



St. Edward's Church newsletter

MAY 2015 – It was a glorious Easter Sunday that we spent together celebrating Christ's Resurrection. The following day continued with fun and fellowship at the Easter Monday party in Magliaso. We look forward to welcoming Angela Mirani to take our Service on the 3rd May, whilst Revd. Andy is attending a Conference in Holland.

SERVICES

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

Sunday School lessons will take place on: 10th, 24th and 31st of May

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

All Denominations are most welcome.

MAY

Sunday 3 rd	Morning Prayer led by Angela Mirani
Sunday 10 th	Service in Contemporary Language
Thursday 14 th	Ascension Day – no Service
Sunday 17 th	Service in Contemporary Language
Sunday 24 th	Pentecost Service in Contemporary Language
Sunday 31 st	Trinity Sunday Service in Contemporary Language

JUNE

Sunday 7 th	Sunday School Festival Service for All-Ages with Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th	Service in Traditional Language
Sunday 21 st	Service in Contemporary Language – Revd. Andy's last Service
Sunday 28 th	Morning Prayer led by Angela Mirani

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY

Thursday 7 th & 21 st	Soul Café – fellowship at Casa Benson 10 am to 12 noon Contact: soulcafe@stedwards.ch
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JUNE

Sunday 7 th	Sunday School Festival – Children take part in the Service
Friday 12 th	Summer Party at Casa Benson
Saturday 20 th	Swiss Archdeaconry Synod at Vevey
Sunday 21 st	Revd. Andy's last Service with us



**June 7th
Sunday School
Festival**

**The children will lead
our worship at the
10:30 morning Service**

**Please come along and join us
as this will be Revd. Andy's
last All-Age Service with us.**

Diana will be preparing those children who are participating in the end-of-term Festival during the Sunday School lessons in May on 10th and 31st.
Formal lessons will resume in September after the summer break.

Message from Andy



Dear Friends,

I have been watching the unfolding UK Election coverage. It has been interesting seeing the day-by-day revealing of the

Policies, which are immediately refuted and rubbish by the opposing parties. It is difficult for us to make judgements when promises are made without detailed plans as to how they may be paid for, a fact immediately seized upon by contradictory financial estimates from opponents.

Media pundits and opponents call into question the integrity and fitness of those who stand for leadership. There is a predisposition in people that find it easier to believe the worst of people rather than the best.

As Nick Robinson, the BBC's Political Editor stated recently, you will never be able to make an informed decision by looking at manifestos, speeches or TV debates, what it comes down to in the end is this... "who do you trust?"

Having just 'walked the walk' through Holy Week and the Easter narrative it is revealing to see how Jesus responded to those who made false allegations against him. It was to hold his counsel, not to defend himself and retain his integrity. Why? Because He was assured of his relationship with his heavenly Father, sure of his mission, and the purpose that his death would bring to the whole world. You could say that he knew what he stood for and didn't deviate because of opposition or falling opinion polls.

As Christians Jesus is our role model, He is our leader and we are called to live Spirit-filled lives and bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

As voters in an Election we have to make a judgement "who do we trust?" and we do so with a whole lot of mixed motives. The choice is difficult.

Following Jesus we have a clear manifesto, called to live counter-culturally and single-mindedly.

With faith we can place absolute trust in Jesus our leader, and his call on our lives, as 1 Peter 3: 8 says "... be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."

That's our calling.

Every blessing
Andy

Note: I will be attending the ICS Conference and then a Chapter meeting, 27 April - 7 May, please contact the Churchwardens with any pastoral concerns.



OUR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

On Easter Sunday, with a packed Church, we completed our Lenten Cross. This has had different items added to it each Sunday during Lent. The final additions were of red ribbons signifying the blood of Jesus who died on the cross, and the empty tomb in the Easter Garden announcing the joyful celebration of Jesus rising from the dead and with us now and forever.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

of St. Edward's Electoral Roll members

The special meeting was held on **Sunday 26th April** immediately after the 10.30 Service for the purpose of electing a second Churchwarden.

Mrs. Diana Dell'Acqua was duly re-elected at the AGM on March 18th 2015.

When the newsletter was printed the result was not known but you can find out who was elected by visiting our website.



SOUL CAFÉ

Now well established, Soul Café meets on the first and third Thursday mornings every month, 10-12 at Casa Benson. As well as sharing conversation, there are always lovely things to eat – on this occasion delicious Hot Cross buns. Thank you ladies! More details about Soul Café on our website.

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.

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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.ch

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

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

NEWS SUBMISSION

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

ST. EDWARD'S EASTER



This year the fun began with games of hoopla and an egg & spoon race in the afternoon sunshine. Whilst we were inside busy colouring, helped by Revd. Andy, the Easter Bunny hid a hoard of chocolate treasure in the grass. A mad dash outside for the Egg Hunt resulted in baskets full of treats for even the finest Sunday School children.

And then we gathered in a circle to hear the Story of Jesus' passion, from the Passover Supper, to the Resurrection and Ascension. The children were really engaged by the illustrated story telling and we especially want to thank Linda & Philip Gottschalk, Lisa's sister and brother-in-law who are both missionaries for taking part and helping out the Sunday School Team.

Alleluia Christ is Risen ... He is Risen indeed!

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