

St. Edward's Church newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2016 – As we enter into autumn, students return to school, parents and those on holiday go back to the usual routine. For some this is a welcome return, for others it brings change and uncertainty. Lord place your steady hand and settle our hearts. Affirm us with your love and guide us to go out into the world and serve you, help us to utilize our talents for good, to respect the beautiful earth that you have bestowed and use its resources wisely, to find a righteous path and live in peace and harmony with all creation.

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 to receive the Blessed Sacrament.**

Sunday School Lessons will take place on September 11th and 25th

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.

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th
Saturday 10th
Sunday 18th

Family Service followed by Picnic and Eye-Spy Walk-Along
Chaplain's At Home Birthday Party, Casa Benson from 6:00 p.m.
Ecumenical Service for Swiss Federal Thanksgiving Day and Creation-tide. 5:30 p.m. Chiesa Evangelica Riformata, Viale Franscini 1, Bellinzona.

OCTOBER

Saturday 1st
Sunday 2nd
Saturday 8th
Friday 14th
Sunday 16th

Decorating the Church for Harvest Festival with the children
Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service
SACEP Seminar, Discipleship Training, Nyon. Details at Casa Benson.
Curry Supper in Casa Benson 7:15 p.m.
St. Edward's Patronal Festival 10:30 a.m.

Chaplain's At Home Birthday Party

Invitation to all the church family



Please bring your spouses along

Saturday 10th September, 6 – 8.30 p.m.

Aperitif

Our Chaplain, Fr. Nigel

cordially welcomes you to **Come and Celebrate**

In his newly renovated apartment on the first floor of Casa Benson

R.S.V.P.

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Chaplain's Message



Dear Friends,

There was a while back in mid-June when we thought summer would never come, when for the umpteenth day we had nothing but rain. But finally it came and what a glorious summer it has turned out to be!

Lugano of course can be beautiful in all types of weather, be it mist hovering gently over the lake on a damp autumn day, or snow covering the adjacent mountain peaks in winter. But when the sun shines in high summer the city positively gleams. The intensity of the light makes it seem as though the ancient buildings are alive, dancing with luminous vibrancy. It's a delight to behold. Lugano at its brightest and best!

But September is here now, ushering in a brand new season. After enjoying some time away on holiday with family and friends, autumn has returned and all of us have to get back to school, college, work or just home, hopefully feeling refreshed – to be ourselves, to be content and to see what God has in store for us.

Autumn is always a busy season in the church, and not least at St Edward's. Some exciting events are soon to take place, including the re-launch of our Sunday School on Sunday 4th September. A great deal of thought and preparation has already gone into making the Family Service on that day special, and I hope you will do your best to really show your support to our kids, and not least our Sunday School leaders. Our ongoing development and support of the Sunday School is vital for the present and future prosperity of the community.

I am also looking forward very much to welcoming you all to my home in Casa Benson on Saturday 10th September. After the huge amount of work that went into its restoration, it only seemed right that I should find a suitable day (my birthday, as it happens!) to open my front door and welcome you all personally. In my home there are no airs and graces, so the evening will be a very casual and informal gathering!

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Revd Canon Adèle Kelham has kindly accepted my invitation to preach at this year's Patronal Festival Service on Sunday 16th October. It will be a joy to welcome her back to St. Edward's, especially so soon after her collation as Archdeacon of Switzerland. The extra good news is that she will arrive in good time to also attend our next Curry Supper on the evening of Friday 14th October.

So, lots of great events to look forward to and get behind. Don't forget to mark them in your diary and, importantly, do your best to come. Your presence makes all the planning and preparation so much more worthwhile. It really does!

With every good wish and blessing,

Fr Nigel

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Our happy Church Family celebrated two special birthdays in August.

Here is Mary, former warden and now Church Secretary with a lovely pink cake presented to her by the little girls in the photo.

At her right shoulder stands Roger, current churchwarden who was the "festeggiato" the previous Sunday. Many Happy Returns to these two dedicated elders who contribute so much to our ministry at St. Edward's.

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

September 4th



Children will lead our Family Service

As we start a new Sunday School term



After the service Everyone is invited to

Our Picnic and sponsored Eye-Spy Walk-Along

We meet in Cureglia for our picnic at 13:00

SEPARATE FLYERS, A MAP FOR THE ROUTE, MEETING PLACE AND DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

Contact Diana to sign up now: dellacqua.ticino@gmail.com

Funds raised at this event will support the work of the E. I. Charity in Karachi

ALL CHILDREN ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO MUST BE PRESENT AND ACCOMPANY THEM THROUGHOUT THIS EVENT

SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

In term time Sunday School lessons usually take place on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the 10:30 morning Eucharistic Service. **Please see Front Page for Sunday School dates.** All children from the age of 3 are very welcome to join **Pebbles** for our youngest members, or **Rocks** for those with more reading ability. Children are encouraged to participate in the monthly Family Service. 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

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 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. September 1st and 15th October 6th and 20th For further information please contact Linda 091 605 3576

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

NEWS SUBMISSION

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

First Half of 2016

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

The renovation of Casa Benson for the Chaplain's apartment was completed in May at just over the estimated sum due to some unexpected costs. There is no doubt that the Church's total expenditure is reducing, partly because we have been able to eliminate rental of the flat in Via Gaggini.

Income for January to June was 45,700 CHF against other expenses of 84,000 CHF, showing a shortage of about 38,300 CHF. While this is not greatly different from the previous two years at this stage, your continued support will be very much 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

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF "CREATION TIDE"



When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,

How great thou art, how great thou art!

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