



# St. Edward's Church newsletter

**SEPTEMBER 2015** – Welcome to St. Edward's Church! On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will begin a new scholastic year of Sunday School. A charity dinner in aid of needy children in Bosnia will be hosted at Casa Benson on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. We thank Revd. Canon Michael Bullock, who served as locum priest during the summer, and we are looking forward to welcoming again our third locum Revd. Jim Gray.

## SERVICES

**Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.**

**Mid-week Services of Holy Communion start on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30 a.m.**  
All denominations are most welcome.

**Sunday School will re-open 13<sup>th</sup> September.** Lessons take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

**Services with Revd. Canon Michael Bullock**

Informal Service of Holy Communion for All-Ages

**Services with Revd. Jim Gray**

Service of Holy Communion in Traditional Language

Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language

Service of Holy Communion in Contemporary Language

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Soul Café - Fellowship at Casa Benson 10 am to 12 noon

Contact: soulcafe@stedwards.ch or Linda 091 605 3576

Charity Dinner at Casa Benson 7:00 p.m. (see overleaf)

Federal Thanksgiving Day ecumenical service 17:30 Giubiasco

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

### OCTOBER

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival Service for All-Ages

Special orders for Christmas cakes and pudding are due Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

Order form available online [www.stedwards.ch](http://www.stedwards.ch)

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Market at Casa Benson

## Locum Revd. Jim Gray



Lugano has become very much a home from home for me, as I think this will be the sixth time that I shall be coming as a locum priest to serve at St. Edward's, but it will also be the first time that I shall be coming

by myself! Usually I have provided holiday cover for Andy Horlock in either July or August and my wife Lynda has come with me. However this year I shall be staying for the last three Sundays in September, and by then Lynda will be fully involved in the new term of her Toddler group.

I am a retired Electrical Engineer and have worked in UK National research laboratories for most of my working life. I was ordained as an NSM in 2005 just two years after moving to Crich in Derbyshire. I was ordained at the same time as Andy and we were both Curates in the same Parish and so a strong relationship has been forged between our two families. I retired from being the Curate at St. Mary's this last April as I was beginning to feel my age! I now play a lighter role in our Church. I am using these summer months to listen to what God might be saying to me about the future.

Coming back to Lugano will enable me to renew friendships, support the congregation of St. Edward's as they prepare for the next phase of their ministry and perhaps with them, learn to hear more clearly the voice of God in a very busy world.

### OCTOBER SERVICES WITH NEW LOCUMS

**Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion Services  
Revd. Elizabeth Bussmann

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** Service of Morning Prayer  
Lay Reader Mrs. Angela Mirani

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and following 4 weeks**  
Holy Communion Services, Revd Maree Wilson

### NEWLY APPOINTED



Mrs Jennifer Flint newly appointed  
Assistant Churchwarden.

At the Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July, led by our Archdeacon, Jenny was co-opted onto the Council in a new role, which does not carry any of the legal duties of a warden, but is highly valuable in the assistance it offers during this Interregnum period. Jenny has previously served on the Council at different periods, and been a dedicated Sunday School teacher since the 1990s. Roger and Diana warmly welcome her contribution to the life of our church and look forward to working with her.



## Our Church ... Moving Forward

On 1<sup>st</sup> July our Archdeacon, Fr. Peter Potter led a full Council Meeting through all the formal documents from the Diocese, which are required for the appointment process. One of the most important aspects is the Chaplaincy Profile, which your elected representatives on the Council will discuss and compile. Part of the Profile will naturally feature the accommodation offered to the Chaplain and his/ her family. At the AGM 2014 we reported that discussions were underway to explore a further conversion of Casa Benson. The Church community as a whole were invited via the 2014 Questionnaire to give their opinion: **Would you be in favour of converting the top floor of Casa Benson into an apartment?**

At the AGM in March 2015 the assembled members were brought up to date on the project so far. Feedback from the Questionnaire had indicated a consensus and Council agreed that the churchwardens would take the initial step of reviewing Diocesan Guidelines, which the Archdeacon had made available to us. Since then preliminary plans have been drawn up—by our project manager, Geom. Principi to show how the building can be adapted to fulfil the absolute minimum requirements for housing incumbents in the Diocese in Europe. At the SGM of Electoral Roll members on 26<sup>th</sup> July a vote was taken to decide whether the conversion goes ahead. After a good discussion with questions and answers, 22 voted in favour, 4 voted against, 2 abstained. We are therefore pleased to announce that the conversion of the top floor(s) of Casa Benson into Chaplain's accommodation will proceed taking into consideration individual ideas, which will be discussed and eventually decided by the Church Council. CHF 93, 000 from the original donation remains in a ring-fenced fund; this will cover almost 90 % of the current estimated costs.

## CALL TO PRAYER

We have now journeyed through our first two months of the Interregnum period as collectively we reflect on the appointment of our next incumbent, hopefully by spring 2016. The Church Council ask for your support in prayer as we go about the administrative procedure, which will bring us, by God's Grace, our new Chaplain.

To enable our corporate prayers, three different opportunities are being offered when we can meet to ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Since Sunday 2nd August, members of our congregation have been gathering in reflection and quiet prayer for this purpose between 10.10 and 10.25 in an "upstairs room". Linda Chiesa will be there to welcome you and should you arrive a little late, do come in quietly and join the group.

At the mid-week Service of Holy Communion (starting 10:30 a.m. **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**) a particular moment of prayer will be dedicated to seeking God's Will in this important process.

When the Home Group meets (please see side column for details) leaders have kindly offered to hold our church family in prayer as we travel through each stage of this journey.

You are warmly encouraged to attend any of these moments of prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

During the appointment of a priest to any parish many of the concerns may be practical, but the purpose of the appointment, and the ministry it will inaugurate, is spiritual. As we await the arrival of our good shepherd, we are also mindful that this is the next step in the priest's own personal vocation.

The Wardens

## Charity Dinner & Multi-Ethnic Party

*In aid of projects supporting  
Association Swiss help  
for Peace in Bosnia*

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Casa Benson at 7:00 p.m.**

*Live music and raffle*

Payment form and menu listing  
available online [www.stedwards.ch](http://www.stedwards.ch)

**R.S.V.P.**

**10<sup>th</sup> September**

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## QUARTERLY RESULTS

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the Ministry of St. Edward's either by donations, pledges, weekly/monthly offerings or the gift of time.

Expenditure for the first six months of the year was 87,742 CHF against an income of 50,626. This is a shortfall of 37,116, similar to that predicted at the end of the year. In the next six months the Chaplaincy costs are expected to reduce by at least 10,000 CHF because we are in the Interregnum period.

If the predicted 2015 excess expenditure remains unchanged at the end of the Third Quarter, action will have to be taken as in the two previous years.

Your continued support will be greatly appreciated to reach our yearly targets. Payment slips and explanatory leaflets about supporting St. Edward's financially are at the Church entrance, or please contact Roger Reissner [rogereiss@bluewin.ch](mailto:rogereiss@bluewin.ch)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. 10 am to 12 noon For further info contact Linda 091 605 3576 [soulcafe@stedwards.ch](mailto:soulcafe@stedwards.ch)

### REFLECTION & QUIET PRAYER

Sunday mornings from 10:10 -10:25 there will be reflection and quiet prayer in an "upstairs room" in Casa Benson. Linda Chiesa 091 682 1948 [22linch@gmail.com](mailto:22linch@gmail.com)

### BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP

Will begin in September. Thursday evenings 7:30 pm every week at the Mulert's home near TASIS. [zachmulert@hotmail.com](mailto:zachmulert@hotmail.com)

### NEWS SUBMISSION

Copy for the October edition is due 14<sup>th</sup> September. Email to [emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch](mailto:emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL & RE-OPENING



### Hurray ... the Sunday School Festival!

Our theme this year, taken from St. Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son, was all about our Good Shepherd, Father of All, welcoming us home when we stray from Him. And of course it ended in a big party with balloons, streamers and loud shouts of **Jubilate!**

Here are only some of the 20 children who took part in a Sung & Spoken version of Psalm 23, followed by an enactment of the Parable with **two** lost sons and Intercession Prayers in which we gave great thanks for our Generous God, who loves beyond rejection, who comes to meet us, who draws us home.

The collection of CHF 1,180 taken at our Festival was donated to our brothers and sisters at the Educational Institute Charity in Karachi, who we know so well and continue to pray for, although we have never met. Thank you all for your support of our Sunday School and all the children we care for worldwide.

**Sunday School re-opens on 13<sup>th</sup> September** after the summer break. Come on board and join the fun, as we follow Jesus ...

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