

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



August - September 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,

I am writing this just after our return from the UK. We had a very good break away seeing family and friends. We also enjoyed a three-day hike in the Lake District, staying in the beautiful Langdale valley. I hope that many of you have had, or will have, a pleasant break away over the summer.

The period after the summer will be a busy one! There are many events and activities coming up in the life of St Ursula's this Autumn and I would like to highlight a few of them:

Revd Claire Finlay, a curate in the UK, will be **on placement** with us at the end of August. (More details about this can be found on page 8 of this magazine).

Our **children's Activity Day 'Creation Fun'**, organized jointly with the Chaplaincy in Zurich, will be held at St Ursula's on **Saturday 26 August**. We have a good number of children signed up. Please pray that this will be an enjoyable day which will strengthen our ministry with families and children and that this work will continue to grow. The theme 'Creation Fun' also relates to **Creation Season** which runs from 3 September – 5 October when we will be reflecting on the increasingly serious environmental crisis and the call to respond with both faith and action.

On **Sunday 27 August**, the day after the Activity Day, there will be an opportunity to **hear more about the work of Cecily's Fund**, one of the charities we support in Zambia. Isabelle, Mark and Samuel, and Ruby will be talking about their recent trip and showing photos. This short talk will be suitable for people of all ages. After the talk we will be holding a **BBQ for young families and children**.

Developing our ministry with families and children has been one of the priorities of our church over the last year or so and it continues to be very important. At the AGM this year, I also mentioned two other priorities for this year: to consider starting up house groups, and to reflect on how we care for one another as a church. In relation to these priorities, the Council will have a **Council Day Away** on **Saturday 2 September** to discuss and pray about ways we can encourage deeper discipleship and pastoral care within our church fellowship and the role of small groups/ house groups in this. Please pray for the Council as we discuss these issues.

We look forward to the **Confirmation Service** on **Sunday 10 September** when several members of our congregation (adults and young people) will be confirmed and received into the Anglican Church.

Our Bishop, Bishop Robert, who is the Bishop of the Diocese in Europe, will be coming to take the service and I am sure it will be a very joyful and encouraging occasion for us all. Please pray for Laetitia Elanga, Delali and Joana Agoba, Manu Lehmann and Zornitsa Holden who will be confirmed, and Helene Vogt and Urs Lohri who will be received into the Anglican Church.

Last year, we produced a flyer about St Ursula's to put up in the University of Berne to make ourselves known to students, especially international students, who may be looking for a church with services in English. We have made a few contacts with students over this last year and we will be producing a flyer again for the new students arriving in September. We will also be holding a **lunch for students** after church on **Sunday 24 September**. We hope that we will be able to **develop further links with students** and staff at the university this coming year. Please warmly welcome any students who come along to St Ursula's.

As we look ahead to the end of the summer and this upcoming busy period with so many opportunities for growth and outreach, **let us pray for the Spirit** to work in our hearts and lives, both as individuals and as a church community.

Prayer

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

With love in Christ,
Helen

Why doesn't God listen?



“Thank you for calling us. Press 1 for requests. Press 2 for complaints. Press 3 to send thanks to our team. Press 4 for advice. Press 5 to volunteer for any of our activities. Press 6 to give suggestions about how we can do things better.”

This caricature of the heavenly switchboard depicts how many people see prayer at work. We may ask something for ourselves, or for ourselves, our little group, or for other people. If other people's need is particularly acute and we can express it particularly clearly, then we call this type of prayer intercessory prayer – asking for something on someone else's behalf. We know that we are needy beings, we know that God is a generous giver. Is this not the basis for a perfect ecosystem?

This picture is wrong, because it focuses on our receiving and not on God's giving. God is far more generous than we can understand, and God's grace is far freer than we can imagine. If we think of God's relationship with us using the rules of the market-place, then we see only a small facet of our existence.

Prayer is not firstly about giving and receiving – it is about building up a relationship of confidence and trust. It is about talking together, taking time with each other. It is not about lists of what we need or what we can do in return, but about friendship. Once we stop thinking of God at the end of some telephone connection, our prayer life should be less a matter of giving and taking, and more a matter of getting together to look together for the way that is best.

Asking “why don't you listen to me?” presupposes that I have something important to say – more important than what you have to say to me. If it really is important, I will have laid it before God already, and thought

about and discussed it. God’s solution may come from an unexpected direction – things that seem miraculous to us can seem quite everyday and natural to others. What is important is to understand that our prayers and intercessions are not some sort of visit to a heavenly market place – they are an opportunity to share the worries which are on our heart in the love for us which is in God’s own heart.

So in the end, let us put the whole matter into God’s hands, in words said to be by St Augustine, in a collect which found its way into the first English prayer book in 1549:

“Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

- *Hector Davie*

Church Group Photo

After the service on Sunday 2 July, a number of people gathered together at the front of the church to take part in the production of a new “church photograph”. This will be used for some time on the church’s website and in relevant publications. It shows that the church is not just a building but a collection of people of different ages and from different backgrounds. Look at the photo below or on the website and see how many people you know – perhaps you could make the acquaintance of those you don’t know next time you are in church.

- *Tricia Carrick*



A Word for the Month – Grey

Have you heard of the great Eskimo vocabulary hoax? For the last hundred years at least, lecturers have told their students that Eskimo languages have at least fifty words for snow, and that this shows that their speakers see the world differently from other people. Opinions differ as to whether this is true (either the fifty-word thing or the seeing things differently thing!), and if it is true, whether this helps us understand our neighbours – or our weather!



The same is true with colours – different languages see different dividing lines between green and blue, between orange and yellow, and different people will have their own idea of the difference between teal and turquoise, cyan and sage, or the precise hue of magenta, or of turquoise, or of violet. It is hard to be told that in Welsh, *car glas* means a blue car but *maes glas* means a green field, and even harder to be told that *iora glas* means a grey squirrel.

Our words may or may not show how we think, but when we read the Old Testament (and parts of the New as well) we should remember that writers often used words like black or white where we would use shades of grey. “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other.” (Matthew 6:24) Where we would talk of preferring one master over another, Jesus makes the contrast starker, emphasizing his point - “You cannot serve God and wealth.”

It is good to remind ourselves at times that God’s demands on our time, our attention and our service are absolute – there is no half-way house. There is no place to tell ourselves that we can stop because we have done enough! Look at Luke 17:7-10.

But it is also important not to give up in despair. Every act of kindness, of help, of affection is known to God, and God will not reject them if our intentions are good. The history books of the Old Testament see the rulers of old times in terms of “good” and “bad” – pleasing or displeasing, but this gives only part of a fuller picture, and this is the picture we must keep in mind, as we move ever onwards, and closer and closer to heaven.

- *Hector Davie*

Church Council Report

Unusually, council met twice in June – once at the beginning of the month and once at the end. This was because there was no meeting in May.

Because of the long gap since the April meeting, there was a lot of business to be done at the first meeting.

Money is always an important issue. At this meeting, the treasurer reported that the financial situation is currently encouraging. However, we cannot be complacent and we need to try to make sure everyone knows that the church is totally self-sufficient. Council considered the idea that the congregation could benefit from meetings throughout the year to report on the financial situation and to answer questions. These meetings could replace the annual “Pledge Sunday”.

The collection of completed photo permission forms continues – hopefully there will be sufficient to allow the taking of a group photo on 2 July. Council also considered how to get written permission to include people’s contact information in the magazine and on the website. These administrative tasks are uninteresting, but necessary for data protection reasons.

Council also noted that there are guidelines and descriptions of various tasks in the church e.g. for sidespersons. Similar guidelines should be written for other tasks. Council will return to this topic in the autumn.

As always, the past and future events were reviewed. Recent past events were thought to have been successful. These included the “coronation event” and the auction and international lunch at Pentecost. Plans for future events are well underway, so there was nothing for council to decide. Representatives from two charities we support are planning to be in Berne in July, so it may be possible to meet them.

Many smaller topics were also discussed, such as the purchase of a new printer for the church office, how to hold a service if the chaplain suddenly becomes unwell, a new way of serving tea and coffee after services, the redesign of the website, a newcomers’ supper, and approval of risk assessments for the summer fête and the guided walk.

The second meeting was much shorter and was mainly follow-up on topics from the previous meeting. While reviewing past events, council wondered how to encourage people, especially church members, to attend events like the summer fête. This will be discussed further by the events team and in a future council meeting.

This meeting was followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments, which was appreciated by those members who could stay.

Council now takes a summer break, with no meetings in July or August. The next meeting is on 5 September. Of course, this does not mean that all council members have abandoned St Ursula's for the summer. They are very much still involved so feel free to contact one of them if you have any questions or concerns.

- *Tricia Carrick, Council Secretary*

Revd Claire Finlay on Placement at St Ursula's

From 19 - 28 August, we will be welcoming Revd Claire Finlay at St Ursula's for a short placement. She would like to find out more about ministry in the Diocese in Europe. I hope to interview Claire after the service on Sunday 20 August, and that she will preach on Sunday 27 August. During her placement she hopes to meet up with a range of different people from the church and join in any church events. I will be putting together a programme for her. The placement is meant to be a learning experience for Claire, but I am sure we will also learn from her presence among us.

Please welcome her warmly.

- *Helen*

Claire has written a short introduction about herself below:

Hello everyone at St Ursula's. My name is Claire and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible when I am on placement at St Ursula's from 19 to 28 August.

I am currently a curate in the parish of St James Thorley, on the southern edge of the market town of Bishops Stortford in Hertfordshire in the diocese of St Alban's. If you have no idea where that is, a useful landmark is Stansted Airport which is a 15-minute drive from me.

I was ordained a deacon in July 2022, a priest in July 2023, and have really enjoyed my first year of ordained ministry. I love God's church and it is a privilege to shepherd His people. I love telling people about Jesus,

seeing people come to and grow in faith, and exploring new forms of being the church together. My particular giftings are preaching, evangelism, and pastoral accompaniment. I have an MA in Systematic Theology, and my specialised interests are the doctrine of God and the doctrine of the Trinity.

Before ordination I worked as a medical doctor in the NHS specialising in anaesthetic and intensive care medicine.

I am originally from a tiny village in the Republic of Ireland, and I love wide open spaces. My main hobby is trail running and I love to race in the Bernese Oberland. I enjoy the challenge of preparing for mountain races in flat Hertfordshire! I have run the Jungfrau marathon 4 times and will join St Ursula's for a short placement on the day after running the Inferno half-marathon. I also enjoy photography, drumming, playing the flute, walking my dog (a Golden Retriever called Simeon), and spending time with family and friends.

- *Claire*





Kalimera from Greece! I hope you are all enjoying the summer season.

I am very excited to invite you to our Autumn Sale on Saturday 9 September. Our events are always a fun way for everyone to socialise, meet others, and of course raise funds for our church.

We will be offering delicious home-baked goods and a great selection of refreshments. In addition, you will be able to browse the stalls with our second-hand books and choose from a wide variety of gift items.

Just bring your friends and your appetite!

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

Would you like to help?

We would appreciate lots of home-baked cakes as well as volunteers to help on the day. If you would like to be a part of this amazing team of volunteers, please contact the Church Office for further details.

Flyers

Please use the flyer with this magazine to help advertise the Sale. 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 85 67.

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.

Take care of yourselves and stay healthy!

- *Maria Avdikou, Church Office*

The background photo used for our Autumn Sale flyer and this article was designed by Freepik.

Jam Jars!



My garden is full of fruit and I've run out of jam jars, so can't make any more jams (or marmalade) until I get some jars. I especially need the "Bonne Maman" type ones. So, a special plea for lots of jam jars so that we don't have a shortage of marmalade and jams at this year's sales.

The jars should be no bigger than 450g size, have all their labels removed and be totally clean inside and out. Standard "Bonne Maman" jam jars without lids are also fine.

If you have any to spare, please leave them either outside the hall door or in the Church Kitchen

THANK YOU!

- *Jana Kutesko*

For Your Diary

August and September 2023

August

Thursday 3 August	Thun Service
Sunday 13 August	All Age Eucharist & Baptism of Laeticia and Leo & Nico and Chloë
Thursday 17 August	Thun Service
19-28 August	Placement of Revd Claire Finlay
Sunday 20 August	Interview with Claire Finlay after the service
Saturday 26 August	Children's Activity Day at St Ursula's
Sunday 27 August	Claire Finlay preaches at St Ursula's Talk about Cecily's Fund after the service (Isabelle, Mark, Samuel, Ruby) Family BBQ

September

Saturday 2 September	Council Day Away
Sunday 3 September	CREATION SUNDAY & All Age Eucharist
Tuesday 5 September	Church Council meeting
Thursday 7 September	Thun Service
Saturday 9 September	Autumn Sale 10.00-14.00
Sunday 10 September	Confirmation Service Magazine Copy Date
Saturday 16 September	Newcomers' supper at Chaplain's house
Thursday 21 September	Thun Service
Sunday 24 September	Lunch for students

Future Dates

Tuesday 3 October	Church Council meeting
Thursday 5 October	Thun Service
Sunday 8 October	All Age Eucharist & Harvest Festival
Thursday 19 October	Thun Service
Friday 24 & Saturday 25 November	Christmas Bazaar

Services and Readings

August and September 2023

Sunday 6 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Eucharist

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday 13 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity (All Age Eucharist and Baptism)

10.00 All Age Eucharist

Ephesians 4:1-6

Mark 1:16-20

Sunday 20 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Eucharist

Genesis 45:1-15

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday 27 August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Eucharist

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



Sunday 3 September – Creation Sunday (All Age)

10:00 All Age Eucharist

Psalm 33:4-9

John 1:1-14

Sunday 10 September – Confirmation

10:00 Eucharist

Readings to be confirmed

Sunday 17 September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Eucharist

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday 24 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Eucharist

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday 1 October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Eucharist

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Junior Church News



Many people, including our Junior Church children and their families, are currently enjoying their summer holidays. So Junior Church is also taking a bit of a break, with no meetings on 16 and 30 July. On these Sundays, toys, activity sheets and colouring sheets are available in the hall for parents to use with their children during the Sunday service, if they would like to. On the other Sundays, there will be a normal Junior Church meeting with reduced numbers. This will meet together with the crèche.

All children aged between three and fourteen are welcome to join us. Those aged three and under can join the crèche.

After the summer break, Junior Church will resume in the normal way, meeting every Sunday unless there is All Age Worship. As we are still very short of teachers and helpers, we will continue with only an all-age class each week. 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.

One of our Junior Church members, Samuel, recently visited Zambia and saw some of the work being done there by Cecily's Fund. He was accompanied by his parents, Mark and Isabelle (who is also a Junior Church teacher) and by Ruby. They will be talking about their visit to members of the congregation after the service on 27 August. This will be followed by a barbecue for the Junior Church families.

Of course, we are all looking forward to the "Creation Fun" activity day on Saturday 26 August. We will be joined by children and adults from St Andrew's church in Zurich on this day.

- *Tricia Carrick*



Junior Church Birthdays

Birthdays in August 2023

Frederik Slettenhaar 7 on 29 August

Lucas Slettenhaar 9 on 31 August

Birthdays in September 2023

Mael Roser 5 on 21 September

How Well Do You Know St Ursula's?

Here are some questions – easy and not so easy. Write your answers down and compare them with ours (on page 19)!

1. Behind the altar are three stained-glass windows. Who are the three people depicted?
2. Who was our chaplain fifth before Helen?
3. In what year did building work start on:
 - a) the main church building;
 - b) the chaplain's house;
 - c) the lower hall?
4. What type of tree is the large tree in front of the church (you may tell us in English, German, French, Italian or Latin!)
5. How many sales do we normally hold each year?
6. What was the date of the 2023 Summer Fête?
7. How many chairs did the church buy in 2012?
8. What is the church's correct postal street address (with postal code), and the telephone number of the church office (with area code)?
9. The main face of a church building (e.g. the Münster) is normally called the West Front, because it is on the west. On which side is St Ursula's main face?
10. Which four Anglican chaplaincies are (currently) furthest north, south, east and west in Switzerland?
11. What level of Eco Church Award do we hold?
12. Who wrote the *Missa Helvetica*, when and for what occasion?
13. How many publicly accessible toilet cubicles are available in the church/hall area?
14. What colour are the altar decorations during most of August and September?
15. Who provides the money to pay the church's electricity bills?

A splendid Summer Fête



Our Summer Fête took place on Saturday 10 June. We were happy to welcome many people at our premises and see both old and new faces browsing our stalls.

We were blessed with good weather and everyone had the chance to enjoy the home-made treats and our lovely garden where we also had the bar, the grill and of course our always popular crumpets.



Fun children activities for our tiny world travellers were kindly provided by Little Bears Bern (aka Parents and Tots), an international English speaking playgroup meeting at St Ursula's every Wednesday morning. Check their website here: www.littlebearsbern.ch.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with the Sale as well as to all those who came along to support us. Also, a big thank you to our gardening team for keeping our garden tidy, beautiful and welcoming.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Autumn Sale on Saturday 9 September. Tell your friends!

- Church Office

Charity of the Month –



The Kirchliche Passantenhilfe Bern is a first point of contact for people in difficult life and emergency situations.

Since its foundation in 1978, the homeless, transients, and people without a residence permit in Switzerland are welcomed by its staff. Over the years, the Kirchliche Passantenhilfe has established itself as an important contact for the most vulnerable in the city of Bern. Since spring 2022, it has been newly located at Laupenstrasse 5, together with other Salvation Army counselling services. Ursula Käufeler, director of the Passantenhilfe, appreciates the bright, spacious premises and the proximity to the train station.

Her team consists of two women and two men from the field of social work, all working part-time. They work closely with the staff from public, church and private organisations. The counsellors see themselves primarily as listeners. It is their concern to show people appreciation, encouragement and recognition. In order to be able to react immediately and unbureaucratically to an emergency situation, they can provide short-term assistance. Material possibilities are the distribution of food, hygiene articles and clothes, vouchers for train fares, accommodation, etc. and small amounts of cash. All assistance is generated by donations.

In recent years, there have been well over 4,000 encounters per year at their offices; in addition, numerous enquiries have been answered by telephone or mail. This is a significant increase since the Corona crisis. People's situations are becoming more complex, so that clarifications and consultations also take more time. In addition, the team is increasingly being approached by people from abroad who are feeling the effects of the global crisis in their own countries and are trying their luck in Switzerland. Most of the time, the people are very grateful for the help they receive, but since they usually do not have the necessary job training or language skills there are fewer prospects for them here.

People often react more desperately and there is an increase in abusive behaviour. Ursula Käufeler is grateful that a fourth person has joined the team last October.

The demand for food is also high. The team buys food when it does not receive sufficient amounts from the Swiss food bank or through donations. In doing so, they are following the guiding principle from the founding year of 1978: **No one in the city of Bern should go hungry.**

The team is grateful for donations of non-perishable foodstuffs:

Various tinned food, oil, sugar, flour, pasta, soups

as well as hygiene articles:

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo.

St Ursula's Church has supported the Passantenhilfe for many years and continues to do so financially and with other donations.

There is a box in the porch by the entrance of the church where foodstuff and hygiene articles can be deposited. These are then taken to the Passantenhilfe periodically.

Let's make an effort to remember people in need when we do our shopping and buy some extras to put in the box.

We also remember the Passantenhilfe in our prayers. Let us pray

- for the necessary resources to help where needed
- for strength and understanding for the workers, especially with difficult clients
- for finding good solutions together with other organisations
- that individuals, churches and other organisations will also continue to donate money, foodstuff and hygiene articles

- Esther Hutchison Funkhouser for the Charity team

Answers: How Well Do You Know St Ursula's?

1. St Ursula, Jesus ('Salvator Mundi'). St Etheldreda
2. Peter Hawker
- 3.a) 1906 b) 1956 c) 1993
4. Douglas Fir (Oregon Pine) / Gewöhnliche Douglasie / Douglas / Abete di Douglas/ Pseudotsuga menziesii
5. Four
6. 10 June 2023
7. 120 (114 plus 6)
8. Jubiläumsplatz 2, 3005 Bern / (031) 352 85 67
9. North
10. (St Nicholas') Basel / (St Edward's) Lugano / (St Andrew's) Zurich / (Holy Trinity) Geneva
11. Bronze
12. Paul Leddington-Wright. 2006, for St Ursula's Centenary and the Archdeaconry Choir Festival
13. Four
14. Green
15. We (the church's members) do!

- Swiss Tax-declarations
- Tax-advice
- Insurance advice
- Insurance broking

- Pension advice
- Retirement planning
- Mortgage advice
- Property purchasing support

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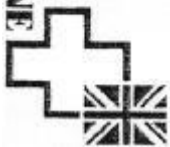
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The club was formed in 1991 as a non-political, non-religious organization open to all men, women and their families, interested in meeting for social and cultural activities. Our aim is to facilitate a better understanding of - and integration into - 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 !

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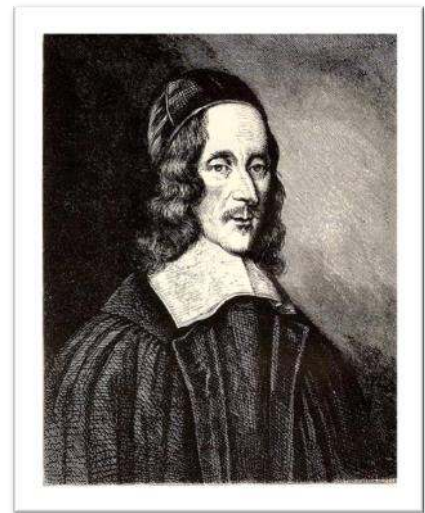
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Like many hymns from the seventeenth century, “Teach me, my God and King” was written as a poem, for private devotion, rather than to be sung for worship. Its writer was a well-born and well-connected Welshman from Montgomery, George Herbert. He was related to the Earls of Pembroke, and after attending Westminster School he gained a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge at the age of 16. He became a college fellow, reader in Rhetoric, and the university's Public Orator. In 1624, at the age of 30, he was elected as a member of parliament.



Then something changed. George Herbert's friend, Nicholas Ferrar, became a deacon, and set up a religious community in Little Gidding, north of Cambridge. In 1629, George himself was married, and sought to be ordained. He became rector of Fugglestone with Bemerton, a country parish with two small churches just west of Salisbury, and settled down to become a country priest, walking to Salisbury Cathedral twice a week to attend worship there, and otherwise raising his family, tending his congregation, and writing poetry.

His poetry follows the “metaphysical” pattern of the time. It is full of imagery, often drawing parallels between activities – don't just look at a window: look through it! Don't just sweep the floor, but sweep the floor for God! In an age that seriously believed that there were liquids which could make the dullest surface bright, that there really might be stones which could turn base metals into gold, his readers would hear how this could happen with ease – if it were only done “for God's sake”.

After only three years, George Herbert died. Shortly before his death, he sent a copy of his poems to his friend Nicholas Ferrar, who compiled them into a collection, *The Temple*, portraying the struggles and successes of Herbert's life. This poem, *The Elixir (the Cure-all)*, was one of them. Ralph Vaughan-Williams chose it in 1906 for his *English Hymnal*, and set it to the tune of an old carol. Since then its simple images have found a place in the hearts of worshippers in many countries.

- Hector Davie

The Elixir

¹ Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee.

² A man that looks on glass,
on it may stay his eye;
or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
and then the heaven espy.

³ All may of thee partake:
nothing can be so mean,
which with his tincture - "for thy sake" -
will not grow bright and clean.

⁴ A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine:
who sweeps a room as for thy laws,
makes that and the action fine.

⁵ This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.

George Herbert (1593-1633)