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The Vicar writes ... Our stewardship of God's Love

Between the Feast of the Epiphany and Valentine's Day, St. Catherine's Church is having a series of sermons based on the theme of stewardship. It makes sense to think about stewardship now, at a time when our Parish Council is preparing for the Annual General Meeting in March. Our annual Pledge Drive enables us to draw up the budget for the coming year. On February 14th (St. Valentine's Day), we are asking everyone to return their pledge form giving an estimate of their yearly donation to the work of the church in 2010. Financially and budget-wise it is the right thing to do.

You have all cooperated so well in the past few years, I thought this year would be the right time to expand our discussion of Stewardship beyond mere financial matters.

Do you know what it means to be a steward? In an airplane, the stewards and stewardesses are the helpful people who take care of the traveller's needs. Not only do they provide the food and drink, but they also take charge in times of trouble. They attend to our safety and see us safely to our destination. In the Bible, the word has a similar, but more agrarian, definition. The stewards in the stories Jesus told were men who were left in charge of the farm when the owner went away. The steward was like a foreman, an assistant, a stand-in for the true owner to whom the steward would be answerable when he returned. In both examples, the airline and the farm, there is a sense that genuine responsibility is placed upon the shoulders of the steward. It is the job of the steward to see that the goals, objectives, and instructions of the owner are carried out in his absence.

In this analogy God / Jesus is the owner of the farm. The farm is a symbol of the whole of the earth. So who is the steward? I might say that each one of us is the steward ... but I think it is better to say that we are all together, as a body called the Church, the steward. Jesus has given us instructions, set goals, told us what he wants and has departed to heaven leaving us to accomplish his will. Fortunately he also left us the Holy Spirit, empowering and guiding us in this work. It is up to us to practice this divinely-granted stewardship. Hence my conclusion that this is not really about money, it is about us, as a body, doing what Jesus has asked us to do.

What has he told us to do?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and love your neighbour as yourself. (Luke 10:27) This is my command: that you love one another as I have loved you. (John 15:12) With his last words to us from Matthew 28 he says: Go ye therefore into all nations preaching, and teaching, and baptising in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This set of instructions gives the Church several duties: loving God (worship); loving our neighbours (outreach); loving ourselves (pastoral care); preaching / teaching / baptism (evangelism and Christian Education).

When you stop to think about it that is exactly the things we are doing at St. Catherine's. I am proud of what we are doing. Thank you all very much for making it possible for us, year on year, to be faithful to our stewardship calling.

This is where the money comes in. Every church service (worship) requires wine, bread, candles, an organist, a preacher, liturgy sheets, vestments, and a building to hold it in. That all costs money. In order for us to be stewards of worship we need money.

Likewise, every Sunday School class requires tables, chairs, papers, photocopies, pens and pencils, crafts materials snacks and a heated Parish Centre to hold the classes in. They all cost money ... Through the generous spirit of our teachers, who volunteer their time, we get quality teaching for free, but even so, in order to be stewards of teaching, we need donations.

In the same way, all the things we give away (outreach), whether to Romanian orphans, street kids, Indian widows or missionaries in faraway places are essential gifts of money. The money represents our desire to help in time of need; our wish for their well-being. With the money we send, they can do so much. I love being priest of a church that understands the need to be stewards of compassion for people everywhere.

Let's be honest though: The money itself is nothing. What makes it valuable is that it is a tool for our love to be expressed and our charity accomplished. The money donated to the church is really a sacrament of our commitment to being good stewards. Whether the amount given is a widow's mite or a million euros ... the value of the

donation is measured by the heart of the giver. Whether in the form of a pledge, a tithe, a one-time gift, a memorial offering, a bequest, the profit at a bake sale, the plate offering at a musical evening, an anonymous envelope dropped into the Sunday plate ... it should come as a thankful sign of a person's commitment to doing what Jesus has asked us to do. In that sense, it is nothing less than a sacrament of God's love for us and our love for God.

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Notices

Births

Congratulations to Ken Choy & Wee Ang on the birth of their daughter Ruyi and to Keith Snailham & Jennifer Chow on the birth of their son Owen Charles Chow Snailham.

We pray for God's blessings on the parents and their new families.

Weddings

Congratulations to Femi & Rachel Agboola, who after their civil wedding in Copenhagen, celebrated their wedding blessing with us at St. Catherine's on the 10th January.

We wish them every blessing in their future life together.

Birthdays

We ask for God's blessings on those members of St. Catherine's both here and around the world who will be celebrating their birthdays in the next two months.

Barbara Crandall	February 1st
Graeme Turman	February 11th
Lindé Wessels	February 12th
Philippa Huebel	February 17th
Brian Johnson	February 19th
Claire Newberry	February 19th
Andrea Woughter	February 25th
Eric Jarman	February 28th
Aidan Woughter	February 28th
Bijoy Varghese	March 3rd
Robert Friedenreich	March 6th
Joshua Berens	March 9th
Mjshka Berens	March 14th
Günter Walz	March 17th
Anja Huebel	March 20th
Susan Morris	March 21st
Heather MacIsaac	March 23rd
Norman Prescan	March 23rd
Bill Morris	March 24th

Introducing Joachim Feldes

Many of you will already have met Joachim Feldes who is joining us at St. Catherine's. Now here is a chance to find out more about him in his own words ...



Although the two years my wife Jutta and I spent in Berlin, before coming to St Catherine's, were sufficiently thrilling, the most exciting time of my life was the ten years before. From 1997 I served as a Roman Catholic priest in Frankenthal near Mannheim and worked together with Protestant pastors under one roof. Our team was in charge of the *Ökumenisches Gemeindezentrum* where Roman Catholics and Protestants shared a church and parish centre. One can imagine that this sometimes could become a rather tight and tense situation, yet all in all I enjoyed many encouraging times of common living, praying, mourning and celebrating. Together we were able to realize wonderful ideas and projects, for which I am still deeply thankful.

Thinking about what I should do after these ten years I wondered about Anglicanism. Fortunately after the *Ökumenischer Kirchentag* (Ecumenical Church Day) in Berlin 2003 I was offered many chances to explore if and how the Church of England manages to keep evangelical and Anglo-Catholic Christians together. Having gained enough good experiences I decided to become an Anglican priest myself. I left Frankenthal and joined St George's in Berlin. After our marriage on a wonderful autumn day in Brandenburg Jutta and I moved back to the Pfalz where she is working and from where I now try to assist St Catherine's and the Anglican community of Heidelberg.

Both of us love nature and music. So please don't be puzzled should you meet us in the Wilhelma on a Sunday afternoon and don't be annoyed if you hear us singing. And never dare to ask us whether we could entertain people by playing as a piano-clarinete duo, because we are can do this to an empty room! However, we are

very pleased that we have joined St Catherine's and look forward very much to sharing life and faith with you as long as possible.

Blessings,

Joachim

Joachim Feldes

St. Catherine's Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 21st March after the service.

There will be a "make your own sandwich lunch" and the meeting will start at 13:00.

Activities will be available for children whilst the meeting is in progress.

All members of St. Catherine's Church are invited to attend the meeting but, in accordance with diocesan regulations, only those listed on the church electoral roll are entitled to stand for office and to vote in the elections. At this Annual General Meeting both our Church Wardens will come to the end of their term of office as will the following Church Council Members, John Friedenreich and Joachim Zeller.

Those interested in standing for the post of Church Warden or Church Council Member should speak to the vicar or one of the Church Wardens to find out what is involved.

The current electoral roll is available for consultation at the back of church. If you are not listed on the electoral roll please complete the form which you can find on the church website <http://stcatherines-stuttgart.de/uploads/documents/enrolment.pdf>.

Completed forms should be returned to our electoral roll officer John Thompson. John will also be happy to answer any other questions you may have.

AGM Helpers needed

If you would like to help with arranging the AGM lunch please contact Christopher Sloan fellowship@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

If you would like to help with the children's activities please speak to Björn Kiefer children@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Mission

Helping out in Uruguay

Thank you to those who contributed to the fund to support the Revd. Brigitte Gutbrod, the Deacon of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Monevideo, Uruguay. The donations received enabled her to buy a car so that she can visit her far-flung parishioners more easily. Brigitte Gutbrod is responsible for the English-speaking parishioners of the cathedral and holds a communion service at the British Hospital in Monevideo as well as carrying out the usual pastoral duties.

Haiti Relief Appeal

In response to Bishop Geoffrey and David's letter following the devastating earthquake in Haiti the collection from the joint service on Sunday 31st January will be donated to this appeal. The Diocese will transfer the money to Christian Aid to support their valuable relief work in Haiti.

If you can not be in church on Sunday and would like to contribute to this appeal please transfer your donation to the church account by the 7th February marking it clearly "Haiti Appeal"

Alison Seyerle

Cross Roads Contributions

The next edition of CrossRoads will come out at Easter. The deadline for submissions is the 27th March. Please send all details of events planned, reports of activities and other items of interest to crossroads@stcatherines-stuttgart.de by this date. Many thanks.

St. Catherine's Directory

The latest edition of the St. Catherine's directory was circulated to members in Stuttgart with this edition of CrossRoads. If you did not receive a copy of the directory please speak to Frances Buttle or contact crossroads@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Christian Education

Confirmation Classes

On the 6th June Bishop David will be visiting Stuttgart. Any one interested in confirmation or acceptance into the Anglican Church should speak to the vicar as soon as possible so that a start date for classes can be arranged.

Children's Communion Classes

Communion training classes help give pre-confirmation children a better understanding of communion. The next class is scheduled for Saturday 20th February in the Parish Centre. All children who receive or are planning to receive Communion are asked to come and learn more about this important Sacrament. If you would like to help prepare this class or your child would like to take part please e-mail vicar@stcatherines-stuttgart.de.

Toddler Group

The Toddler Group for 0-3 year olds meets once a month on a Thursday afternoon in the Parish Centre. The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th February at 15:30 – the theme will be Lent.

All parents, carers and their little ones are welcome to join us. For more information e-mail toddlers@stcatherines-stuttgart.de or speak to Aysin Getto.

Ecumenical meetings

On 11th December we acted as hosts in the Parish Centre for about 30 women from various churches in Stuttgart, which offer services for parishioners from other countries in their own native languages. We were entertained first of all by a Greek choir and then the buffet was declared open. Our guests had been asked to bring traditional, Christmas fare from their own countries. There were a large variety of dishes, from Syria, Greece, Italy, Germany, England and Korea. Whilst enjoying the food and drink on offer in our "gemütliches" café, we listened to various speakers telling us about Advent and Christmas customs in their own countries and how they manage to keep these customs alive whilst living in Germany. We sang carols together before listening once more to the Greek choir. The afternoon ended with a short address

and a blessing. We hope to organize similar meetings throughout the year, in other parishes, to enable us to get to know each other better. We are expecting a group of women at the joint service we hold with the Old Catholics on Sunday, 31st January.

Alison Seyerle

Women's World Day of Prayer

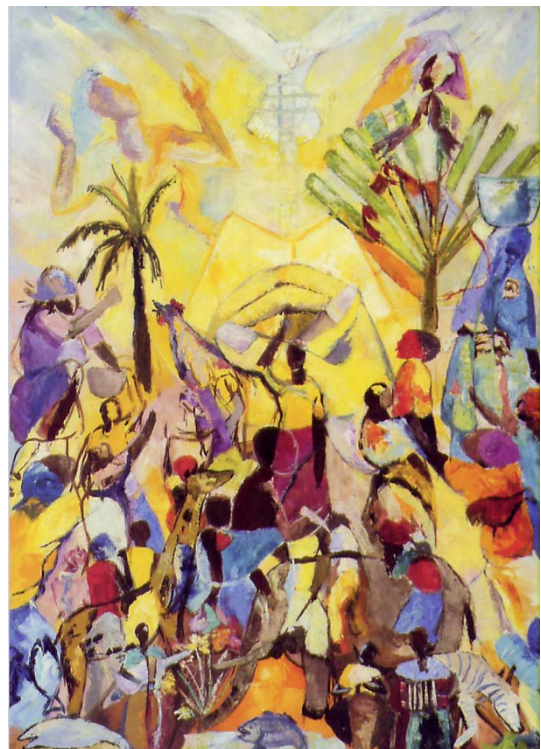
5th March 2010

For many years now the women of the churches of central Stuttgart have held a service together on the first Friday in March. This time we shall meet at the church of the Protestant Reformed Congregation, Heidehofstraße 17 at 17:00. <http://www.reformiert-stuttgart.de/>

To get there take the U15 from the main station (in the direction of Ruhbank) as far as Heidehofstraße, walk up the hill for about 5-6 minutes and it is the building on your left.

This year's service has been prepared by a committee of women from eleven different denominations and churches in Cameroon.

For further information speak to Pauline Kiess.



For information in English about the Women's World Day of Prayer see <http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org/>

Liebfrauenberg

St. Catherine's Parish Weekend

Following the success of the parish retreat last year, St. Catherine's is now planning a weekend away in 2010. We have been invited by the Anglican chaplaincies in Heidelberg and Strasbourg to join them at Liebfrauenberg from Friday 19th – Sunday 21st March 2010. (The church A.G.M. will be held on the Sunday in Stuttgart, but it is possible to leave after breakfast to be back in time for it.)

Liebfrauenberg in the northern Vosges, France, is a conference and retreat centre built on the site of an old convent and run by the Protestant churches of Alsace. Surrounded by trees, it gives impressive panoramic views over the fields towards Strasbourg where the cathedral steeple can be seen on a clear day. It is 2-3 hours' drive from Stuttgart.



The chaplaincies of Heidelberg, Strasbourg and Stuttgart have been coming together for a weekend every year since the mid-1970s. They have visiting speakers from England and the theme this year is based on St. Mark's Gospel. Canon David Monteith, Chancellor at St. Martin's Cathedral Leicester, will give us food for thought and discussion in several sessions spread over the weekend. It is a time for study, worship, relaxation and making and renewing friendships with members of the other chaplaincies. In addition to the programme for adults there will be activities for young people and the children. No part of the weekend is compulsory – most people attend all sessions

but if you want some quiet time in the library or fancy a long walk in the woods, you are free to do so.

The weekend starts with dinner at 18:30 on Friday evening and ends with tea around 16:00 on Sunday, but it is possible to arrive later or leave earlier or just to come for one day. There are services in the beautifully restored chapel, with a chance to sing in the choir or play your favourite instrument. There are plenty of opportunities for just relaxing – walks, chats over coffee, Saturday night entertainment with contributions welcomed from our congregation and afterwards, for those with stamina, "tarte flambée" in the village pub!

St. Catherine's has been reserved 20 places, which will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. The cost per person per day (full board) is 65 euros for adults, 46 euros for young people (13-17), 36 euros for children, and under 4s are free. The price for Sunday lunch will be deducted for those leaving earlier. Registration forms will be available from the beginning of February and the accommodation fee should be paid into St. Catherine's church account by March 1st. Single, double and family rooms are available. The centre caters for vegetarians. Water is provided at mealtimes and wine and soft drinks can be purchased if wished. The separate "tarte flambée" costs are shared amongst those visiting the pub and will be under 10 euros. We plan to meet up on Friday about 14:00 in Stuttgart to fill cars, sharing the cost of petrol between us. Each driver will be given route details and mobile phone numbers to keep in touch.

Please don't let finance deter you. If there are any problems have a word with our vicar, Ken or Susan Jüptner. She will happily answer any questions you may have; in person after church, by phone (07022/9437150), by fax (07022/9437185) or by email: stcaths@mail.susanjueptner.de.

Hope to see you there!

Susan Jüptner

Music

What's all this about an Organ Project?

Background story

If you are new to St. Catherine's Church, you may not be aware of a project that has been at the discussion stage for several years. It is a project to re-install a pipe organ in the church; to finally replace the one destroyed in November 1944, when the church, and a large part of Stuttgart, was reduced to rubble by allied bombing. The idea was first mooted over 8 years ago when our parishioner and organ student, Andy Dewar told people about an organ he knew of in England that could be purchased very cheaply. At that time it seemed like such a far out dream that few took Andy's idea seriously. But he didn't give up. He talked to me about it soon after my arrival, and I liked the idea ... but, as I reminded Andy at the time ... it's not our building. The Old Catholics own the building, and they would have to approve any plan to bring the organ over from England.

Where are we now?

Well, to cut a long story short, the facts were gathered, estimates given, architects and organ experts consulted and now, finally, after several years of planning and hoping, the project has finally moving forward. The Old Catholics are seeking approval from the city planners, historical preservation office and building code offices. When this is complete we'll be ready to go.

Thanks to a donation we have already purchased the organ, but it is still in England, in storage, waiting to be restored. Soon it will be transported to Schwäbisch Hall to the workshop of the organ restoration company who will make it as good as new.

The next step involves construction: The floor of the church needs to be reinforced so that an organ gallery can be built on the back wall over the narthex and under the rose window. Once that is accomplished, the organ can then be brought here from Schwäbisch Hall and installed in the new organ gallery.

Finally we'll have a big Inaugural Concert and celebrate its dedication to God's service.

Obstacles in the way?

There could be unforeseen problems getting approval from the city offices Or there could be mechanical problems with the organ which will only be discovered once it arrives at the workshop in Schwäbisch Hall Or we could have a hard time raising the money to pay for it all. Any of these could slow the project down. But we trust and believe that there is never a bad time to do a good thing.

What's next?

So very soon you'll be hearing about a scheme for raising the money needed. (75,000 euros is our goal.)

We'll be appealing to foundations, cultural institutions and various benefactors for support. And ... we'll be doing lots of fund-raisers of various sorts to earn money outside the congregation. It may take a year, or two or three. We may have to be patient a little longer but we have no reason to doubt that, with God, all things are possible.

Now you know. Exciting isn't it. I can hardly wait!

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A vision of the future.

Fellowship Events

Pancake Lunch

Our pancake lunches have thrived on competition since Bill Lindeman, many years ago, dismissively swallowed a mouthful of English pancake and promised that he would show us how Americans made the real thing. Since then, Shrove Tuesday (or the Sunday nearest to it) has provided us every year with the opportunity to prove him wrong. This year we want to have the biggest and best variety ever. If you know an exotic recipe (or an ordinary recipe, for that matter; normal pancakes are snapped up just as eagerly), please come along and make the get-together after the service on 14th February a memorable occasion. Drop me an e-mail (fellowship@stcatherines-stuttgart.de) so that we know how many cooks to expect.



Maulbronn Day Trip

Why not join us on Saturday 20th March for our parish outing to Maulbronn Monastery. There will be a guided tour in English at 10:30. This will cost 6€ per person and is recommended for teens upwards (alternative activities for tinies will be organised by Uncle Björn).

Transport according to numbers (bike / tandem / motor bike with sidecar / Goggomobil / Mini-Cooper / Humvee / football team transporter / ... / Airbus) or for the unadventurous a good old Baden-Württemberg ticket.

Please sign up by contacting Christopher Sloan fellowship@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Women's Group

The next Women's Group Meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on 25th February at 10:00 for fellowship, coffee and chat.

For more details contact women@stcatherines-stuttgart.de or speak to Alison Seyerle.

Pint's of View – a men's pub night

The men folk of St. Catherine's have started meeting on the second Thursday of the month in Sophie's Brauhaus (<http://www.sophies-brauhaus.de>) in Stuttgart, for a pint, fellowship and maybe some food.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th February. We meet from 19:00 onwards, if you would like to know more speak to Nathan Ramquist pints@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Ladies' Evening Group

The Ladies' Evening Group meets once a month at selected eateries around Stuttgart for good food and fellowship. For reasons best known to ourselves we have decided the last Monday of February is the 1st March! So we will meet again on Monday 1st March, 19:00 at Ristorante Mediterraneo near Charlottenplatz.

On the 29th March we will be checking that our men are being well fed on their pub night and trying out Sophie's Brauhaus.

Please e-mail legs@stcatherines-stuttgart.de to reserve a place or speak to Stephanie Ramquist.

Walking Group

Do you like to see your breath in the air? Feel your muscles stretch as you walk down a wooded path? Eat a steaming schnitzel with noodles?

If so, please join the St. Catherine's Ramblers as we ramble from Heslach to the Bärenschlößle im Rotwildpark (<http://www.baerenschloessle-stuttgart.de/>) on Sunday 7th March directly after the 11:15 service. Yes, we are breaking a bit from tradition, and leaving before coffee hour, but we plan to lunch once we reach our destination. The restaurant at the Bärenschlößle serves good, cheap food, and if the weather holds up, we'll continue hiking to Schloss Solitude (<http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de/ENG/leisure/schlosssolitude.htm>) after lunch. Please contact me at [walking@stcatherines-stuttgart.de](mailto>walking@stcatherines-stuttgart.de) if you're interested in coming... or just meet up with me at church after the service.

Fundraising events

St. Catherine's Bazaar 2009

Following on from my "Bazaar thanks" in the Advent edition of Crossroads, I am now more than pleased to announce that the Bazaar was not just a social success but a financial one too! The money taken at the Bazaar, together with the sale of "leftovers" and the proceeds from the social gathering after the Carol Service has now been counted and we have reached a grand total of 2 189.11 €!

This means that we will be transferring a total of 875 € to the SOS-Kinderdorf in Schorndorf and to the Casa Una Romanian Orphanage. The remaining 439.11 € will go to the Friends of the English Church.

Ken, Alison and I have been invited to visit the SOS-Kinderdorf in February and you will hear all about this in the next issue of Crossroads.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make this wonderful result possible.

Mark your diaries now for the next St. Catherine's Bazaar which will be held on Saturday 20th November 2010.

Forthcoming Fundraising Events

Other fundraising events for this year will be announced on the website and in the next issue of Crossroads. We can look forward to our new organ fundraising project, but will make sure that in the excitement we don't overlook our longstanding outreach projects, which we will of course continue to support.

Julie Faust

Stewardship

In past years St. Catherine's operated fiscally in faith and fear. We budgeted to break even or lose money. Every year, you faithfully gave, and every year our needs were exceeded leaving us with a surplus.

Recognizing our responsibility to God and our responsibility to St. Catherine's requires that we be stewards of what He has provided. We are developing a three year plan to invest our surplus back into the parish. By investing, we mean to develop St. Catherine's to ensure a

sustainable future where the English-speaking peoples of Stuttgart can come together and worship. Here are a few "investments" currently taking place:

- 1) Paying a full salary for a priest – a 3 year goal accomplished
- 2) Paying all Parish Centre costs, which previously were subsidized via subletting
- 3) Further renovations to the Parish Centre to allow for expanded ministry opportunities
- 4) Developing our Christian Education programs

So why pledge and give? I have three compelling reasons.

First, pledging and then giving what was pledged reminds us that all we have comes from God. Giving of our worldly wealth helps free us from the addictions and enticements money may offer.

Secondly, giving is a fundamental form of worship which demonstrates our dependence on Him. Thirdly, St. Catherine's still needs money to operate. While it is true that a surplus exists, the surplus is not being used for church maintenance. Your weekly giving is needed for this purpose.

A final thought: please don't stop with just pledging. Opportunities for all kinds of ministry abound. Be part of our development over the next three years. Don't wait for the vicar to ask. Volunteer your time and your talents for the building up of the church.

We have the potential to accomplish amazing things as a Parish! Join in! Worship God! Make friends! Build and expand God's kingdom in the English speaking community of Stuttgart! Exercise your "Stewardship"!

Nathan Ramquist

A thought on stewardship

The wealth of the church is not the money in its bank but the people in its pews.

The money is just a tool to allow the people to do the work of God.

A-Z of Anglicanism

E is for Episcopal

According to the Oxford English Dictionary episcopal means: a church constituted on the principle of the government of bishops.

The term has its origins in the Greek word *episkopos* *epi-* meaning over and *skopos* meaning watcher. An *episkopos* was an overseer – some one who watched over something. The term was taken over by the Christian Church and gradually came to mean the overseer of a group of clergy in a geographical area. Our title for this overseer Bishop came to us through the Latin *Episcopus* and Old English *bisceop*.

At St. Catherine's we come across the word episcopal most often in the context of the Episcopal Church – the church Ken comes from.

The 13 British colonies, which came to form the United States, almost all had links of one kind or another to the Church of England. Some had established the Church of England as their official Church. Some had freedom of religion so that the Church of England was one of many churches.

In 1776 the American States declared independence from Britain and the Church of England churches needed a new name. Why didn't they just call it the Church of England in America, or something like that?

Relations between Britain and America were strained, due to the recent war and ongoing hostilities with England, which didn't end until 1815, it was not deemed politically feasible to name the church after "the enemy". Also as citizens of a Republic their clergy could not swear allegiance to the King of England, but this was a requirement for all Church of England clergy. It could no longer call itself the Church of England, but it could not call itself the Church of the United States, as the new nation had decided not to have an official established church. So, what to be called?

After much discussion a new name was agreed on. They used Protestant as the first word of the title of the church and the word Episcopal as the second word. The combination of Protestant and

Episcopal set this particular denomination apart from all others. There were other "episcopal" churches, [other churches with bishops, such as the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox], ... and there were other protestant churches, [Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, etc.] But there was only one protestant church with bishops: The Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

It was largely the recognition that even though the Episcopal Church wasn't English it was still Anglican that gave birth to the Anglican Communion in the 1860's.

It is that Communion and our shared heritage that allows St. Catherine's, a Church of England Church, to benefit from the services of Ken, an ordained minister of the Episcopal Church.

A personal note

MS Research

Thanks to the generosity of many members and friends of St. Catherine's, my own friends and family, and many complete strangers, we were able to donate 3,000.00 GBP to the MS Society in the UK in 2009. The money has been designated to research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

I have decided not to stop there and fundraising this year will be a family affair! I'll be joined by both my daughters, Rebecca and Karin, to raise (hopefully) even more money than last year for this worthy cause which is very close to my heart. Rebecca and Karin both have their own MS webpage and I'll be setting mine up shortly, so you can follow my fundraising progress should you wish to. I won't reveal too much now, but this year we are definitely aiming higher!

Thanks for your support and prayers for Karin in 2009 and I hope you will continue to support us as a family in 2010.

Julie Faust

What's on at St. Catherine's

Sun	31 st January	10:30	<i>Candlemas</i> Bilingual Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm: 24.[1-6] 7-10 NT: Hebrews 2.14-18 Gospel: Luke 2.22-40
Tues	2 nd February	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	3 rd February	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	3 rd February	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: Luke 8.22-25
Sun	7 th February	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	
Sun	7 th February	11:15	<i>II before Lent</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25 Psalm: 65 NT: Revelation 4 Gospel: Luke 8.22-25
Tues	9 th February	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	10 th February	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	10 th February	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]
Thurs	11 th February	19:00	Pint's of View	Sophie's Brauhaus	See p. 8
Sun	14 th February	09:00	<i>Sunday before Lent</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Exodus 34.29-35 Psalm: 99 NT: 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 Gospel: Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]
Sun	14 th February	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	

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Sun	14 th February	11:00	Pancake Party	Parish Centre	See p.8
Tues	16 th February	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	17 th February	12:00	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	St. Catherine's	OT: Joel 2.1-2,12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58.1-12 Psalm 51.1-18 NT: 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10 Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6,16-21 <i>or</i> John 8.1-11
Wed	17 th February	18:30	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	Parish Centre	OT: Joel 2.1-2,12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58.1-12 Psalm 51.1-18 NT: 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10 Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6,16-21 <i>or</i> John 8.1-11
Wed	17 th February	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: Luke 4.1-3
Thurs	18 th February	15:30	Toddler Group	Parish Centre	See p.5
Sat	20 th February	10:00	Children's Communion Training Class	Parish Centre	See p. 5
Sun	21 st February	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	
Sun	21 st February	11:15	<i>Lent I</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Deuteronomy 26.1-1 Psalm: 91.1-2,9-1* NT: Romans 10.8b-3 Gospel: Luke 4.1-3
Tues	23 rd February	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	24 th February	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	24 th February	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: Luke 13.31-5
Thurs	25 th February	10:00	Women's Group	Parish Centre	See p.8

Fri	26 th February	Evening	Lent talk	Parish Centre	
Sat	27 th February	Morning	Lent talk	Parish Centre	
Sun	28 th February	09:00	<i>Lent II</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Genesis 15.1-12,17-8 Psalm: 27 NT: Philippians 3.17 - 41 Gospel: Luke 13.31-5
Sun	28 th February	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	
Mon	1 st March	19:00	Ladies' Evening Group	Ristorante Mediterraneo Kanalstr. 10, Stuttgart	See p.8
Tues	2 nd March	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	3 rd March	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	3 rd March	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: Luke 13.19
Fri	5 th March	17:00	Women's World Day of Prayer	Ev. Ref. Kirche, Heidehofstr. 17	See p. 5
Sun	7 th March	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	
Sun	7 th March	11:15	<i>Lent III</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Isaiah 55.19 Psalm: 63.19 NT: 1 Corinthians 10.1-3 Gospel: Luke 13.19
Sun	7 th March	Post service	Walking Group	Parish Centre – Bärenschlößle	See p. 8
Tues	9 th March	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	10 th March	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	

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Wed	10 th March	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: Luke 15.1-3,11b-2
Thurs	11 th March	19:00	Pint's of View	Sophie's Brauhaus	See p. 8
Sun	14 th March	09:00	<i>Lent IV – Mothering Sunday</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Joshua 5.9-2 Psalm: 32 NT: 2 Corinthians 5.16-1 Gospel: Luke 15.1-3,11b-2
Sun	14 th March	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	
Tues	16 th March	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	17 th March	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	17 th March	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: John 12.18
Thurs	18 th March	15:30	Toddler Group	Parish Centre	
Sat	20 th March	10:30	Maulbronn Trip	Maulbronn	See p. 8
Fri-Sun	19 th -21 st March		Liebfrauenberg Weekend	Liebfrauenberg	See p. 6
Sun	21 st March	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	
Sun	21 st March	11:15	<i>Lent V</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Isaiah 43.16-1 Psalm: 126 NT: Philippians 3.4b-14 Gospel: John 12.18
Sun	21 st March	13:00	Annual General Meeting	Parish Centre	See p. 4
Mon	22 nd March	19:00	Ladies' Evening Group	TBC	
Tues	23 rd March	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	24 th March	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	

Wed	24 th March	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Gospel: Luke 23.1-49
Thurs	25 th March	10:00	Women's Group	Parish Centre	
Sun	28 th March	09:00	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm: 118.1-2,19-29* Liturgy of the Passion: OT: Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm: 31.9-16* NT: Philippians 2.5-11 Gospel: Luke 23.1-49
Sun	28 th March	10:30	Sunday School	Parish Centre	
Mon	29 th March	19:00	Ladies' Evening Group	Sophie's Brauhaus	See p. 8 for more details of the venue see http://www.sophies-brauhaus.de/
Tues	30 th March	07:00	Morning Prayer	Parish Centre	
Wed	31 st March	19:00	Evening Prayer	Parish Centre	Gospel: John 13.1-17,31b-35
Wed	31 st March	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	
Thurs	1 st April	18:30	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Parish Centre	OT: Exodus 12.1-4[5-10], 11-14 Psalm: 116.1,10-17* NT: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 Gospel: John 13.1-17,31b-35
Fri	2 nd April	12:00	<i>Good Friday</i>	St. Catherine's	OT: Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Psalm: 22* NT: Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 Gospel: John 18.1 - 19.42

Fri	2 nd April	18:30	<i>Good Friday</i>	St. Catherine's	OT: Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Psalm: 22* NT: Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 Gospel: John 18.1 - 19.42
Sat	3 rd April	TBC	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	Leonhardskirche > St. Catherine's	
Sun	4 th April	17:00	<i>Easter Day</i> Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Acts 10.34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 65.17-25 Psalm: 118.1-2,14-24* NT: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 <i>or</i> Acts 10.34-43 Gospel: John 20.1-18 <i>or</i> Luke 24.1-12

How to share pancakes

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Pancakes, pledges and lent from other people's church magazines

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday. Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Whitby includes all meals. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!' Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.