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CROSSROADS

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The Vicar writes ...

Summertime in Stuttgart means sunshine. Welcome, warm, and wonderful sunshine.

Sometimes it comes in the radiant yellow, shiny, warming way, ... and sometimes it comes liquid from shady gray clouds. I prefer the radiant, warming kind of sunshine, except on Sunday mornings, when I prefer the gray shady kind of sunshine. Why? My reasoning is that since I cannot go swimming on Sunday morning anyway, I'd rather save the radiant sunshine for the afternoon. Why waste the sunshine when we are all inside the church anyway? Not to mention something I've noticed over my 3 years here: there is something about the old stone walls of St. Catherine's Church which tend to turn what should be a nice comfy church into something resembling an oven. A radiant, yellow, shiny kind of summertime Sunday can be very warm inside the church, which for most people means shorts, lightweight shirts, and sandals. For me it means that the three layers of vestments become a sweat inducing religious looking sauna; I drip onto my hymnal and leave water marks on the altar linens.

Yet never once have I regretted either being a priest, or being your priest. Even though I make jokes about the vestments, I'd never take them off just for the sake of comfort. Even though I know it will be hot, I still am anxious to get to church, happy to walk through the doors, joyous to be in the place of our common worship... regardless of weather, temperature, humidity, ... or whatever.

Is it that much different in the winter when our steaming breath is visible in the frosty church? When only our bums are warm from the pew heaters? When the altar flowers tend to lean over toward the lit candles as if seeking their meagre warmth?

Let's face it... there are very few days when anyone would say,... "I want to go to church today, because it is so comfortable in there. I love the soft cushy benches. And aren't those kneelers just so nice that I could kneel for hours without even noticing I'm kneeling?"

Church is not about comfort in that sense. It is not about hot weather or cold weather, or frozen fingers, or sweaty brows. It is not about comfortable seats or anything like that. It is about an encounter with the Living God around the altar of sacrifice which has become for us the table of fellowship. It is about praising the One Who deserves our praise. It is about praying to the One Who not only hears but answers our prayers. It is about being in the Presence of God with those brothers and sisters with whom we'll spend eternity.

Heaven, I am told will be very comfortable. Earth not so much. Hell definitely not comfortable at all.

St. Catherine’s Church building is often “nearly” comfortable.... a foretaste of heaven to come. St. Catherine’s Church is always “heavenly” in the sense that the Presence of God is part our reality. For me that presence is enough to make up for any lack of physical comfort.

Come to think of it... Jesus didn’t really seem to think that His physical comfort was a high priority. He suffered in a big way. Cannot we “suffer” a bit in return? I can gladly sweat a little, or freeze a little for Him who gave his life for me.

I look forward to every Sunday with God and you. I consider it a privilege to serve Him and you in this place... such as it is.

I hope that you too look forward to Sunday mornings both 9:00 and 11:15. Please never let such a minor thing as weather, temperature, timing or hard benches keep you from the One Who loves you more you could even love yourself. Let us gather with joy each and every Sunday with gratitude in our beautiful, if sometimes chilly and sometimes warm, St. Catherine’s Church.

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Cross Roads Contributions

Contributions for the next edition of CrossRoads should be sent to Frances Buttle (crossroads@stcatherines-stuttgart.de) by the 12th July 2009.

All are invited to submit details of parish activities, reports on an event they’ve attended, articles about specific issues or events of interest to the Church, questions and answers for the A-Z of Anglicanism and don’t forget to send in photos of where you have spotted St. Catherine!

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St. Catherine's Church Council

In accordance with the Diocesan regulations every year the Church Wardens and Council Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. This year the meeting was held on Sunday 26th April.

During 2009 we had said good-bye to one Council member, Heather Chin and at the AGM Adekunle Oke and Del Crandall both stepped down from the Council. Votes of thanks were given for their hard work.

The results of the elections for church wardens and council members are as follows.

John Thompson and Frances Buttle were re-elected as church wardens for a further year.

Joachim Zeller, Julie Faust, Alison Seyerle, John Friedenreich and Charles Berry were all re-elected as council members for a further year.

Christopher Sloan, who had previously been an ex-officio council member, was elected as a full member of the council and Björn Kiefer and Paul Funk were elected to the council for the first time

Many thanks to all who have offered to serve the church in this way.

We thought you'd like to know a little more about our new council members so we asked us to tell us something about themselves.

Paul Funk

My wife Ann and I came to Stuttgart with our two sons Ian and Callum from North Carolina in the U.S in 2006. My work offered me a chance to bring my family to Europe and the move allows my boys to experience life outside the States and it allows Ann to be closer to her parents in the U.K.

We enjoy travelling and learning as a family and feel quite blessed during our journeys.

One of our greatest discoveries was to find St. Catherine's almost a year ago. Our family feels quite at home in St. Catherine's; I was raised Roman Catholic and Ann and the boys found our Lord as Methodists. The more denominations that we worship with, the more we realize that there is only one true Faith.

Putting all other labels aside, we prefer simply to call ourselves Christians.

Paul Funk

Björn Kiefer

My wife Anette and I are originally from Wuppertal, Germany, where we were baptized, confirmed and married.

Before moving to Stuttgart in February of 2007, we lived in College Station, Texas, USA, where I attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering in December of 2006. Johanna Amelie and Svenja Sophie, our twin daughters, were born in Texas in September of 2004. We very much enjoyed being active members of Peace Lutheran Church in College Station, where our daughters were baptized in 2005. We came to Stuttgart because I was offered a position at the University in Stuttgart, where I am employed as a researcher and lecturer in the Civil Engineering Department. Our third daughter Leah Grace was born in Stuttgart in June of 2008.

After attending churches in Texas and California, Anette and I were looking for a new church home with a similar welcoming and family friendly atmosphere that would give us the opportunity to actively participate, spiritually grow and raise our kids in faith. We are still thrilled that we found that at St. Catherine's. Having an AGGIE (i.e. Texas A&M Alumn) vicar was of course a bonus. With our twins having dual citizenship it is also important that they grow up around native English speakers. Since I have experienced such great hospitality the three different times I have lived in the US, it is very important to us to help make our non-German friends at St. Catherine's feel right at home here in Germany. As far as hobbies go, I am really into spending time with the kids. Apart from that I love sports, both watching and playing. When I find time I like to paint and read.

Björn Kiefer



Outreach projects

MS Fundraising

The recent fundraising events for the MS Society have been a great success. People gave generously and it's now time to pass on the thanks:

"I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the MS Concert on Saturday 9th May 2009. The amount of money raised on the night was amazing and definitely more than I ever expected! It was extremely generous of everyone."

Karin Faust

"Thank you so much for all your hard work and for raising a fantastic amount of money. It is very exciting to hear that you have raised such an amazing amount and thank you very much for this."

Gülen Petty, Community Fundraiser, MS Society

"I'm so glad that your concert was such a success! What a fantastic amount to have raised, well done! It was great to be able to help you with your fundraising."

Alison Monk, Team Administrator, Community Fundraising and Events, MS National Centre

"Karin, Rebecca and I have been deeply moved by the kindness and generosity shown in supporting this event. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously and also a special thanks to St. Catherine's Church and The Stuttgart International Church of the Nazarene for donating the proceeds from the American German Gospel Concert to MS Research. The total amount raised to date is 2844.77€.

Although both concerts were a great success financially, I hope they also served to raise awareness of Multiple Sclerosis and help clarify the many misconceptions surrounding this devastating and incurable illness. By supporting these events you have made a vital contribution to funding research programmes into finding the cause of and a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. Thank you once again for your support and generosity and please continue to remember Karin and all other MS sufferers in your prayers.

Julie Faust

Booksale

The American Days book and bake sale was a joint project between the International Women's Club, the Children's English Library and St. Catherine's. The St. Catherine's stall at the book sale raised 793€ towards the work of the Kinderschutzbund Ortsverband Stuttgart e.V.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this event a great success.

Social, Fellowship & Fundraising Events

Talent Show

Saturday 6 June at 6 p.m. in the Church. Very informal .. come prepared to show the Bishop who we are: singers, dancers, jugglers, storytellers, poets, sword swallowers, harpists, pianists, oboists, viola-ists, etc. Children of all ages are invited and requested to help us make a "show" for the bishop. Neither experience nor talent are necessary.

If you would like to perform please speak to Ken vicar@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Blessing of the Parish Centre

Sunday 7th June. Bishop Geoffrey will bless the Parish Centre and then we will join together in a "bring and share" pot-luck lunch. Talk to Kim Newberry kdnwbrry@yahoo.com, about helping with the lunch, ... or Tiffany LeClercq tiff47@hotmail.com, about helping with the drinks/coffee/wine.

Walking Group

The St. Cat's Walking Group will meet for the first time on Sunday, 14th June.

Time and Place: 11:00 at the Parish Centre from where we will travel on public transport to Botnang for the start of our walk.

This walk is suitable for all ages and no special level of fitness is required. Sturdy shoes and packed lunch recommended.

The distance is approx. 10 km, duration about 3 hours on forestry tracks or the edge of the woods with the chance to walk to the top of Birkenkopf or "Monte Scherbelino", built from the debris of the town after the 2nd World War.

This is the highest elevation of the surrounding hills of Stuttgart and stands as a memorial for the victims and as a warning to the living.

For more information please contact Julie Faust.
walking@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Beginning of Summer Picnic

Sunday, 21st June post 11:15 service Killesberg Park

What better way to welcome in the summer than with a traditional St Catherine's bring & share picnic in the beautiful surroundings of Killesberg park. Just bring along your favourite picnic foods plus a little extra to share with others to give the picnic that typical St. Cat's fellowship feeling. (More details to follow nearer the time).

St. Catherine's Bazaar

Turn to Saturday 21st November in your diary and write in big letters ST. CATHERINE'S BAZAAR - 10:00-16:00 - Parish Centre.

This will be the first time in many years that the bazaar has not taken place after the Carol Service but we hope this change will mean that more people have time to help, more people can make things to sell and more people can come along and support us.

We'll have stalls selling backed goods, crafts, home-made preserves, second hand books and games, side-show games, activities for children, face painting and a St. Catherine's stall.

Along with the stalls we'll be serving coffee, cake and light lunches - a perfect excuse to make a date with friends, sit and chat over coffee and let them see what a nice place St. Catherine's is!

In due course we'll be looking for donors and helpers - so put the date in your diaries and start thinking about how you could contribute.

For more details please speak to Julie Faust
fellowship@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Spotting St. Catherine



The church where I grew up was dedicated to St. Mary but when the new Rector asked "Which Mary?" everyone shrugged – the church was referred to as "The Parish Church" and no one had really ever considered who our Saint was.

It would be difficult not to know who our church here in Stuttgart is dedicated to: St. Catherine of Alexandria. She looks down over us, with her wheel and sword, each Sunday, her name binds us to the historic home of English language worship in Stuttgart, the Katharinenkirche; we celebrate the Katharinenfest with our Old Catholic friends, the fellowship of St. Catherine's wheel joins us with former members of our church around the globe and being called "St. Catherine's Church" avoids us having to explain to newcomers what our official designation of "Stuttgart Anglican Chaplaincy" means.

St. Catherine is not our Saint alone, she also connects us to countless other congregations, churches, wayside shrines and cathedrals who are dedicated to her or display her image.

As we travel around over the summer months, visiting other towns, countries and churches let us keep an eye open for St. Catherine and see where we can find her.

Joachim Zeller has given us our first picture: St.

Catherine of Alexandria in the Strasbourg Cathedral

Where will you find her?

Send your photos of St.

Catherine's to

crossroads@stcatherines-stuttgart.de with a little bit about where you saw her and we'll see how many St. Catherine's we can find!



Activities at St Catherine's

Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study group meets each Wednesday in the Parish Centre. We start with supper at 19:30 and begin the study at 20:00. New comers are welcome at anytime. We study the coming week's gospel passage using the African method of Bible study. This is inclusive and does not require a great knowledge of the Bible or theology; it's a chance to come together for a light supper and to learn, pray and deepen one's faith.

Toddler Group

The Playgroup will be meeting during the summer on June 18th and July 16th at 3.30pm. On June the 18th, our theme is "Our Family" and we will meet at the Parish Centre. We will also be doing some programme planning for Autumn. On July 16th, our theme is "What we can do in the Sunshine" and we will be meeting on the steps of the Opera house and will be holding our meeting in the Schloss Garten. We will be taking a break in the month of August. Otherwise, looking forward to seeing you and your babies & toddlers!

For more information speak to Sarah Lepschy or e-mail toddlers@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Music, Music Music

St. Catherine's has a rich history of its members making beautiful music to praise the Lord. This past year we have had the pleasure of listening to the beautiful organ music, the lovely strings of the harp and guitar, as well as the exquisite sounds of the flute and recorder, plus the great voices of the children and the entire congregation led by St Catherine's choir – all praising God with music. Thank you to all who so graciously contributed your time and talents.

Sunday 7th June will be the choir's final special music presentation until fall. This is a very special service, as our Bishop Geoffrey, Father Ken and the members of St. Catherine's will witness the confirmation of eight of our members. Please help us raise our voices to the Lord in thanksgiving!

We will have many visitors over the summer months and they would appreciate assistance during the service. If you see someone you don't know, perhaps looking puzzled with our service and music, please lend them a hand. If you would like to help lead the congregation in singing the hymns, you are welcome to sit with the choir towards the front.

As we close this year, we still need special music to be presented to the Lord during our summer worship services on Sundays at 11:15. If you would like to offer special music – instrumental, vocal or both - please contact Father Ken or me, choir@stcatherines-stuttgart.de, to reserve a date.

Where ever you are sitting during worship – remember to always

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!"

See you in church on Sunday,

Marva Farrington

Women's Group

The Women's Group will meet on Thursday 25th June. For more information contact, Alison Seyerle women@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Ladies Evening Group

The Ladies Evening Group is a social and fellowship group for those who would like the chance to get to know each other better. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 29th June. We will be going to try African Cuisine at Ambiente Africa - <http://www.afrikarestaurant.de>. Please speak Stephanie Ramquist or e-mail legs@stcatherines-stuttgart.de if you would like to join us.

Stewardship

Everyone can help us be good stewards of our facilities by clearing up after themselves and their children, but there are also those regular cleaning jobs that need doing. Hazel Walz would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the weekly cleaning rota to spend a few hours cleaning and tidying in the Parish Centre.

For more information contact Hazel on cleaning@stcatherines-stuttgart.de

Christian Education

God and Country youth programmes.

We've had many of our young people participate in the God and Country youth religious education programme and several of the adults are considering organizing the programmes for this fall and early winter. Traditionally associated with Scout programmes (they are produced by a non-profit organization called P.R.A.Y. in conjunction with the largest Scout programmes in the U.S.), these courses are appropriate for all children (boys and girls) in the appropriate age categories:

God and Me: grades 1-3 (age 5-8)

God and Family: grades 4-6 (age 8-10)

God and Church: grades 7-8 (age 11-12) and,

God and Life: grades 9-12 (age 13-15)

Despite the title of the overall programme (God and Country) the programmes are not specific to any one country. Rather, they form a sequence of age-based Christian education that the youth can relate to. The programmes are very positive, include many activities appropriate for their age and include a party at the end to celebrate their accomplishments.

Additionally these programmes, while aimed at young people, have an optional corresponding programme for an adult mentor (typically a parent) to do in parallel with the young person. The themes and topics are similar to those for the kids, but are aimed at the Christian growth of the adult, while supplementing the experience of the child. For example, each lesson's work for the adult has a question for the adult to answer and share with the child.

We're in the 'this is a nice idea' stage and would like to know how many young people might want to participate, and if any adults would be willing to lead or assist in leading a specific group. The number of lessons for each course varies (from 4 lessons for God and Me to 12 lessons for God and Life) and the lesson length is flexible (one hour is typical, but that can be more or less depending on what work is done at home.) There are excellent guides for the leaders ('counsellors') and preparation time is

typically minimal for a specific lesson (choosing specific activities, familiarizing yourself with the lesson materials, printing out the materials for the class – and nearly all of those materials are available on line.)

You can find more information on the programmes at

http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm

If interested (either youth participant or adult mentor/counsellor), please let Ken or John Woughter (john.woughter@gmail.com) know. Questions are certainly welcome!

Learning from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Once a year, the Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany (CAECG) provides a lay training weekend to promote Christian development in the English-speaking churches in the country. These events are always extremely interesting and edifying.

This year's weekend will take place at St George's Anglican Church, Preußenallee 17-19, Berlin from Friday 3rd July, starting at 6pm, to Sunday 5 July, when it will finish with Eucharist at St George's at 10.00am.

Participants are invited to discover or rediscover the life and thought of pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), who resisted Nazism and paid for it with his life. The focus of this study weekend will be on the relevance of Bonhoeffer's teaching for us in our contemporary world. However, there will also be a number of opportunities to get acquainted with the history of the German Church in the 1930s and 1940s and with the attempt by leading Anglican Churchman George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, to support the German Church and people like Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Activities will include a guided tour of the Bonhoeffer Haus in Berlin, the group study of a number of key Bonhoeffer texts led by Gottfried Brezger, the director of the Bonhoeffer Haus, and a talk with Bell scholar Dr Peter Raina on the relationship between Bell and Bonhoeffer. There is a small registration fee of EUR 30.

Accommodation for those who need it will be provided in the homes of members of the Berlin

congregation, or, if preferred, a hotel room can be booked at the Pension Rotdorn, located a 5-minute walk away from the church.

Full details and a registration form are available on the St Catherine's website – the closing date for registration is 4th June – so don't delay. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about and from a Christian hero and to meet people from other congregations all over Germany.

Eric Jarman

Review of past events



Once again St. Catherine's is pleased to have taken part in the Stuttgart American Days programme.

Booksale

Close your eyes. Take a deep breath. What do you smell? Hear?

Perhaps you hear the sound of laughter, light chatter, shuffling pages, clinking of coins. Smell? Mmmmm... I think you're smelling cheesecake, spiced muffins, chocolatey cupcakes, coffee, or maybe a slightly musty odor.

Where are you?! No, you're not in Starbucks, not an old book store, you're at the 1st Annual 'American Days' booksale. Silly, you say, I knew I wasn't at Starbucks. No-one pays for Starbucks drinks with coins. You need paper money for drinks that expensive!

St. Catherine's, the Children's English Library, and the International Woman's Club held an English Book Sale on Saturday 9th May and Sunday 10th May at the St. Cats Parish Centre. On display were used and nearly-new books, baked goods, drinks, and welcoming smiles. Approximately 1,000 euros were made from the sale of books, 400 euros from the sale of baked goods, and (most importantly) all of that money was donated to a good cause, the Children's English Library and the "Deutscher

Kinderschutzbund Ortsverband Stuttgart e.V." Speaking as a volunteer, I can say that I believe the book/bake sale did more for the community than just help the public save a few euros (books were sold at discounted prices). Flyers for St. Cats were handed out to those interested, and I hope to see some of those people again. They will certainly know the way to the Parish Centre, and if they don't remember, they can just follow that smell of coffee and baked goods, and listen for the familiar sound of clinking silverware, chatter, and laughter.

Stephanie Ramquist

JOYces MS Benefit Concert

The evening of 9 May on Olgastraße began normally for a Saturday, the buzz of people on the street passing by, going about their Saturday business. However, there was an air of excitement that enveloped St. Catherine's. There were many people busily moving things into the sanctuary. Curiously, people began to file in and take a seat in the pews, until nearly every possible space was filled. Finally the 19:00 church bells began to ring, calling any latecomers to quickly enter.

Father Ken stood up and began to talk – was this an evening service? No, Father Ken was not in his vestments. What could have brought so many people out to St. Catherine's on a Saturday night?

The church suddenly exploded in music! Out came the musical group JOYces. They proceeded to entertain everyone with a variety of music: oldies, gospel, jazz and much more. The occasion? This was a benefit concert to raise funds to aid in the research of Multiple Sclerosis (MS). In between their musical numbers we were honoured to hear from two women who are afflicted with this debilitating illness.

Although most people have heard of MS, few know the devastating effects, unless you have someone close to you that is affected. We heard from Julie Faust's daughter, who, after going to bed one night a healthy young woman, woke up the next morning with the shocking

discovery of MS. Karin described how MS had changed her life. She was 25 when diagnosed.

We also heard from Annette Abraminko, an active woman who was diagnosed with MS at the age of 40. She has not let MS control her adventures. She has been a crew member of a tall ship and sailed across the Atlantic, even though she was confined to a wheelchair.

Research continues to look for an answer/cure to this illness. Through contributions of people like those who attended the concert, research can continue. The message from both of these courageous women was although MS is a debilitating illness, that as of today, there is no cure for, it does not have to be a life stopping illness. Both women are active as much as the illness allows them.

Facts: People who are diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis are usually between the age of 20 and 40; it is almost twice as common in women than in men; there is more than one type of MS, which makes it difficult for researchers.

My brother-in-law and a close friend were diagnosed with MS in their 30s, both male. Both had very promising careers, one as a professional baseball player, the other in the military. They both are still very active in their fields, just not in the way they had imagined before being diagnosed.

Thanks to the JOYces (Joyful Voices), and all those that help in the coordinating of the benefit concert, more than €1500 was collected. If you were unable to attend this great benefit concert, you can still contribute to the research of MS. Contact Julie Faust for more information.

Marva Farrington

Diocesan News

With great joy I announce the following persons are to be ordained this Petertide:

Sacred Order of Deacon

Ms Frances Hiller (to serve as Chaplain to the Suffragan Bishop in Europe).

By Bishop Geoffrey Rowell on Wednesday 3rd June, at 1900 in the All Saints Church, Cologne. A barbecue will follow the service.

Mr Rik Florentinus (to serve as assistant curate of Christ Church Amsterdam), and Ms Ankje-Robinson-Muller (to serve as assistant curate of the East Netherlands Group)

By Bishop Geoffrey Rowell on Saturday 4th July, at 14.30 in Evangelisch-Lutherse Kerk,, Arnhem. A reception will follow the service.

Mrs Lindy Jordan (to serve as assistant curate of St Andrew's Fuengirola, Costa del Sol, Spain)

By Bishop David Hamid on Saturday 11 July, at 11.00 in the Norwegian Church, Calahonda. A picnic will follow the service.

Sacred Order of Priest

The Revd John Moore (assistant curate of St Michael's, Paris)

By Bishop David on Saturday 4th July, at 11.30 in St Michael's Church, Paris. A reception will follow the service.

The Revd Christine Bloomfield (assistant curate, St Alban's Strasbourg)

By Bishop Richard Garrard (Commissary of the Archbishop of Canterbury) on Saturday 11th July, at 11.00, in l'Eglise St Thomas, Strasbourg. A reception will follow the service.

All are warmly invited to attend these celebrations.

Please announce these ordinations in your churches and congregations so that the candidates can be upheld in the prayers of our people as they make their final preparations towards ordination as deacons and priests.

Yours in Christ

+David

A is for Anglicanism

St. Catherine's is part of the Church of England Diocese in Europe, as such part of the Anglican Communion with churches all over the world. But what does this mean?



Joachim Zeller tries to find the answer:

The **Anglican Communion** is a voluntary, international community of national and/or regional Anglican Churches. In this article, you find an overview of its structure and organization, and a description of its theological foundations.

Theological foundations: There is no single Anglican Church, but rather many independent national or regional churches that regard themselves as Anglican. Not all are members of the Anglican Communion, but those that are, are voluntarily so and all agree on the following founding principles:

- They regard themselves as realizations of the One, Holy, Catholic Church and are in sacramental communion with each other.
- They are Episcopal and Synodal Churches, i.e. they are led by Bishops, who were ordained in the [Apostolic Succession](#), and by Synods - governing bodies.
- Their liturgical life, order of worship and principles of faith are laid down and defined by prayer books, the '[Book of Common Prayer](#)' (BCP) of the Church of England being the oldest one (although each Anglican Church has its own). Most also accept significant Anglican historical documents of faith (e.g. the "[39 Articles of Religion](#)" or the "[Chicago Quadrilateral](#)").

Structure and organization: Being based on voluntary membership, the instruments and bodies of the Anglican Communion have no legal authority over the individual member churches, but are rather based on discussion, mutual consultation and dialogue. They are:

- The [Archbishop of Canterbury](#) (AofC) who, as head of the Church of England, is accepted as the spiritual leader of the

Anglican Communion, as *primus inter pares* ("first among equals"). However, he has no legal authority over the individual churches.

- The [Lambeth Conference](#), which is a forum of discussion between bishops of Anglican Churches and meets every 10 years (first in 1867, most recently in 2008) for several weeks. It passes non-binding resolutions and recommendations on issues of mutual interest and concern.
- The [Primates' Meeting](#) (held every two years since 1978), attended by the heads of the individual Anglican churches ("primates"). It describes itself as an "opportunity for leisurely thought, prayer and deep consultation".
- The [Anglican Consultative Council](#) (held every 3 years since 1968) composed of bishops, clergy and laity delegated by their member churches, with the Anglican Communion Office as a permanent secretariat. It is a forum for exchange of information, acts as advisory body and coordinates common actions.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the Anglican Communion has representatives to the United Nations (UN) and the World Council of Churches (WCC), supports various church networks, is engaged in the ecumenical dialogue with other Christian Churches, and is connected spiritually by the [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#).

For more information on the Anglican Communion see:

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/> and <http://anglican.org/church/AngliComm.html>

The links in this article explain some of the terms which may be unfamiliar to some.

Another good reference resource for Anglican terms is <http://anglican.org/vocab/index.html>

Joachim Zeller

News from former St. Catherine's Members

Patrick Thompson and Julia Wolff.

We are both fine. Patrick is stressed out with Uni and I have a part time job at a after school house. We are flatting together in a two bedroom house near the city centre with Patrick's cousin about to move in too. We're still missing our church and haven't found a good substitute for St. Cat's. Julia thinks churches here are crazy, who would have thought a traditional Anglican Church would be so hard to find? Now we really know and appreciate the more what we had in Stuttgart. Winter is nearly upon us and our flat has no insulation or heating system.

We hope to survive and return to Germany. Julia will be back end of November, not knowing where she has to move to for her teacher training, Patrick has no idea what he will be doing but hopes to come back with Julia after his exams. We hope the bible study is going well, at least you know now that we miss you too...

All the best, hopefully see you end of the year. Thanks for the messages from the church, even though we're not there it's nice to know what's going on.

Patrick and Julia

Brian Mubiwa

Hi. I trust that you are well? and with spring now in full swing, I trust that nobody is sneezing or coughing?! lol

Anyway, I just wanted to inform you that my journey [back to South Africa] was wonderful and I have managed to (re)settle well, in some things. Although of course I'm still trying to (re)acclimatise to such things like transport - as you would know, the U-Bahn is kinda addictive, not to mention the S-Bahn and the ever-reliable bus!! Anyway, all is well.

I thought about you yesterday and could not help but think about the wonderfully enlightening bible study sessions. I will always miss those. Thanks for imparting such powerful knowledge to me and others. Thanks for all the

wonderful moments. I will always cherish them. Wherever I go, St Catherine's will always be a part of me.

Please pass my love to everyone.

Brian Mubiwa

Fun Stuff

Phones in Church

A man in Topeka, Kansas decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco and worked east from there.

Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes.

He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign, which read "Calls: \$10,000 a minute."

Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to GOD.

The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Seattle, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Denver, Oklahoma City, and around the United States, he found more phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrived in Texas, upon entering a church in Dallas, Texas, behold - he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read "Calls: 35 cents."

Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor, "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden telephone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to GOD, but in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads only 35 cents a call.

Why?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replied, "Son, you're in Texas now ... You're in God's Country, It's a local call."

[Complaints from Yorkshiremen and New Zealanders should be made to the Vicar not the Editor!]

How to Dance in the Rain

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health.

He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's illness.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late.

He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.'

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arms, and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.' True love is neither physical, nor romantic.

True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

Life isn't about how to survive the storm,
But how to dance in the rain.'

Bible Humour

It doesn't hurt to have a little Biblical humor to start the day....

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth ?

A. *Ruthless.*

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ?

A. *German Shepherds.*

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. *Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.*

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. *Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a Little prophet.*

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. *Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.*

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. *Samson . He brought the house down.*

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden ?

A. *Your mother ate us out of house and home.*

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. *Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.*

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. *The area around Jordan . The banks were always overflowing.*

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. *David He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.*

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. *Joshua , son of Nun.*

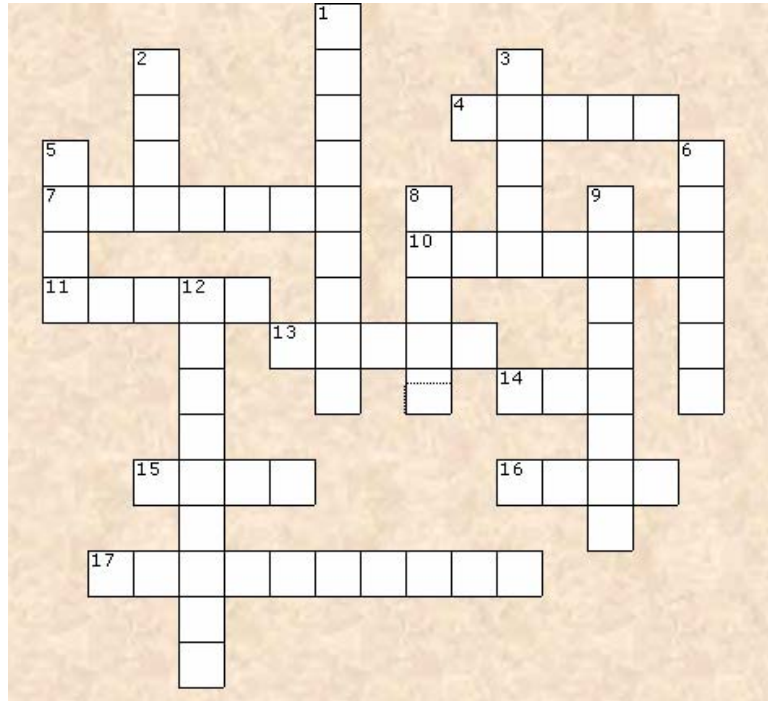
Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark ?

A. *Because Noah was standing on the deck.*

PS... Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

Yup, it's in the Bible. It says . . 'He-brews'

Crossword Puzzle: Who Said That?



Across

4 He said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

7 She said, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."

10 He said to the Lord, "Will you destroy both innocent and guilty alike? Suppose you find fifty innocent people there within the city-- will you still destroy it, and not spare it for their sakes?"

11 He said, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

13 He said to the sailors, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea, and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

14 She said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

15 She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

16 He said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

17 He said, "You will not surely die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (2 words)

Down

1 He said to the wise men, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." (2 words)

2 He said, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."

3 When Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?", this disciple answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

5 He said, "The woman you put here with me-- she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

6 Bracing himself against the central pillars of the temple, He said, "Let me die with the Philistines!"

8 When this elderly woman heard talk that she would have a baby, she thought to herself, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

9 He said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (2 words)

12 She said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"

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What's on at St. Catherine's

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Details
Sun 31 May	10:30	<i>Pentecost [Whitsunday]</i> Bilingual Joint Service of Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	Joint Service with the Old Catholics [with Easter proclamation in as many languages as possible.]
Wed 3 June	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	John 3.1-7
Sat 6 June	18:00	St. Catherine's Talent Show	St. Catherine's	Polish off your dancing shoes, dig out your top hat, warm up the vocal chords and put on a show ... for more details see p.4
Sun 7 June	11:15	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> Confirmation with Holy Communion	St. Catherine's	OT: Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm: 29 NT: Romans 8.12-17 Gospel: John 3.1-17
Sun 7 June	12:30	Blessing of the New Parish Centre	Parish Centre	To be followed by a Lunch in honour of the Bishop and Confirmands. For more information see p.4
Wed 10 June	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Mark 3.20-35
Sat 13 June	09:00-13:00	Church Council Away Day	Parish Centre	Parish Council Workshop in the Parish Centre 9a.m. -1 p.m. The PCC will be planning, dreaming, setting goals, and reviewing duties.
Sun 14 June	09:00	<i>Proper 6</i> Holy Communion	St Catherine's	OT: Ezekiel 17.22-24 Psalm:92.1-4, 12-15 NT: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 Gospel: Mark 4.26-34 Start of Eagle Scout Project in the Children's Room
Sun 14 June	11:00	St. Catherine's Walking Group	Meet at Parish Centre	For more information see p.4
Wed 17 June	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Mark 4 35-41

Thurs	18 June	15:30	Toddler Group	Parish Centre	See p.6 for more details
Sun	21 June	11:15	<i>Proper 7</i> Holy Communion with Baptism	St Catherine's	OT: Job 38.1-11 Psalm: 107.1-3, 23-32 NT: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Gospel: Mark 4 35-41 Beginning of Summer Picnic see p.5
Wed	24 June	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Mark 5.21-43
Thurs	25 June	10:00	Women's Group	Parish Centre	see p.6 for more information
Sun	28 June	09:00	<i>Proper 8</i> Holy Communion	St Catherine's	OT: Lamentations 3.23-33 Psalm:30 NT: 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Gospel: Mark 5.21-43 Church Council Meeting
Mon	29 June	19:30	Ladies' Evening Group	African Ambiente	See p. 6 for more details
Wed	1 July	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Mark 6.1-13
Fri – Sun	3-5 July		Learning from Bohoeffler	Berlin	See p. 7 for more details
Sun	5 July	10:30	<i>Katharinenfest</i> Bilingual Holy Communion	St Catherine's	Joint Service with the Old Catholics followed by Hochetze and entertainment.
Wed	8 July	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Mark 6.14-29
Sun	12 July	09:00	<i>Proper 10</i> Holy Communion	St Catherine's	OT: Amos 7.7-15 Psalm: 85.8-13 NT: Ephesians 1.3-14 Gospel: Mark 6.14-29

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Wed	15 July	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	Mark 6.30-34, 53-56
Thurs	16 July	15:30	Toddler Group	Schloss Garten	See p.6 for more details
Sun	19 July	11:15	<i>Proper 11</i> Holy Communion	St Catherine's	OT: Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm: 23 NT: Ephesians 2.11-22 Gospel: Mark 6.30-34, 53-56
Wed	22 July	19:30	Bible Study	Parish Centre	John 6.1-12
Sun	26 July	09:00	<i>Proper 12</i> Holy Communion	St Catherine's	OT: 2 Kings 4.24-44 Psalm: 145.10-19 NT: Ephesians 3.14-21 Gospel: John 6.1-12 Church Council Meeting
Mon	27 July	19:30	Ladies' Evening Group	TBC	E-mail legs@stcatherines-stuttgart.de for more details.