



St. Edward's Church newsletter

JUNE 2017 – As the school season ends, we enter into summer. Some of us have big travel plans, others will stay locally and enjoy the warm Ticino weather. But regardless of where we are headed, Jesus is calling each of us to serve him and use our personal talents to fulfil his mission and spread his word of love, compassion, understanding and kindness.

SERVICES

A Sung Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
All denominations are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday School Formal lessons will resume in September after the summer break.

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

JUNE

Sunday 4 th	Pentecost (Whit Sunday) - 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Sunday 11 th	Trinity Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Saturday 24 th	Archdeaconry Synod - Zurich



A first for St Edward's!

The Swiss Archdeaconry Clergy Chapter, and a priest representing the Old Catholic Church, met in Casa Benson in early May for a two-day residential meeting. Hosted by Fr Nigel, the gathering was the first time Chapter had been held at St Edward's, and for most members it was their first-ever visit to our beautiful city.

The purpose of coming together twice a year is to hear reports from various diocesan departments, from the Archdeacon, and to share what so often are common experiences and concerns in our respective chaplaincies. Despite one or two clergy unable to attend, the gathering was hugely successful, and everyone benefited from some creative thinking and open and honest sharing. Special thanks to Linda Denking, Nolene Brunelli and Diana Dell'Acqua for their gracious hospitality, a delicious lunch and the best afternoon tea this side of Devonshire!

Chaplain's Pentecost Message



Dear Friends,

The annual fifty days of Easter always ends when the church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, which this year falls on Sunday 4th June. Pentecost recalls the birth of the Christian church and the coming of the Holy Spirit of God

to inspire, equip and empower this new community.

Immediately after Pentecost the once timid and fearful believers became courageous, to a point that many were willing to be martyred for their faith. No longer did they feel abandoned and alone but felt Christ's eternal presence and love in their daily lives.

Today many struggle with any number of fears and a sense of loneliness. They work long hours to make ends meet yet often fail to see that their values, integrities, and family relationships are sometimes compromised. Others experience a void in searching for fulfilment and true purpose of life. But Pentecost reminds us that through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is here! We are not alone! Jesus continues to inspire and enable us to face the ups and downs of everyday life. And this is not the end of the story...

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit has resulted in moving the church from being inward to outward looking for the mission of Christ. There are so many people who have yet to experience God's love. They are still yearning for the true joy and inner peace that God desires each of us to have. After receiving the "gift of tongues" on the Day of Pentecost, the church is charged to use the new tongues to proclaim and convey the Good News of Christianity.

How then can we at St Edward's confidently speak about our Christian faith with those who have yet to know about the unconditional love of Jesus? In other words, how can we share our faith with exciting freshness whenever an opportunity arises?

St Edward's is much, much more than an institution of Lugano's English-speaking social fabric. In fact it's a community where the Holy Spirit has abided and worked through our devotion and faith in Christ for well over a century. Think about that!

And in our own time, I am always thrilled to witness how the Holy Spirit continues to inspire and empower the St Edward's community through our worship services, nurture courses, the care given by so many parishioners, and in our own personal encounters with Christ - all are workings of the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

So this Pentecost let us all joyfully celebrate Christ's presence in our lives, and with renewed determination boldly embark on his mission – a task every Christian is called to do.

Fr Nigel

SAFEGUARDING ANGLICAN CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE



Getting in the picture (in more ways than one) on our Training Day from left to right: Helen and Caron from St. John's Church Varese. Diana, Fr. Nigel, Afua, Nolene, **Ashley our Safeguarding Officer** and Christy. Staying in the background, Archdeacon Canon Adèle Kelham, who attended the seminar to offer pastoral care if needed, considering the subject matter.

Fran Edwards and Jane Francois, two of our Archdeaconry trainers, led the intense morning and afternoon sessions. During this mandatory level 2 Safeguarding Training we discussed case histories with the purpose of learning how to evaluate, when to react, and then to register concerns with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, who are always available. It was encouraging to verify that St. Edward's Church is, and has been, fully engaged with the practicalities and vision of protecting vulnerable adults and the children in our care. Many thanks to Jenny Flint and Jenny Stone-Wigg for the excellent lunch and much needed coffee breaks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

In term time Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Eucharistic Service. All children from the age of 3 upwards are very welcome to join.

From June 4th until the end of August there won't be any formal lessons, but the children are very welcome during the 10:30 Sunday Morning Service. Some activities are being planned for the little ones, and Sunday School teachers will be on hand to help.

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

June 7th and 21st

July 5th and 19th

August 2nd and 16th

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PLANTING PRAYERS WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



To welcome the arrival of spring and also the Swiss Archdeaconry clergy that same week, the Sunday School gathered for their lesson in the courtyard garden on the last day of April.

The following Sunday at the Family Service the children led our Garden Prayer in thanksgiving to God, who sends the sun and rain, enabling each seed to flower and flourish. We planted the lavender you see in the photo; its sweet smell of summer attracts the bees and birds to visit our gardens, as God's creation comes alive after long winter months. The Busy Lizzies we planted grow to be big and beautiful, the more you water them.

Come and water the garden of our souls, Lord, so that we may be always busy in your service. Help us to grow strong and tall and bear good fruit. Amen

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