

St. Edward's Church newsletter

JULY – AUGUST 2017 – Welcome to St Edward's Church! We are pleased to greet new guests visiting the region ... although you may find a smaller church family to worship with, as members tend to return home from extended vacations, you will still find a warm welcome at the open door. Fellowship and refreshments follow the service. Wishing you all a restful holiday and safe travels.

SERVICES

A Sung Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
All denominations are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday School Formal lessons will resume on Sunday 3rd September, including the commissioning of Sunday School Teachers during Sunday worship.

Mid-Week Service: Unless announced to the contrary, there will be a short service of Holy Communion (said) every Wednesday in the side chapel at 10:30 a.m. All Welcome.

EVENTS

JULY

Thursday 27th

Trombone Performance & Master class 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
See separate notice overleaf.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd

Family Service followed by a fellowship BBQ in the Church garden. Further details about the BBQ will be announced in the weekly pew sheet and online in August

Chaplain's Pentecost Message



Dear Friends,

Hooray! Summer holidays are here again, with all the excitement of going somewhere new to recharge our batteries. At this time of year, there is so much to look forward to – sundrenched beaches, sailing, golfing, walking, fun-filled family BBQs and many other relaxing activities. And even for those unable to get away, I hope you too will be able to enjoy at least something of what beautiful Ticino has to offer over the summer.

The word *holiday* derives from the familiar expression *Holy Day*. Centuries ago, *Holy Days* were built upon the sacred memories of Christian Apostles and Saints, as well as significant religious events. They were days considered so important to the community that time was given for people to celebrate, and often away from the monotonous daily grind.

There can be an aspect of holiness about the art of taking a holiday well. There's an element of detachment being a tourist in a new place, such as letting go of daily routines or domestic chores. And it's then, when we are away from home, that many are able to find a few spare hours to think about and reflect upon spirituality and a bit more. So why not take a Bible with you. It will help to guide your thoughts and prayers.

Wherever you are going on holiday, you almost certainly will not be too far away from a church. Perhaps the peal of a church bell will encourage you to attend a church service, especially if it is a Sunday. It is important not to neglect your faith when you are away from home. Commitment to Sunday worship should be just as important even when we are on holiday.

Over the summer church activities at St Edward's slow down somewhat, but our Sunday worship continues. If we are blessed this season, we will have the joy of welcoming at least some tourists to Sunday worship. Extending Christian love and hospitality to visitors who have taken the trouble to find us is important. So let's do all we can to make them feel at ease and give them a warm welcome.

I pray that this summer may be a time of refreshment and rejuvenation for you all.

Enjoy and, above all, be safe!

Fr Nigel



Summer Fun !
Picnic and
Sunday School Stewardship Walk
for E.I.C. Karachi

TICINO MUSICA PRESENTS

**TROMBONE
 MASTER CLASS & PERFORMANCE**

Held at St Edward's Church

Thursday 27th July

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Master Class

6 p.m. Trombone Concert

Open to the public
 Free entrance

Instructor: Ian Bousfield
www.ticinomusica.com

Refreshments offered after performance

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH
 COUNCIL MEMBERS**



At the Annual General Meeting held on 30th April and subsequent first council meeting, the following members were either elected or re-elected to serve on St Edward's Church Council during 2017/18. Photos of council members have been posted on the Casa Benson notice board.

Newly elected members:

- Brian Bodnar – Churchwarden
- Roger Reissner – Treasurer
- Sandy Pianezzi – Secretary & Archdeaconry Synod Rep.
- Linda Denkinger – Archdeaconry Synod Rep.
- Jean-Pierre Engele – Church Member
- Lucy Benasconi – Church Member

Re-elected members:

- Diana Dell'Acqua – Churchwarden & Vice Chair
- Jennifer Flint
- Jennifer Jamieson
- Peter O'Driscoll
- Mary Palmesino
- Jane Reissner

Although not a member of council, Ashley Maffioli was reappointed as St Edward's Safeguarding Officer.

At the AGM, former treasurer Ernest Jaeger and former church secretary Mary Palmesino were offered heartfelt thanks and gratitude for their long and laudable service to the community over many years. Fr Nigel

SUNDAY SCHOOL *(During the scholastic year)*

In term time Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Eucharistic Service. All children from the age of 3 upwards are very welcome to join.

From June 4th until the end of August there won't be any formal lessons, but the children are very welcome during the 10:30 Sunday Morning Service. Some activities are being planned for the little ones, and Sunday School teachers will be on hand to help.

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TODDLERS CORNER

Welcome bags are available at the back of the church for the youngest children to enjoy quietly during the Service.

SOUL CAFÉ

A welcoming place to meet together for friendship and fellowship in the relaxed atmosphere of Casa Benson. Meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

July 5th and 19th

August 2nd and 16th

For further information please contact Linda Denkinger 091 605 3576

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL,
 PICNIC AND SPONSORED WALK-ALONG**



We closed Sunday School lessons for the summer break with a glorious celebration of Our Lord's Ascension ... as the children's prayer-clouds announced, "God has gone up with a merry noise!" In their bible enactment our Apostles gathered to tell St. Luke's story of how Jesus was carried up into heaven, where He sits at God's right hand to intercede for us. Lord, you send us out into the world as your witnesses, may Christ the Morning Star arise in the hearts of all your people.

On that very hot afternoon at the end of May, we met in a "pirates' playground" for our picnic lunch and then walked along the lakeside in Melide. The children had an activity sheet with biblical questions to complete, and an ice cream each at the end! Well done to everyone who took part. This Sunday School stewardship event raised at least CHF 2,000- for the children at the **Educational Institute Charity** in Karachi. Final figures will be published in **September** when we look forward to welcoming you to our next **Family Service followed by a fellowship BBQ on Sunday 3rd ...**

Save the date!

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