



# St. Edward's Church newsletter

NOVEMBER 2015 – Come and have fun at our Messy Church Craft Session - the children will be making decorations for sale on the Youth Stall. Join in the Advent holiday spirit by visiting our annual Christmas Market on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December. Our sincere thanks to Lay Reader Angela Mirani, Locums Revd. Elizabeth Bussmann and Revd. Maree Wilson, who will be with us until "Christ the King" on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## SERVICES

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

**Sunday School** Lessons will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Services led by Revd. Maree Wilson

All Saints' Day Service for All-Ages with Holy Communion  
Remembrance Sunday Service followed by Holy Communion  
Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language  
Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language – led by **Revd. Canon Ted Schurr** who will be celebrating our Services of Holy Communion throughout Christmas and Epiphany. Please note that there will be mid-week services of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. from December.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Soul Café - Fellowship at Casa Benson 10 am - 12 noon  
Contact: soulcafe@stedwards.ch or Linda 091 605 3576  
Messy Church Crafts for children and parents 2 – 5 p.m.  
Family Fun Day at Hotel Pestalozzi – St. Edward's Social Committee are offering a foretaste of our Christmas produce  
Christmas Market at Casa Benson 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



**St. Edward's  
Christmas  
Market** *In the festive setting of Casa Benson*

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November**      **10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Be tempted by our selection  
**Homemade Traditional Specialities & Preserves**

Enjoy a glass of mulled wine whilst browsing amongst our Stalls:  
**Tiffany Treasures ★ Children's Homemade Gifts ★ Books Old & New ★  
DVDs to watch again ★ and some new surprises!**

**Morning Coffee - Lunches served from Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

**To pre-order Items:** Patty Pellegrini 091 646 53 52 [pattypellegrini@hotmail.com](mailto:pattypellegrini@hotmail.com)

**For more information visit:**  
[www.stedwards.ch](http://www.stedwards.ch)

**Parking reserved** at the Via Motta car park. Collect your free parking ticket on the day.

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

## Another Step Forward ... following the Light of Christ



As already reported the Church Council has spent the summer months compiling information

about St. Edward's Chaplaincy, our style of worship, the church family, ecumenical links, accommodation on offer and much more. All these documents have been sent to the Diocesan Office in London and the advertisement for our next chaplain has been published. Please take a look at the notice board in Casa Benson where you will see a cutting from the Church Times.

The next step will be the interview in early December. Once the applicants have been short-listed by Bishop Robert and his staff, the process becomes confidential, so we will not be able to release any details of prospective candidates. However, we encourage you to have a chat with us in church on Sundays, if you wish to share any thoughts. It has been very uplifting to gather with members of the congregation in "an upstairs room" to seek God's guidance through prayer during these initial stages of the appointment process. Thank you for your commitment, thank you to those who are leading these moments of quiet reflection. Come, Holy Spirit and light a flame of expectation within us, as we await the arrival of our good shepherd, trusting in God's gracious care and protection.

The last paragraph on our church Profile speaks about "**what we want to do, where are we going and how we will do it**". A joyful image of church family members holding a Christingle candle was chosen to illustrate this section because this is what we want to do – reflect Christ's love. This is where we are going – following the Light of the World. And we will surely all go together with our new Chaplain leading the way.

Every blessing,  
Roger and Diana  
Churchwardens

## REMEMBRANCE



A Remembrance Sunday Service will be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30 a.m.** when the Church of England traditionally remembers all Armed Service personnel who have given their lives, or have been injured, for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

The Poppy Appeal organized by the British Legion is a charity that helps support serving and ex-Service personnel and their families, not just those who fought in the two World Wars, but also since then to the present day. Poppies and a donation box are available at the back of Church. [www.britishlegion.org.uk/](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/)

## MESSY CHURCH

We look forward to welcoming  
**Children and Parents**  
for another "Messy Church" session  
in Casa Benson  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 2-5 p.m.**

We will be making lots of colourful items to  
sell at the Youth stall at the

### Christmas Market

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

All the materials will be provided, but please let  
Diana and Ashley know if you can come so that we  
have enough to go around. Thank you!

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## CELEBRATING A CONFIRMATION

With our Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ



St. Edward's ecumenical representatives and our locum priest, Revd Jim Gray, were delighted to join the Old Catholic community for the confirmation of one of their acolytes, Jasmine Michienzi. The sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated by Bishop Dr. Harald Rein, assisted by Pfr. Ioan L. Jebelean from Lucerne and Deacon Elisabetta Tisi, who leads the Old Catholic community in Ticino during their monthly worship at St. Edward's Church.

## CHARITY DINNER & MULTI-ETHNIC PARTY



St. Edward's was very pleased to host a Charity Dinner in aid of Jenny Stone-Wigg's Association Swiss Help for Peace in Bosnia. Jenny, our long-standing member, was awarded an M.B.E for her outstanding work in this area. A delicious meal (see Lucy, one of the organizers busy in the kitchen) accompanied by live music, raffle and auction raised CHF 3,600 which will go to help families in dire need as winter approaches. We were so happy that Revd. Jim was able to enjoy the evening with us ... thank you to all who came in support of this charity.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:22linch@gmail.com)

### BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

Thursday evenings 7:30 pm every week at the Mulert's home near TISIS. [zachmulert@hotmail.com](mailto:zachmulert@hotmail.com)

### NEWS SUBMISSION

Copy for the December-January edition is due 14<sup>th</sup> November. Email to [emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch](mailto:emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch)

## me@theworld ... and a Prayer from Pope Francis



On Saturday a large group of helpers and children came to decorate the church in preparation for our **Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service** which fell on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, Feast Day of St. Francis, one of our best-loved saints. Revd. Elizabeth Bussman, our 4<sup>th</sup> locum priest, led our All-Age worship and engaged the children with a puppet show, whilst asking both young and old some interesting questions about how we each see and interact with this beautiful world, God's bounteous gift to us. Our reflections continued as we listened to "A prayer for our Earth" from Pope Francis:

*Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Amen*

On Monday all the fresh fruit, vegetables and dried produce, which you so kindly donated, were delivered to the **Centro Bethlehem** where Friar Martino Dotta coordinates hot meals and a welcome for the needy and homeless. We are so thankful to share in God's plentiful provision and blessed in being able to share this with others.

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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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