



St. Edward's Church newsletter

MARCH 2016 – Our heartfelt thanks go to our friends Father Ted and Jen as they return to South Africa. Greetings to Revd. Maree Wilson and her husband Edgar as they return for the spring. We welcome our new Priest-in-Charge Fr. Nigel on Sunday May 15th. This is truly a joyful Easter for our Church as we proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus and greet our appointed Chaplain.

SERVICES

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

Sunday School Lessons will take place on March 13th and 20th

Wednesday Shortened Holy Communion Services on 9th & 16th March at 10:30 a.m.

MARCH

Sunday 6th

Mothering Sunday All-Age Service with Holy Communion with **Revd. Maree Wilson**

Sunday 13th

Service in Traditional Language with Holy Communion with **Revd. Maree Wilson**

Sunday 20th

Palm Sunday – Service of Extended Holy Communion with a Reserved Eucharist with **Lay Reader Angela Mirani**

Thursday 24th

Maunder Thursday – 7:30 p.m. Joint Service with the Old Catholic Community with a Reserved Eucharist with **Deacon Elisabetta Tisi**

Friday 25th

Good Friday Reflections 2 p.m. with **Revd Maree Wilson**

Sunday 27th

Easter Sunday All-Age Service with Holy Communion with **Revd Maree Wilson**

(Summertime begins 27th March – clocks go forward one hour)

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH

Thursday 3rd and 17th

Soul Café Fellowship 10 am - 12 noon - Please see overleaf

Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

20 Minuti per Te - special spiritual oasis during the lunch break 12:15 at Chiesa S. Giuseppe – more details available on the reverse side

We are delighted to announce that

The Reverend Nigel Gibson

currently serving as Chaplain at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong

and Priest-in-Charge at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam

has been appointed

Priest-in-Charge of St. Edward's Anglican Church

Fr. Nigel will be celebrating his first



Service of Holy Communion

with us on

Pentecost Sunday 15th May

Mothering Sunday 6th March

4th Sunday of Lent we will be handing out to the ladies in our church family gifts made by the Sunday School children. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

EASTER LILIES



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

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Chaplain's Message



Fr Nigel currently undertakes a wide variety of pastoral and administrative duties at St John's Anglican Cathedral in Hong Kong, with special responsibility for all cathedral communications, publicity, stewardship, weddings and bookstore. The Dean of St John's, the Very Revd Matthias Der has written to say that the Cathedral family and the people of Emmanuel Church will dearly miss his unique contribution. We join the Dean's call to prayer for Fr Nigel as he prepares for his ministry with us, his new church family. And we send greetings and blessing to the people in Hong Kong as they prepare to say farewell.

Prior to being ordained, Fr Nigel was a professional broadcast journalist and voice-over artist in Australia for 15-years. He trained for the priesthood at St Barnabas' Theological College, Adelaide, and was ordained in St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide in 1987. After serving his title at Christ Church, North Adelaide, Fr Nigel moved to the UK where he served as Lecturer at Boston Parish Church, then as Rector of St Mary's and St Martin's, Stamford. After 10 years in Lincolnshire he moved to Bedfordshire as incumbent of the Transfiguration Church in Kempston.

In 2004, Fr Nigel was appointed Chaplain of All Saints' Church, Milan and three other Anglican communities, including Varese, where he worked frequently with our visiting Lay Reader, Angela Mirani! He taught Religious Education at the European School, Varese for six years and during his ministry in Italy he was senior chaplain to the UK contingent of the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps, north of Milan.

Fr Nigel has a wide-range of personal interests, a passion for opera and classical music and a love of portrait photography. A classical guitarist and pianist, he is now learning to play the flute and cello. Up to his early thirties he was an amateur lightweight boxer in South Australia and New South Wales. He is an avid supporter of Liverpool and Parma football clubs, a keen cyclist, and is conversationally fluent in Italian!

Fr Nigel is very excited about coming to St Edward's. He says it's a huge joy and privilege to have been offered this incumbency and is relishing the chance to lead such a faithful and gifted team. Mid-May, he says, will be here soon enough and he is very much looking forward to meeting everyone and launching a new era together on Pentecost Sunday. Meanwhile, Fr. Nigel sends much love and prayerful good wishes to everyone in the St Edward's community.

BELOVED FRIENDS



As I write this I am saddened to think that our three months with you all is almost over. Jen and I have had the most wonderful time being part of the family of St Edward's once again.

Starting with the Christmas Market the day we arrived, then Advent, the Carol Service, Nativity Play, Ecumenical Service of lighting the Peace Candle in Via Nassa, then the joy of celebrating Christmas with you all. We have been truly blessed.

Then Valentine's Day, my birthday, was made so special with a spectacular cake made by Nolene who also organised the very exciting live Skype message, where our little family in Cape Town, joined St Edward's family in singing "Happy Birthday" whilst I blew out the candles. A sumptuous feast followed, organised by our most competent Social Committee, thank you ladies for such an amazing effort. And I was overwhelmed by the church's most generous and kind birthday gift, my grateful thanks to you all.

I have been greatly blessed in having such wonderful Churchwardens, Diana and Roger, who have been so kind, helpful and caring.

God bless you all as you prepare for the arrival of your new Chaplain, Fr Nigel Gibson, who will be fortunate to be living in the lovely Casa Benson. We know that he will be blessed by all the love and care that will be showered upon him during his ministry among you.

God bless you all, with my love and prayers, Fr Ted.

From the Churchwardens:

(1 Thessalonians: Chapter 1) **We always thank God for you and always mention you in our prayers. For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm.**

Dear Fr. Ted and Jen, thank you for bringing the Good News amongst us, thank you for following to the letter St. Paul's words. We will remember your example and continue to shine with the love you have shown us. God be with you both, love as always, from your church family.



20 MINUTI PER TE

Spiritual Oasis during the Lunch Break

On Thursday March 3rd 10th 17th and 24th at 12:15 p.m. the Chiesa San Giuseppe will be hosting a spiritual moment during the lunch break. 20 Minuti Per Te - Parola, Musica, Silenzio, a spiritual oasis of words, music and reflective silence. Bus stop is Cappuccine - Lugano. This special event is offered by the Ticino Ecumenical Council

www.chiesecristianeticinese.ch **All are welcome!**

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 Linda Denker 091 605 3576 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 Mulert's home near TASIC zachmulert@hotmail.com

NEWS SUBMISSION

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

SAVE THE DATE

A.G.M.

Annual General Meeting

Friday, 29th April 2016 at 7.00 p.m.
chaired by the Archdeacon.

CANDLES & CAKE IN FEBRUARY



Christingles at Candelmas
All-Age worship reflecting the Light of Christ



Teaching the children about Lent
and how to make pancakes



Celebrating a very Special Birthday
with candles and cake

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