



St. Edward's Church newsletter

FEBRUARY 2016 – Come and learn about the Light of the World as we prepare Christingle Oranges for our special All-Age Service. The children can have fun tossing pancakes at our Shrove Tuesday Party on the 9th. Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship at the Bring & Share Lunch Sunday 14th. As we enter the season of Lent you are warmly invited to join our Lent Bible Study course led by Father Ted.

SERVICES

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

Sunday School Lessons will take place on February 14th and 28th.

Wednesday Shortened Holy Communion Services at 10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 7 th	Christingle Service for All-Ages with Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 th	Ash Wednesday Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 14 th	Service in Traditional Language
Sunday 21 st	Service in Contemporary Language
Sunday 28 th	Service in Contemporary Language

SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Thursday 4 th and 18 th	Soul Café - Fellowship at Casa Benson 10 am - 12 noon
Tuesday 9 th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party Casa Benson 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 14 th	Bring & Share Lunch at Casa Benson
Sat. 20 th – Sun. 21 st	SACEP Seminar – What Sort of Anglican are You? in Neuchâtel

Locum Revd. Ted Schurr



Ash Wednesday – the 10th February – marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time when we should strive to make a special effort to be aware

of God's love for us and His Presence with us, in our every breath, word and deed.

Each one of us has the opportunity to pray. But what we need and I would encourage you to do during Lent, is **to make time for prayer**. To do this we need to discipline our daily lives by setting aside 5 to 10 minutes or more each day to be consciously still and allow ourselves to enjoy God's presence. Of course it is very important to find the right time and the right place to have this special communication with God.

In my own life I take a daily early morning walk and here in Lugano I walk to the end of Parco Ciani where I sit on a bench and spend 15 minutes in prayer and quiet. When it rains (and hopefully when it snows!) on my way home, I pop into one of the many church buildings open during the day – it is so convenient. But your own special place to commune with God could be anywhere.

Prayer refreshes our spirit and equips us to cope with the rest of the day and gives us strength to deal with troublesome areas in our lives.

May God bless you as you use Lent to love God more and in so doing to love those you might find it difficult to love.

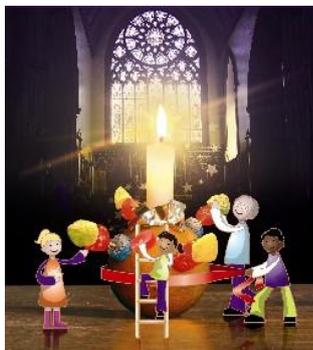
Your friend and priest, Fr Ted.



Pre-Service prayers 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**

Thank you for responding to our **Gift Day Appeal**. Your donations, which are greatly appreciated, have contributed in a meaningful way to our year-end results.

CHRISTINGLE All-Age Service Sunday 7th February



**Saturday 6th February
10:30 – noon**

**Come along to Casa Benson
and help prepare our
Christingle Oranges**

During our Sunday Worship these
candles will shine in the dark with

The Light of Christ

All materials will be provided.
Join us for a morning of fellowship
with the children ... everyone is welcome!

Contact Diana:

dellacqua.ticino@gmail.com

*Proceeds from the Sunday collection will go
to the Children's Society
to support the vital work they do for
vulnerable children in their care.*

Bring & Share Lunch February 14th



**Do stay on after the
10:30 morning Service
for our
Fellowship Lunch
at 12:30**

Kindly contact the organizers, so that
they can co-ordinate the different
dishes offered.

Seating is limited.

**R. S. V. P.
Monday 8th**

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Everyone is welcome!
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
**Tuesday 9th February 6:30 p.m.
at Casa Benson**

We hope the children will come and help Nolene
make lots of yummy pancakes!

Parents, please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible....

noleneyolande@hotmail.com



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Our thanks to you all for making this year's Christmas Market very special... whilst having fun and enjoying fellowship, we raised just under CHF 8,000 towards our ongoing ministry.

WHAT SORT OF ANGLICAN ARE YOU?

Saturday 20th and / or
Sunday 21st February 2016

A SACEP Event

Exploring the history, riches and broad diversity of the Anglican tradition

Led by the Revd. Elaine Labourel
Eglise Saint-Jean-Baptiste in Neuchâtel.

For further details contact
Linda Chiesa:

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LENT BIBLE STUDY

will start on **Ash Wednesday 10th February 11:30 a.m.** after the mid-week Service of Holy Communion and a short coffee break. We will be looking at the book "Show Me Your Ways" by Bishop Stradling, a wonderful teacher, who at the time of his consecration was the youngest Anglican Bishop in the world. He later ordained Desmond Tutu.

Please contact **Fr. Ted** for a copy of the book: **091 968 11 49**



PROGETTO AVVENTUNO

St. Edward's Church was very pleased to support the **Progetto Avventuno**, established in 2015 by Monica and David Induni, which aims to provide initial and continuous support for families & early intervention for children born with Down Syndrome. (www.avventuno.org). We hope to offer further practical aid to this very worthy project.

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. 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 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. 10 am to 12 noon For further info contact Linda 091 605 3576

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

Thursday evenings 7:30 pm every week at the Muler's home near TISIS.
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NEWS SUBMISSION

Copy for the March edition is due 5th February. Email to emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY AT ST. EDWARD'S



Lighting the Advent candles as we await the birth of Christ, **a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**



Carols and Readings to herald the arrival of Our Saviour ... **Joy to the world!**



St. Edward's members join the ecumenical procession bringing **The Flame of Bethlehem** to churches in and around Lugano



Blessing the Crib.... angels, shepherds and their sheep sing out with thanksgiving, **Welcome Our Emmanuel**



Epiphany prayers ... they came carrying gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh ... **Lord, accept our humble gifts, as we come to You.**

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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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