

## What's on this week

Today	11.45	Singing Practice
	12.45	Alpha Leaders' Training
	17.00	Neuchâtel Service
Tuesday	19.15	Worship Planning
Wednesday	9.15	Parents and Tots
Thursday	19.30	Thun Lent Course
Friday	9.20	Prayer Meeting
	12.30	(for 13.00) Spiritual Classics

## Next Sunday March 20 : Palm Sunday

10.00	Eucharist
11.45	Singing Practice
12.30	Bring and Share lunch

## Other Notices

### **ALPHA Leadership Training**

Interested in leading an Alpha Course? Join us today after Church. Details from Sam, Lynne or Janet.

### **INTERESTED in ALPHA?**

An introduction to (and also refresher course on) the basics of the Christian faith. It's been run in over 16,000 churches worldwide and will come to St Ursula's early in 2005. Are you interested in following the course or helping with it? See details on the notice boards in the Upper Hall. More information from Sam Van Leer and Lynne Pamplin.

### **Today is Copy Date for the April Magazine!**

### **Electoral Roll**

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 24 April. If you would like to be able to vote at this meeting, or stand for election, your name needs to be on the Electoral Roll. The current Electoral Roll is displayed in the church hall. If your name is not on this list please fill in an application form **now**. The closing date for the receipt of applications is Monday 4 April. Look in the magazine if you need more information.

### **Travelling to the UK?**

If anyone is travelling by car to the UK and will be back in Switzerland by the beginning of April, please contact Wendy Astor at 031 302 0214.

### **Sponsored Walk**

This year's major fundraising event will be a walk on Saturday May 14 in aid of Cecily's Fund and St Ursula's Church. Sponsor forms are available on the noticeboard at church. If you are walking and would like your own sponsorships, please phone Sharon (033 336 9378). We hope many of you will join in a fun, fellowship and fundraising day!

### **UK Food items needed!**

If you are travelling to the UK, please bring back food items for our annual Christmas Bazaar. There is a list of items that are needed in the hall by the Upper Hall.

### **Church Library is open!**

Every Sunday after church in the Lower Hall.

☞ **PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY WITH YOU**

St Ursula's Church, Berne



## **All-Age Eucharist with Admission of Children to Holy Communion**

**13 March 2005**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*NEWS and NOTICES*

### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

### **SONGS:**

*WT 24 As we are gathered*

*WT 64 Come, now is the time to worship*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence while we confess our sins to God*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought and word and deed and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

**God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.**

### **Reading**

*Psalms 130 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup> My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.  
**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**SONG:** WT 229 *Jesus is Lord*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 20 : 17-28 (NIV)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, <sup>18</sup>"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup>and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" <sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favour of him. <sup>21</sup>"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."  
<sup>22</sup>"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." <sup>24</sup>When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—<sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SONG:** WT 100 *From heaven you came*

### **Talk : The Thanksgiving Party**

**SONG:** WT 47 *Broken for me (sung seated)*

### **Promises**

*The children to be admitted to communion come to the front, together with a parent or godparent who represents the support of the family.*

*Addressing the parents and godparents:*

Children who are too young to profess the Christian faith are baptised on the understanding that they are brought up as Christians within the family of the Church. As they grow up, they need the help and

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

### **COMMUNION SONGS:**

*WT 413 There is a Redeemer*

*WT 354 Purify my heart*

*WT 40 Bind us together*

*After the Postcommunion prayer, we say together:*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

#### **SONGS:**

*WT 113 God is good*

**My God is so big**, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that He cannot do. *(repeat)*  
The rivers are His, the mountains are His,  
The stars are His handiwork too.  
My God is so big ...

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that He cannot do. *(repeat)*  
He's called you to live for Him ev'ry day  
In all that you say and you do.  
My God is so big ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**SONG:** WT 495 *You shall go out with joy*  
*(and we "go out"!)*

**☞ After the service, please join us in the hall for coffee, tea and fellowship.**

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encouragement of their family, so that they learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, to follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, to serve their neighbour after the example of Christ and, in due course, come to confirmation. Today, as they take this new step on the journey of life to which God has called them in their baptism, will you support, help and nurture your children?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

*Addressing the congregation:*

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to these young people. Will you support them by your prayers, example and teaching?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*Addressing the children:*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

**I have.**

You have been preparing to take communion. Do you now wish to be admitted to communion?

**I do.**

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**I am.**

*We all stand and repeat the faith of the church:*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Welcome**

When you were baptised, you were marked as Christ's own and began your journey of faith. In bread and wine we remember Jesus and share his life. Jesus

invites you not only today, but for the rest of your life, to come, to eat and to share.

**We welcome you among those who gather at the table of the Lord. Together we are the Lord's family sharing the family meal. Together we know Jesus among us as we break the bread. Together we share the life of Christ and are his body in the world.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*As a response between intercessions, we use:*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Preparation of the Table**

**OFFERTORY SONG:** WT 239 *Jesus put this song*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper.*

*We use the response:*

This is his/our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

*And at the end:*

... May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**