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9 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion followed by Council meeting	St. Catherine's
16 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
23 <sup>rd</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
30 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30am	Joint Service with Old Catholics	St. Catherine's
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
14 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion followed by Council meeting	St. Catherine's
21 <sup>st</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
28 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion	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.	

ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT CROSSROADS?  
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But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quickly DUNKED him and BAPTIZED his hairy soul.

And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the day praising Jesus."

They both looked down at the rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IVs and monitors running in and out of him. He was in bad shape.

The rabbi looks up and says, "Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start."

**LECTIONARY FOR SERVICES AT ST. CATHERINE'S**

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
5 August	Hosea 11: 1-11	107: 1-9,43	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
12 August	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20	50: 1-8,23,24	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
19 August	Isaiah 5: 1-7	80: 1-2, 9-20	Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2	Luke 12: 49-56
26 August	Jeremiah 4: 1-10	71: 1-6	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
2 September	Jeremiah 2: 4-13	81: 1,10-16	Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15,16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
9 September	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	139: 1-5, 12-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
16 September	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28	14	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
23 September	Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9: 1	79: 1-9	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13
7 October	Lamentations 1: 1-6	137	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10
14 October	Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7	66: 1-11	2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Luke 17: 11-19
21 October	Jeremiah 31: 27-34	119: 97-104	2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5	Luke 18: 1-8
28 October	Joel 2: 23-32	65	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14

**THE ALL-IN-ONE ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>AUGUST</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion followed by pot luck lunch	St. Catherine's
12 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion followed by Council meeting	St. Catherine's
19 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
26 <sup>h</sup> at 9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Catherine's
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		

**CHILDREN'S ENGLISH LIBRARY IN  
STUTTGART**

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70180 Stuttgart  
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[www.celstuttgart.de](http://www.celstuttgart.de)

The Children's English Library provides a source of English language books and activities for native and non-native speakers in the Stuttgart region.

The library is run by volunteers and funded through membership fees and donations. Family membership costs 50 Euro per year. Members may borrow up to 15 books at a time for four weeks and have free access to various English language activities including Rhyme Time singing sessions for toddlers, Listen In readings for 3-6 year olds, workshops for school age children and a youth club for 10-13 year olds.

Further details can be found on our website [www.celstuttgart.de](http://www.celstuttgart.de)

New members and volunteers are always welcome.

SUMMER HOLIDAY Opening hours  
Fridays 10:00-12:30 only

**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....**

A priest, a Pentecostal preacher and a Rabbi all served as chaplains to the students at a university in Michigan.

They would get together two or three times a week for coffee and to talk shop.

One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard. A real challenge would be to preach to a bear.

One thing led to another and they decided to do an experiment They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it.

Seven days later, they're all together to discuss the experience. Father Flannery, who has his arm in a sling, is on crutches, and has various bandages, goes first. "Well," he says, "I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle as a lamb.

The bishop is coming out next week to give him first communion and confirmation."

Reverend Billy Bob spoke next. He was in a wheelchair, with an arm and both legs in casts, and an IV drip. In his best fire and brimstone oratory he claimed, " WELL brothers, you KNOW that we don't sprinkle! I went out and I FOUND me a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from God's HOLY WORD!

consider the words of your promise and give thanks to God for the wonderful opportunities Scouting and Guiding have given you, and the millions like you.

*Frances Buttle*

*British Guides in Germany Senior Section Advisor  
Pfadfinderinnenschaft Sankt Georg, Stuttgart -  
Neugereut Gruppenleiterin.*

### ST CATHERINE'S COOK BOOK

Old hands will remember that in 2005 we compiled a St Catherine's cookbook to give the congregation the chance to exchange their favourite recipes whilst raising funds for the Indian Widows project. Since 2005 our congregation has grown, we have many new members and there are almost certainly many new recipes from new corners of the world which we could include in a St Catherine's cook book. It has therefore been decided to produce a new edition of the cook book - this time it will be sold in aid of St Catherine's and it is hoped that we may be able to include it in a future welcome pack for new members of our congregation.

So if you have tried a salad at a pot luck lunch and would like the recipe now is the time to persuade whoever made the salad to part with the recipe! If you have a favourite cake that always leaves your guests coming back for seconds - now is the time to share! And if the kitchen fills you with fear and trembling don't be shy - share with us your favourite snack - which beer goes best with which crisps! Recipes should be sent by e-mail if possible to [cookbook@stuttgartanglicans.de](mailto:cookbook@stuttgartanglicans.de) or given to Frances Buttle in church. Please send in all recipes by 10th September. The 2007 St Catherine's Cookbook will then go on sale at a special launch party bring and share where people are invited to bring a sample of the recipe they have contributed to the book to whet our appetites!

### VISIT OF BISHOP CHANG - 21 OCTOBER

As part of the Old Catholics' centenary celebrations Bishop Richard S.O. Chang will be visiting St. Catherine's on October 21. Bishop Chang was the fourth elected bishop of the Episcopal Church of Hawaii. He attended Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, where he graduated *cum laude*, and the Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California. He joined the Diocese of Hawaii in 1966 and served parishes on O'ahu and Kaua'i as rector. In 1986 Chang moved to New York City to be the assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the United States. He was called to be the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii in 1997, a position he held until his retirement last March.

And what is Bishop Chang's connection with St. Catherine's? Well, the connection has nothing to do with the person but rather with the position he held, since it was the Bishop of Honolulu who, at the request of the Bishop of London, who was in charge of all foreign parishes at the time, consecrated St. Catherine's on 15 August 1868.

### DATA PROTECTION

The latest membership directory will be issued with the next edition of CrossRoads. Please be rest assured that this directory is only sent/given to members of St. Catherine's congregation. If you do not wish your name to be included on the directory, please let the editor know (contact details on the last page of CrossRoads).

have heard a pin drop in the silence after the music finished before the (sadly) small audience showed their appreciation. The programme which followed contained something for almost every musical taste.

There are various techniques in playing the bells; some pieces are played holding the bells, in others the bells are laid on a table and struck with a drumstick, which in the case of the larger bells (some weigh 30 pounds) is less strenuous.

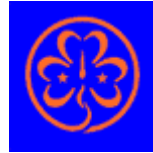
Rebecca Puster is the musical director. As well as conducting, she also described each of the pieces they were playing, and gave us a short "workshop" on handbell ringing, so that, at the end of the concert, we felt we might be able to handle the bells ourselves, possibly not the "30 pounder" which one of the young men played, but one of the smaller ones.

The Ivey Handbell Ringers are between 15 and 18 years of age, most have been playing since they were 11 or younger. These experienced young handbell ringers go on a one-week tour each year in June. Apart from concerts in more than half of their 50 home states, they have also been to a number of European countries. As far as I have heard, the Ivey Handbell Ringers plan to come to Germany again in a couple of years' time. Maybe more of us from St. Catherine's will be able to enjoy this wonderful music then. Nothing will stop me getting to one of the concerts, if they do come again. I would not have missed this performance for the world.

*Hilary Glaser*



**100 YEARS OF SCOUTING**



In August 1907 a group of twenty boys were brought together by a retired British soldier for an experimental camp. He wanted to test out his ideas for expanding boys' horizons and turning them into good citizens. The camp was a success and in 1908 Robert Baden-Powell published "Scouting for Boys" and the rest, as they say, "is history".

I wonder whether any of those sat round the campfire that August night could have envisaged that one hundred years on there would be 38 million Scouts and Guides in 216 countries all over the world. That there would be many more former Scouts and Guides all linked together by a common promise.

*On my honour I promise that I will do my best*

*To do my duty to God and the King (or to God and my Country);*

*To help other people at all times;*

*To obey the Scout (Guide) Law.*

We have Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Pfadfinderinnen in our congregation at St Catherine's and we also have many more former Scouts and Guides. Although Scouting and Guiding are both multi-faith movements, the principles that they rest on - the promise and the law - are useful aids to living out our lives as Christians. When we make a promise it is not just for the time we spend in Scout or Guide uniform but it is a promise for life. On 1st August 2007 Scouts and Guides all around the world will gather for sunrise services to renew and remember their promises under the motto "One World, One Promise".

I would like to invite all current and former Scouts and Guides at St Catherine's to pause for just a moment on 1st August, to remember your brothers and sisters throughout the world,

other. Sometimes God calls us to give more than receive, and other times we're called on to receive more than give. I've been told that this church has grown greatly in the past year. Growth is only possible when people are willing to both give and receive. My prayer for this church is that God will continue to bless it. I hope that each of you will continue discerning by God's grace both what you can do for St. Catherine's (perhaps by taking on a leadership role) and what you can receive from St. Catherine's (maybe by participating in a parish activity). And I hope you will be ever-aware that the foundation of all gifts is Christ, who gave himself up on the cross for all of us, yet also humbly received gifts of love from those around him. In giving to and receiving from each other in love, we're also giving to and receiving from Christ. In the words that conclude the offertory, "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." A-men.

*Matt has been with us for 10 weeks. He has fully involved himself in the life of St. Catherine's during his short stay here. We have thoroughly enjoyed having you amongst us, Matt, and we wish you (and Attie!) all the very best for the future. Come back and visit us again!*

*Matt's last Sunday with us will be 5 August. We will say farewell to him then at a pot luck lunch after the service.*

### 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.

### TRIP TO TAIZE

Are there any young people between ages 15 and 29 who are interested in a pilgrimage to

Taize at the end of October? If you are interested, please let Ken know..

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM held in May the following people were elected on to the Council: Charles Berry, Frances Buttle, John Friedenreich, Eric Jarman, Hilary Norman, Diana Seidel, Christopher Sloan, John Thompson and Joachim Zeller. Our heart-felt thanks go to the outgoing Council members, all of whom served for many years and steered us through some difficult and interesting times. Thank you Jan Kulok, Susan Morris, Lauris Prince-Schroeter, Mel Spiese and Jackie Wellhäußer.



### IVEY HANDBELL RINGERS

I don't know where anyone else was on Tuesday 19th June at 7.30p.m. Following the invitation of our vicar, Rev. Ken Dimmick, I was sitting in a pew at Herz Jesu Catholic Church in Stuttgart Gaisburg, waiting for a concert to begin.

According to the programme we had been given, the Ivey Handbell Ringers from the First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina U.S.A. were putting on this concert. Before they started playing, we were treated to a delightful performance by "Graffity", the youth choir of Herz Jesu Church. Six young people sang a variety of songs, partly a cappella, partly accompanied by the keyboard. While the young people were singing, the Ivey Handbell Ringers had gathered, almost unnoticed, along both side aisles of the church. "Procession of Praise", was the title of the first piece they played during which they walked towards the chancel. The sound of more than ten bells of all sizes filled the church. You could

One Sunday we were asked to name three points in our life which had led us to God and to our present community of St Catherine's. It was amazing and humbling how God had brought together people from all backgrounds and from all over the world in order to build our small but growing congregation. I have been an Anglican all my life, but here were others who had been Catholics, or from not especially religious families. Everyone had brought different experiences, different hurts, different joys to Stuttgart and it was a marvellous thought that, through the workings of His Spirit God had welded us into a community which can share these experiences, hurts and joys, just as we had just shared the Eucharist.

More people are finding St Catherine's every week. I don't know what the future holds, but it's in the right hands, so let us enjoy it together. More please, Ken!

*Eric Jarman*

#### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN, MATT JOHNSON**

My dog Attie has played a noteworthy role in my formation for the priesthood. Attie is a 4 ½ year old yellow Labrador retriever, and I've had her since she was eight weeks old. Last summer Attie taught me lesson number 1 for the priesthood—that God's love is unconditional. I was reading *Dogspell* by Mary Ellen Ashcroft (the title is a wordplay on the popular musical *Godspell*), and Attie constantly reinforced the lessons I learned from the book. In the book Ashcroft describes how her understanding of God's love was deepened by her Labrador, Cluny. To emphasize the point, Ashcroft would alternate between writing "dog" and "God" so that the reader could see how similar the love of the two is. Of course, as she says in the introduction, her description is only an analogy—dogs are certainly not God—but I think the analogy is apt.

This summer Attie has been teaching me lesson number 2—how to be a pastor. Before departing from New York for Frankfurt, I took Attie to the vet for the legally required pre-flight examination. The vet said that the flight wouldn't be any problem for Attie's health, but that it wouldn't make her happy (quite an understatement!) Dogs sense everything, and about a week before the flight Attie started acting nervously. It didn't help that I was packing up everything in the room she and I had lived in for the past two years so it could be put in storage. She knew something was going on but had no idea what. She stayed by my side constantly—I think she feared that I was going to leave without her. I tried to comfort her, but it was difficult since she couldn't understand any explanation of what was going on.

The day of the flight arrived. After a smooth check-in, Attie and I parted—she was off to the dog hold and I walked to my gate. Thankfully, the man who checked us in was incredibly friendly and helpful. I saw him again at the gate and asked if Attie had been loaded. He said that she hadn't been yet, but I could watch out the window and see her. A few minutes later, there she was. Two airline employees were wheeling her crate to the side of the aircraft. I watched and wished desperately that I could give her one last pat on the head. Then they wheeled her to the back of the plane and out of my sight, so I went ahead and boarded.

During the flight I thought about my attachment to Attie. This is where I began to understand Attie's lesson number 2. Pastoral care, at its core, is about mutual giving and receiving. My care for Attie isn't one-sided—I care for her and she cares for me. It's not about what I can do for her, it's about what we do for each other. At St. Catherine's my understanding of this lesson has deepened—I better comprehend that we give and receive because God first gave to us. God loves us unconditionally, therefore we can love each

Only two Sacraments have gone “undone” this last year: Penance [Reconciliation of a Penitent] and Confirmation. Let it be known to all far and wide, that if an occasion ever arises when your spiritual health would benefit from having a sacramental confession, I am willing and ready to assist in complete discretion and pastoral gentleness. But it is always for the faithful to decide when that Sacrament takes place, not for the vicar.

Confirmation, on the other hand, requires a bit more pro-active preparation on the part of the priest. ...And a Bishop. Many in our congregation have been confirmed. Some, however, have never ever had a chance to experience this sacrament. In order that St. Catherine’s Church can be a place of Grace in as many ways as possible, I believe it is time to organize a Confirmation!

**Step 1** is to secure the services of a bishop,...which I have already done. Bishop David Hamid, the Suffragan Bishop of Europe will come in April 2008 prepared to confirm whomsoever desires it.

**Step 2** is to ask: Who would like to be confirmed? All who think that they might want to take this “Next Step” in Christian maturity, are invited to make known to me their potential interest. Teenagers just coming of age, people new to the Anglican Communion, or adults who for various reasons might never have been confirmed, are all invited to consider this opportunity.

**Step 3** is for me to schedule and organize dates and times when those interested can gather for instruction and preparation. We’ll probably meet on a Sunday evening, with a simple supper involved. These gatherings are sometimes called Confirmation Classes, but I prefer to call them “An Enquirers’ Series.” We gather to question, to seek, to discover, ...to enquire into the faith.

**Step 4** will take place after all the questions are asked and all the instruction is completed. Each of the participants will be given the opportunity to decide whether or not the Sacrament of Confirmation is desirable. In the freedom of Christ, each decides for him or herself. Those who seek Confirmation will then be presented to the Bishop when he comes next April. ... And Grace will flow in a new way.

**Step 5** will involve great rejoicing and celebration on the part of the whole congregation. We will be so happy that even more sacramental Grace is part of our parish life!

Sacraments are all about Grace. And so is St. Catherine’s Anglican Church. Without Grace we can do nothing good; with Grace no power on earth can separate us from the Love of God who bestows this Grace in generosity and impartiality.

Hmmm... maybe this should be our church motto: *St. Catherine’s... A Place of Grace.* It’s catchy, but more importantly, it is true.

Grace be with you all.

KRD+

#### WARDEN’S CORNER

One of Ken’s innovations which I very much value is the ten-minute “Adult Sunday School” after the Sunday service: I value it because the time and the atmosphere are right. Having celebrated the Eucharist together, we are focussed on God, thought seems to flow much easier, and being already together we don’t have to make further space in our busy diaries. The receptiveness of the congregation can be judged from the fact that a few weeks ago Ken had us making bible scenes out of odds and ends, a return to primary school days which we all seemed to relish, if the results and the laughter were anything to go by!



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### A Place of Grace

One of my previous parishes was called Grace Church. I regretted from time to time that we didn't have a Saint's name. As a historically minded person, I like the way saints remind us of God's Love in ages past. I like observing the saints' days as a way of remembering together as a community the ancestors of our faith. But Grace Church had no saint: just Grace. It took me many years to realize that Grace is far more important than any saint. Grace is the most important thing we ever receive from God. Grace is love in action. Grace is God present.

St. Catherine's Church has a saint. A third or fourth century Romanized Egyptian woman who is a terrific patronal saint for our Stuttgart community. She is a saint because she received the Grace of God to stand up to persecution. She refused to deny Christ. She eventually gave her life rather than betray Jesus. It was Grace that strengthened her to make such a powerful witness in both word and deed. I am glad we have, here, a saint... but even more I am glad that our saint is a sign of God's Grace, which worked not only in third or fourth century Alexandria, but still works in 21<sup>st</sup> century Stuttgart.

Grace comes to us in many ways. Our life together is a reflection of the abiding Grace of God. One sure source of Grace is the Sacraments of the church. The liturgies of baptism, communion, and the rest are moments when we can trust that Grace comes to us. Through centuries the experience of God's People has made clear that these moments of prayer and praise are dependable channels of Grace.

St. Catherine's is a place of Grace. It is a place where the Sacraments are celebrated and enjoyed regularly and often. In the short year I've been here as "vicar," I have been able to participate in one way or another in 5 of the 7 Sacraments. The "Two Great Sacraments" of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion have been times of great joy for our congregation. We had several baptisms last year with more hoped for this year. Our weekly Sunday communions, and the less frequent communions in hospitals and homes, remind us each time of Christ's presence in our midst. Each time we reach out and receive the Body and Blood of Christ we are sacramentally connecting ourselves to Him and to each other.

Likewise, during this past year St. Catherine's Church has had a wedding [Holy Matrimony], a seminarian preparing for ordination [Holy Orders] and the anointing of the sick for healing [Holy