activities. Our aim is to facilitate a better understanding of - and integration into - Switzerland, through a variety of services, programmes and joint explorations of this country and its people. We welcome members from all over the world, and currently count 100 members (including families) from some 30 nations. Our common language is English, but among our members many other languages can be heard. We hold a monthly meeting with guest speakers and presentations on a wide range of topics, and publish a monthly Newsletter. In 2021 the club celebrated its 30th anniversary. We are waiting to welcome you !

President Graham Tritt,
tel. 078 684 2473, email g.tritt@gmx.net
Website www.icberne.org

International Club of Berne, 3000 Berne, [www: icberne.ch](http://www.icberne.ch)
Annual membership: CHF 50 for singles, CHF 60 for families.

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The Swiss British Society, Berne organises a number of cultural events including visits to exhibitions, concerts, a Christmas dinner, Burns supper and musical evenings. We also invite guest speakers to address our members on a range of literary, musical or political topics. Usually our events have a social element - we try to combine dinner or lunch together with our lectures and outings, or at least a chat and a cup of tea! New members are always welcome. Our website (and circular) is hosted by the Federation of Anglo Swiss clubs at www.angloswissclubs.ch

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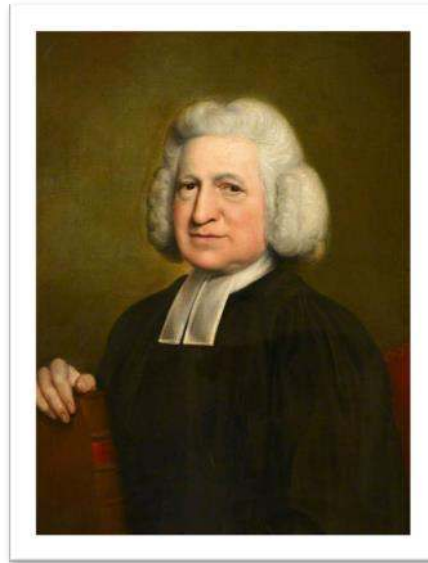
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John Cennick



Charles Wesley

At the end of November and in December, many churches celebrate the season of Advent, when they turn to reflect on the coming of our Lord. and not just his birth at Bethlehem, but his coming again “in glory to judge the living and the dead”. The early church had hardly had time to reflect on the Word made flesh in Jesus, and it was several hundred years before people started to reflect in detail about “the end of the age”, and even longer before it formed the subject of hymns.

The Methodist movement at the start of the 18th century took an interest in the relation between personal holiness and the Second Coming, and an ex-Quaker, John Cennick, wrote a hymn on the topic. John Wesley wrote a similar one, and later writers combined the two texts into the version of which we have three verses on our cover. It tells of Jesus “coming with the clouds” (Revelation 1:7), of those who crucified him confessing him in deep sorrow as their Messiah, and of the ushering in of a reign of glory.

Various tales are told about the tune – most of them unlikely. It is said to be derived from a sailor’s dance and accompanied on the hornpipe, or to have been heard whistled in the street. It is named after Helmsley, in Yorkshire. Perhaps the only likely thing is that the tune was a favourite of Queen Victoria, and when a new organist mistakenly played a different tune in her private chapel, a royal request came that only Helmsley should be used!

- *Hector Davie*

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth again.

Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, amen; let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdoms for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

John Cennick (1718-1755) and Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

