



St. Edward's Church newsletter

APRIL 2017 - As Easter approaches we see how the Holy Spirit has renewed and transformed our Church family. This is a time of happy rejoicing and joyful celebration as we proclaim the Rising of Jesus from the dead to bring hope of new life to everyone. Come and join us at our Special Services throughout Holy Week and the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day!

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 April 9th and 30th

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

APRIL

Sunday 9th
 Thursday 13th
 Friday 14th
 Sunday 16th

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Sung Eucharist
Good Friday 10:30 a.m. Last Hour of the Passion Service
Easter Day 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th Annual General Meeting in church following Sunday Service

Chaplain's Message



Dear Friends,

It is hard for us to recapture the unexpected joy of the first Easter Day. The Easter story still excites us, but we know it is coming, whereas the first disciples experienced it in all its startling freshness.

Yet in one way it was remarkably unfussy. Just: "Jesus came and stood among them" (John 20:19). On that Easter Day the disciples saw him in his glorified body, talked with him, even ate with him. We do not have the experience in that form. Yet Jesus still stands among us... where two or three are gathered together in prayer, where his word is read and proclaimed, where bread is broken and wine poured during the Mass. It is the knowledge of his living presence and a prayerful life that enables us to go out in his service with confidence.

And yet for many Christians sharing faith does not come easy. Many appear to be on much more secure ground when talking about various aspects of the parish, or saying something good or bad about the vicar! Many too are quick to offer an opinion on some of the tough questions facing the wider Church today. But when it comes to raw faith in the risen Lord they feel at best awkward and, at worst, completely out of their depth. Why is that? Why are so many Christians poor witnesses when it comes to declaring loyalty to our risen Lord?

Is it embarrassment perhaps, a fear of rejection, or maybe just a lack of confidence in Christian fundamentals that hold so many of us back? I suspect for some it has something to do with a lack of real belief as to what can actually be achieved by individuals and by a church community.

This Easter ask yourself these questions and see if they challenge you to mission, or at least give you something to pray about.

- 1) Am I a Christian who goes through the motions at church and can say the right things? Or am I one who seeks the risen Lord with my whole heart and totally trust his promises?
- 2) Do I think somehow we at St Edward's will simply muddle through, as we always have? Or am I encouraging others to recognise our dependence on God and our daily need for him?
- 3) Am I a visionary Christian with a strong sense of purpose and mission? Or do I more naturally talk of church decline as inevitable and hark back to some mythical golden age of church history?

Such questions challenge us to be more purposeful as we go about our Lord's work. To be sure, mission has never been easy, especially in a highly secular age like ours. To do it alone, we would find it impossible. But we are not alone. Christ is risen and he is alive in his Church to fulfil his mission in us.

After you have spent some time pondering these things, reflect on the joy of the living presence of the risen Lord. What does it mean for you? The answer you give will say a lot about where you are right now on the journey of faith.

I offer you all this little prayer that I hope you will use regularly during Easteride.

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead and alive for evermore; stand in my midst as in the upper room; show me your hands and your side; speak your peace in my heart and mind; and send me out into the world as your faithful witness; for the glory of your name. Amen.

Happy Easter!

Fr Nigel



Sunday 16th April

Sung Eucharist

for the Resurrection of Our Lord

Renewal of Baptismal Vows &

Blessing of the Easter Garden

After the Service there will be



In the church courtyard for the children

Families are invited to bring small chocolate eggs to hide in the garden ... each child will need a basket

Come and celebrate the joy of Easter with us!

EASTER LILIES

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

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An Afternoon Concert

Villa Portorose on the Lake
Albogasio, Valsolda, Italy

Sunday 9th April
4 pm - 5 pm

Ensemble Arcobaleno

Vivaldi Mozart Glasunov
G. Barta Sir Arthur Bliss

Light refreshments will be served
following the performance

R.S.V.P.

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Suggested donation CHF 30

in aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 30th April
In church after the Service

Every Electoral Roll member is warmly encouraged to attend the AGM and enjoy the opportunity of hearing about different areas of church life over the past year.

Nominated Council members, and Churchwardens, who are your official representatives, are elected by your vote.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Nigel who will chair the meeting, hopes to welcome a good representation from the whole Church body, as we plan the way forward in seeking to accomplish God's Holy work at St. Edward's Church.

Birthday Celebration



SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

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 and fellowship in the relaxed atmosphere of Casa Benson. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

April 5th and 19th

from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

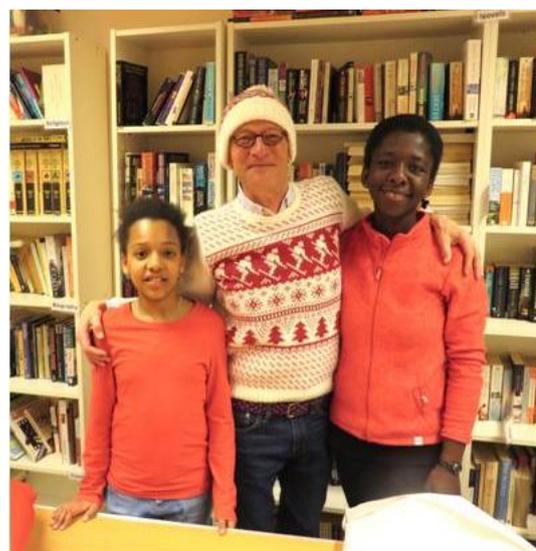
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NEWS SUBMISSION

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Email to emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch

Special refreshments were served in Casa Benson on Sunday 19th March to honour and celebrate Sylvia Stuckrath's 90th Birthday, the previous day. To mark this milestone, Sylvia, a much-loved parishioner, was presented with a magnificent bouquet of spring flowers, a greeting card full of loving good wishes, and a beautifully decorated birthday cake. Flanked by her daughters, Lisa and Linda, the community saluted Sylvia and wished her the happiest of birthdays, and many more to come!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY



On the eve of the holy season of Lent our church family came together to celebrate with our traditional party, led by Nolene, who provided us all with an abundance of pancakes great and small, yellow, pink and blue ... would you believe? The children had great fun joining in, stirring the mix and adding unusual colours. Thank you everyone for coming along with lots of extra toppings, and making it a very special fellowship evening. **Lord God, as we begin our journey together through this season of Lent, fortify us in our worship together, our prayers and study of scripture, so that by Easter we will be renewed and strengthened for Your service in the world.**

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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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