

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



June - July 2023

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Normal pattern of Sunday services:

10.00 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church and Crèche

2nd Sunday is normally All Age Eucharist

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: usually 18.30 on two Thursdays each 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,

Are you a worrier? Many of us may be prone to anxiety about a wide variety of things. Often, we worry about things in the future; we spend a lot of time and energy worrying about things which may or may not happen.

Jesus encourages his disciples: 'Do not worry ...can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?' (Matthew 6:25, 27). Well, no - worrying is more likely to take years off our life through stress related illnesses. Of course, worrying doesn't get us anywhere but we do it anyway! But being honest about our anxieties, bringing them before God and asking for his strength can help. Jesus encouraged his followers to trust in God's love for them day by day. God, our Father, knows what we need.

In one of my favourite passages in the Bible we are urged: 'Do not worry about anything but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking with a thankful heart.' (Philippians 4:6, Good News version). Yes, I do worry but I find offering my anxieties to God, while trying to be thankful for the good things I have, gives me new strength. Many of us may indeed carry heavy burdens. We may be deeply concerned for others and we may be anxious over difficult situations we face. We may be consumed with worry about things which may or may not happen. But trusting that the Lord is near and that we are loved can make a huge difference.



So, when you are next feeling burdened with anxiety or uncertainty about a particular situation, or person, or have a general sense of worry about the future, why not take some time to ponder the short passage from Philippians below, using the method of *lectio divina*:

Read the passage several times, slowly, and chew over and ponder any particular word or phrase which particularly strikes you. This allows the words to move from your head to your heart and speak deeply into your life. Then pray over your response to these words and bring to God any thoughts, feelings and questions they stir in you. Finally, take time simply to be still and rest in God's presence.

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:4-7).

With love in Christ,

Helen

Introducing David and Gaynor Williams

David and I will be on holiday in the UK in July and away for Sundays 9 and 16 July.

The services for these Sundays will be taken by Revd David Williams. David and his wife Gaynor are friends of ours and will be living in our house for the two weeks we are away. I am confident that you will welcome David and Gaynor warmly and that they will enjoy their stay in Berne.

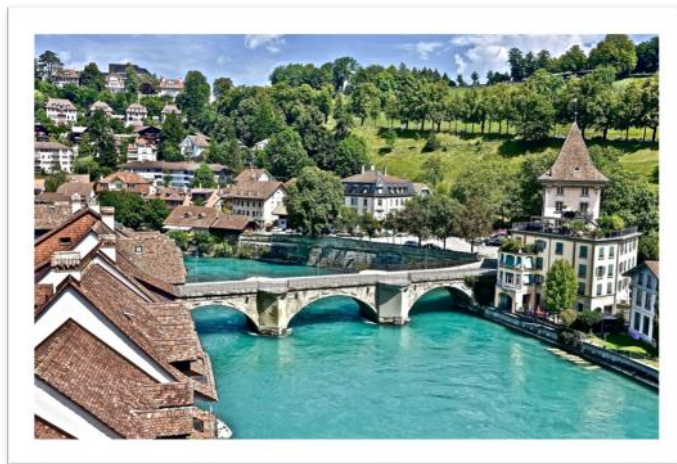
David Williams has written a few words to introduce himself and Gaynor below:

I come originally from near Liverpool though I met my wife Gaynor in Leeds when she was a medical student and I was working at a night shelter for the homeless. We married over forty years ago and have five grown-up sons. Before that I had, amongst other things, studied physics at university. Training for the ministry at Mirfield in West Yorkshire, while Gaynor continued with her medical career, we remained in that part of the country for thirty years, Gaynor as a general practitioner in Keighley and myself in parish ministry, the last fifteen years as a vicar in Skipton – just inside North Yorkshire.

We retired to the Lake District just over eight years ago, which is when we met Helen and David. I continue along with other retired clergy to help out on Sundays with taking services, and we are both involved in different ways in the life of our local church. We both enjoy walking in

the country. Gaynor is an avid Bridge player (something I don't share) and I have over the years done quite a bit of scale modelling – usually air transport models and the occasional model bus. Retirement has also given space for reading and at last I can study those books that I was supposed to read in parish days, but never had time to! I also enjoy singing, being in a local choir. We are both looking forward very much to coming to Berne in the summer and meeting you all. Gaynor did visit as a child (and recalls the famous bears) while I have never yet been to Switzerland, apart from a brief stop at Geneva airport many years ago!

With our very good wishes,
David & Gaynor Williams



In Memoriam

We commemorate the 25th year of the passing of
Mary Carolyn Morgan
who went to Jesus on 4 July 1998, aged 55.
She will remain an Eternal Flame in our hearts for ever.
In thankful memory,
Brian, with Nicholas, Christopher and Helene



Do You Belong Here?

God is awesome. Not just in the sense the word is used by young people nowadays, but because we mortal creatures of flesh and blood are in awe of God's presence. We are all a little timid in the company of some being we cannot understand, whose ways we cannot grasp.



We often approach our first experience of church life with uncertainty, and one of the gifts of an effective evangelist is to encourage that first step across the threshold of the church door. Conversely, there is no more powerful statement from anybody involved in welcoming people into church than, "You don't belong here."

The New Testament is about people who don't belong. (The Old Testament is, too, but that's another part of the story.) But Jesus came "to preach good news to the poor and to set captives free", and we are all captives in one way or another. Not just simply captives to sin, like the woman caught in adultery, or Zacchaeus the fraudulent tax officer ("for he too is a son of Abraham" (Luke 19:9)) but captives to the way we have been made, to where and among whom we have been born.

It could be anyone who ends up in the reject pile, in a desperate or unfamiliar situation, in need of comfort, of help and strength. People who "don't fit in", who are too old, too young, too poor. People with mental health conditions. Disabled people. People who look 'a bit rough' or speak 'a bit funny'. Such people can polarize our own opinions – either we try to make too many allowances for them, to treat them as some type of curiosity, as rare and exotic museum specimens. Or if we have a friend who suffers the same condition, we go too far the other way, and welcome them with too much enthusiasm, welcoming their problem more than welcoming the person.

People suffering with autism, for example, can have difficulty interacting with others. Despite clear research that shows that on average they are as kind as others, as generous, less violent, and less manipulative, some of us feel uncomfortable in their company. And we often behave artificially towards "neurodivergent people" – drawing lines to mark out barriers between them and us.

And Jesus, patiently, lovingly, faithfully, constantly, erases those lines. He asks us to reach beyond the barriers of fear, uncertainty and misunderstanding. He asks us to love one another, and ourselves, and God – to see him in one another.

We are the way we are. If we are born with a stutter, or tone-deaf, we may be less likely to enjoy a career as an orator or a singer. But God loves us equally fondly. God knows us intimately and totally – and also intensely. There are no second-class people in God’s household.

If we seek to walk with God, then God will bless us, and who could deny our fellowship together, walking our way as part of Christ’s risen body, empowered and emboldened by the Holy Spirit! Come and enjoy God’s loving welcome.

- *Hector Davie*

A Word for the Month – Quick



Wheatfield with Crows, (1890) by Vincent van Gogh

Helen recently confessed that one of her favourite Easter hymns was *Now the Green Blade Riseth*. And rightly so. The words which John Crum wrote almost a century ago to a charming French carol tune recall Jesus’ words to his disciples shortly before his death: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.” (John 12:23-26)

When we think of Jesus' resurrection, we tend to think first of the unexpectedness of the event, of the empty tomb, the appearances in the Upper Room and on the road to Emmaus, the powerful, the miraculous, the amazing. We don't immediately think of anything so everyday and so natural as sowing wheat and it coming up. Jesus has to point out how these everyday things are miraculous too.

Our attitudes can all too easily get in the way of our understanding. We walk past a field of young corn, and think nothing. Do we say to ourselves "What a miracle! How amazing!" or something similar? Probably not. And words can get in the way too. We've had a lot of words in church recently which we might call "so what?" words: the sun rises every morning – so what? But if we talk about Jesus rising from the dead, well, that's a different matter.

When words change their meanings, there is always a danger of people getting left behind. A thousand years ago, a *blade* in English (in German too) was anything thin and flat. Around the year 1300 it came to mean the sharp edge of a knife or of a sword (of a shoulder, too!), and a little later, a young leaf of grass. (Word-lovers might consider what has happened to the word *Blatt* in German, but there is a danger in too much love of words for words' sake!)

Five centuries ago, when the Bible was translated, when our prayer books were being written, to want meant to lack; to want food did not mean being hungry but dying of starvation. To confess did not mean to own up and apologize, but to tell everyone about something. To comfort someone did not make them happy and relaxed, but bold, strong and ready for action.

And if you were quick, it didn't just mean that you could get this week's bargain offer at the supermarket before it sold out. It meant that you were alive, and not dead. "Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen," in the words of Crum's hymn.

The Bible uses so many images of dead people. Are you weighed down and "dead in sins and trespasses" (Ephesians 2:1)? Have you been dead for so long that your bones have dried up? (Ezekiel 37) – Jesus with his spirit can quicken you and breathe new life into you. At this season of Pentecost, may the Spirit come to all of us. And come quickly!

- *Hector Davie*

AGM Report

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) was held in the church after the morning service on Sunday 26 March. It was attended by 37 electoral roll members and two clergy. It is encouraging that there are now 104 members of the electoral roll, as twenty new people joined this year.

The annual reports about various aspects of church life were (and still are) available in printed form in the church hall and on the web site, so most of these were not repeated at the meeting. The treasurer reported on the financial situation at the end of 2022 which showed an overall deficit of Fr10,720. This will be covered by reserves but is not a sustainable situation. The budget for 2023 shows a deficit of around Fr2,000 with no transfer to the building fund. More details are available in the Annual Reports booklet.

The chaplain gave a short report on the past year. She thanked everyone involved in the diverse aspects of church life – there are far too many to mention them all by name. She reflected on the priorities set at the previous AGM: growth of the congregation, work with children and families, music in church, bible study, prayer and fellowship, marks of mission. There had been encouraging developments in all these areas and they remain a priority for this coming year. In addition, Helen proposed two more areas of development: mutual pastoral care for all and starting some ongoing lay-led housegroups. Council will consider how to proceed with these.

The lay people representing the congregation were elected. The meeting approved Martin Browne and Sue Higson as Churchwardens. Hector Davie and Maxine Wildhaber will represent the lay people of the church at the Swiss Archdeaconry level. Archana Jacob, our lay reader, is also a member of council. Together with the elected lay Council members – Michael Agoba, Tricia Carrick, Lilian Morgan, Pieter Perrett, Chris Sager and Ruby Wildhaber – they will work together with Helen in encouraging and promoting the many and varied aspects of our church life. Please remember them all in your prayers.

A copy of the AGM minutes can be collected from the church hall.

- *Tricia Carrick (Council Secretary)*

Church Council Report

The first meeting of the new council after the AGM was held on Tuesday 25 April. Before any other business could be done, the various council officers (secretary, treasurer etc) had to be appointed. You can find a list of council members at the back of this magazine.

Cecily Klingler continues to be our safeguarding officer, with Maxine Wildhaber as her assistant. Council approved the chaplaincy safeguarding protocol which is now on display in the church hall. As well as safeguarding, care for the environment is an important area so council is looking for someone to be responsible for this who will keep up-to-date on the topic and be part of a group to discuss and initiate actions.

People should be encouraged to complete a photo permission form if they are happy for St Ursula's to use their picture as part of group photos. This is important as we want to publicise aspects of our church life, including an updated photo of our church family.

There are many tasks and duties that volunteers undertake to help things run smoothly in the church. "Job descriptions" are helpful in allowing such people to know what is expected of them. Council are currently working on updating the existing one for sidespersons – this should be available soon. Updates to further job descriptions are planned for later this year.

Looking back at events during Lent, Holy Week and Easter was generally positive. The Lent course held by Zoom was well attended; Compline (or Night Prayer) was a new venture – also held by Zoom. This was appreciated by the people who attended. Attendance at most of the services was higher than last year, culminating with Easter Sunday when the church was full to overflowing, which contributed to the joyful celebration.

As well as looking back, council looked forward to future events and discussed what needed to be planned. Some of these events, such as the Coronation Event and the Ascension Day service, will already have happened when you read this magazine. Others are still to take place. These include training courses in first aid and use of the defibrillator, and the events on Pentecost Sunday. Details of dates, times etc. are (or will be) available elsewhere. Something else to look forward to is an informal blessing of the tree planted as part of "The Queen's Green Canopy" in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. Also the visit of a curate, Claire Finlay, from England at the end of August who would like to learn more about ministry in Europe.

- *Tricia Carrick, Council Secretary*



Only a few days left

Our Summer Fête on Saturday 10 June is coming up soon.

A celebration for the whole family, a day where we all come together for fun, games and tasty treats.

Join us and enjoy our delicious home-baked goods and a great selection of refreshments. Your favourite stalls with our secondhand books and gift items will also be waiting for you.

Last but not least, we are planning to have some surprise stalls and activities for the kids.

As always, a big THANK YOU to our volunteers for their time, support and precious help.

Don't forget

www.sale-stursula.ch is now live for your online orders. Browse our platform from the comfort of your home, place your orders and pick them up on the day of the sale.

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 keep you updated with any future events taking place at St Ursula's.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Fête.

Take care of yourselves and stay healthy!

- *Maria Avdikou, Church Office*

The background photo used for our Summer Fête flyer and this article was designed by Freepik.

Junior Church Birthdays

Birthdays in June 2023

Zornitsa Holden 14 on 8 June

Charlotte Gertsch 18 on 10 June

Jakob Klingler 6 on 10 June

Ariel Hutchison 16 on 18 June

Benjamin McKinley 11 on 24 June

Nayden Holden 11 on 25 June

Birthdays in July 2023

Rachel Eze 17 on 3 July

Teddy Johnson 6 on 5 July

Cem Roser 8 on 14 July

Michael Hänggi 18 on 21 July

Louis Carlotto 4 on 27 July



For Your Diary June and July 2023

June

Thursday 1 June	Thun Service
Sunday 4 June	TRINITY SUNDAY
Tuesday 6 June	Church Council meeting
Wednesday 7 June	Online Studies 19.00-20.15
Saturday 10 June	Summer Fête 10.00-15.00
Sunday 11 June	All Age Eucharist
Thursday 15 June	Thun Service
Saturday 24 June	First Aid Class at St Ursula's (9.30-13.30)
Tuesday 27 June	Church Council meeting

July

Sunday 16 July	Magazine Copy Date
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Future Dates

Thursday 3 August	Thun Service
Thursday 17 August	Thun Service
Saturday 26 August	Children's Day at St Ursula's
Sunday 3 September	CREATION SUNDAY
Saturday 9 September	Autumn Sale 10.00-14.00
Sunday 17 September	Magazine Copy Date



Services and Readings June and July 2023

Sunday 4 June – Trinity Sunday

10.00 Eucharist

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31
2 Corinthians 13:11-14
Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday 11 June – Barnabas the Apostle

10.00 All Age Eucharist

Acts 11:19-30
John 15:12-17

Sunday 18 June – Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

Exodus 19:2-8a
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sunday 25 June – Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



Sunday 2 July – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday 9 July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday 16 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday 23 July – Mary Magdalene

10.00 Eucharist

Song of Solomon 3:1-4
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday 30 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

1 Kings 3:5-12
Romans 8:26 -39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday 6 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Junior Church News



Junior Church continues to meet every Sunday. On most Sundays, the families start worship in the church, and then the children go to the hall for their session. At the end of the service, communion is celebrated together.

Once a month (usually on the second Sunday of the month), there is an All Age Eucharist service, so the children stay in church and worship with the whole congregation.

Any child aged between three and fourteen is welcome to join us. Those aged three and under can join the crèche which provides a safe environment for them to play, draw, colour or hear stories. The Junior Church currently has an all-age class, which is usually attended by between 3 and 11 children. We would like to be able to offer separate groups for the different ages, but need more teachers and helpers in order to do so. Junior Church currently has four teachers and four helpers and is still dependent on members of the congregation helping out on a one-off basis. So if you could offer help with this vital ministry or would like to know more about it, please speak to Helen or to a Junior Church teacher. Or why not come along one Sunday and see what we are doing?

The Junior Church teaching uses material which corresponds to one or more of the readings used in the church service. Of course, there were special services and activities over Easter – see the separate article.



Junior Church will take a break in the summer holidays, although the dates are not yet finalised. Please contact Ruby or the Church Office if you do not receive information about these dates and need to know them. After the summer, we are looking forward to an “Activity Day” together on 26 August. We will be joined by children from St Andrew’s church in Zurich on this day.

The Junior Church supports a TearFund project in Uganda with the collection taken during Junior Church time and with special events during the year. We are thankful that parents remind their children to take a contribution to Junior Church. We hope this helps the children learn how to share and to be grateful for what they have.

- *Tricia Carrick*

Junior Church at Easter

On **Palm Sunday** children from the Junior Church and their families joined the church congregation for the opening part of the service at the edge of the forest. This was followed by a joyful procession back to church singing and waving our palm crosses.



Once back in the hall, we listened again to the story, looked at pictures of palms and at our palm crosses and sang “Sing Hosanna”. Then we created pictures representing the journey of Jesus and his followers to Jerusalem.

On **Good Friday** morning, a number of Junior Church children attended a special service with their families.

During this service, we remembered the crucifixion of Jesus and his burial. We created a representation of the places involved.

Easter Sunday was a joyful All Age service. We discovered that the tomb where we had placed the body was now empty – Jesus is alive, Alleluia!

After the service we hunted for (and found!) chocolate eggs in the church garden.



- *Tricia Carrick*

Charity of the Month – Sakh’ulutsha Scripture Union’s Lifeskills Programme



Leading Young People to know and walk with God

Sakh’ulutsha means “we are building young people” in Xhosa, one of South Africa’s ten official languages. Sakh’ulutsha is about building communities ‘one young life at a time’ as part of Scripture Union’s Lifeskills programme, which St Ursula’s Church has been supporting for many years now.

St Ursula’s relationship to the Scripture Union (SU) developed over thirty years ago through Rob Mackay, a former member of St Ursula’s congregation and the National Development Coordinator at Scripture Union South Africa (SUSA).

Background: South Africa’s Young People

Unlike Switzerland, South Africa has a youthful population. With a large part of South Africa’s population under the age of 18, finding a job for South Africa’s youth is not easy; South African official unemployment statistics came out recently, with youth unemployment climbing to a staggering 66% – some 4.5 million young people between the ages of 15 and 24 who are not employed, in education, nor in training.

HIV/Aids has been considered one of Africa’s greatest tragedies. Its impact has devastated millions of families across the continent, setting off a chain reaction that continues to be felt in loss of life and unfathomable hopelessness. Urgent intervention has been needed. SU has responded with a cutting-edge curriculum aimed at providing young people with the decision-making tools to combat the scourge of HIV/Aids, giving them a future and hope.

SU’s Lifeskills curriculum has been crafted from a Christian-based values approach. It is presented at the invitation of the school authorities in Primary and High Schools throughout the nation and has been enthusiastically accepted by educational specialists throughout South Africa.

Lifeskills is all about equipping young people with values-based decision-making skills. In and out of school, Scripture Union uses a fun, relevant, experiential learning program to help young people clarify their values and gives them skills to navigate life at this important stage of their development. It is offered as part of the Life Orientation subject in school, or out of school at camps or holiday clubs.

Sakh'ulutsha is an arm of SU that sees life skills as a critical part of their schools ministry. They currently offer the following curriculum throughout schools in South Africa:

1. It's Your Move: A life skills programme aimed at preparing Grade 7's to transition smoothly to secondary school
2. Awareness programmes (entrepreneurship, life skills, career advice, etc.)
3. Empowerment camps for youth (capacity development)
4. Youth-driven community projects, youth-led dialogue; lobbying and advocacy
5. Motivational talks and assemblies
6. Sport coaching and tournaments



Bible Quiz distribution after Scripture Union hosted a quiz at school (Picture SUSA)



SUSA Facilitating a Lifeskills lesson at Bisley Park Primary, Kwazulu-Natal (Picture SUSA)

Please pray for:

- effective partnerships with the local churches in preparing for the holiday club season.
- God's blessing on the schools work. May a generation of effective witnesses be raised among their peers by Christian young people.
- in the light of escalating violence and gang related shootings in the Eastern Cape region, pray for protection over the team (Natasha, Vuyokazi, and Kwakes) as they minister to youth at risk. Also that God will provide water for this region.

- their finances – that every funding proposal will be given to the Lord. May He open the right doors and cause their work to be both sustainable and fruitful.
- for guidance in relation to expansion opportunities in the Southern, Northern Cape and Mthatha areas. Grant them wisdom and lead them to the right resources and people.

Further resources: Scripture Union South Africa podcasts:
<https://scriptureunionsa.buzzsprout.com/1195868>

- *Cecily Klingler for the Charity and Missions Team*

CPR and Emergency First Aid course – 24 June 2023

The company HealthFirst is running a CPR and Emergency First Aid course at St Ursula's from 9.30 in English, hosted by Sue Britain. This four hour course carries a HealthFirst certificate of Attendance and builds essential knowledge and skills in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and life-threatening medical emergency situations. There are 8 places available at Fr115 per person.



Book under this link or via the HeathFirst website:

<https://healthfirst.ch/for-public/first-aid-training/saving-lives-cpr-and-emergency-first-aid/>

If you wish to attend, but do not have access to a computer, please contact church office.

- *Sue Higson*

Use of Photos

We have been advised that we may only use photos of anyone – adults and children – if we have a written consent form. So we have created a form which we would like to ask you to fill in if you consent to your photo being used on our website, in the magazine and elsewhere, e.g. as publicity for St Ursula's.

Except in special circumstances (where permission has been obtained) we will not publish individual pictures and generally no names will be associated with the photos.

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 each child over the age of 16 must sign the form. You can get a form from the church office or, on Sundays, from a person on duty. If someone has not completed the form, we will (in the future) blur out their face in photos. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to retrospectively apply this.

- *Tricia Carrick*

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Since 1978, we have been Bern's one and only English Speaking Club. We offer you a reasonably priced bar, free billiards and a free round of darts. Visit us and get in touch with our English speaking members from all over the world. Just present this invitation at the bar. If you enjoy the experience, you can become a member - Basic Membership is free!

We are looking forward to meeting you

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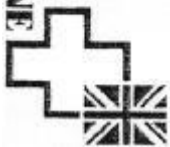
Why not join the International Club of Berne ?

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 !

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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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Some of us go to church because we like the building, or we like the preacher, or we like the sort of people who attend, or the flavour of coffee they serve after the service, or the strict conservative views people hold there, or alternatively the open liberal ideas. Some newspapers have been known to publish weekly reports on the services their reporters have attended – a sort of *Good Church Guide* with star ratings for things like child-friendliness, fashionable dress expectations, good choir singing or a well-stocked bookstall. All very wrong of us, perhaps, but remember that Jesus encouraged children to his gatherings (Matthew 19:14), and welcomed even people we would refer to today as sex workers and corrupt civil servants (John 8:11; Luke 19:5).

The hymn on our back cover has a nice tune – a well-known tune, even. A commentator has commended it because “even poor musicians can sing it after two or three notes.” We call it the *Skye boat song*, and it is interesting that the well-known ballad about an earlier Prince Charles’ escape from government troops “over the sea to Skye” in 1745 was composed in the 1890s and quickly became a pop favourite, but the tune is much older. The tune did indeed come from Skye, and was indeed sung by boatmen, but it was a Gaelic song (*Cuachag nan Craobh*, ‘The Cuckoo in the Grove’) about unrequited love.

Margaret Old worked for some 30 years from the 1950s as an editor for the Scripture Union, and later as head of their Education in Churches section. The words she wrote tell of the powerful work of the Holy Spirit, inspiring us with God’s strength, but at the same time gentle and controlled. The words were very much a personal reaction to the charismatic Renewal movement, a search for a middle way between Pentecostal Anglicanism and Anglican Pentecostalism. Yes, the Spirit speaks to us directly, but through the word of the Bible. Yes, the Spirit gives us strength, and without this strength we cannot do what God wants us to do.

The hymn (and a hymn it is, addressed to God, asking God to “show us the Saviour’s love”) is an excellent balance of orthodox theology, scriptural thought (with the Holy Spirit giving wisdom and strength (‘Paraclete and Comforter’ in the 1611 English of the King James Bible)) and direct appeal to human need.

At Pentecost let us worship the One who inspires us and who invites us to know God’s inmost being. Show us the Saviour’s love!

- *Hector Davie*

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.

¹ You spoke to men long, long ago,
gave us the written Word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

² Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.

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gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

*Margaret Old (1930-1998)
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