



St. Edward's Church

December 2009 – January 2010 Newsletter



SERVICES

Holy Communion every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

All denominations are welcome.

Sun. 6 th	Dec	Church Family Service
Tue. 8 th	Dec	Christmas Concert 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 13 th	Dec	Traditional Language Service
Sun. 13 th	Dec	Carol Service 4:00 p.m.
Sun. 20 th	Dec	Modern Language Service
Thu. 24 th	Dec	Christmas Eve Candlelit Service 11:30 p.m.
Fri. 25 th	Dec	Christmas Day Service for all Ages
Sun. 27 th	Dec	Morning Prayer
Sun. 3 rd	Jan	Church Family Service



SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children from the age of 3 upwards are very welcome! They are divided into two groups: Pebbles & Rocks according to their age and ability.

Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning service every week except for the Family Service when our children are encouraged to take an active part in the worship. Please see the teachers' Rota, which is on display at the back of the church, for advance information about children's activities.

For further information contact

Diana Dell'Acqua dellacqua@ticino.com

The teachers take their responsibility for the care of our children very seriously; please see the Child Protection Implementation Document which is on display at the back of the church.



MUMS & TOTS

(No meeting in December.)

Thursday 21st January

10:00 – 12:00 at Casa Benson

Contact Jenny Pappert for further details

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TODDLERS CORNER

The red table at the back of the church is for parents with small children. The blue & red bins contain Welcome Bags for toddlers to enjoy during the service. Please put the Bags with toys back in the red & blue bins at the end of the service. Thank you!

Greetings

Thank you to the organizers and helpers who contributed to the annual Christmas Fayre.

Happy Holidays to all!

Advent Bible Study Course

"Guess who's coming for Christmas!"

A series of four discussions about the meaning of the Nativity for four different characters: Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wise Men. Meetings will be held in Casa Benson on Tuesday's November 24, December 1, Wednesday 9 and Tuesday 15 starting at 8.00 p.m. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you can. You need not commit in advance, but if you notify Bob Gebhardt, he will inform you of the readings and discussions questions for each session. Contact Bob at: Phone 091 981 1177 or mail@bobgebhardt.com

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Message from Andy

You won't need me to tell you that Christmas is a busy time of year. You may even be thinking at this very moment, "Do I have time to read this..." I wonder if the following reflection about busyness by Henri Nouwen speaks to you as it did to me - a reflection that applies the whole year long and not just the Season we are in at the moment!

"One of the most obvious characteristics of our daily lives is that we are busy. We experience our days as filled with things to do, people to meet, projects to finish, emails to write, calls to make and appointments to keep. Our lives often seem like over-packed suitcases busting at the seams. In fact, we are almost always aware of being behind schedule. There is a nagging sense that there are unfinished tasks, unfulfilled promises, and unrealised proposals - a lingering feeling of never really fulfilling our obligations. While busy with and worried about many things, we seldom feel truly satisfied, at peace, at home. A gnawing sense of being truly unfulfilled underlies our filled lives."

When there is never time or space to stand behind our own lives and look reflectively at them, then the pressures and distractions of life have the power to simply consume us. This gives rise to a sense of restlessness, where we lose the sense of God within ordinary life. When we operate out of restlessness, or busyness, rather than out of our true centre, then, in the famous phrase of Augustine, "God is within us, but we are outside ourselves".

I believe that the Church calendar anticipates this with its Season of Advent. A time traditionally set aside for reflection, for stillness, for waiting as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Saviour of the world. In the four weeks of Advent we are invited to try to hold back from getting to Christmas too early and unprepared spiritually*. Then when the day comes we can enter the joy and wonder of the Nativity Story again, as if for the first time.

I hope you will join us for our Christmas Services, and as we sing well known traditional carols that you will experience the joy and wonder of Jesus' coming to dwell amongst us, as God's plan begins to unfold; that, if you have lost touch, you will be able to re-connect with God; as we turn our gaze again towards the stable, to capture again the significance of this moment when God changed the way the world was forever. But we have to make space and time available. It is my prayer that you will be able to carve out some time to let God help you find your true centre, true satisfaction, and to be at peace.

With my best wishes for Christmas & New Year.

With every Blessing,

Andy.

* As part of your preparations for Christmas why not come and join us for our Advent Bible Studies, you would be welcome to attend as many as you can or just one!



St. Edward's Church
Tuesday 8th December 2009
at 7:30 p.m.

Come take part in a joyful
Celebration of Christmas in
Songs, Music, Readings
and Drama.

Performed by members of
St. Edward's Church,
Big Ben, TISIS, and some
special guests!

The concert will last approximately
one hour with an interval where
festive refreshments will be
available.

SERVICE NOTICE

Sunday 24th January

St. Edward's will join with other churches in Ecumenical partnership for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This will culminate in a Special Televised Service at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th January at the Reformed Evangelical Church in Lugano where it is planned all churches will be represented. The Church Council have decided that we should support this Service so there will not be the usual Service at 10.30 a.m. For those church members who would like to participate in Holy Communion at St. Edward's, we will offer a shortened Eucharist service that morning 24th January at 8:00 a.m.

There will also be a Service of Contemporary Praise and Worship at 5:00 p.m. at St. Edward's Church. This will be the first of 'Occasional Services' on a Sunday afternoon that was one of the Vision Outcomes. We plan to offer alternative styles of Worship, both modern and traditional throughout the coming year.

Ladies Fellowship Group

Meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Chaplain's apartment.

A warm welcome to all who wish to join us.

For further information contact:

Lola Ryckman 091 950 0773

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Special Events

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2nd
Tuesday 8th
Thursday 10th
Sunday 13th

Ladies Fellowship Group 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Chaplain's apartment
Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. followed by refreshments in Casa Benson.
Church Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.
Carol Service 4:00 p.m. followed by refreshment in Casa Benson

JANUARY

Thursday 21st
Sunday 24th
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Mums and Tots 10:00 – 12:00 a.m. at Casa Benson
Holy Communion – Shortened Eucharist Service 8:00 a.m.
Worship at the Evangelical Reformed Church in Lugano 10:00 a.m. (there will be no service held at St. Edward's at 10:30 a.m.)
Contemporary Evening Service 5:00 p.m. followed by refreshments at Casa Benson.



Carol Service

For All Ages

Sunday 13th December 2009
At 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of
Traditional Carols, Readings, a
Nativity Tableau presented
by younger children of
St. Edward's and
the Blessing of the Crib.

The service lasts about an hour
and afterwards there will be
Christmas refreshments plus
the draw for the traditional
"Christmas Hamper"!

P PARKING

Has been reserved in the parking
lot across from the church at the
top of Via Motta.



Patronal Festival

Enriching
Our Church Family

As we were putting together the invitation for our Patronal Supper we wondered how best to entice people to what is always a very special evening of fellowship. One of the organizers of this annual event described the mix of colours and taste in the mouth-watering dishes, which the talented chefs prepare for us each year.

"Curry" is the name that was given to the mixture of exotic spices brought back by the English from their travels in India. They used it to flavour their food and thus revive memories of distant places they had called home; nowadays curry is a favourite meal enjoyed regularly by families throughout the U.K. As our chaplain, Andy remarked, perhaps that's why we have always held a Curry Supper as a start to the Feast of Saint Edward - because it reminds us of home. But it also shows us how ingredients from around the world can blend together in delicious harmony, just like our family at St. Edward's. So whilst celebrating our heritage in a familiar style, we are conscious of our outreach to other corners of the world as we embrace the different textures and tastes, which enrich our own church family.

Sincere thanks go to all the generous helpers who worked together to provide such warm hospitality for many new faces. The welcome, aided by an innovative layout, produced a truly memorable evening; the fellowship extended to include some fund-raising that will further the mission of our community at St. Edward's.



Contemporary Evening Service

Sunday 24th January 2010
at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an informal evening
of Praise, Worship, Music and
Fellowship.

The Service will last one hour
followed by Refreshments.

Interested in Helping?

If you have questions or you
would like to get involved with
the service and its preparations
please contact: **Bob Gebhardt**

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Raffle Tickets!

FOR CHRISTMAS FAYRE
are now for sale.

Contact Nolene
if you haven't bought yours yet!
noleneyolande@hotmail.com

*All at St. Edward's wish you a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Youth Group Meeting

Movie & Pizza at Casa Benson



Saturday 19th December 6 till 9

Contact Megan to sign-up

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