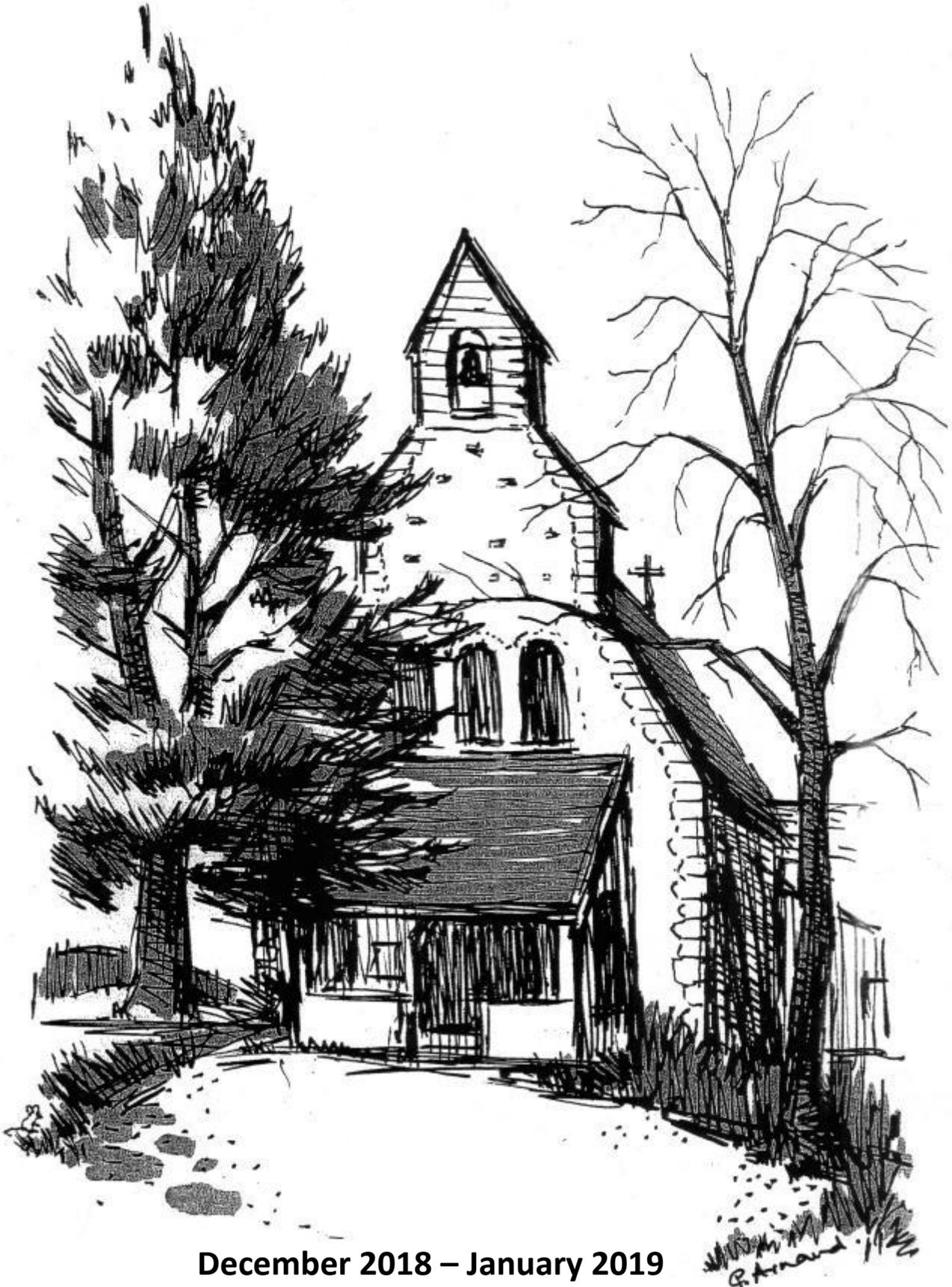


THE CHURCH OF ST URSULA BERNE



December 2018 – January 2019

St Ursula's Church Jubiläumsplatz 2, 3005 Berne, Switzerland

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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 at Chapelle Romande, Frutigenstrasse 22: Eucharist and Bible study.

Contact: Church Office 031 352 85 67

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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The Ox and the Ass



The Nativity, Giovanni di Paolo di Grazia

Artists over the years have built up our image of the Nativity – the one we see on our Christmas cards – the one we think of when the lone chorister sings of that “lowly cattle shed”. It is very easy to forget that nowhere in the Gospel stories of Jesus’ birth is there any mention of cows or donkeys, deep mid-winters or visits by kings to draughty stables. Our whole picture of Christmas is built on past generations’ thoughts as to “how it must have been”.

The idea of the stable comes from Luke’s account of Jesus’ birth: Mary “gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” (2:7). It is easy to construct a story about a heavily-pregnant Mary arriving late at night on her donkey to take part in a census, all the inns being full, and a friendly innkeeper offering a place in his adjacent animal stall. In the Middle Ages, when a lot of Bible teaching could be conveyed through Mystery Plays, it needed little creative imagination to flesh out Luke’s single verse into a whole vivid story.

But Luke does not tell us the manger was in a cowshed – just that it was not a proper cot or bed. And the “inn” was not a neighbourhood Gasthaus – it was the thing there were many of when Jesus said “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” (John 14:2).

The images on our Christmas cards may not depict the reality of that first Christmas, but they do convey something of its spirit. The story in Luke’s Gospel is designed to emphasize the humility of Jesus’ birth, the coming of God’s anointed Saviour, a world-changing event.

Yes, the angels sing in heaven of glory to God and peace to God's people on earth. But their song is heard only by a handful of worthless shepherds. Yes, the new dawn from on high has broken on the world, but the fact is known only by a village carpenter and his partner and by their cousins – Zachariah, a minor temple priest, and his wife. Yes, there is rejoicing, but not by anyone significant – least of all by the political or religious establishment. Matthew's take on the story follows the same line – nobody in Judea is interested, just a handful of exotic gurus from a distant land.

This is what Luke's and Matthew's Gospels are saying in their early chapters. God has come, God is present, but not in the way expected, not with clouds and glory. This too is the message of the prophets – in particular of Isaiah, who accused people of being eager to look and look, but unable to see. Isaiah spoke of a saviour who would be a servant, who would suffer and be wounded because of the wickedness of other people, who would save not by force but by winning our hearts.

We do not know how Isaiah's prophecies were written or collected, but their common theme is the prophet's sorrow that people will not listen, that people have their own expectations, just as Herod and Caiaphas and Judas had their own preconceptions. And at the beginning of the Book of Isaiah stands: "The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." May we all understand, and with Isaiah's ox and ass in mind, enjoy an enlightened and joyful Christmas.

- *Hector Davie*

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2019 AGM will be held on Sunday 31 March 2019 at 12.00. The agenda for the meeting will be included in the next magazine, but please note this date now. We hope many members of the congregation will be able to attend this important church meeting.

Please note that you need to be a member of the Electoral Roll in order to play a full part in this meeting e.g. to stand for election to council or to nominate someone for council. In 2019 we have to completely revise the Electoral Roll, which means that everyone has to apply again - see the separate article in this magazine.

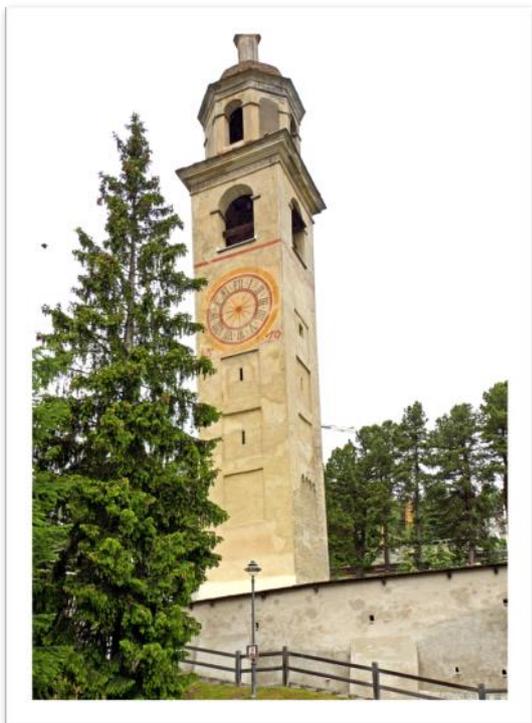
- *Tricia Carrick (Electoral Roll Officer)*

An Evangelist in St Moritz

Surely a man who took on a seasonal chaplaincy in Switzerland for more than forty years deserves a stained glass window in his honour. That man was Alfred B. Strettell (1817-1904), and the window can be found in the church of St John the Evangelist in St Moritz. Strettell arrived there in the summer of 1860 on a hiking holiday and became an important promoter of St Moritz and especially of the English church there.

St Moritz derives its name from Saint Maurice, a Christian leader of a Roman legion in 3rd century Switzerland. According to legend he was martyred because he refused to kill local fellow Christians. An abbey was founded where it was supposed to have happened, in today's Saint-Maurice in canton Valais, and in the course of time many churches as well as monasteries all over Europe were dedicated to the Saint. Among them was the church that gave St Moritz its name, and the medicinal springs there that had been known since prehistoric times became a place of pilgrimage. Of the church built in 1570 only the tower remains; because of movements of the ground underneath, the 33m high tower began to tilt. In the late 1890's first the bells, then the nave were removed. Today the "Leaning Tower of St Moritz" is under constant

observation; its supports are strengthened from time to time to keep the tilt at no more than 5 degrees.



St Mauritius, the "Leaning Tower of St Moritz".
Wikimedia Commons, photo by Dennis Jarvis,
Halifax, Canada, 2015.

In the 17th century St Moritz was a favourite summer spa of wealthy Italians. It took the construction of a carriage road across the Julier Pass in 1820 and the railway line from Lake Constance to Chur in 1856 to connect the Engadine to the Swiss side on the North. Eventually guests began to arrive not only from Zurich and Basel, but from all over Europe. More, and especially more comfortable, accommodation was needed. The *Hotel Kurhaus* opened its doors in what is now St Moritz Bad in 1856; it soon had to be enlarged. At about the same time, in the village further along the lake, a local guesthouse was taken over by a dynamic new owner,



The Kurhaus and some of its guests. Postcard published by Artist. Atelier H. Guggenheim & Co., Zürich, around 1908.

Johannes Badrutt. He renamed it *Engadiner Kulm Hotel* and made it into a flourishing luxury establishment for guests looking more for fun and adventure than a cure. It was here that the first electric lights in Switzerland were installed. Soon Badrutt counted a rising number of Englishmen and their families among his guests every summer.

In 1864 Badrutt made two important decisions. He offered a bet to his English summer guests, challenging them to come back in the winter to enjoy the sun, snow and clear blue sky in the Engadine rather than skulk about in the English fog. If they did not like it, he would reimburse them for their travel expenses. If they enjoyed their stay, they would be his guests for as long as they chose. He won his bet, and St Moritz saw the first Alpine winter season. A whole range of activities and sports for the entertainment especially of British guests were introduced, among them some that led to more “firsts” for St Moritz: first curling tournament on the continent in 1880, first European Ice-Skating Championships in 1882, first bob run and bob race in 1890. Tobogganing had begun with bored young gentlemen racing each other down the village streets to growing complaints from the locals. A special track was built and steerable sleds with runners were introduced by English guests at the Kulm Hotel. This in time evolved into skeleton racing and the famous Cresta Run, which has been described as plummeting head-first down a steep and treacherous ice track on a tiny sled. St Moritz also hosted two Winter Olympics, in 1928 and 1948,

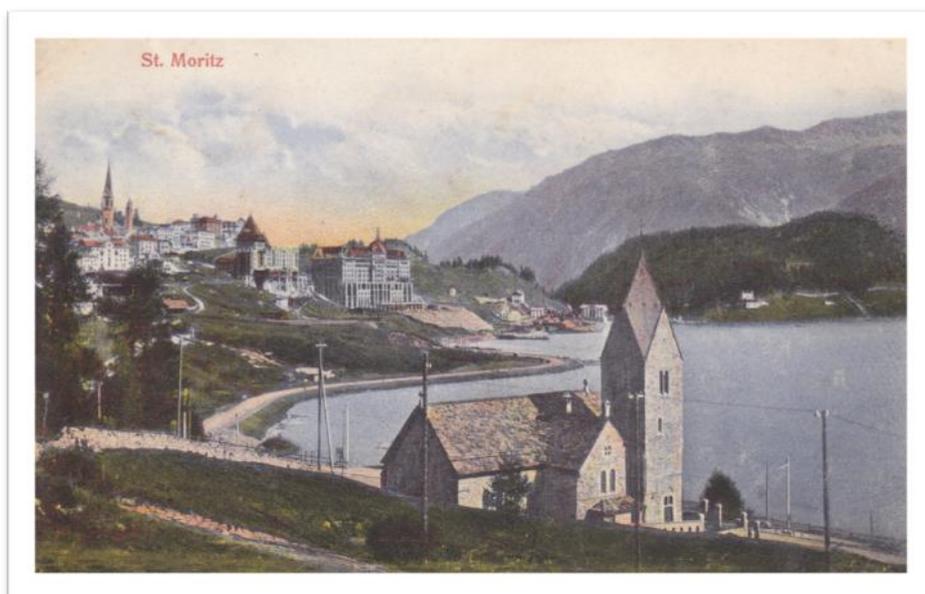
three FIS Alpine Ski championships in 1934, 1974, and 2003, as well as the Engadine Ski Marathon since 1969.

Badrutt's second decision was to promise a piece of land for an Anglican church. He had been approached by Alfred Strettell who was in the meantime charged with the seasonal chaplaincy in St Moritz by the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel* (today USPG). There were by then two services every Sunday, one in the morning at the *Kurhaus*, the other in the village church in the afternoon. In 1867 enough money had been raised from guests, hoteliers, and supporters in England for the construction of the church on the site donated by Badrutt, half-way between St Moritz Bad and the village. London architect Arthur William Blomfield was asked to draw up plans; he already had an impressive number of church buildings in England to his credit. The church was consecrated in 1871, in 1875 the tower was added and bells were hung one year later.

For a long time all was well at St John's until after the Second World War, when St John's saw its congregation dwindle more and more. Finally, the USPG could no longer afford the upkeep and sold the church in 1956 to the local Protestants for a nominal sum, with the promise that Anglican services could still be held there. At present this is the case only in the winter, beginning at Christmas and then every Sunday until the end of February.

- Ruth Freiburghaus

Diane Conrad has written an excellent article on A. B. Strettell, St Moritz and St John's Church in the *European Anglican* of September 2014 (p. 14/15). Thank you for your help with this article, Diane.



St Moritz with St John's Church. Postcard published by Artist. Atelier H. Guggenheim & Co., Zürich, around 1907.

A Word for the Month - Man

The English language, usually so rich in its vocabulary, has major difficulties when it comes to male and female. In German the word *Mensch* refers to either sex, and the same was true in Greek with *anthropos* and with Latin *homo*. But in English, “man” can mean both “person” and “male person”.

Or rather could mean. For we have rather belatedly realized that using “man” in the sense of “human being” can create a false image, and that this can have a misleading effect on people’s impression of what it means to be an airman, a chairman or a tradesman. We tread with caution using words like “mankind”, “manhandle” and “manpower”. Even the phrasing of the 1850 Act of Parliament which tried to stop hair-splitting lawyers from claiming that “month” might mean lunar month rather than calendar month, that an oath might not include the affirmations made by Jews and Quakers, and that “he shall” might not be the same as “she shall”, and which declared that “words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed and taken to include females, and the singular to include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless the contrary as to gender or number is expressly provided” has been interpreted as sexist (and the wording was indeed changed in 1978!).

This makes for problems when we read our Bibles. The version we are most familiar with, the Version of 1611, happily uses “man” in its older sense. Paul seeks to become “all things to all men” - but to all women as well. The Greek word *philadelphia* is translated as “brotherly love” - but means sisterly love as well. We learn in the old translation of Genesis that “God created man in his own image – male and female created he them” - but in English (unlike French or German) “his” image implies that God is male – and this is clearly not so.

So in the alternative story of Creation in Genesis 2, the human being whom God creates is called Adam, after the dust of the ground (*adamah* in Hebrew). Only later does God see that Adam is not content with the other animals that God creates, but needs someone – not someone different, but someone sharing the same humanity, the same identity. So God forms woman not out of more dust but out of Adam, and the story of who came first has been used to justify the inequality of the sexes ever since, even if that was never its purpose.

Jesus called himself Son of Man, but neither of these words implies masculinity. The phrase, used in the Book of Daniel, just means a member of the Tribe of Adam. It goes back to Psalm 8: “What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast

made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.” Again, our modern Bibles have to contort the English language to give the true sense: “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?”

And in our Creed we declare how Jesus “was incarnate” - took flesh and was born from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, “and was made man”. The Bishops at Nicæa in the fourth century used a single Greek word to convey this idea, untranslatable into English (or even into Latin!) But this is the message of Christmas, that the baby in the manger was truly God’s offspring. He was a boy and not a girl, for he had come to us as a human child, and human children are usually one or the other – but most importantly, he could share our lives, our joy and our fears, for he had been, as he always had been, one of us. For “in Christ ... there is no male or female” as Paul reminds the Galatians (3:28), for all are one in him. That is what Christmas is all about.

- *Hector Davie*

An Advent Study Caring Like God



We will be looking at different Bible portions and exploring how God works through God’s people and cares for them – culminating in Jesus’ birth (and we shall, of course, look at how we can apply these lessons in our life). People just need to bring their Bible, a notebook and an open heart.

Signing up is not required but it would be appreciated if people can let me know if they plan to come. That would help get a rough idea about the group size.

Wednesdays 28 November, 5 and 12 December in the church and Monday 17 December in the upper hall (18.00 - 19.15).

- *Archana Jacob*

Electoral Roll Revision

Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Electoral Roll is being prepared for St Ursula's. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 3 March 2019.

The text above is copied (more or less) from the Church Representation Rules. Before our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held on Sunday 31 March 2019, we have to completely renew our Electoral Roll. This process happens every six years, so I'm sure some of you will remember doing it before.

At the AGM representatives to the church council and the churchwardens are elected. In order to vote at those elections you must be on the Electoral Roll. You must also be on the Electoral Roll if you want to stand for election or nominate someone else.

Because we have to produce a new Electoral Roll, everyone must complete an application form and return it to me. The closing date for applications is Sunday 3 March.

There is an application form later in the magazine. Application forms are also available in the church hall. Or contact me or the church office if you'd like one sent to you. Please complete the form as soon as possible and return it to me (preferably by putting it in my tray on the piano in the church hall).

If you need more information before completing the application form, please contact me or a member of council. I look forward to receiving your form very soon.

- *Electoral Roll Officer (Tricia Carrick)*



Of funds and fun: from the Treasurer

I am writing this note on the afternoon of 11 November, Remembrance Sunday. This morning was an extremely well attended and very moving service. Our collection for the Royal British legion and sale of poppies raised Fr861.40.

This was at the end of a very busy few days. On the Friday evening we had hosted another quiz evening, which was a great success. Lots of people came from outside of our congregation, and all had a good time. There were 82 people taking part in the quiz, with Diccon Bewes as quiz master. Lynn and her team did a great job in the kitchen, and Jana not only organised all the behind the scenes stuff, but also did a great job on the bar. (Thanks to Libby for the photos).

After expenses we raised Fr1,478.40 for Church funds. Plus everyone had so much fun; they want to do it again, and more often. So maybe we will. We are thinking of 2-3 fundraiser quizzes per year in the evening, plus 2 per year in the afternoon with cakes and tea, which will be more about the fun than the funds.



Another example of your generosity recently was the giving for the Tsunami appeal which was a dedicated collection on 7 October raising Fr944 which we transferred to Tear Fund for that appeal. Then also to Tear fund went the collection taken at our Harvest Festival and the auction of produce afterwards, this raised Fr1,222 in total.

As Treasurer I am possibly more aware than anyone of just how generous our congregation is, whether it is of funds as above, or of time and talent. We are truly blessed in this way. That is why Pledge Sunday, although important to our Church, cannot be used as the only measure of what people give, and in turn therefore, how important St Ursula's is to them.

This year I sent all pledgers a letter from the wardens and we told them that if their pledge was basically carrying on the same, then they need not do anything unless they wanted to. Some sent in their forms in any case, thank you, and some did inform me that they had to reduce their giving at this time because of personal circumstances. This is perfectly understandable, and I thank them for letting me know. We have had around three new pledgers in 2018, so our income should hopefully be similar next year to this, but at some point soon I will be making a new budget for next year.

I have also been able to set up an email database to be able to send financial newsletters to our regular givers and donors. Most of our congregation do in fact pledge as well, but also several people take the opportunity of the pledge mailing to make a donation, which is very welcome. These people have also been added to my database when I have the email address. I do not have the email address of all our supporters however, so if anyone reading this would like to receive regular financial updates, just send an email to me at treasurer@stursula.ch and I will add you.

St Ursula's Church, Bern. Report at 31.10.2018

INCOME	current	Prior year	Budget 18	EXPENDITURE	current	Prior year	Budget 18
Income from Community	121,351	121,731	139,167	Personnel-related costs	87,179	82,478	106,575
Pledged giving	94,110	101,085	112,500	Stipends and remunerations	57,883	56,675	73,938
Donations	12,686	2,833	8,333	Travelling expenses	2,302	4,821	3,333
Collections	14,555	17,813	18,333	Other personnel costs	26,994	20,981	29,304
Income from events	14,138	8,648	9,234	Running costs	39,829	34,328	33,388
Income from other sources	19,123	18,271	20,833	Premises	32,171	26,618	26,283
Contribution to costs: hall	16,972	18,021	20,000	Office	1,778	288	667
Other	2,151	250	833	Telephone and internet	637	960	583
Grants	-	-	-	insurance	2,968	3,790	3,080
Permanent activities income	8,520	8,366	7,992	Property tax	-	-	-
Magazine	5,941	6,441	6,200	Vestry	1,476	1,621	1,525
Books and Cards	509	255	125	Ministry and Hospitality	234	718	833
Coffee	2,059	1,671	1,667	Subscriptions and advertising	564	333	417
Other	12	-	-	Youth and Junior Church	543	271	3,333
Income from Thun	976	1,242	1,283	Library	12	-	-
Financial income	89	213	167	Permanent activities expense	2,320	2,318	3,000
Forex	-	25	-	Magazine	1,110	2,008	2,500
TOTAL	164,198	158,495	178,676	Books and cards	868	-	42
DEFICIT	3,909	-	5,775	Coffee	342	311	292
EXTRAORDINARY income	23,775	58,107	25,000	Other	-	-	167
Building Appeal receipts	23,775	55,864	25,000	Diocese/Deanery	14,915	11,700	14,954
Prior year income	-	2,243	-	Charity	22,941	22,998	23,000
				Financial Expense	370	242	200
				Forex loss	-	-	-
				TOTAL	168,107	154,335	184,451
				excess	-	4,161	-
				Extraordinary Expense	108,388	217,219	88,000
				Building Fund Expenditure	103,572	213,216	88,000
				investment in fixed assets	4,817	798	-
				removal costs	-	3,205	-

Above is an overview of our finances as at the end of October, with a small deficit of Fr3,909. Several of the expense positions, like charity, diocese and insurance will not increase now, although property tax is still to come in. Our income is almost back on track with 2017, but still below budget, but I remain hopeful.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent period.

Susan Higson



This magazine was printed shortly before the bazaar took place. However even though at the time of writing, we don't know how financially successful we were (or weren't!) or have any photographs to display, we do know that the Christmas Bazaar can't happen without an inordinate amount of help from dozens of people. So a HUGE thanks to all the many, many people who dedicated hours of their time and skills both behind the scenes and on stalls - before, during and after the bazaar.

A very special thanks to all those who undertook to organise and run a stall/event.

I hope everyone who helped and everyone who attended the bazaar had a wonderful and joyous start to the Christmas period.

A full report with photographs will be in the February/March magazine.

- *Jana Kutesko, Church Office*

Christmas Cakes

My sincere thanks to the A Team for another very successful and fun Christmas Cake preparation day in October. Special thanks to Jana for preparing so much in advance to make our job simple. You are amazing! To the rest of the Team, Jane, Georgina, Becky & Manuela - Jakob who grated dozens of oranges and lemons and my grandchildren who lined tins - as well as our dedicated bakers, thank you! I'm writing this before the Decorating Workshop, but want to say thank you in advance to all those who spare the time to join in and, I am confident, will do a great job. Now we look forward to another very successful Bazaar.

- *Libby Stewardson*

Christmas Party

Our traditional Christmas party will take place this year on Friday 14 December from 18.00. Everyone is welcome.

There will be the traditional quiz, together with the singing of carols. If you would like to contribute to the entertainment, then please bring your reading, poem or song along with you.

If you would like to bring a plate of finger food (sweet or savoury) to share, that would be much appreciated. Drinks, including mulled wine, will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Church Breakfasts

The church breakfasts are still popular and are held on the first Sunday of each month. So the dates for the next few months are:

2 December

6 January

3 February

3 March

7 April

Put these dates in your diary now.

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 people to meet.

- *Tricia Carrick*

Jam Jars!

It will soon be marmalade making time but I've got very few jars left, so a special plea for lots of jam jars so that we don't have a shortage of marmalade at next year's sales.



The jars should be no bigger than 450g size, have all their labels removed, be totally clean inside & out and have their lids with them.

If you have any to spare, please leave them in the church kitchen.
THANK YOU!

- *Jana Kutesko*

Confirmation

We are offering a confirmation preparation course for young people aged 14 or older. The course will run from January 2019 until around June 2020. It will be made up of four modules which cover the following topics:

- * God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- * The Bible, Prayer and Eucharist
- * Baptism, Confirmation
- * The Church, Living as a Christian

Not all modules are the same length!

The meetings are normally held during the Junior Church teaching time on two Sundays of each month. There will also be a weekend away and possibly one or two Saturday mornings. It is expected that each participant commits to attending every session and also the weekend away.

There will be an information meeting for interested participants and their parents on Sunday 20 January after the service – please join us in the upstairs room at around 11.30.

If you would like more information before the meeting, please contact Tricia (email: pcarrick@hispeed.ch), John (cloudmeister@gmail.com) or the church office (Tel: 031 352 85 67 or email: berne@anglican.ch)

- *Tricia Carrick*

Archdeaconry Choir Festival 2019

in 2019 the Choir Festival will be held in Geneva over the weekend 26 - 28 April 2019.

We will start practising the music as from the second half of January 2019. Singers who are interested in joining the choir in view of this event will be very welcome; we could well do with a few more choir members. Please get in touch with Elisabeth.

We will provide more information as soon as it becomes available.

- *Hans-Karl & Elisabeth Pfyffer*

Services and Readings

December 2018 and January 2019

2 December Advent Sunday

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

9 December Second Sunday of Advent

8.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

16 December Third Sunday of Advent

8.30 Said Communion
10.00 Nativity Play

Sun 23 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

24 December Christmas Eve

16.00 Crib Service
22.00 First Eucharist of Christmas
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

25 December Christmas Day

09.15 Said Communion
10.00 Family Carol Service
Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

30 December First Sunday of Christmas

10.00 Sung Eucharist
1 Samuel 2:18-20,26
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

6 January 2019 Epiphany

10.00 Informal Eucharist
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

13 January 2019 Baptism of Christ

08.30 Said Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17,21,22

20 January 2019 Third Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

27 January 2019 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 Ecumenical Service at the
Münster
NO SERVICES AT ST URSULA'S

3 February Candlemas

10.00 Sung Eucharist
Malachi 3:1-5
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

For Your Diary

December 2018 & January 2019

Regular Weekly Events

Mondays	08.00 – 08.30 18.00-18.30	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer – not on 24 December
Tuesdays	08.00 – 08.30 18.00-18.30	Morning Prayer – not on 25 December & 1 January Evening Prayer – not on 25 December & 1 January
Wednesdays	09.15 - 11.15	Parents and Tots – not on 26 December & 2 January
Thursdays	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion & Fellowship
Fridays	08.00 – 08.30 09.30 18.00-18.30	Morning Prayer – not on 28 December Patchwork – not on 21 & 28 December & 4 January Evening Prayer
Saturdays	09.30 - 11.30	Choir Practice – not on 29 December & 5 January
Sundays	11.30	Interregnum Prayer

Other Events

Wednesday 28 November	18.00 - 19.15	Advent Course
Saturday 1 December	19.30	Mühleberg Gospel Choir Concert
Sunday 2 December	08.30	Church Breakfast
Tuesday 4 December	19.30	Church Council
Wednesday 5 December	19.30 18.00 - 19.15	Carol Service in Biel Advent Course
Thursday 6 December	18.30	Thun Service
Sunday 9 December	11.30 - 12.30	Nativity Service Rehearsal
Wednesday 12 December	18.00 - 19.15	Advent Course
Thursday 13 December	19.30	Carol Service at Heiliggeist
Friday 14 December	18.00	Christmas Party
Sunday 16 December	10.00	Nativity Service

Monday 17 December	18.00 - 19.15	Advent Course
Thursday 20 December	19.00	Thun Carol Service, Chapelle Romande
Christmas Eve	16.00	Crib Service at St Ursula's
	22.00	First Eucharist of Christmas
Christmas Day	09.15	Said Eucharist
	10.00	Family Carol Service
Sunday 6 January	08.30	Church Breakfast
Tuesday 8 January	19.30	Church Council
Sunday 13 January		COPY DATE
Sunday 20 January	11.30	Confirmation information meeting
Thursday 24 January	09.00 - 11.00	Magazine Collating
Saturday 26 January	09.00 - 16.00	Archdeaconry Synod
Sunday 27 January	10.00	Ecumenical Service at the Münster
		NO 10.00 SERVICE AT ST URSULA'S

Future Dates

Sunday 3 March	Missions Sunday with Bring and Share Lunch
Sunday 31 March	Annual General Meeting
Friday 26 – Sunday 28 April	Archdeaconry Choir Festival in Geneva



Prayer Diary

December 2018

Saturday 1

For our Locum, Michael Tristram and his wife Pat; prayers for the last days of their stay in Berne

Sunday 2

For the Church Breakfast this morning

Monday 3

For Bishop Robert and Bishop David as they lead and pastor the Diocese

Tuesday 4

For "our" refugee family Sediqii: Nasim and Shaista and children Milad, Mahnaz, Sherzad, Arsalan and Mariam

Wednesday 5

For the Carol Service in Biel this evening

Thursday 6

For the service in Thun this evening

Friday 7

For the sick in our community

Saturday 8

For the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 9

We give thanks for Locum Michael and Pat Tristram on this their last Sunday with us

Monday 10

For Morning and Evening Prayer today and for those leading

Tuesday 11

For "Refuge Egypt", an organization based in Cairo and supporting Sudanese refugees in Egypt; a charity supported by St Ursula's.

Wednesday 12

For the Bible Reading Fellowship

Thursday 13

For Sue and John, our representatives at the interviews with prospective new chaplains

Friday 14

For John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

Saturday 15

For the Anglican Church in Geneva; for Canon Alex Gordon, Chaplain.

Sunday 16

For the Nativity Play prepared by the Junior Church

Monday 17

O SAPIENTIA* (The first Advent Antiphon – O Wisdom)

Tuesday 18

For Morning and Evening Prayer today and those leading

Wednesday 19

For the Audio and Video Team

Thursday 20

For the Carol Service in Thun

Friday 21

For the team in Thun and contact person Rachel Huguenin

Saturday 22

For a shared vision for the future for St Ursula's

Sunday 23

We welcome Archdeacon Adèle as our new locum

Monday 24

For the Christmas Eve Eucharist and the Crib Service this afternoon

Tuesday 25

Christmas Day

Wednesday 26

For Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

Thursday 27

For John, apostle and evangelist

Friday 28

Commemoration of the Holy Innocents

Saturday 29

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury. Martyr, 1170

Sunday 30

For this final Sunday Service of the year, thanking God for His manifold blessings.

Monday 31

For John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384

January 2019

Tuesday 1

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Wednesday 2

We remember the sick in our community, especially John and his family

Thursday 3

For the Anglican Chaplaincy in Lausanne; for Christine Bloomfield, Chaplain

Friday 4

For Cecily and the Charity and Missions Team

Saturday 5

Magazine Copy date draws closer. Pray for inspiration for all contributors to the Church Magazine

Sunday 6

THE EPIPHANY

Monday 7

For the World-Wide Movement of the Salvation Army

Tuesday 8

For the Church Council Meeting this evening

Wednesday 9

For the Leaders and Governments of our own home countries

Thursday 10

For the Eucharist and fellowship this morning

Friday 11

For the Talagolla Children Development Centre in Western Sri Lanka; a charity supported by St Ursula's

Saturday 12

For the elderly and infirm in our community especially those who can no longer live at home

Sunday 13

We thank and say farewell to our locum Archdeacon Adèle

Monday 14

For Archana, our Lay Reader

Tuesday 15

For our Lay Representatives to Archdeaconry Synod; Hector, Donna and Richard

Wednesday 16

For the UK and its Government, praying for a non-divisive Brexit negotiation

Thursday 17

For Ruth who coordinates the rotas so expertly

Friday 18 (to January 25)

Week of prayer for Christian unity

Saturday 19

For the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York

Sunday 20

We welcome Rev Ian Eglin and Caroline as locum and pray for them in their ministry here

Monday 21

For the Anglican Chaplaincy in Lugano; for Nigel Gibson, Chaplain

Tuesday 22

For the local Bruder Klaus Roman Catholic Church, especially the English-speaking community there

Wednesday 23

For those who make music especially Hans, Elisabeth and Tony

Thursday 24

For the Magazine Collating today under Annemarie's guidance

Friday 25

The Conversion of Paul

Saturday 26

For the Archdeaconry Synod meeting in Berne today

Sunday 27

For the Ecumenical Service being held in the Münster this morning

Monday 28

For Clive Atkinson and the Chaplaincy in Vevey – for their Praise and Prayer Evenings

Tuesday 29

For God's blessing on the process of appointing a new Chaplain

Wednesday 30

For Charles, King and Martyr

Thursday 31

For our church cleaner Julietta and her sick husband Peter

- *Compiled by Brian Morgan*

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. We usually split into two classes, Sparklers (ages 3 - 8) and Pilots (ages 9-14). The second Sunday of the month is a more informal service and the older children (11 years and above) stay for the service and on these Sundays we just have one class.

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 a 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 communion where children are welcome to receive a blessing.

Junior Church Project

In November, the Junior Church began looking at stories from the Old Testament. After a break for preparing for the Nativity Service and in Advent, the Old Testament project will resume in January.

The younger children will do arts and crafts based on Old Testament stories. The older children will look at the timeline of the Old Testament and research people and places they would like to know more about.

- *Querida Long*



Notes for the Completion of the Electoral Roll Form

What is an Electoral Roll?

It is the chaplaincy's register of electors, the list of those qualified to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) where elections take place for

- a) the members of the church council
- b) the representatives to the archdeaconry synod
- c) the church wardens

Additionally, any person entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting may raise any question of local or general church interest.

Who can be a member of the Electoral Roll?

Membership of the Electoral Roll is open to members of the Church of England, members of churches in communion with the Church of England, and members in good standing of another church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Members must be aged 16 or over, live in the canton of Berne or the surrounding area, and have worshipped at St Ursula's (or Thun) for the last three months.

What difference does it make?

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Completing the Electoral Roll Form

The form should be easy to complete, but if you have any problems or difficulties please speak to the Electoral Roll Officer or a church warden (contact details are given at the back of the magazine). Once you have completed the form, please post it to the address given on the form, or hand it in to the church office or to a council member.

Questions

If you have questions about the Electoral Roll, please contact me and I'll be happy to answer those I can.

- *Tricia Carrick (Electoral Roll Officer)*



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I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the electoral
roll of St Ursula's, Berne

Signed Date

When completed, this form should be returned to:

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Nativity Service

The annual Nativity Service will take place on Sunday 16 December at 10.00. As always, it will be a celebration of the birth of Christ with carols. Please come along - and invite other people to come to this special service.

The rehearsals will be during the Junior Church time on Sunday 2 December and Sunday 9 December – on the 9 December, we will continue for a short time in church during coffee time.

We need lots of people, young and old (it is not “just for the children”), to be involved in many different ways. So if you are interested, please contact Tricia, Ruby or another JC teacher.

- Tricia Carrick



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our Junior Church Children with birthdays in December and January:

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Johann Underwood 5 on 31 December

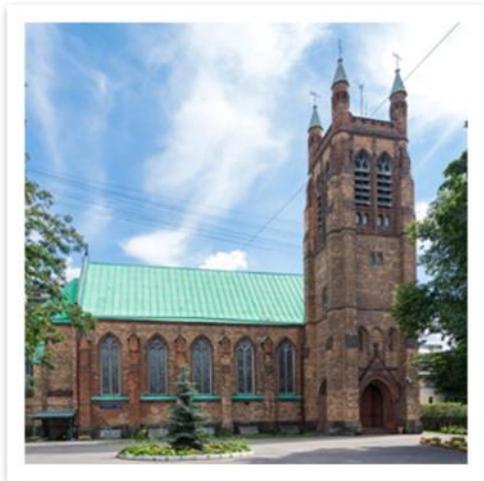
Aydon Kuruvilla 7 on 4 January

Kilian King 14 on 24 January



Charity of the Month – The Bishop’s Advent Appeal

Moscow – a Need and an Opportunity



Twice a year, in Lent and in Advent, our Bishop commends some project especially relevant to the needs of the Diocese in Europe for us to contribute towards. We have given to help refugees, homeless children, to assist integration, to further understanding and reconciliation in the Near East, and through the diocese we have remained in touch with the work that we have supported.

This Advent, the Bishop has asked for our assistance towards the needs of our sister chaplaincy in Moscow, St Andrew’s, and in particular towards providing them with a kitchen. You may be asking yourselves what this is all about – why do they need a kitchen, and can’t they build their own? St Andrew’s was built in the 1880s, at a time when most British residents in Moscow were involved in trade, and when the British royal family and the Russian imperial family enjoyed good relationships. Things changed after 1917, the church was expropriated and eventually became a music recording studio. With *glasnost*, the British congregation revived, and after long negotiations, the building was returned to the Anglican community in 2001, though formalities dragged on until 2008.

The church is in a typical English style, and only 20 minutes’ walk from the Kremlin. This makes it a centre for reconciliation. The congregation hosts a school for 160 institutionalized children, provides food parcels for Russian pensioners, and is a centre of contact between the Anglican and the Russian Orthodox Church. But most importantly, it is a source of social contact between ordinary Anglicans (and they have the same diverse mix of nationalities that we have here!), and ordinary Russians, with all that this implies for peace and understanding between nations.

The church family has been hit during the last year by the political aftermath of the Skripal affair, and deserves our prayers and our support. In practical terms, they need catering facilities. At present, parishioners have to bring in food from

their homes for meetings, events and bazaars – the church has no way of cooking, heating or cooling it. The congregation can just about scrape together a pot-luck meal, but to build up a more effective ministry they need a kitchen. This appeal is a case where a relatively small amount of money can make a big difference. Our St Ursula's charity budget will be giving Fr1,000 to St Andrew's. If you too can help, have a word with our Treasurer, or anyone on the charity team.



- *Hector Davie*

An Update from Salt

No, not an upgrade for your mobile phone. Salt is a town in Jordan, where the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf is located. We have supported HLID for many years, in its pioneering work among the deaf (and dumb) children in the Middle East. It is run by Anglicans, but serves everyone, not just in Jordan. St Ursula's charity team receives monthly updates with news from them, and wanted to share this with you.

Their school has started the academic year with several new staff members and new children. They have managed to get more generous funding from the Jordanian government, based on the special needs of their pupils and their 24 hour a day programme. In addition to supporting a programme to help deaf children in the Syrian refugee camps in Jordan, one of their staff has recently been in Iraq, training teachers there (HLID was first to develop an Arabic sign language, and it is the only institute for teacher training that is officially recognized by the Iraqi Government).

Please continue to pray for Archdeacon Luay Haddad and his staff, and for the children who attend – some as young as 18 months, some preparing for university education. Also for Gerhard Tschanz here in Switzerland for his tireless efforts to support HLID. You can find out more on Wikipedia, or the Archdiocese of Jerusalem has an excellent survey of their work on its website (you'll find the link at www.stursula.ch/mission.html).

- *Hector Davie*

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Harvest Sunday

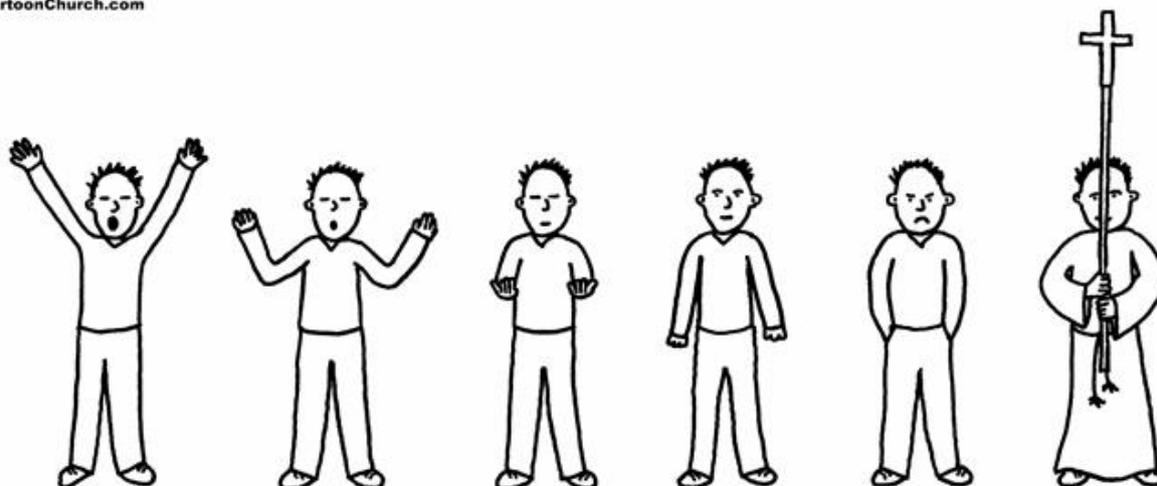
This year Harvest Festival and Pledge Sunday was on 21 October. After the service, John Hutchison led the auctioning of the homegrown produce, homemade preserves, bread and flower arrangements offered by churchgoers. Bidding got quite competitive at times and everyone had a good time raising money for Tear Fund.



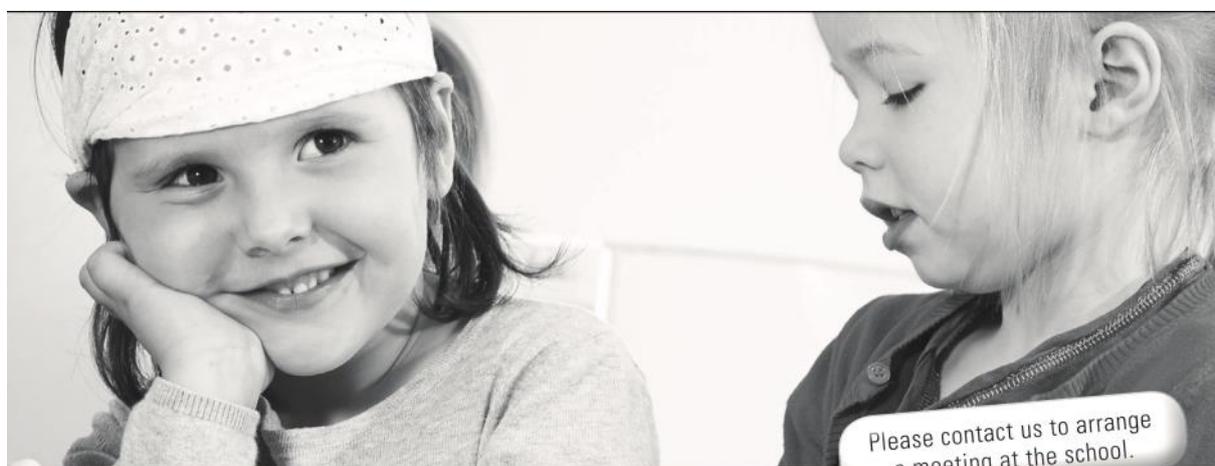
Christmas cookie baking and Christmas cake decorating

On 17 November there was a whole lot of baking and cake decorating going on as the Junior Church hosted a Christmas cookie baking event in the lower hall and Libby and her team of decorators put the finishing touches on the Christmas cakes for the Christmas bazaar.





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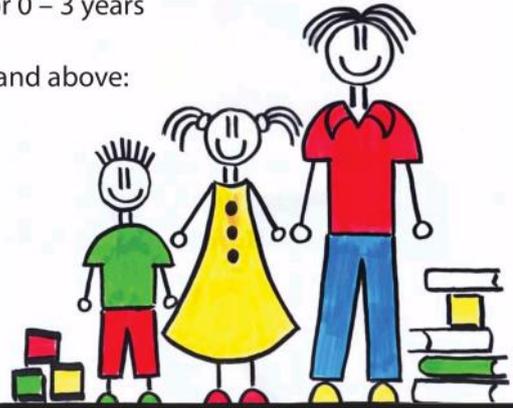


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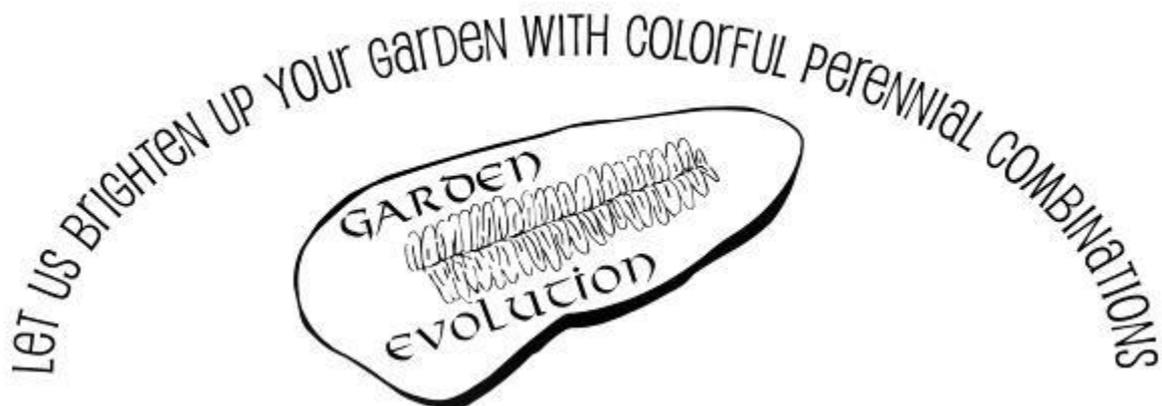
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Isaac Watts has been called “the liberator of hymnody in English.” He was born in Southampton, the son of a Congregationalist minister, and at that time was excluded from attending Oxford or Cambridge University because he was not a member of the Church of England. The Congregationalists were Calvinist in their theology, and most of the hymns sung in their meetings were metrical settings of the Psalms. It is said that at the age of sixteen, young Isaac complained to his father that these hymns were “dull and profitless”, and his father replied “Then write something better.” And so he did.

Watts’ hymns are remarkable for their use of metre and imagery, while still remaining rooted in scripture. We still sing many of them - “Come let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne” (Rev.5:11-13), “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun doth his successive courses run” (Ps 72), “When I survey the wondrous Cross” (Gal 6:14) are examples. Their language is sometimes antiquated (“let men their tongues employ” - see elsewhere in this magazine!), but the message is always fresh and relevant.

Although Watts experimented with metre, our hymn is written in common measure (with lines of 8, 6, 8 and 6 syllables), and part of its popularity is because of the tune, Antioch, to which it is sung. Many hymn books attribute this to George Frederick Handel, but in fact its only personal connection with Handel is the first four notes (which recall “Lift up your heads” in *The Messiah*). In fact it was written in the style of Handel by the American composer Lowell Mason for his hymnbook, *National Psalmist*, and was published in Boston in 1848.

We think of “Joy to the World” as a Christmas hymn, but Watts wrote it as a paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 (which also echoes Ps 96:11-13). Watts wanted to make the Psalms more relevant to Christians by bringing out their references to God’s work in Jesus. The theme of the psalm is that the whole of creation is filled with joy at the coming of the Lord to “judge the world with righteousness”. Watts adds the theme of Jesus, the Saviour King, rescuing us from God’s curse on Adam and Eve. No baby, no manger, no shepherds, no mysterious sages – just the pure Christmas message – the Lord is come!

- *Hector Davie*

Joy to the World!

*Psalm XCVIII. Second Part.
The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom*

Joy to the World! The Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King:
Let every Heart prepare him Room,
And Heaven and Nature sing.

Joy to the Earth! The Saviour reigns;
Let Men their Songs employ;
While Fields & Floods, Rocks, Hills & Plains
Repeat the sounding Joy.

No more let Sins and Sorrows grow,
Nor Thorns infest the Ground:
He comes to make his Blessings flow
Far as the Curse is found.

He rules the World with Truth and Grace,
And makes the Nations prove
The Glories of his Righteousness,
And Wonders of his Love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)