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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

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Lent has ended... Easter has gloriously arrived. Alleluia! I always welcome the Great 50 Days of Easter, because the resurrection of Jesus is both the highpoint of the Church Year and the heart of the Christian faith. Without it, there would be no reason for Christianity. Because of it, all creation is being changed. It may be hard to see it, dwelling, as we do, in the midst of the world, but the historian in me can attest to the fact that there has never been a time like this time. In all the history of the world, have people ever had more freedom?... more opportunity? ...better general health? ... longer life expectancy? ...such freedom from fear or better reason to hope? I believe that all these things are to some degree attributable to the desire of the Church to make the resurrection of Christ manifest in the world. Public schools, hospitals, universities, the rule of law, civil rights, women's rights, and the end of slavery... all have their current place in our world largely because people of faith realized that Jesus' resurrection changed our image of what it means to be human. We learned at the empty tomb that death is not the end...that we are redeemable... that God's Love is greater than the power of sin. The dignity of the individual, the care for the health of the body, the glory given God through art and architecture, the peace between nations, ...all these are, theologically speaking, extensions of the fruits of resurrection. Perhaps I am biased, being a "professional" Christian. There is no time here to develop my thesis further, but I do believe that Jesus' walking out of the tomb set in action a process which is still waking us up to the implications of limitless grace, sanctified personhood, and atoning righteousness.

My "Alleluia" ring forth a rejoicing not just that Jesus is alive; but that in Him all creation is made new. We are surrounded by new hope; new insights; new beginnings. In the case of St. Catherine's Church, we are witnessing a new time of growth and development. We are surrounded by new music, new friends, and new traditions, new grace. I say "Alleluia" for the new ways our parish is being called to witness to His resurrection.

Each person God sends to us is a sign of hope, a fellow servant of God, and a colleague in sharing the resurrection with the world. Each person in the parish is an important part of mission. No one is off the hook. No one is too old or too young to share in the work of the church. No one is the wrong gender, race, class, or ethnic group. No one is ineligible for any

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reason to be part of the resurrection, as St. Catherine's Church is being called to live it. That's why I have been pushing "Enrollment". Being enrolled means that one is eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, eligible to be elected to a leadership position, eligible to contribute ideas, opinions, and visions for our parish. If not yet enrolled, please contact me to get enrolled, as an act of spiritual commitment to the resurrection as lived out here at St. Catherine's.

Often Annual General Meetings are seen as tedious but necessary exercises best gotten through quickly. That approach, I believe, falls short of the Easter nature of the faith. An Annual General Meeting can rather be a celebration of our life together in Christ, and illuminated by His resurrection. An AGM should be a time when all the people come together to reflect upon the blessings bestowed last year, ... and anticipate the many opportunities for ministry awaiting us next year. Every AGM report is a story of God's love. Every AGM election is a call to servanthood. Every AGM resolution is a discernment of God's Will. An AGM should feel almost like a family reunion, with God the Father in our midst, guiding us into the future.

The Annual General Meeting for St. Catherine's Church 2007 will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following our 11:15 Eucharist. We'll have a nice meal, good music, and activities for the kids. Do you have any ideas on ways to make it fun, fulfilling, celebratory, and meaningful? It needn't last long, but it should be something that, when it ends, causes all to say, "I am so glad I came."

Please mark your calendars to attend. Come prepared to help us find ways to bring resurrection glory into every aspect of our life together. Come prepared to celebrate all that God has done, is doing, and will do for us, with us, and in us. Come prepared to take your place in the active ministry of the church. Several of our present parish council members will be rotating off this year, ...so come prepared to answer yes or no, should you be nominated to the council.

What an exciting life lies ahead of us! I know what God has in store for us: Blessing upon blessing, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

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### Warden's Corner

The forthcoming AGM marks a watershed in the life of our congregation in more ways than one.

We will be electing new council members as some of the current ones step down after a period, which has brought enormous progress. The present council, serving with few changes throughout the period since Surya left us in 2005, always worked with one goal firmly in mind. We were determined, come what may, to find some way in which we could get a full-time priest, this being the prerequisite for any real growth in our congregation. Now this preliminary goal has been attained, and I have the pleasant task of thanking everyone for their non-stop efforts over the last two years. I won't mention names or list services – that can wait

for the AGM, and anyway, the main strength of the Council was teamwork. No amount of flowery words would add anything to what has been achieved, so I will simply say that it has been a privilege to be part of such a dedicated, single-minded team. I have been on several PCCs, and have never enjoyed serving so much.

The first stage of our growth has been successfully completed, with new people in the congregation and a successful stewardship campaign under way. Now we hope that some of the new members of our congregation will step into the shoes of the outgoing council to take their work a stage further. Because growth is not just about numbers, but about ministry, and now we face an even more exciting challenge: What form will our ministry take? So I close today with a request: Please come to the AGM and give us your ideas for what the

future should look like, and do consider whether you are being called to stand for the Council – just ask a serving member for more information.

*Eric Jarman  
Senior Warden*

The AGM will take place on Sunday 6 May after the service. There will be a pot luck lunch, so any culinary contributions will be gratefully received!

### **Baptism**

On 4 February the baptism of Keira Siobhan Hulme, the daughter of Richard and Sabine Hulme, took place at St. Catherine's. Welcome Keira into our church family!

Many thanks go to the Hulme family and friends for providing such delicious food after the service.

### **Farewell**

In March we had to say farewell to Mel and Filomena Spiese who have returned to the United States to live and work in the sunny climes of southern California.

No sooner had Mel and Filomena arrived in Stuttgart that they became fully involved in the various activities at St. Catherine's. Mel was a valued member of the church council and we shall miss his calming influence and thoughtful deliberations at our meetings. We shall miss you too, Filomena, and wish you both bon voyage and Auf Wiedersehen!

### **Welcome**

On June 4 we will be welcoming Matt Johnson to St. Catherine's. Matt is a student at a theological seminary in New York. He will be spending two months with us assisting Ken.

## **News Of Former Parishioners/Chaplains**

The Rev. Dr. Perumalla Surya Prakash was consecrated and installed as the fifth Bishop of Karimnagar Diocese at the CSI Wesleyan Cathedral in Karimnagar on 26 March 2007. Karimnagar Diocese is one of the 22 dioceses of the Church of South India and is a neighbouring diocese of Medak. Surya and Vindya hope to come and visit us later on this year.

The editor recently received a postcard from Sydney, Australia from Richard and Jacqui Harvey. They have now emigrated Down Under and are currently awaiting their visas so that they can settle down properly. They have managed to find an Anglican church ([www.darlingst.org.au](http://www.darlingst.org.au)), which they describe as guitars and drums but with Anglican theology and they send their regards to all who remember them.

### **Bible Study**

This is held every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at St. Catherine's. All are welcome to attend.

### **Children's Bible Story Time**

This is held every Monday at the vicarage in Möhringen at 3.30pm.

### **Organ Concert**

On May 13 starting at 6.00pm at St. Catherine's our very own Andy Dewar will be performing a programme of English organ concertos. He will be accompanied by a string quartet. All proceeds from the concert will go towards the church's restoration fund. Tickets are Euro 15 (Euro 12 for students) and will be available at the door on the night of the concert.

This is a marvellous opportunity to hear this international award-winning organist, so please come and support the event.

### Three Men in a Boat for church restoration fund

On the evening of Saturday, 10 March, Brian Barnes, well known in Stuttgart for his One-Man-Theatre productions of English plays at the Theater der Altstadt, gave us a performance of Jerome K. Jerome's "Three Men in a Boat", the proceeds of which were destined for the church restoration fund.

The evening was a joint effort by many friends of St Catharine's. Most importantly, the Leonhardsgemeinde had lent us their hall, at no charge - a generous gesture which they repeat every time St Catharine's puts on an event which contributes to the restoration project.

Secondly, the local firm of Celasio (pharmaceuticals) had agreed to sponsor Brian's fee, which meant that another Euro 750 was available for the fund. And thirdly, the profits were maximised by the indefatigable workers at the refreshment bar and the point of sale of the raffle tickets (won, of course, by - who else? - the Senior Warden). A swarm of volunteers made sure that the setting up of the hall beforehand and, vitally, the clearing up afterwards was carried out smoothly.

Brian Barnes, with his usual virtuoso skill, recreated for us the mishaps of the three friends in their boat on the Thames, succeeding effortlessly in inventing and sustaining a different persona for each of the characters and relating their adventures with a comic verve which earned him thunderous applause at the end.

When the final calculations had been made we were able to transfer Euro 1515 to "Rettet die Katharinenkirche e.V."; a result which our community can be proud of, and which is the standard to aim for in the fund-raising events to come.

*Christopher Sloan*

### Recipes

Eric's bread pudding was heartily devoured after the Brian Barnes' event and several people have asked for the recipe. So here it is:

A few weeks ago we had a lot of bread left over, so I told Renate I'd make a bread pudding, which we hadn't had for a long while. There was more bread than I had thought, and the pudding turned out to be huge, so I took it to church for Sunday morning coffee time. I was pleased, but not surprised, that everyone enjoyed it: this traditional recipe has been tickling palettes all over England, especially in Norfolk, where it is known as Nelson's Slices. It can be served cold, sprinkled with sugar, as a cake, or hot with custard. Enjoy!

Preheat the oven to 150° (gas mark 2)

Ingredients for 12 squares:

8 thick slices day-old bread

½ pint milk

1 eating apple, peeled, cored and grated

12 oz mixed dried fruit to taste (raisins, sultanas, currants)

2 oz chopped mixed peel

3 tablespoons soft dark sugar

2 tablespoons mature orange marmalade

1½ oz self-raising flour

2 eggs, beaten

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 level teaspoons ground mixed spice

4 oz butter

Break the bread into small pieces and put it in a mixing bowl with the milk. Leave to soak for twenty minutes, then beat with a fork to make a smooth, lump-free mixture.

Add the grated apple, dried fruit, and peel. Stir in the sugar, marmalade, flour, eggs, lemon juice and spices.

Melt the butter and stir half of it into the mixture, then beat the mixture well. Grease a suitable baking tin and spread the mixture into it. Drizzle the remaining butter over the top and bake in the pre-heated oven for 2 hours.

Increase the temperature to 180° (gas mark 4) and bake for a further 30 minutes or until the

top is slightly brown and crisp and a skewer pushed into the pudding comes out clean.

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Several requests were also made for the recipe for Simnel cake, which was made by two members of the congregation for the Mothering Sunday service. Here is the recipe:

350g currants  
 100g sultanas  
 75g candied peel, chopped  
 pinch of salt  
 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
 1 tsp ground cinnamon  
 175g sugar  
 222g flour, sifted  
 175g butter or margarine  
 3 eggs, beaten  
 a little milk to taste  
 500g almond paste (marzipan), can be bought ready made  
 2 tablespoons apricot jam, warmed

Grease and line an 18cm (7 inch) cake tin. Divide the marzipan into three pieces. Roll two of the portions into circles the size of the cake tin. Make the remaining into eleven small balls.

Mix together the fruit and peel with a tablespoon of the flour. Sift the rest of the flour, salt and the spices into a bowl. Cream butter/margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy, then add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in half the flour and fruit with a metal spoon, then add the rest. Pour in just enough milk to make a fairly stiff consistency and mix well.

Put half the cake mixture in to the prepared tin, smooth over and cover with one round of marzipan. Then lay the remaining cake mixture on top and level the surface.

Bake at 160°C in a preheated oven for 2 - 3 hours or until cooked through (test with a small skewer: if it comes out clean the cake is ready).

Allow to cool. When cake is cool, turn out and brush the top with apricot jam and lay the second round of almond paste on top., Fix the balls (the 11 apostles - minus Judas) round the edge with dabs of apricot jam or beaten egg. Brush the cake with any remaining egg or jam and brown lightly under the grill, if desired.

### CAECG Meeting

The meeting of the Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany was held at Christ The King church in Frankfurt between 8 and 10 March. Thursday 8 March was reserved for the clergy, the laity joining the clergy the following day.

Friday afternoon was taken up by CAECG official business and we heard reports from nearly all the churches represented - Berlin, Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Cologne/Bonn, Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Freiburg, Munich, Nuremberg, Ingolstadt and last but not least Stuttgart. We learned of the preparations being made for the Kirchentag to be held in Cologne in June and we were also privileged to hear a talk from Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin on the problems of ethnic minorities in the Anglican church and what is being done to resolve them.

On the Saturday we had three very lively sessions on "Muslims: Faith and Feeling" when the Muslim faith, its differences from and similarities to the Anglican faith, the differences between Sunnis and Shias and contemporary issues were discussed. We were led in each session by Sam Wolff, a Lutheran minister, who holds a Master of Islamic Studies degree and who is currently working in Frankfurt but who had also spent over 20 years in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania working as a missionary, and by Mr. Ünal Kaymakci, the vice-president of the Muslim Council of Hessen.

The next meeting of the CAECG will be held in Heidelberg in September.

*Hilary Norman*

## Dean Of Germany

(Answers on page 7)

The Rev Christopher Jage-Bowler, the chaplain at St George's, Berlin, has been appointed as Dean of Germany.

## ACK News

ACK Germany have negotiated an agreement for Mutual Recognition of Baptism by ACK Churches here in Germany (including the CAECG). This was signed on 29 April at the cathedral in Magdeburg.

## Easter Quiz

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after which event?

Originally baked for Mothering Sunday, which type of cake has now become traditional at Easter?

Who were the male and female leads of the 1948 film Easter Parade?

In which city is the famous fresco by Leonardo da Vinci The Last Supper?

Traditionally, the thieves crucified with Christ are named Gestas and who else?

The island of Rapa Nui is better known by what name?

In the nursery rhyme, what line follows "hot cross buns, hot cross buns"?

Representing Christ's journey to Calvary, how many Stations of the Cross are there?

The festival of Passover is known by what name in Hebrew?

Where in America has there been a famous Easter egg roll since 1878?

Next due to be performed in 2010, where in Germany is a famous Passion Play performed every 10 years?

Who, according to the Gospel of St. John, was the first person to encounter the risen Christ?

In which Eastern European country is it a long-standing tradition to drench members of the opposite sex with water on Easter Monday, hence the alternative name of Wet Monday?

At which synod in 664 was the question of how to calculate the date of Easter in Anglo-Saxon England resolved in favour of Rome?

## Children's English Library in Stuttgart

The Children's English Library  
Etzelstraße 25-27, 70180 Stuttgart  
Tel: (0711) 3 58 22 15  
Email [info@celstuttgart.de](mailto:info@celstuttgart.de)  
[www.celstuttgart.de](http://www.celstuttgart.de)

This is a great resource to help families with children in the Stuttgart region learn and grow in the English language.

Library hours are as follows:

Tuesdays 16:00 -18:00

Fridays 15:00 - 18:00

Saturdays 14:00 -17:00

The library is closed during school holidays and on the Saturdays at the beginning and end of the school holidays. Limited opening hours operate during the long summer holidays.

Membership:

Family members' fees are 50 Euro per year. Each family is entitled to borrow 10 items for up to four weeks.

All members of CEL receive a bi-monthly copy of our newsletter the Looking Glass. This is distributed by e-mail as a pdf document and is also available in hard copy from the library.

Other activities:

Rhyme Time for 0-3 year olds and their parents/ caregivers

Listen In 3-6 year olds

Workshops on a variety of themes for a variety of ages.

English classes for native and non-native speakers, taught by a qualified native English speaker.

More details of all these and other activities can be found on the library website

[www.celstuttgart.de](http://www.celstuttgart.de) or in the Looking Glass.

## The International Women's Club of Stuttgart e.V.

New to the Stuttgart area or have an interest in activities in English? Come join us at our monthly meeting at Cafe Merlin, Augustenstr. 72, 70178 Stuttgart-West (entrance in the back). The closest S-Bahn stations are Schwabstrasse and Feuersee. The number 44 and 92 buses also stop close by.

Contact the club for more information at their website [www.iwcstuttgart.org](http://www.iwcstuttgart.org)

### And in Conclusion.....

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Enclosed with this newsletter is the latest membership directory. Please let the editor (details at the back of the newsletter) know of any inaccuracies or any additional information you would like to have included in the next directory, e.g. e-mail addresses, birthdays, etc.

## Lectionary for Services at St. Catherine's

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>MAY</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion followed by Annual General Meeting	St. Catherine's
13 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion followed by Council meeting	St. Catherine's
13 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm	Organ concert with Andy Dewar	St. Catherine's
20 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
27 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion (Whit Sunday)	St. Catherine's
<b>JUNE</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
10 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion followed by Council meeting	St. Catherine's
17 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
24 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
<b>JULY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
8 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion followed by Council meeting	St. Catherine's
15 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
22 <sup>nd</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
29 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30am	Joint service with Old Catholics	St. Catherine's
	St. Catherine's Women's Group meets once a	

month at the vicarage. Alison Seyerle is the co-ordinator of the meetings. Please contact her if you wish to come along to any of the meetings.

**Lectionary For Services At St. Catherine's**

<b>Date</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
6 May	Acts 11: 1-18	148	Revelations 21: 1-6	John 12: 31-35
13 May	Acts 16: 9-15	67	Revelations 21: 10, 22-22.5	John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9
20 May	Acts 1: 1-11 or Daniel 7: 9-14	47 or 93	Ephesians 1: 15-23 or Acts 1: 1-11	Luke 24: 44-53
27 May	Acts 2: 1-21 or Genesis 11: 1-9	104: 26-37	Romans 8: 14-17 or Acts 2: 1-21	John 14: 8-17
3 June	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	8	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15
10 June	1 Kings 17: 8-16	146	Galatians 1 11-24	Luke 7: 11-17
17 June	1 Kings 21: 1-10, 15-21	5: 1-8	Galatians 2: 15-21	Luke 7: 36 - 8: 3
24 June	1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15	42	Galatians 3: 23-29	Luke 8: 26-39
1 July	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14	77: 1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5: 1,13-25	Luke 9: 51-62
8 July	2 Kings 5: 1-14	30	Galatians 6: 7-16	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
15 July	Amos 7: 7-17	82	Colossians 1: 1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
22 July	Amos 8: 1-12	52	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10: 38-42

**Answers to the Easter Quiz**

1. *The vernal or Spring equinox* 2. *Simnel cake* 3. *Fred Astaire and Judy Garland* 4. *Milan* 5. *Dismas* 6. *Easter Island* 7. *One a penny, two a penny* 8. *14* 9. *Pesach* 10. *The lawn of the White House* 11. *Oberammergau* 12. *Mary Magdalene* 13. *Poland* 14. *The Synod of Whitby*

ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT CROSSROADS?

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