



St. Edward's Church

November 2009 Newsletter

SERVICES

Holy Communion every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

All denominations are welcome.

1st November - All Saints Church Family Service

8th November - Remembrance Day Service
with the Eucharist

15th November - Modern Language

22nd November - Modern Language

29th November - First Advent

6th December - Church Family Service



SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children from the age of 3 upwards are very welcome!

They are divided into two groups: Pebbles & Rocks according to their age and ability.

Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning service every week except for the Family Service when our children are encouraged to take an active part in the worship. Please see the teachers' Rota, which is on display at the back of the church, for advance information about children's activities.

For further information contact

Diana Dell'Acqua dellacqua@ticino.com

The teachers take their responsibility for the care of our children very seriously; please see the Child Protection Implementation Document which is on display at the back of the church.



MUMS & TOTS

Thursday 26th November
10:00 – 12:00 at Casa Benson

Contact Jenny Pappert for further details
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Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, is the day the Church of England traditionally remembers all those who have given

their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this day people across Britain and around the world pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by brave Service men and women. Remembrance Sunday will be held on **Sunday 8th November 2009.**

The Poppy is the symbol of Remembrance and of the Poppy Appeal organized by the British Legion a charity that helps support serving and ex-Service personnel and their families. This includes not just those who fought in the two World Wars, but also those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting today.

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/the-nation-remembers/remembrance-sunday>

WALK-A-LONG NEWS!

This year the Children's Annual Stewardship Event held in May raised a fantastic sum of CHF 2,500 which will go to the **Educational Institute Charity in Karachi** where children from very poor areas are cared for. For further information visit: www.waisendienst.de

Well done to all those children, tall & small, who took part; together we can do big things to bring Jesus' love to others.

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Message from Andy

There used to be an advertising slogan "It's good to feel connected."

In September I attended the Pastoral Conference for the Diocese in Europe and joined 146 Chaplains/Priests, several Archdeacons, two Bishops and a number of invited speakers to explore the subject "Entertaining Angels: Hospitality as Mission." This was the second conference to be held where the whole Diocese came together, and in fact this time there were only three or four ordained clergy who couldn't be there. This seemed quite amazing to me as the Conference was held in Kardinal Schulte Haus, which is located near Cologne. Diocesan clergy gathered from Iceland to Izmir, Madeira to Moscow and Tangier to Trondheim. For some, it would not just have been a long, long way, it would also have been quite a complicated journey involving several forms of transport! It was an indication that many of the Chaplains are quite determined and exceptional people. As well as living far from support in the UK, they show enormous commitment in serving God in quite remote places, often in isolation, yet they made the effort to be at the Conference. Why? Because it is important and good to feel connected. It's important for those serving and ministering in the Diocese that there is a sense of being aware of a bigger picture, that we see God operating on a much wider canvas than our own local situation.

We, at St. Edward's, are connected into a large network of Churches from which we can draw encouragement, strength and resolve. We were reminded that we belong to a Christian body that gives us structure and organization, but also accountability to fulfil the calling and ministry given to us. The Conference gave the opportunity to share our stories, to learn from the experience of others, to be challenged and affirmed which are all vital to our well-being and individual growth. The Conference gave the opportunity to have conversations with others, to listen to diverse speakers, and attend workshops which will help in our corporate growth as St. Edward's Church – a Church with a Mission.

It made me think about how we, as a church community, reach out to the stranger, locally and internationally, with love and hospitality, to draw them into an understanding of, and a relationship with, God. As we welcome the stranger we might have a realization that we are entertaining an Angel. That, in our little corner of the world, our clear focus is predominately outwards and not inwards. In this way we connect with people and projects such as the Educational Institute Charity in Karachi, Jenny's work in Bosnia, the well building project in Nigeria, the Bishop's Appeals and so on.

Closer to home, we can and should be much encouraged by 'Hospitality as Mission' being central to our 'Vision;' of a purpose to be as inclusive, open and welcoming as possible. It is our mission to bring those outside the Church to a place where they say "it's good to feel connected." I'm grateful to you that I was able to respond to the Bishop's Charge with positive affirmation that much of what he was asking those serving in the Diocese to do, we are already doing!

With every blessing,
Andy



St. Edward's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November 2009

from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Enter into the holiday season and do your shopping in the comfortable and warm setting of Casa Benson, located adjacent to the church building.

Homemade Traditional Christmas Fayre items for sale will include:

*Christmas Cakes and Puddings,
Sausage Rolls, Scones, Mince Pies,
Chutney, Jams, Whisky Marmalade,
Lemon Curd, Stollen, Brownies,
Stuffed Dates, Flapjacks, Christmas Crackers, Small Gifts, Decorative Items, Treasures from the Attic, and much more!*

A light lunch and afternoon teas will be served.

Child Care is provided as well as activities for children.

For more Information on how to pre-order items contact:

Patty

091 646 53 52 pattypellegrini@hotmail.com

Linda

091 605 35 76 linflags@bluewin.ch

(Requests for GLUTEN-FREE cakes and puddings are most welcome.)

All proceeds go to the ministry of St. Edward's Church.

Helping Out With the Fayre

Would you like to join the team of helpers? We welcome your ideas and skills and hope you can join in the fun and help out with the preparations.

We are also most grateful for any sponsorship.

For more information on how you can participate contact: **Linda Denkinger:** linflags@bluewin.ch

Patty Pellegrini: pattypellegrini@hotmail.com

November

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| Wednesday 4 th | Ladies Fellowship Group at Chaplain's apartment 2:00 p.m. |
| Thursday 5 th | Big Ben Club evening meeting at Casa Benson |
| Sunday 8 th | Remembrance Day Service with the Eucharist |
| Thursday 19 th | Bosnia Evening: A presentation will be shown about the charity and personal experiences from a few members who recently visited. |
| Thursday 26 th | Mums and Tots at Casa Benson 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. |
| Saturday 28 th | Christmas Fayre at Casa Benson 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |

DECEMBER

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| Tuesday 8 th | Christmas Concert |
| Sunday 13 th | Carol Service 4:00 p.m. |

God saw everything that He had made and, indeed, it was very good.

Genesis, Chapter 1 verse 31

For all these gifts, let us sing praise to the Lord.



Our Festival of Thanksgiving this October began with our Chaplain, the Sunday School children, their parents and teachers gathering on Saturday afternoon to harvest our sunflower seeds and then decorate the different corners of the church with fruit & floral donations. The little ones had great fun finding a spot amongst the foliage for the snail, the hedgehog and the mice, in honour of the Feast of St. Francis that same Sunday. During our morning service the younger children laid your generous gifts of dried goods (which will later go to Bosnia) before the altar whilst the older ones read prayers of thanks for God's great generosity, and prayers of supplication for those in need. Reverend Andy, using a selection of coloured gourds, gave us food for thought; which colour, shape, size or texture do you prefer? See how diverse they are, each one unique, like us. But like us they all belong to the same family, just as we all belong to God's family, whatever shape or size we may be.

After our Festival Family Service we all enjoyed a bountiful Bring & Share Lunch lovingly prepared by members of our church; particular thanks to Lulu and Sandy for the organization and setting up, which meant we were able to celebrate Harvest time in fellowship together.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to Jenny Pappert and members of the Sunday School in preparation for the Harvest Festival. Many thanks to the Curry Supper team who tempted our taste buds with an aromatic blend of dishes and a lovely evening of fellowship in support and recognition of our patron saint. Thank you to those who helped organize, made gift donations and helped sponsor the Curry Supper Raffle.

From Our Diocesan Website: <http://europe.anglican.org>

Please see the website for the latest news from the Diocese in Europe and especially the Environment Newsletter July 2009 about the coming UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen from 7th to 18th December this year. The Archbishop of Canterbury urges us all to "act local as well as national" and has set out a Christian vision of how people can respond to the looming environmental crisis. www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/2563.

Bishop David will be accompanying the Archbishop to the Conference.

Please pray earnestly for the preparations for this conference and include the Conference in your daily prayers in December.