



St. Edward's Church newsletter

APRIL 2015 - As Easter approaches we see how the Holy Spirit has renewed and transformed our mother Church. This is a time of happy rejoicing and joyful celebration as we proclaim the Rising of Jesus from the dead to bring hope of new life to everyone. Come and join us at our Special Easter Services and our Party for All-Ages on Easter Monday!

SERVICES

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

Sunday School lessons will take place on: 12th and 26th April

Occasional Wednesday Holy Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. - please check with the Chaplain

All Denominations are most welcome.

MARCH

Sunday 29th

Palm Sunday Service in Contemporary Language
(Summertime begins 29th March - clocks go forward one hour)

APRIL

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

Sunday 5th

Sunday 12th

Sunday 19th

Sunday 26th

Maudy Thursday Holy Communion Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Reflections 2-3 p.m.

Easter Day Service for All-Ages with Holy Communion

Morning Prayer led by Angela Mirani

Service in Contemporary Language

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SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL

Monday 6th

Thursday 2nd & 16th

Easter Monday Party at Ex-asilo Magliaso 2 - 5 p.m.

Soul Café - fellowship at Casa Benson 10 am to 12 noon

Contact: soulcafe@stedwards.ch or Linda Denking 091 605 3576

JUNE - Friday 12th

Summer Party at Casa Benson

St. Edward's

Easter Party



**Easter Monday 6th April
2 - 5 p.m. Magliaso**

There are plenty of parking spaces adjacent to the playground (Ex-Asilo in Via Cantonale 36) or in the municipal car park nearby.

Families are invited to bring small chocolate eggs to hide in the garden for the Egg Hunt ... each child will need a basket. In case of rain there is plenty of room indoors.

Come and celebrate the joy of Easter with us!

**Further information please contact Diana:
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ALL CHILDREN ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO MUST BE PRESENT AND ACCOMPANY THEM THROUGHOUT THIS EVENT.

Our Chaplain, Reverend Andy

Announces his Retirement
at the A.G.M.



We reflect back on what has been achieved through his ministry and the generosity of God.

A new identity with a new logo, website and communication tools; development of service pattern, introduction of more contemporary worship and new Services; new initiatives included Christmas Concerts and social events; up-grading of the Church including lighting, projector screen and sound system, replacement of the pews with new comfortable seating, repainting the church interior; and the complete refurbishment of Casa Benson.

Message from Andy

Dear Friends,

My Sabbatical this time last year was an important time to reflect and discern the way forward.

I came back with these words from the Psalm "O sing to the Lord a new song"

I felt at the end of the Sabbatical that we should continue in ministry for at least another year, to guide the church through another review of its Mission and Purpose - its "Vision" - that would give me the context for my own ministry and calling to St Edward's. I began keeping a journal, recording the things I read, words that God put across my path, and noting things that have happened during this past year to confirm what we felt God was saying to us.

Which is... that our time in Lugano is coming to an end and that we will be leaving. I will retire from stipendiary ministry and we will return to Derbyshire. I will continue as a priest on a voluntary basis for wherever God has in mind, which I hope will include some ministry in Europe.

Some of you may recall a recent sermon in which I said that moving on almost always involves a great deal of emotional turmoil and physical mess. I realise that our going will create a 'bit of a mess' but I have come to accept that there was never going to be a good time to leave, the Church will never be as I would like it to be. But having just gone through the consultation process the Church is in a better place to choose another Chaplain. The results will be helpful in preparing the ground for whoever may follow. It was also our intention that we would leave the Church with more people more engaged within its life and ministry, and to some extent that has been an outcome too.

I believe that we are called to sing a new song. Now we are heading toward a time where our paths will diverge, let's have something of the spirit of Jesus' willingness to embrace change and move on expectant that He will share each of our journeys into the future.

Our last Service will be on the 21st June, three months from now. I have never been one for long goodbyes and making a fuss - I am sorry if all this has come as a surprise.

When we leave it will be a few months shy of seven years - this seems amazing and both Annie and I have been much blessed in our time here. And I want to acknowledge the major contribution that Annie has played in all of this - her support, encouragement and immense contribution in many areas of Church life needs to be acknowledged and appreciated.

I thank God for the privilege of serving you as Chaplain these past years and for this gift of ministry. With every blessing, Andy

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to give an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Mary
marypalmesino@bluewin.ch





Annual General Meeting March 2015

Naturally our assembled members were sad to hear that Revd Andy and Annie are leaving in June, and we will be celebrating our (almost) 7 years of his ministry in the coming months. A copy of Revd Andy's announcement can be found on our website.

We were very fortunate to have our Archdeacon, the Venerable Peter Potter at this year's AGM, as he was able to assure us that things will continue smoothly with his assistance during the Interregnum. The many Council and sub-committee reports gave a good indication of the vibrant life of our church. Mary's diligent work as Secretary, and Jenny Flint's contribution as Archdeaconry Synod Representative, Council member and Sunday School teacher, were recognized with a presentations of flowers.

Diana and Wesley were also presented with gifts of appreciation. Ernest's sterling work as Treasurer was acknowledged. The wardens spoke mainly about Bishop Robert's vision for this new Episcopal era and compared his objectives with feedback from St. Edward's 2014 Questionnaire, which were very much in accord. We were all sincerely sorry to see Wesley retire as Churchwarden, knowing that he had battled with work commitments to make time available. Diana recorded her thanks for all he contributed during their 3 years together as wardens serving our community.



SUNDAY SCHOOL (During the scholastic year)

Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Service on the 2nd and 4th 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.
Contact: Diana Dell'Acqua
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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 environment of Casa Benson. Open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 10 am to 12 noon
soulcafe@stedwards.com
Linda Denkinger 091 605 3576

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

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

NEWS SUBMISSION

Copy for the May edition is due 14th April.
Email to emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch

Church Council 2015

We welcome Lulu Cerny and Peter O'Driscoll onto the newly elected Church Council, and Sandy Pianezzi as Archdeaconry Synod Representative.

Revd. Andy Horlock	Chaplain, Chairman
Diana Dell'Acqua	Churchwarden
Lulu Cerny	Mary Palmesino
Linda Denkinger	Jill Price
Wesley Duke	Jane Reissner
Jennifer Jamieson	Roger Reissner
Peter O'Driscoll	Bonnie Staley
Linda Chiesa	Archdeaconry Synod Rep.
Sandy Pianezzi	Archdeaconry Synod Rep.
Ernest Jaeger	Treasurer



Lenten Cross

Each Sunday throughout Lent we have been adding items related to our Bible readings to our **Lenten Cross**. These include coins, a prayer, stars and streamers. In the week of the photo it was wheat seeds, see John 12:24. We will complete the Cross on Easter Day – come and check out the finished result!

MOTHERING SUNDAY



We celebrated the Anglican tradition of Mothering Sunday on the 15th March when we gave thanks not just for our natural mothers, but also the mothering nature of God, Mary the mother of Jesus and the 'Mother Church'. Children gave out gifts they had made to all ladies at the Service – little heart magnets to hold their prayers safely in place.

Two very special mothers ... Annie presenting birthday flowers to Margaret, on behalf of the church family.

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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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