



St. Edward's Church newsletter

JUNE 2016 – St. Edward's welcomes our new Chaplain Fr. Nigel to Lugano. Our family is excited to have a new pastor and shepherd to guide and nurture our community. Please do come to the Traditional Cream Tea on Thursday 23rd and meet our new Chaplain as we raise our glasses to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Looking forward to seeing you at Soul Café June 2nd and 16th from 10 a.m. to noon.

OUR MISSION

Everyone is welcome at St Edward's. Our mission is to be an extended village, welcoming and encouraging both adults and children to participate in the Anglican/Episcopal Christian Faith, as we grow together, like the Apostles, to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

So, whatever your story, your questions, whatever your ethnic background, whatever your doubts or struggles, you are most welcome. Come as you are, because that's where God meets us. From there, we'll help each other grow to be all God intends us to be.

SERVICES

A Sung Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. All denominations are welcome.

Sunday School: The traditional long summer recess is almost upon us, and a time when our hard-working teachers can take a well-earned rest. So kindly note that the last session of the present season will be conducted with Fr Nigel during the Sunday service on the 5th June. Classes will resume with a major launch and commissioning of Sunday School teachers on 4th September.

Mid-Week Service: Unless announced to the contrary, there will be a short service of Holy Communion (said) every Wednesday in the side chapel at 10:30 a.m. All Welcome.

JUNE

Sunday 5th

Second Sunday after Trinity: Family Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School children in Church

Sunday 12th

Third Sunday after Trinity: Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19th

Fourth Sunday after Trinity: Sung Eucharist

Sunday 26th

Fifth Sunday after Trinity: Sung Eucharist

SPECIAL EVENTS

JUNE

Thursday 2nd and 16th

Soul Café at Casa Benson 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday 25th

Swiss Archdeaconry Synod Meeting in Geneva



**ST. EDWARD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
&
THE BRITISH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**
will be hosting a
TRADITIONAL CREAM TEA
THURSDAY 23RD JUNE 3.30 P.M.
in the church gardens as part of



At 5 o'clock we will raise our glasses to
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
before taking our seats in the church
for "An All-English Fantasy"
musical interlude (45 minutes) of
Purcell, Handel, Vaughan Williams and Elgar
brought to us by
ENSEMBLE ARCOBALENO
OBOE AND STRINGS

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I could add lot more here, but suffice to say that I am greatly enjoying my ministry at St Edward's, which is very different from my experiences in Hong Kong. And once again, thank you all so much for your very warm welcome and for the many ways in which you have been helping me become oriented to Lugano life. I am most grateful.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to a major event on the 23rd June - a special **Afternoon Tea** in the St Edward's garden in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. Co-hosted by St Edward's and the British Resident's Association, the celebration will finish with an

"All English Fantasy Concert"

by

'Ensemble Arcobaleno, Oboe and String' performing works by Purcell, Handel, Elgar and Vaughan-Williams. It promises to be a lovely afternoon of fine food, fellowship and exquisite music, and I very much hope you will help to promote the event in the wider community and, of course, do your best to come. I very much look forward to welcoming you to St Edward's on the day. Further details are published in this issue.

With all good wishes,

Fr Nigel

Chaplain's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This month I thought I'd share some very early observations about St Edward's since I arrived nearly 4 weeks ago. Clearly, this is a community in which I see many people of

goodwill, with deep-rooted faith, and a community of many gifted people. Without doubt, these are going to be huge assets as we all move forward and explore some key questions, like "Who are we?" "Who is our neighbour?" and "What is God calling us to do?"

As I spend more time with a growing number of you, I am encountering people who truly love St Edward's, who love God, and who want the parish to thrive. I also am meeting people who care deeply about one another and who want only the best for the community as a whole. This is a tremendous strength, and one that I know the Holy Spirit will use as we engage in parish meetings and other gatherings over coming months.

I have also picked up another aspect of St Edwards's life – an entrepreneurial spirit. This is a most welcome gift for any pastor starting out in a new parish. St Edward's is a community in which some of the leadership is asking in one form or another, "How can we build on what we're already doing? How can we reach out even further? What can and should we do to win more souls for Christ". That kind of creativity is unusual, and I value it highly. Well, I trust that as we move into exploring God's call to us, the Holy Spirit will be using this energy in ways that will help us to invite more of our neighbours to discover the love and peace of Christ.

In quiet conversations, I have also discovered that many of you are people of deep faith and trust. Anglicans are not always confident in putting words to those experiences of trusting God, but as I have listened to you, I am learning more about your personal struggles, issues and stories. Suffice to say here that you have more faith, courage and strength than you appear to give yourselves credit for, and that you know God much better than you sometimes think! Over coming months, we are going to work to express that deep faith and commitment in words that I believe will help us to invite others to discover Christ in their lives.

After I have properly settled in to my new home and have gained an even better understanding of the community and council members, I will start to affirm our identity and explore our calling in God's service. High on the agenda at the moment is a strongly perceived need to strengthen the spirituality of our flagship Sunday morning services, to invite greater laity participation, and to offer unstinting support to our Sunday School team, all of which I believe are vital if St Edward's is to grow.

GRACIOUS ECUMENICAL SUPPORT FOR FR NIGEL AT HIS LICENSING



The people of God in St Edward's Church affirmed their commitment to joining Father Nigel in a common witness to the world, as he sets before himself the Good Shepherd, a pattern of his calling and caring for us, the people committed to his charge.

Our ecumenical partners joined together in the Sacrament of the Eucharist to witness and uphold the institution of the Rev'd Nigel Gibson's ministry at St. Edward's Church

Padre Abramo Unal, Syro-Orthodox Church of Antioch in Ticino
Deacon Guirguis Mansour, Coptic Church, Lugano
Pastor Daniele Campoli, Evangelical Reformed Church, Lugano

The Venerable Canon Peter M. Potter (Archdeacon of Switzerland)
Father Nigel holding the Bishop's Licence

Don Rolando Leo, Representative for the Roman Catholic Committee for Ecumenism
and President of the Ecumenical Council of Christian Churches in Canton Ticino

Mons. Gianni Sala, Vicario Generale of the Roman Catholic Diocese in Lugano,
representing the Bishop of Lugano S.E. Mons. Valerio Lazzari

The Reverend Canon Adèle Kelham, Priest in Charge of Christ Church, Lausanne
Mrs. Angela Mirani, Reader St. John the Baptist's, Varese

PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS



Pentecost celebrations rang out as the children led with a sung and spoken Psalm 23, inviting us to listen to the Good Shepherd, our gentle master, to follow his voice, **to trust in Him**. And if we do, surely the fruits of God's Holy Spirit will be revealed in our lives. At this important festival, the birthday of the church, we welcomed Deacon Elisabetta from the Old Catholic Community, who assisted Father Nigel in his first Eucharist at St. Edward's. Our worship was joyous, with spontaneous harmonising in the hymns, accompanied by both cello and organ. **Come Holy Spirit!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

In term time Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Eucharistic Service. All children from the age of 3 upwards are very welcome to join.

From June 12th until the end of August there won't be any formal lessons, but the children are very welcome during the 10:30 Sunday Morning Service. Some activities are being planned for the little ones, and Sunday School teachers will be on hand to help.

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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

Open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

June 2nd and 16th

July 7th and 21st

August 4th and 18th

For further information please contact Linda 091 605 3576 linflags@bluewin.ch

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

Thursday evenings 7:45 pm every week at the Mulert's home near TASIS.

June 9th – August summer break.

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NEWS SUBMISSION

Copy for the July-August edition is due 14th June. Email to emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch



Fr. Nigel and Edo Martinenghi – Server

On Trinity Sunday, Fr Nigel welcomed back to the altar as a server, Edo Martinenghi, to the delight of everyone in the congregation. Hopefully Edo's return to the sanctuary will encourage others to perform this important ministry. If so, Fr Nigel will be very pleased to hear from 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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