



St. Edward's Church newsletter

APRIL 2016 – We celebrated Easter in all its glory, as the clocks moved forward reminding us of the final countdown to our new Chaplain's arrival. There is a lot of busyness going on this month: the conversion of Casa Benson, finding someone to take over the contract of the Chaplaincy apartment and welcoming the Venerable Peter Potter to host our annual A.G.M. Thank you to Revd. Maree Wilson and Angela Mirani for pastoral support this month.

SERVICES

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

Sunday School Lessons will take place on April 10th and 24th

APRIL

Sunday 3rd

Service with Holy Communion in Contemporary Language with

Revd. Maree Wilson

Sunday 10th

Service in Traditional Language with Holy Communion with

Revd. Maree Wilson

Sunday 17th

Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language with

Revd. Maree Wilson

Sunday 24th

Service of Morning Prayer with **Lay Reader Angela Mirani**

SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL

Friday 29th

Annual General Meeting at Casa Benson 7pm

May

Thursday 12th



Fr. Nigel's Licensing as Priest-in-Charge, more details in May newsletter

A.G.M.

We are delighted to welcome

**The Venerable Peter Potter
Archdeacon of Switzerland**



Who will be chairing

**St. Edward's
Annual General Meeting**

in Casa Benson at 7:00 p.m. on

Friday 29th April

At the AGM every Electoral Roll member has the opportunity to ask questions and share thoughts about the life of our Church. Reports on all aspects of what has happened over the past year are discussed. Nominated Council members and Churchwardens, who are your representatives, are elected by your vote. We therefore warmly encourage you to attend so that there is good representation from the whole Church body.

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Something that I always like to stress at the start of new parish ministry is the importance of maintaining unity. Our human nature, preferences, and different interpretations of the Bible can sometimes cause sharp disagreements. For example, just think about the number of churches that have declared war over music styles. (Been there, done that!)

Actually, some differences of opinion are healthy, if not necessary in community, and especially if there's mutual respect and tolerance on all sides. But when they become divisive and worse, nasty, then mission becomes blurred and the whole community suffers. If our fishing net is torn then we cannot catch any fish; if our fellowship is fractured then we cannot effectively win souls for Christ. We are stronger, much stronger, when we stand united. It's as simple as that!

So then, as we all prepare for new ministry, let it be our common resolve to "...make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). This is essential if we are to accomplish God's purposes in St Edward's and in the wider community.

Finally, my prayer is that you will all feel the joy of the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has risen to bless us this Easter. And I pray that the love of God is resurrected, reborn and renewed in your heart. **HAPPY EASTERTIDE!**

**With Love and Prayers,
Fr Nigel
Hong Kong**

Latest copy of Fr. Nigel's magazine "**In Touch**" go to the St John's Cathedral website:

www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Scroll down the right hand side of the home page for the link. On Pages 24-5 the article "**Addio Padre Nigel**" featuring photos of St. Edward's. **Enjoy!**

A Message from Fr Nigel, our New Chaplain



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past few months, I have had many discussions with your churchwardens Diana and Roger and I am delighted that we have discerned such a strong match between my passions and joys and your current needs and hopes for the future.

Their exceptionally warm and gracious welcome during my brief visit in January, the love and care that you all clearly have for one another, as well as your strong desire to reach out to the wider community, all speak to the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in your midst. I have found these and many other aspects of St Edward's life most reassuring, as I prepare to join you all in Switzerland.

I am also acutely aware of the many preparations that are taking place ahead of my arrival, especially the renovations in Casa Benson. This is an enormous undertaking and I am extremely grateful to everyone involved in this complex project. Thank you so much!

I am very excited to be coming to Lugano to be part of your beautiful community, excited to be one of 'yours', and am so looking forward to getting to know all of you personally by name.

Soon after I come I hope none of you will hesitate to take the time to reach out to say "Hello". My door in Casa Benson will always be open and I'd love to get to know you, to hear something about your own unique story and to meet your family and friends.

I also hope to see you on the day of my licensing on 12th May or on Pentecost Sunday on 15th May when it will be my great privilege to celebrate my first Eucharist in St Edward's as your new chaplain. Both events will signal the start of what we all hope and pray will be an exciting and prosperous new era for St Edward's.

With any change of incumbent there comes some modification in leadership style and in liturgical preferences. Normally parishioners anticipate this, show some flexibility and can weather successfully a period of adjustment. I hope this will be the case after I arrive. Be assured that I will always be sensitive to the comfort level of all parishioners and will never move too hastily. Any significant changes will always be filtered through the church council.

Rarely does new ministry start with a completely clean slate. If it did the future would be far too scary. I believe we will move forward more easily and confidently if we bring the best of the past with us and take on the best of the new. Our early discussions then will undoubtedly be times for us to discover what areas of ministry are working well, as well as any parts that need attention.

CHARITY GIVING

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above ... then thank the Lord for all his love

We celebrate the work of some local organisations, which your donations to our church have enabled us to sponsor through our 10% commitment to charity giving.



The Bertoni Lymphoma Research Group, IOR Bellinzona. www.ior.iosl.ch

Dr. Francesco Bertoni, Vice-director, IOR Institute of Oncology Research writes to tell us that important research carried out within his Lymphoma & Genomics Program has been accepted for publication in a reputed oncology journal.

St. Edward's Church is listed among the supporters for this research work; thanks to our donation young investigators from his team were able to attend the US conference where the data was first presented.



Progetto Avventuno www.avventuno.org
Founded a year ago by Monica and David Induni

St. Edward's members were very happy to support the film evening organised by Progetto Avventuno to mark **World Down Syndrome Day, 21st March**. The project's aim is to bring practical help and support to families with Down Syndrome children in our area. The association was also involved in the conferences given by Prof. Sue Buckley, from Cumbria UK, head of Down Syndrome Education International, who was recently in Ticino.

MOVING HOUSE

The conversion of first floor Casa Benson into the Chaplain's accommodation is progressing well, and we look forward very much to welcoming Fr. Nigel to his new home and church family in May. As we will be moving from the current accommodation we are looking for **someone to take over the contract for the flat in Via Gaggini da Bissone 16, 6900 Loreto. Inside garage parking also available.**

The flat is rented by the Chaplaincy and the contract expires end of September 2016.

We hope to find someone to take over the annual contract for 1st June thereby saving the Chaplaincy 4 months' rent. The flat comprises 3 1/2 rooms, (2 bedrooms, separate WC / bathroom, fitted kitchen) is 5 minutes' walk from the lakefront, has stunning views, as you can see from the photo, and a large sunny dining / sitting room and 2 terraces.



Please contact our assistant warden, Jenny Flint for further details:
Viewings from 2nd May
Telephone mornings only 8 -12 noon
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SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Service usually on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. **Please see Front Page.** 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

Open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 10 am to 12 noon

The venue may be changed due to the building works in Casa Benson. Please contact Mary Palmesino 091 966 8374 for further information.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYERS



Held in a Quiet Place in front of the side altar before the 10:30 Service Starts. Lord, here is this quiet place, here is this quiet time, and here am I.

All are Welcome

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

Thursday evenings 7:45 pm every week at the Muler's home near TASIC zochmuler@hotmail.com

NEWS SUBMISSION

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

PALM SUNDAY

All glory, laud and honour



In the words of the hymn ... with praise and prayer and anthems, the people of St. Edward's processed up and around the church **on Palm Sunday**, singing sweet Hosannas to our Redeemer King. Reader Angela Mirani led us as we entered Passiontide with our eyes firmly fixed on the Cross, and the great celebration of Easter. And now as we wait to welcome Fr. Nigel at Pentecost, our church family continue to pray for a rich union in Christ.

Here is a little reminder of Mothering Sunday ... we forgot to take photos of the Sunday School children handing out their hand-made flower baskets on the fourth Sunday of Lent!

But here they are, happy in their classroom, ready to enjoy another lesson with Lulu and Jill, who has recently joined our Sunday School Team.

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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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