

THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



October – November 2016

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Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement with the Chaplain

Normal pattern of Sunday services:

8.30 Said Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sundays)

10.00 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church and Crèche

Our services follow the Church of England's Common Worship Order One (2000)

On the 2nd Sunday of the month, the 10.00 service is more informal.

See Calendar of Services inside for details of the next few weeks.

Services in Thun: 18.30 on the first and third Thursdays of the month: Eucharist and Bible study. Contact: church office 031 352 8567

ST URSULA'S BERNE

The church is one of the nine Swiss chaplaincies that have a resident chaplain (minister) and together form the Archdeaconry of Switzerland. This is part of the Anglican Diocese of Europe which stretches from the Canary Islands to Ankara, from Moscow to Morocco.

The church was built in 1906 on a site that had been given to the community by the British-Berne Land Co. An American lady, Mrs Castleman from St Louis, provided the bulk of the money for the building as a thank offering for the near miraculous recovery of her adopted daughter, who was treated at the clinic of the famous Professor Kocher.

The hall and the house were added in 1959. An English Missionary Society, the USPG, helped to support the church from its earliest days. Since 1977, however, the chaplaincy has been fully self-supporting, relying solely on its members and well-wishers for its financial support.

St Ursula's has a long tradition of ministry to all English-speaking people in the Canton of Berne and beyond. It also provides a home for Christians from many different denominations and cultural backgrounds. Regular worshippers are encouraged to add their names to the Electoral Roll and so play a full part in the life of the church. Details from the Churchwardens or any member of the Church Council.

See Calendar inside for details of this month's services
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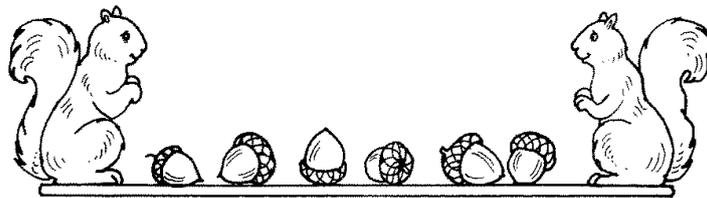
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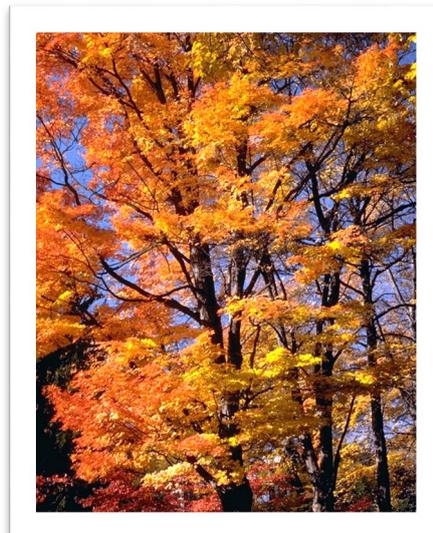
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Locum's Letter

Dear Reader

The autumn leaves drift by the window
The autumn leaves of red and gold
sang Nat King Cole.

In a week or two we will see the colours of trees change dramatically almost every day, changing from yellow to gold and then bare trees. This annual ritual takes place in the Western Hemisphere. We have four seasons and we look forward to this cycle with appreciation and dare I say with some apprehension in this 21st century, being not very sure if it would still come about in the way we have been used to in the past.



Climate change is the flavour of this century – the warming of the atmosphere is the established reason for this uncertainty, with enough scientific evidence to support it. In addition the world population continues to increase at an exponential rate and with it the demand for energy, needing to use all kinds of fuels we can get hold of.

However this cannot be allowed to continue. We in the Western world use a disproportionate amount of energy per person as compared to the developing countries.

All world faiths believe in God being the Creator and his/her continued care of the created order. This being so, we humans, the unique creation, have a responsibility to maintain what the Creator made. In the 1970s in the Church of England there was big movement known as MRI (Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence). It emphasised that we have a responsibility for our `neighbour` and for his/her welfare. This still remains so today. And thus we become fellow workers with God and take responsibility for the created order.

As this century progresses are we sure that by the end of the 21st century our successors will experience the Season changes we enjoy, appreciate and look forward to?

We need to pause and seriously look at our life style as individuals, as a nation and universally. May God give us grace and real sense of urgency to attend to this important issue and not leave it to the whims of the politicians.

Rajinder Daniel
Locum Chaplain

A good singer or a good preacher?

In the Asterix books, a small village of indomitable Gauls holds out against the mighty Romans. For many of us, the drawings of Albert Uderzo are the image we have of village life in a rural backwater in olden times. Everybody works together: the village butcher, the village blacksmith, the local druid, the local chief, all get along together. Everyone has a place. Everyone fits in. Everyone is united against a common enemy: Julius Caesar.

This could well be the image Paul draws of the church. It is a long and sustained image, stretching over three chapters from 1 Corinthians 12 to 14. Ephesians 4 paints a similar picture, from a slightly different standpoint. Everyone works together. Some are good at singing, some are good at teaching, some are good at applying the Gospel to present-day situations, some are able to speak in tongues, some can explain what the “tongues” mean. Paul also mentions healers and miracle workers.

Worship in Corinth must have been quite chaotic, because Paul gives them advice to ensure good order. Only one person should speak at a time, two or three members might speak in tongues, two or three more might prophesy, and after that, even if someone had something important to say, they should keep quiet. The church is just like the little Gaulish village. All work together until Christ has “put all his enemies under his feet” (1 Cor 15:25).

Those times must have been exciting times – some might even call them spirit-filled times, although the Holy Spirit is everywhere, and the stillness of an empty building at night can bring us just as close to God as the turmoil of modern praise songs. Listening to the words of scripture being quietly read can open our hearts just as much as sharing in insistent supplications for mercy.

Today it is said that we live in a consumer society. Society has moved away from collaboration and towards competition. Some people think of the church as one product among many, offering, like the BBC, services which they may or may not want to consume. It is nice that the church exists, it is nice to say they belong to it, it is a place of comfort in times of crisis. And so people turn to it to baptize their children, to bury their dead, to add colour and social acceptability to their weddings, to offer special services at times of celebration or disaster.

It is a pity that we talk in English about a church service, for we tend to forget that the service is one that we offer to God – a *Gottesdienst*, and not a *Dienstleistung* provided for those who attend. Many churches this year have

held special services on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth’s ninetieth birthday – how many people realize that the first object is not to honour the Queen, but to thank God?

This attitude leads some people to ask themselves what the church should “provide”? What form does good pastoral care take? What is good worship? Paul mentions singing, but not necessarily of congregational hymns. The New Testament mentions intercessions, but not necessarily formal prayers (even when Jesus gave the disciples the Lord’s Prayer, he didn’t say “use these words”, he said “pray like this”). Paul mentions teaching and prophecy, which we loosely refer to as preaching, but not sermons. A central part of church life is fellowship and the sharing of broken bread, but fellowship and sharing are not services that can be provided – they are activities the people of God do together.

Over the centuries, church life and worship have evolved into the diversity of forms we have today. We do well to ask ourselves how we can do things better, but we also need to know how we have got to where we are now – how the chaotic urgency of worship in first century Corinth has developed into the services we hold in 21st century Berne. For worship is not something the church provides. It is something we do together. It can and should bring us together, and together worship can bring us closer to God.

- *Hector Davie*



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Vacancy Information

Revd Rajinder Daniel, and his wife Lorna, arrived on 2 September. They will stay until 9 October. Rajinder is our locum priest and takes responsibility for services and pastoral care. If you know someone who needs a visit please contact Rajinder (email and telephone number on the inside cover of this magazine).

Rajinder is also leading a bible study on Friday lunchtimes, from 12.00. This includes a simple soup lunch and a time of study of Mark's gospel. Even if you missed the first session or two, you are welcome to join the remaining ones – just come along.

Revd Douglas Pratt, who is already well known to us, will be our next locum from 16 October until the end of November.

The church council has worked hard on the "Chaplaincy Profile" and a number of other papers, which have now been sent to the Diocesan Office. These are the preparatory information for finding our next chaplain. The post will be advertised in the Church Times on 7 and 14 October. The interviews take place on Monday 5 December. Council has appointed Maxine Wildhaber and Hector Davie to be our two representatives, so they will be travelling to London to meet the candidates, together with the Bishop and the Archdeacon.

Please continue to pray for the future of St Ursula's. Your prayers are valuable and much appreciated.

- Tricia Carrick, on behalf of the Church Council

Ethiopian Night

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 18 November

The Ethiopian Church have kindly offered to host a social evening to raise money for St Ursula's.

More information will follow on the website shortly but in the meantime:

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY!



A Word for the Month – Halloween



Witches, pumpkins, children knocking on doors and offering a choice of trick or treat, ghosts walking in graveyards, what on earth have they to do with God? Not a lot, you might say, and you might secretly think they have far more to do with the Devil!

You might be a bit less judgemental about the poor pumpkin – after all, it's not the pumpkin's fault that people are able to hollow it out, cut eyes, nose and mouth in its skin and put a candle inside it to frighten the neighbours. And you might think the children's playing trick or treat was a bit of harmless mischief, although similar practices, going back to pre-Christian times in ancient Rome, were frowned upon by Christians - they led children into bad ways, and made them greedy.

Mentioning pre-Christian practices is a reminder that the church brought the Good News of Christ to a pagan world, and even if people knew in their minds that God's redeeming love had ushered in a new kingdom, they were still fond of their folk festivals, and most of these had a pagan origin. The church managed to give many of these festivals a Christian emphasis, building churches on pagan hilltops and beside pagan wells, and giving a Christian meaning to pagan symbols and ceremonies.

This is probably what happened with the days around the beginning of November. Our prehistoric ancestors took a great interest in the passing of time, and the beginning, middle and end of the seasons, and we know that many of their festivals took place on so-called Quarter Days – the solstices and equinoxes, and the points half-way between them. Half way between the autumn equinox and the winter solstice, there was a great festival to celebrate the end of the harvest season and to prepare for winter. Bonfires were lit, people became more sombre.

Among the Celtic people of western Europe, this was a "thin time", a time when the barriers between the spiritual world and the material world grew thinner. Like the corresponding time half a year away, it was a time when fairies, leprechauns and goblins emerged, when witches could fly and when the dead came back to haunt the living. It is no accident that Halloween and Walpurgis Night are six months apart.

The church had difficulty with the May celebrations, which involved a great deal of lasciviousness, but the November celebrations were easier to take over. Witchcraft had no part in Christian teaching, of course. If it was concerned with divination or conversation with spirits, it was condemned in the Bible, both the Old Testament (Deut 18:9-14, for example) and the New (Acts 16:16, for example) - even the so-called “white” witches had no place in the church. There is no such thing as “secret” or “hidden” knowledge (the story of the sons of Sceva in Acts 19 is an interesting lesson about the misuse of “knowledge”!)

But remembering the faithful departed was another matter. It was part of Christian belief that death was temporary – a step on the road to resurrection. Matthew 7:52 mentions the strange signs at the time of the crucifixion. Jesus not only prayed for the dead, he raised them to life. It is part of our belief that the Gospel reaches beyond the gates that separate the dead from the living (Matthew 16:18, 1 Peter 4:6).

From its earliest times, the church remembered its saints and martyrs, and from at least the fourth century a day was set aside to remember all the holy people who could not be named individually. This was originally the first Sunday after Pentecost, and this remains as All Saints’ Day in the eastern churches even now. In the eighth century, churches in the west moved All Saints’ Day to the beginning of November, and later added November 2 as a day to commemorate all the faithful departed, especially those near and dear to us.

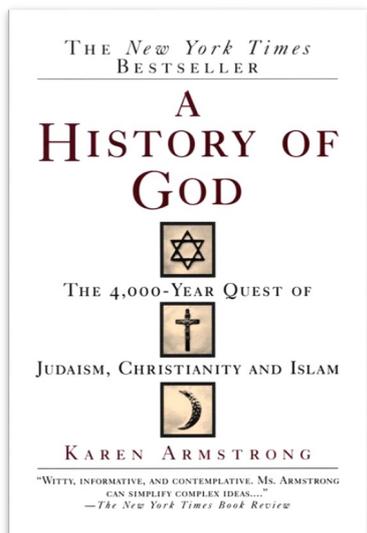
All Hallows, like the German *Allerheiligen*, means All Saints, and Halloween is the evening before – the beginning of a time to remember all who have gone before us. The church has not been entirely successful at transforming the scary faces and the black pointed hats (though the 17th century Puritans managed to connect the bonfires to Guy Fawkes Day, on November 5). But it has done well in reminding us that the dead are still close to us, a cloud of witnesses, and that they can still be an example for us, a cause for encouragement, and a cause for thanksgiving.



- *Hector Davie*

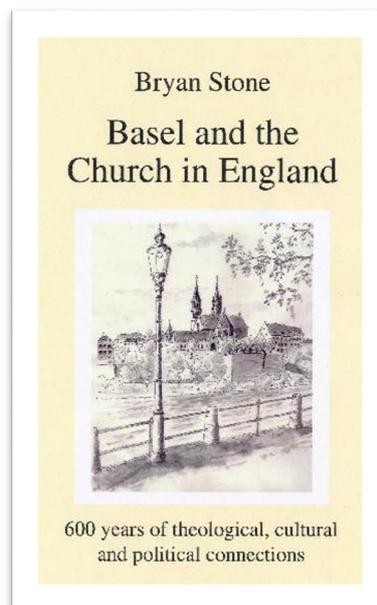
Church Library

Two books have been recently donated to the library and highly recommended by the donor. Maybe one or the other will appeal to you.



The first is by Karen Armstrong and is called “A History of God”. Armstrong is a former nun whose book attempts to chart the evolution of belief. It is a scholarly examination of the development in the history of the church and religious thinking. Armstrong looks not only at Christianity but also at Judaism and Islam. The first chapter is entitled “In the Beginning” and the final chapter is, “Has God a Future?” If that sounds heretical then maybe you’d better read the book to find out if it is.

The second book, called “Basel and the Church of England”, is written by Bryan Stone of Basel whom some of you may know. He introduces his book as “600 years of theological, cultural and political connections”. Stone has done careful and scholarly research to show what influences in Basel helped the evolving English Church and what English influences in return shaped evangelism and worldwide mission. His first chapter, like Armstrong’s, is entitled “In the Beginning” and his final chapter, “For all the Saints...” gives tribute to those who worked “...for faith and belief in their calling”. History buffs will find much interesting material in this book.



- Donna Goepfert

Church Breakfasts

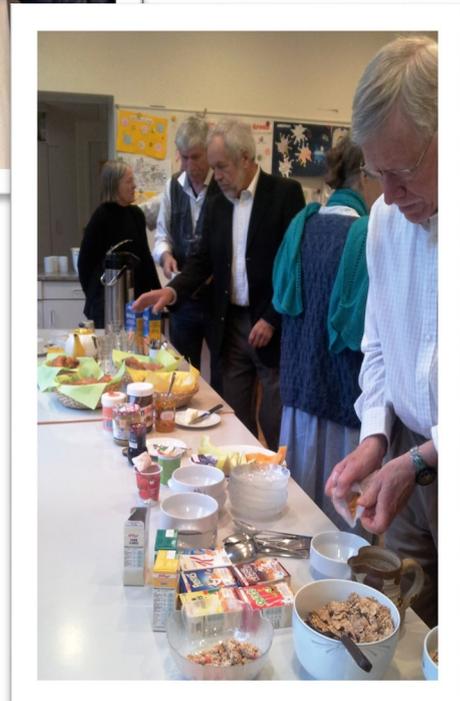
After the summer break, our Church Breakfasts resumed on 4 September. The first one was attended by 14 people.

The Church Breakfasts will continue to take place on the first Sunday of each month. So the dates for the rest of this year are 2 October, 6 November, 4 December – put them in your diary.

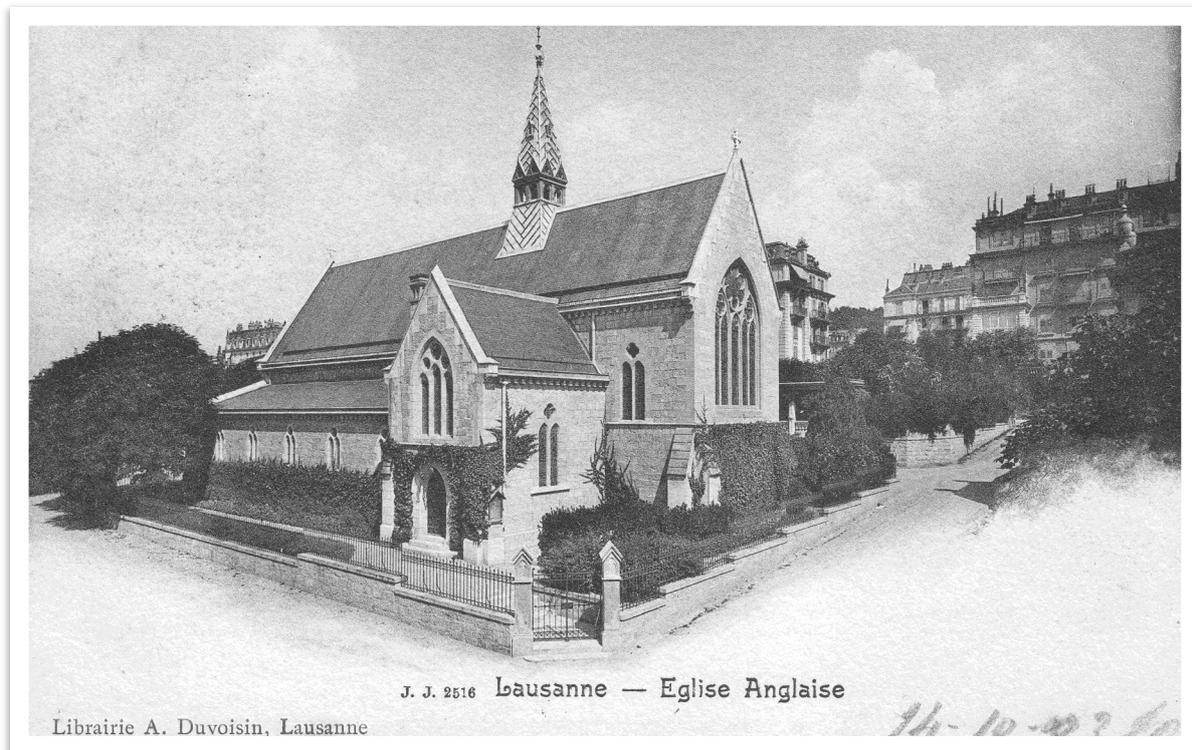
Everyone is welcome. Just come along any time between 8.30 and 9.15 – no need to sign up or bring anything. Cereals, fruit, bread, butter, jam, marmalade and croissants together with tea, coffee and juice will be there waiting for you.

And you can meet people – those you know and perhaps even some you do not know.

- *Tricia Carrick*



200 years of Anglican services in Lausanne



Postcard published by Jullien frères, Geneva, sold by Librairie Duvoisin, Lausanne, and mailed in 1903 to an address in Mulhouse, Alsace.

When the 1815 Congress of Vienna guaranteed perpetual neutrality to Switzerland, the peace and stability that followed brought many British visitors to the Lake Geneva region. The Romantic movement was just beginning, with celebrities like Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley pointing the way. Travellers passing through as well as tourists staying for the whole summer were looking for spiritual nourishment, and so Anglican Services were held in Lausanne for the first time on 10 November 1816 in the Chapelle de la Mercerie near the cathedral. The Revd Isaac Kendal Cheesborough became the first permanent chaplain from 1822 until he died in 1857. (He also came regularly to Bern for services.) Later the place of worship changed to a newly constructed church at La Croix d'Ouchy, shared with the Swiss Protestant Church.

Apart from the mostly well-to-do tourists, British engineers and workers increasingly joined the congregation, their help was needed to build Swiss steamships and railroads. There were a number of Anglo-Swiss resident families, too, with Cheesborough himself married to the daughter of a Swiss pastor. Young ladies attending schools teaching French and social skills joined the choir; at church they were able to meet young men, mostly officers, also

attending schools for French. In the Victorian era Christ Church served quite a large community of British, American and other English-speaking travellers and residents.

In the 1860s it became apparent that the growing congregation needed its own church, and on 4 July 1878, Christ Church opened its doors on a site just off Avenue d'Ouchy. Plans had been obtained from architect George Edmund Street (1824-1881), whose churches can be found throughout England. He is famous for his Gothic revival style, an unconventional adaptation of French and English Gothic architecture. His most famous work is the Royal Courts of Justice (Law Courts) on the Strand in London.

Christ Church is now a recognised historical monument, not least due to its series of magnificent stained glass windows. They came from a highly distinguished source as well: the London workshop of Clayton and Bell. By using ancient manufacturing techniques they created the brilliant colours still admired today.

In the 1890s the church became too small again. The south aisle was added and heating installed in 1898. Seating more than 500, Christ Church is now one of the largest Anglican churches in the Diocese of Europe.

At the outbreak of the First World War most English people returned home, the young men joined the British armed forces and many were killed in action. Tourist travel came to a halt. Yet services at Christ Church continued throughout these difficult years. We can only imagine the relief with which the end of the war was greeted. Lausanne was the first Swiss chaplaincy that held a special service for Armistice Day, precursor of today's Memorial Day service.

After the war, new pastoral life began to grow. However, the financial crisis in the world around it did not pass by Christ Church. English people were leaving again, without their support resources became scarce. During the Second World War the church building had to be mortgaged so Anglican worship could continue. It took many fundraising events and appeals to parishioners until, in 1954, the mortgage was finally paid off.

Since then Lausanne has become home to many multinational companies and international institutions, and the church at number one, Avenue de l'Eglise Anglaise, continues to be a spiritual home to English speaking residents and visitors from all over the world. A short walk down from the railway station, it is well worth a visit. May its witness continue as it starts on the third century of its existence.

- *Ruth Freiburghaus*

Pledge Sunday Appeal



Pledge Sunday will be on 23 October this year. This will be my first pledge Sunday as your treasurer, and so I am still finding out what exactly is involved. By that date I will have prepared a budget for 2017 and hopefully it will have been accepted by Council. It may not be the final budget that will be presented at the AGM next year. It will be a realistic first pass, which I hope I can update once all those pledge envelopes come in.

I have been very impressed with the response of the congregation in the last few months. I really feel that our need has been seen and that we have the support of you all to continue our work. Giving has increased against prior year, whether it is via pledges and donations, or via the collection plate. Of course expenses have also fallen, as I mentioned in my last report, so this is a good combination. Our congregation gives in so many ways, whether of time, talent or money. I feel humbled when I see how people give so freely, and ask for nothing in return.

The Lord sees what we give, and he blesses us for it. I truly believe this, and have seen it in my own life.

For those who already pledge, I thank you on behalf of all the council and pledge in return that we will spend carefully what is entrusted to us. Please fill in the pledge form and renew your commitment for 2017. This will also help me prepare the budget. If you choose to pay any of your 2017 pledge already this year, please mark it as such so that I can correctly account for it.

For those who want to know what pledging is, it is the means by which we can guarantee our work and be sure of our income. We know whether we can upgrade the sound system, paint the house, employ a youth worker, or how much we can give to Charity when we know what we will receive. Our Church receives nothing from the Church tax, nor from the Church of England, and so the pledge scheme allows our members to give what they can out of thankfulness to God and because they want to support us. You should be receiving a pledge letter very soon. Please give prayerful thought as to what you are able to contribute.

Many thanks!

- Sue Higson, Treasurer

PUB QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER FROM 19.00

Our second fund-raising event will be a fun-filled night of good traditional pub grub and drinks with a fabulous pub quiz thrown in.

The entrance cost will be Fr10 per person which will include the first drink and entry to the pub quiz. Team size can be from 1 – 6 members. You can sign up as a team or simply join a team on the night.

Numbers are limited and all tickets must be bought in advance. Please contact the Church Office – berne@anglican.ch or 031 352 8567 to reserve your place.

Please take a flyer from the Upper Hall and help publicise this event – flyers are also available from the website www.stursula.ch

- Jana Kutesko, Church Office



This year – as ever! – we will be relying on the generosity of YOU to make the Christmas Bazaar a success and all help offered is gratefully received!

PRESERVES AND PICKLES

The home-made jams, marmalades and pickles are always very popular, so if you can spare a few jars of your home-made preserves, please leave them clearly marked— in the Church Kitchen.

CAKE BAKING

Please join us to help make this year's Christmas Cakes. All the ingredients are provided but please bring along any small cake tins that you have. Baking day is Wednesday 26 October from 09.00.

CAKE DECORATING

If you can help in decorating the Christmas cakes, please collect some from the Church Kitchen after Thursday 27 October. Cakes should be iced in the traditional way with marzipan and white icing, if you need icing ingredients, please contact Jana Kutesko 031 809 4737 or 031 352 8567.

TOMBOLA

The tombola is a wonderful “catch all” stall – we all receive gifts that aren't

quite right for us but could be perfect for someone else, or perhaps you've over stocked on some food items or have some other extra goodies that you're happy to donate! Everything, as long as it's brand new, in perfect condition and not past its sell by date, is welcome. Please deposit any suitable tombola prizes in the Red Tombola Box in the Upper Hall.

RAFFLE

The raffle is always very popular and if we can get some good prizes, will be even more so. If you can think of any potential donors or can donate a prize yourself, please contact the Church Office: 031 352 8567 or just bring the prize along to church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOP

Please come along on Thursday 24 November at 13.00 to help make the lovely Christmas Wreaths and Decorations that we sell at the bazaar. No special skills are needed to take part in this fun-filled afternoon of crafts. For more information, please contact Eva Eigner (031 371 3037) or Cecily Klingler (031 302 4859).

BAZAAR RESTAURANT

Help is needed throughout the whole of Friday and during the bazaar itself. We'll need plenty of cakes, scones, biscuits or mince pies baking too! All help, even if it's just for an hour or two, will be gratefully received – please contact Lynn Morgan: 031 971 1336.

TOY STALL

New or second hand toys in excellent condition are wanted for the Toy Stall– please bring your donations into church on Sundays and put them in the Red Tombola Box in the Upper Hall.

BRIC À BRAC

Please check out your cupboards, drawers, cellars or attics for any “no longer wanted” crockery, ornaments, china & any other items suitable for this stall – please note that we can not accept clothing or items of furniture - please bring your donations into church on Sundays and put them in the Red Tombola Box in the Upper Hall.

NEW STALLS?

If you have an idea for a new stall and are willing to help run it, please contact Jana Kutesko: 031 809 4737 or 031 352 8567 – we'd love to hear from you!

HELP ON STALLS

If you can help on a stall during the bazaar, please either contact the stall holder directly or write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Upper Hall. A list of stall holders is available in the Upper Hall or ask the Church Office: berne@anglican.ch or 031 352 8567 for contact details.

SET UP

We need to move lots of furniture around to set up the bazaar, so if you can spare a couple of hours on Thursday 24 November from 17.30 to help set up the stalls – please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Upper Hall.

CLEAR UP

Please join our clear up team on Saturday 26 November from 15.00. and help make the church and halls ready for Sunday. If you can help, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Upper Hall.

FLYERS

Please use the flyer with this magazine to help advertise the bazaar. If you'd like more flyers, please either pick them up from the Upper Hall or contact the Church Office: berne@anglican.ch or 031 352 8567. Flyers are also available in German.

- Jana Kutesko, Church Office

Services and Readings

October and November 2016

2 October - Trinity 19

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

9 October – Harvest Festival

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Informal Eucharist
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

16 October – Trinity 21

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Genesis 32:22-31
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

23 October Pledge Sunday (Last after Trinity)

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

30 October - All Saints and All Souls

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

6 November - 3 before Advent

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Job 19:23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

13 November - Remembrance Sunday

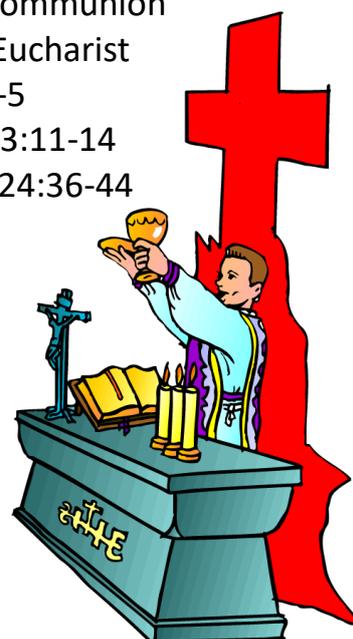
08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

20 November – Christ the King

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

27 November - Advent Sunday

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Prayer Diary

October 2016

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| 1 | Saturday | For those being called to the priesthood |
| 2 | Sunday | Church breakfast |
| 3 | Monday | For all members of the congregation of St Ursula's, Bern |
| 4 | Tuesday | Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, founder of the Friars Minor, 1226 (Italy) |
| 5 | Wednesday | Our present Locum: Rev. Rajinder Daniel with his wife Lorna |
| 6 | Thursday | William Tyndale, translator of the scriptures, Reformation martyr, 1536 |
| 7 | Friday | Bible Study on St Mark's Gospel led by Rev. Rajinder Daniel |
| 8 | Saturday | SACEP Training Day on Discipleship in Nyon |
| 9 | Sunday | St Ursula's Harvest Thanksgiving |
| 10 | Monday | St Nicholas, Helsinki and other districts: Rev. Tuomas Mäkipää |
| 11 | Tuesday | St Ursula's Church Council |
| 12 | Wednesday | Ecumenical House Group, Liebefeld |
| 13 | Thursday | Family Life Mission, Warsaw |
| 14 | Friday | St Edmund, Oslo and other districts:
Rev. Brian Russell, Rev. Peter Hogarth |
| 15 | Saturday | Organizations rescuing refugees in the Mediterranean Sea |
| 16 | Sunday | We welcome our second Locum: Canon Douglas Pratt |
| 17 | Monday | Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, c.107 |
| 18 | Tuesday | Week of Prayer for World Peace |
| 19 | Wednesday | Friends of the Diocese |
| 20 | Thursday | Ecumenical House Group, Liebefeld |
| 21 | Friday | The Bishop's Council: 20-21 October |
| 22 | Saturday | St Ursula's Children's Toy and Equipment Sale |
| 23 | Sunday | Pledge Sunday: Consolidation of St Ursula's finances |
| 24 | Monday | The Work of the United Nations |
| 25 | Tuesday | Archdeaconry of Germany and Northern
Europe: Archdeacon: Colin Williams |
| 26 | Wednesday | Christmas cake baking in the Church Hall |
| 27 | Thursday | Parents and Tots meeting at St Ursula's |
| 28 | Friday | "Pub Quiz Night" in St Ursula's Church Hall |
| 29 | Saturday | St Ursula's Energy and Sustainability Project |
| 30 | Sunday | Our Assistant Chaplain Rev. Mark Pogson |
| 31 | Monday | Martin Luther, reformer, 1546 (Germany) |



November 2016

1	Tuesday	Remembrance Sunday: For all lives lost in war
2	Wednesday	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
3	Thursday	The Congregation and Services in Thun
4	Friday	The Patchwork Group
5	Saturday	The Church Wardens: Maxine Wildhaber and Isabelle Wienand
6	Sunday	Suitably qualified candidates answering the advertisement for the position of Chaplain
7	Monday	Willibrord of York, Archbishop of Utrecht, Apostle of Frisia, 739 (Netherlands)
8	Tuesday	St. Saviour's Riga: Rev. Jana Jeruma-Grinberga
9	Wednesday	Those working in the medical profession
10	Thursday	Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, teacher of the faith, 461 (Italy)
11	Friday	Master Rota Organiser Ruth Freiburghaus and the organisers of individual rotas
12	Saturday	St. Peter and St. Paul: The Old Catholic Church in Bern
13	Sunday	For reconciliation, between nations and within nations
14	Monday	Samuel Seabury, first Anglican bishop in North America, 1796
15	Tuesday	The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe: Bishop Pierre Whalon
16	Wednesday	Wisdom and insight for our chosen interviewers, Maxine and Hector
17	Thursday	The Outreach and Visiting Team
18	Friday	St Boniface: Bonn with Cologne: Vacant
19	Saturday	Rev. Hilary Jones: Director of Women's Ministry in the Diocese
20	Sunday	Deanery of Germany: Area Dean: Canon Kenneth Dimmick
21	Monday	Christ Church Düsseldorf: Rev Stephen Walton
22	Tuesday	Thanks for the composers of our hymns, and for our choir who sings them
23	Wednesday	Anglican Church in Freiburg-im-Breisgau: Canon Christopher Parsons
24	Thursdays	For the makers of wreaths, cakes and handwork for the Christmas Bazaar
25	Friday	The Christmas Bazaar in the evening: for outreach and fun on both days
26	Saturday	The Christmas Bazaar all day: for the catering team and stall holders on both days
27	Sunday	Advent Sunday: "Come, thou long expected Jesus"
28	Monday	Thanks for composers of modern worship songs and the music groups who sing them
29	Tuesday	The missionary work of the Church
30	Wednesday	Andrew, the Apostle. The Episcopal Church of Scotland

For Your Diary

October & November 2016

Regular Weekly Events

Wednesdays	09.15-11.15	Parents and Tots
Fridays	09.30	Patchwork - not on 25 November
Saturdays	09.30-11.30	Choir Practice - not on 26 November

Other Events

Sunday 2 October	08.30	Church Breakfast
	10.00	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday 4 October	19.30	Church Council
Saturday 8 October	09.30-16.00	SACEP training course on Discipleship
Sunday 9 October	10.00	Harvest Festival
	11.30	Auction of Harvest Offerings for the Tear Fund
Wednesday 12 October	19.30	Ecumenical House Group in Liebefeld
Sunday 16 October	10.00	Youth Group Bible Study
Friday 21 October	09.00-13.00	Book Sorting
Saturday 22 October	10.00-12.00	Second Hand Children's Toy and Equipment Sale
Sunday 23 October		Pledge Sunday
Wednesday 26 October	09.00-11.00	Christmas Cake Baking
	19.30	Ecumenical House Group in Liebefeld
Friday 28 October	19.00	Pub Quiz Fundraiser



Tuesday 2 November	19.30	Church Council
Thursday 3 November	19.30	Fragile Suisse Benefit Concert
Sunday 6 November	08.30	Church Breakfast
	10.00	Youth Group Bible Study
Wednesday 9 November	19.30	Ecumenical House Group in Liebefeld
Saturday 12 November	18.00-23.00	Night of Religion in Bern
Sunday 13 November		Remembrance Sunday
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Friday 18 November		Ethiopian Night Fundraiser
Wednesday 23 November	19.30	Ecumenical House Group in Liebefeld
Thursday 24 November	09.00-11.00	Magazine Collating
	13.00-18.00	Christmas Decoration Workshop
	17.30-20.00	Bazaar Set-up
Friday 25 November	09.00-16.00	Bazaar Set-up
	17.00-19.30	Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 26 November	10.00-15.00	Christmas Bazaar
	15.00-17.00	Bazaar Clear Up
	15.00-19.00	JC 7 – 11 Activity Group Event
Sunday 27 November	12.00-14.30	Nativity Service Rehearsals

Future Dates

Sunday 4 December	12.00-14.30	Nativity Service Rehearsals
Sunday 11 December	10.00	Nativity Service
Thursday 15 December	19.30	Heiliggeist Carol Service
Thursday 22 December	19.00	Thun Carol Service



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Please attend one of our special events and help raise vital funds to change the lives and futures of some of the poorest and vulnerable children in Zambia.

Benefit Concert

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Let's have Soup together

Join us to celebrate the colder weather with a warm soup get together!

Sunday, 20 November 11.30 to 13.30

[St Ursula's Church Berne](#)

Prayer

Though the need for financial support is great, we know that we are working in vain if we do not rely on God. Please support our work and orphans through regular prayer - prayer that is powerful and effective.

Please pray for the orphans and vulnerable children in our care

- Pray for security in their new families, that their lives can become filled with love.
- Pray for healing for those who are saddened by the loss of their parents.
- Pray for those who are HIV+.
- Pray for the children's education, that they will do well at school and better themselves.
- Pray that this generation will succeed in educating its peers, that they can stem the ignorance of AIDS and HIV.
- Pray for protection of our work into the future, that it will not be restricted due to financial constraints.
- Pray that funding will continue to be provided.
- Pray that the work of Cecily's Fund grows and, above all, that the name of Jesus Christ is glorified. Amen

- *Yvonne Bomonti- Berne Representative, Swiss Friends of Cecily's Fund*

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Junior Church News

Groups and Meeting Times

Junior church meets on most Sundays during the 10.00 service. The children start the service with the congregation and then leave together after the welcome. Classes are divided into three age groups - Sparklers (3-6+), Trailblazers (7-10+) and Pilots (11-14+). The second Sunday of the month is a more informal service and only the Sparkler and Trailblazer classes have Junior Church; the Pilots class remains in church. On the fourth Sunday of the month the junior church groups meet together for songs and praise.

Junior Church Charity

Tear Fund remains the focus of our charity efforts, with our weekly collection - at the start of each Junior Church - going to the "Uganda Water and Sanitation" project.

Crèche

For children younger than three there is supervised crèche. The crèche is in the lower hall. Parents can bring their children before the service. Pick up is immediately after the service or alternatively before the Eucharist where children are welcome to receive a blessing.

Activity Club

The Junior Church Activity Club is for children 7-13 years old and organizes fun group activities several times a year. Our next activity, will be during and after the Christmas Bazaar – for more details please contact Françoise Hänggi (031 802 10 05) or Sharon Batley (079 248 19 89).

Nativity Play

This year's Nativity Play will be on Sunday 11 December. The first rehearsal will be after the 10.00 service on 27 November. For more details please contact Tricia Carrick on pcarrick@hispeed.ch

- Jana Kutesko



Youth Bible Study

In the next months, there will be a “Youth Bible Study” held during the church service on the first and third Sunday of each month.

The first meeting was held on 4 September and eight young people attended. The first study was on Luke 4 : 14 – 30.

Afterwards, we discussed what to study next and the young people opted for a series of studies on “Fruit of the Spirit” which will be interesting.

Any young person, aged 14 – 22, is welcome to join the group. Just come along on a first or third Sunday. If you would like more information, please contact Tricia Carrick.

- *Tricia Carrick*



Happy Birthday

Amélie Sims 14 on 1 October

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Joana Agoba 13 on 13 November

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Ecumenical House Group in Liebefeld

WE WELCOME YOU TO WALK WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE 5 NEW MEMBERS

We have just started our study of Matthew's Gospel. New members to the group are always welcome. So this would be a good time to join us.

The Ecumenical House Group meets on the following dates at 19.30:

Wednesday, 12 and 26 October 2016

Wednesday, 9 and 23 November 2016

Please contact Brian or Lynn Morgan

(031 971 13 36, 079 415 26 19 or bmorgan@bcmconsult.ch) for more information.

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(No.10 bus to Hessesstrasse and then just a short walk down Hessesstrasse).

Please contact us in advance, in case there is a change of location.



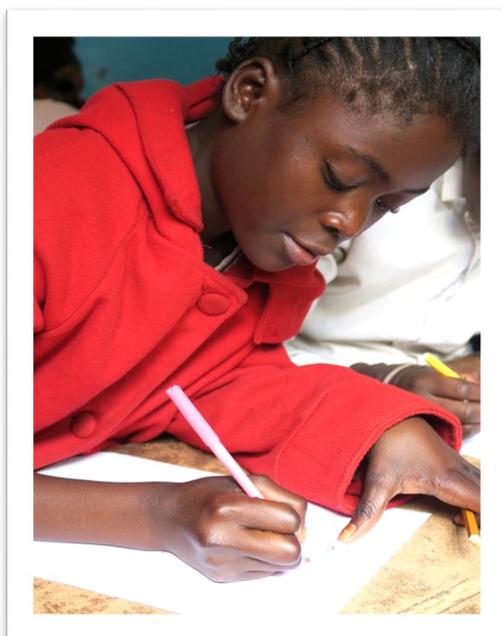
Zambia's Young People Say Thank You

For many years St Ursula's has been supporting Cecily's Fund to enable destitute children in Zambia to go to school.

In July Alison and I visited our programmes there. We had the joy of meeting hundreds of those who have been given a future thanks to Cecily. For it all started with our daughter's tragic death in a road accident there in 1997. She had been running an after-school 'Sunshine Club' in Zambia's Copperbelt for a local non-governmental organisation which was helping the communities to look after the thousands of orphans left by the AIDS pandemic.

When Alison and I first went out to Zambia in early 1998 we discovered that this NGO had used the money donated at her funeral to put all the children on its books into school for one year. We started Cecily's Fund to continue this work.

Since then we have expanded from the Copperbelt to a shanty area on the outskirts of the capital Lusaka; we have paid over 80,000 annual school fees and schooling support costs and have remitted £4.5m to Zambia. In recent years we have cut back on the sheer numbers of children supported – partly through financial necessity and partly in order to provide better, more holistic care.



"Irene* has made a good start at our community school outside Lusaka. We asked her to draw us a picture of herself. Quite a challenge!"
*not her real name"

In July we still found a massive need for what we are doing: thousands more orphans in our areas are at risk of growing up without a school education. School gives children emotional support, skills to earn a living, information about how to stay healthy, and the confidence to act on that information. Above all it gives hope.

With your help Cecily Fund will therefore to continue to provide destitute children with the absolute minimum needed to ensure that they can go to school – fees, pencils, school books, uniforms, and even in some cases shoes, - but in July we were also much impressed by a low-cost scheme which Cecily's Fund is piloting. This helps those caring for orphans to save towards the

orphans' school costs while helping them expand the very small-scale economic activities on which they depend.

Other new programmes include a project to get girls back to school after they have dropped out and a new generation of Sunshine Clubs to provide a safe space for games and help with homework for the children we support.

We are also helping our alumni into economic self-sufficiency. Many have got formal jobs or gone into tertiary education but more openings are needed. We therefore now give them entrepreneurship training and encourage and helping them to set up in business on their own. In July we visited three such businesses - a shop selling stationery, a very simple snack bar and a barber.

For over a decade now we have also trained some 50 of the best of 'our' school leavers as health educators each year and deployed them as peer educators back into the schools to help the next generation avoid HIV/AIDS. These Peer Health Education sessions have reached 20,000 young people and taught them how to stay healthy and avoid infection.

In July we sat in on some of the sessions. These were lively, structured and well delivered, but above all we were impressed by the quality of the Peer Health Educators themselves. They are the best possible advertisement for our programmes. They are dynamic young people who thanks to Cecily's Fund have received an education and thus hope for the future. They are very employable, and we will use them increasingly in our programmes. They are very aware of the debt that they owe, and it is these PHEs and former PHEs who have been the motors behind the creation of a new association of our alumni, the Twibukishe (ie Remembering) Cecily Alumni Association.



Three of our PHEs at the Alumni Day

The high point of our visit in July was a major gathering of our alumni in the Copperbelt. The Association had no idea how many people would turn up. In the event there were 150 or more; the hall was a sea of our orange T shirts. The Association's potential membership is now huge, and I asked the alumni present to reach out to those whom we had sponsored in earlier years. The alumni themselves pledged to support our programmes in the future. After the speeches we all poured out into the sunshine where everybody wanted to be photographed with Alison and me. It was all quite emotional especially when two of them said that they had pictures of Cecily on their walls.

With your help Cecily's Fund does intensely valuable work. This is enormously appreciated by these young people. Together we are giving them a ladder to climb out of the destitution to which they are otherwise condemned.

- Basil Eastwood



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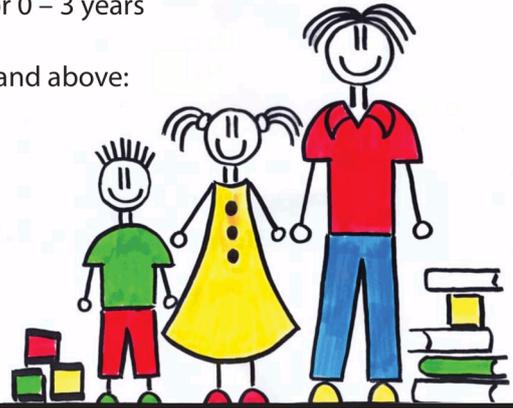


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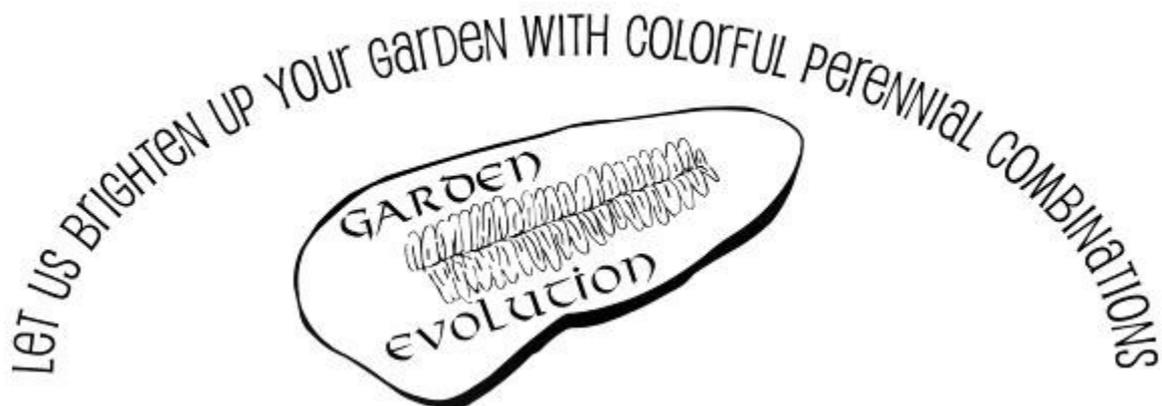
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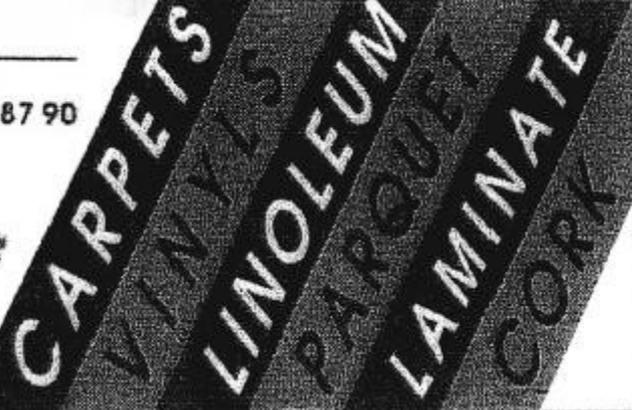
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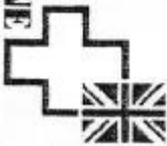
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For the Apostles' glorious company,
Who bearing forth the Cross o'er land and sea,
Shook all the mighty world, we sing to Thee:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

For the Evangelists, by whose blest word,
Like fourfold streams, the garden of the Lord,
Is fair and fruitful, be Thy Name adored.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

For Martyrs, who with rapture kindled eye,
Saw the bright crown descending from the sky,
And seeing, grasped it, Thee we glorify.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verses 3, 4 and 5 of William Walsham How's 11-verse hymn "For all the saints" – the other verses are printed on the outside of this cover.

Though the theme of victory in the fight against sin is entirely scriptural, some people felt the image of soldiers following a captain was unhelpful. Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) wrote the hymn below to replace How's hymn. Which do you prefer?

***Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.***

***Some march with events, to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.***

***Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!***

***Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.***

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

William Walsham How (1823-1897) was rector of a small village in Shropshire when he wrote this hymn (originally with three more verses). He later became a bishop, and worked among the poor in the East End of London and then in industrial Yorkshire. Some people find the military depiction of the Christian life too overdrawn (and the three omitted verses are quite different – see the inside cover!), but the imagery of “the calm of paradise the blessed”, and the magnificent tune composed for it in 1906, Sine nomine (“Without a name”) by Ralph Vaughan Williams, have ensured its survival.