



# St. Edward's Church newsletter



DECEMBER 2015 – JANUARY 2016 – Let us celebrate this Advent season with a loving heart and open mind to the coming of Christ and welcome Him into our lives. We welcome back our friends Father Ted Schurr and his wife Jen. Join us for the Advent Bible Study Course; the **Saturday Evening Carol Service** on December 12<sup>th</sup> and the **All-Age Service with Nativity** on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## SERVICES

**Holy Communion Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. All denominations are welcome.**

**Sunday School** on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Extra rehearsal dates for the Nativity Play will be sent to the participants. Our Sunday School will lead the worship at the 4 p.m. Service on 20<sup>th</sup> December, after which lessons will resume on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016.

**Wednesday Shortened Holy Communion Services** at 10:30 a.m. during Advent followed by Bible Study Course at Casa Benson on 2<sup>nd</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> December from 11:30 -12:30.

### DECEMBER

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Service of Holy Communion in Traditional Language (**Gift Day**)  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 p.m. **Candlelit Carol Service (Traditional Service)**  
 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Shortened Holy Communion Service  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 p.m. **Christmas Service for All-Ages with Nativity**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** 10:30 a.m. **Christmas Day Service for All-Ages with Holy Communion**  
 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language

### JANUARY

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> **Epiphany All-Age Service** of Holy Communion  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Service of Holy Communion in Traditional Language  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### DECEMBER

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Soul Café - Fellowship at Casa Benson 10 am - 12 noon  
 Thursdays at 12:15 **Parola, Musica, Silenzio** A short lunch-break pause for  
 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ecumenical prayers at Chiesa S. Giuseppe, Lugano

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 17:30 **Luce di Betlemme** – Ecumenical Service at Chiesa S. Carlo Via Nassa, Lugano

### JANUARY

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity at Evangelical Reformed  
 Church, Lugano, organized by CLCCT  
 Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> Swiss Archdeaconry Synod in Bern

## Locum Revd. Ted Schurr



Jen and I feel most privileged to again be invited to take part in the life of St Edward's. A big thank you to your Churchwardens Diana and

Roger and your Church Council for this opportunity to be with you for the next few months.

Our first Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, is Advent Sunday which starts the new Liturgical year. Advent means "coming".

The **first** coming of Christ into our world was when He was born at Bethlehem. Advent prepares us to celebrate His birth again this **Christmas\***  
 \*(It is the Mass of Christ!)

We are also waiting for His **final** coming at the end of time.

Since we don't know when that will happen, we need to live our daily lives in such a way, that we are ready to meet the Lord at any moment .....

During Advent we will be having a Bible Study following the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays. I hope that many of you will be able to join us.

May God bless us all as we strive to prepare ourselves daily to witness to His presence and love in our lives.

Your friend and priest,  
 Father Ted



**Save the date of our special Christmas Services  
 N.B. Our usual pattern has changed!**

The churchwardens will be in London during December to attend the interview on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Your continued prayers are most welcome.

This year the traditional Service of Carols and Readings **will be on a Saturday Candlelit Carol Service Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.**

The Children's Nativity Play **will be a week later than usual Christmas Service for All-Ages Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m.**

**P** The car park at the top of Via Motta, has been reserved for our special Services on 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. Parking at the ProCrea Clinic will also be available as usual.

### Saturday Evening Candlelit Carol Service

**12<sup>th</sup> December 6 p.m.**

Our worship will be based on the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols in a candlelit setting.



### Sunday Afternoon Christmas Service for All-Ages with Nativity

**20<sup>th</sup> December 4 p.m.**

This Service is for all the family, young and old.

Both Services will be followed by **Christmas refreshments served in Casa Benson**



### GIFT DAY APPEAL

**6<sup>th</sup> December**

Please use this Day to thank God for all He gives to you, including a beautiful place to worship.

God, through His people, has in past years been very generous. We are reminded of this when the Collection is received at the altar: "All things come from You and of Your own do we give You."

The Church Council predicts that there will be a shortfall of income to cover the costs of ministry of our Church for 2015.

The estimated figure is CHF 33,000.

**We are making this Appeal to ask for your prayers and donations so that we end the year without a deficit.**

Donations can be made with Special Envelopes or using the Pink Payment Slips or directly via Bank transfer. The Account details can be found on our website [www.stedwards.ch](http://www.stedwards.ch), click on the 'About us' tab and then funding.

**Thank You**

## CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING

Here are some of the Charities we support during the year by pledging 10% of income received through your generous donations. Four of the budding musicians from the **In Harmony Project, Geordie Symphony School UK** - transforming the lives of deprived children through classical music. **Association Swiss Help for Peace in Bosnia** – their main project is the care of children through the 'Adopt a Child at a Distance' programme. **E.I.C. in Karachi led by Sr. Dagmar**. St. Edward's is financing four young people to train as nurses – bringing hope to communities in war-torn zones.

## AND A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS...

Every Sunday after our Service of worship we enjoy a time of refreshment and fellowship. People gather to chat and exchange ideas, newcomers are welcomed and our extended family ties are strengthened ... all this as we pour cups of tea or coffee and enjoy the delicious treats provided by **our ladies on the Social Committee**. Now is a particularly appropriate time to thank each and every one of them for their loving commitment ... for the Bring & Share lunches, Soul Café mornings and most notably our annual Christmas Market, a huge effort, which always makes an important contribution to the ongoing costs of our ministry at St. Edward's Church.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. All children from the age of 3 upwards are very welcome to join **Pebbles** for our youngest members, and **Rocks** for those with more reading ability. Children are an integral part of the monthly All-Age Service, when they are encouraged to participate in the worship. For further info contact Diana dellacqua.ticino@gmail.com

### TODDLERS CORNER

Welcome bags are available at the back of the church for the youngest children to enjoy quietly during the Service.

### SOUL CAFÉ

A welcoming place to meet together for friendship, fellowship, advice and support, in the relaxed atmosphere of Casa Benson. Open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. 10 am to 12 noon For further info contact Linda 091 605 3576 soulcafe@stedwards.ch

### REFLECTION & QUIET PRAYER

Sunday mornings from 10:10 -10:25 there will be reflection and quiet prayer in an "upstairs room" in Casa Benson. Linda Chiesa 091 682 1948 22linch@gmail.com

### BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

Thursday evenings 7:30 pm every week at the Mulert's home near TASIS. zachmulert@hotmail.com

### NEWS SUBMISSION

Copy for the February edition is due 14<sup>th</sup> January. Email to emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch



## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

An **Advent Bible Study Course** led by Father Ted will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December from 11:30 -12:30 at Casa Benson. All are welcome.

## FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES ... MESSY CHURCH



**Messy Church** is a great opportunity for our younger church members to dedicate their efforts in support of St. Edward's. Emily and Ashley researched and provided all the materials and the children worked hard making lovely handcrafted items to sell on the Youth stall at the Christmas Market. Our ministry, our charitable giving, fellowship like this fun-filled afternoon, and our Sunday School are made possible through the continued generosity of your donations, for which we give sincere thanks. We were also very blessed to have Revd. Maree with us during this period.

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**PARKING** is available during every Sunday morning Service inside the parking garage of the ProCrea Clinic next door to the church.

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