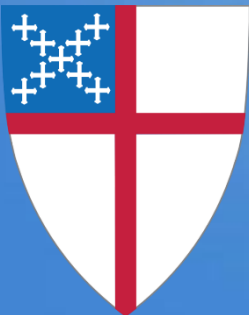


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2 Corinthians 9:7 “*Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver*”

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Editorial

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

What do you think of when you hear
“It is finished.”

The last words of Christ on the cross?
My magnum opus can go off to be
bound? Isn't the last tier of the
wedding cake magnificent? An easy
answer is it not! The search is over
and on the next page is a picture of
our new Priest in Charge and his wife
that we have all been waiting for.

We look forward to welcoming Dan
and Teresa. Catherine of Siena is the
patron saint of Europe and of the USA
so it seems appropriate to allow her to
grace the cover of this issue.

In the meantime, it is time for another
lkon. A rather thinner one as summer
and those long-awaited holidays have
intervened and made collecting
articles more difficult than usual.

It is however a special issue as in it we
remember Dee Pattee who was so
much involved with the **lkon** over the
years and without whose enthusiasm
when Allan Sandlin arrived the new-
look **lkon** may never have got off the
ground.

This issue contains some familiar
items: On my Desert island, Behind
the Scenes, Ascension Recipe and the
Interview, this time with Lateef
Adewle Agbaje.

We include one of Navin's poems
inspired by the work at the soup
kitchen and the other item from the

Outreach Group concerns more of the
cooperation between the Church of
the Ascension and the Christophorus
Schulverein. There are also three new
items: An interesting one on prayer, a
report from the Men's Room, and the
first one from the Racial Justice Book
Group.

Celebration Sunday will probably have
come and gone before this issue hits
the streets, but remember to look
what other events are happening.

One very important date to note is the
day when vestry elections are
happening. Have you ever considered
standing for the vestry? Yes YOU!

I hope you are all refreshed after the
summer and so leave you with:

*Beauty is not in the face
Beauty is a light in the heart.*

Khalil Gibran

Peace

Sue



The New Priest in Charge

Welcome to our new Priest in Charge Rev. Cannon Dan Morrow and his wife Teresa Morris-Morrow.

Look out for an interview with them in the next issue.

Thank you for sending us Dan Morrow to be our new Priest in Charge. Be with him and Teresa as they prepare for their move to Munich and grant that all formalities go smoothly for them. Keep us together as a community and give us patience as we prepare with gratitude for this new chapter in our life together at the Church of the Ascension.



An Idea on How to Pray

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York, in a programme on prayer broadcast on Sunday 9th May demonstrated a strategy based on what the Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen called ‘opening up our tightly clenched fists’ to pray.

You take your closed fist, and gradually open it up to receive the blessings and wisdom that God longs to give each and every one of us. In this way, your hands open before God, your hand itself can be a basic pattern and reminder of how to pray.

So I hold my clenched fist in front of me now.



Now I stretch out my thumb. We begin with thanksgiving – count our blessings. Thank God for today and for the good things in our lives. For Christians this includes the resurrection of Jesus who destroys death and sin. We thank God for new life, for the hope brought by vaccines and medical care, and the relief felt by many as restrictions become more relaxed.

Then I stretch out my index finger, the finger we use to point. So we pray for direction in our lives, for the decisions we need to make, the things for which we are responsible. We pray for direction for the world and its people, for all those who are facing uncertainty and anguish, that they might find their path through the darkness.

I now add my middle finger, the tallest on my hand, as we pray for those who have power in the world: For our Church leaders, for the Queen and her ministers, for other governments, and for local leaders. We pray that they are guided by justice, peace and truth in their decisions and leadership.

My ring finger is the weakest finger. It can't do much on its own. We pray for the people we rely on: Our friends and family, the people we depend on and those that depend on us. We pray for all those in caring positions, give them the strength they need to support others.



Lastly I stretch out my little finger and pray for those who desperately need help: the sick, the poor, the weak, the vulnerable, the bereaved and those who face violence.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. May the Resurrection bring hope to the hearts of all who suffer.

And finally we lift both our hands to God in thanksgiving, and pray for our own needs.

Amen

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The Men's Room

The Men's Room was organized by the Rev. Allan Sandlin soon after he arrived.

The first meeting was held on October 19th, 2019 in his apartment. The idea was to offer a place where men could come together and talk openly about God, their lives, their relationships with family, soccer or work. We have been meeting about every 6 to 8 weeks, initially in Allan's apartment, and after the first pandemic lock-down via Zoom. The meeting is open to all men at Ascension. Invitations are sent out to past participants, and in the Sunday Bulletin the announcement of the up-coming meeting is advertised. We hope to return soon to in-person meetings either at the Parish House or an apartment of one of the participants.

Our meetings start with a prayer followed by a round of personal sharing which then is followed by discussion of a subject which is picked beforehand by one of the participants who runs the discussion. As long as we had in-person meetings, we also had a Eucharist. The subjects chosen for discussion have been wide-ranging and included "Men and Fathers", "Men and Racism", reviewing Robert Kirkman's 2006 book "The Walking Dead", and discussing the German ARD Television program "Mannomann! Moderne Männer, wo seid ihr?"

The Rev. Ken Dimmick continued the meetings and in the last one before he left we explored how politics and religion are connected. There was an interesting exchange of views.

Our Men's Room gatherings have been very lively, informative, varied and at times have gone deeper into our relationship with God. One of the participants commented after a meeting: "It's obvious that we are all carrying struggles and hurt. There's hope and joy in our backpack too – in varying amounts at times. Sometimes we just need to (re)discover these feelings. It's good to have companions as we journey ahead into the unknown."

David Case, Rolf Schneider and Rainer Ullmann



Racial Justice Book Discussion

One outcome of the Racial Justice course organised in 2020 by the Church of the Ascension in Munich for the Convocation is the Racial Justice Book Discussion Group. This discussion group met for the first time on Saturday June 12th online so that interested members and friends of the Convocation in Europe and the USA could attend.

Our first book was “BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME” by Ta-Nehisi Coates, 152 Pages, published in 2015 and No. 1 on the NY Times Bestseller List.

Mr. Coates has recently joined the Howard University faculty to help educate the next generation of black journalists.

This book is in the form of a letter addressed to his son Samori – named after Samori Toure who resisted French colonisers and died in exile – telling him that his, Coates’, entire life has been devoted to wondering how he can live freely in America in his black body. An America whose history of slavery, police brutality, mass incarceration, poverty and murder has consistently and violently destroyed black bodies.



Ta-Nehisi Coates

Coates grew up in fear, knowing that at any time he could be killed, and fears for his son’s safety, as his parents feared for his. He states that no black person living in the United States has ever or will ever be free from violence. Violence towards blacks is America’s heritage and tradition. Coates has spent his life contemplating the gap between himself and the white Americans who believe in the American Dream, ignore the racism around them, have forgotten our history of slavery, and see America as a great and noble nation whose god is democracy.

At Howard University in The Yard, the popular centre of campus, Coates experienced the diversity of the black race. Even though to him the people/students meeting there are all black, they have different backgrounds, ideas and opinions. At university he immersed himself in reading and

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researching African history, writing poetry, and continued to search where he fit in the world.

The murder of Prince Jones, another student at Howard, by an act of police brutality is one of the many heart-wrenching and thought-provoking episodes related by Coates.

Although he never wanted to leave the Baltimore/Washington, DC area, he left university to follow Kenyatta, his wife, to New York City and ultimately was compelled to visit Paris after she, who had seen more of the world than he had, shows him pictures of Paris. Travelling alone he feels fear, about flying half-way around the world, about being lonely, changing money, getting on the right train; but the fear he has felt about his personal safety has dissipated.

The French do not look upon him with suspicion and prejudice because he is black. Here although he can relax, he realizes he cannot escape from his own life and history.

Coates asks Samori to think about all the love, investment and effort a family makes on behalf of a child, and warns him not to give up the struggle to protect his own black body.

This book has been described as the best example of what it means to be black in America.

Our next challenge is “WHY I AM NO LONGER TALKING TO WHITE PEOPLE ABOUT RACE” by Reni Eddo-Lodge and we will be meeting online at 16.00 on October 16th.

Please plan to join us, read the book, and contact Jane Scheiring at 0177-833-6032 or at jane@overseasvotefoundation.org for the Zoom Link.

Deirdre Tincker



It is never too late to give up your prejudices.

Henry David Thoreau

Prejudice is an opinion without Judgement.

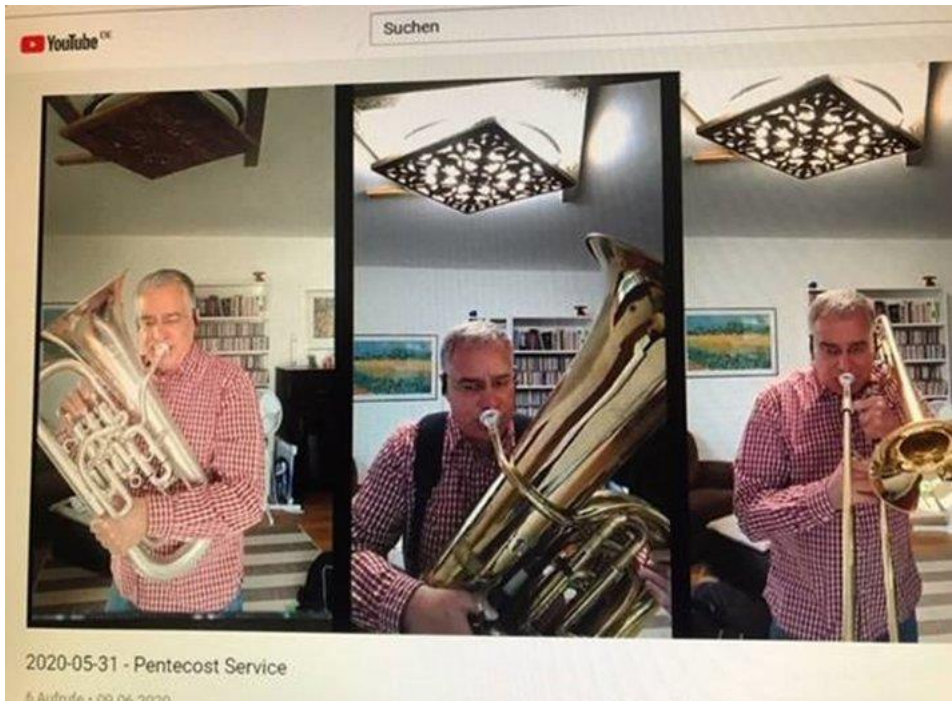
Voltaire

Behind the Scenes 3: The Musician

We have appreciated very much the loyal service of the organists at the Church of the Ascension over the past months, but one of the many unfortunate consequences of lockdown has been the lack of choral and instrumental music. One person, however, has been active and has ensured that there has been at least some musical activity over the past few months. That person is **Peter Dalen**.

He comes from a very musical family. His mother played the piano and his father had a good singing voice and together they performed for weddings. One brother played the trumpet, horn and guitar, the other the tuba. Peter studied for a bachelor's degree in Oregon and Iowa and obtained his Master's degree at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. His Dad was very fond of the saying "One who sings, prays twice". Peter considers playing part of that formula and is ready to accept the result.

As you see from the picture below he plays from left to right the euphonium, the instrument that can usually be started in fifth grade, the tuba, started later and the trombone. His arms are just long enough to play this last instrument!



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He teaches at the Städtische Sing und Musikschule and also freelances for choirs and orchestras when a trombone is needed.

When not enjoying contact with his students he can be found windsurfing on Bavaria's lakes and at Gardasee. Ask him to tell you about his Wing-foiling skills. I had to look it up on Google and was impressed.

We must all remember Peter playing two trombones simultaneously together with his colleague James Polivka on the trumpet or playing three different brass instruments. What does this involve?

A lot of work! First I make a computer recording of the first piece with a click track, like a metronome and including tempo changes, to keep multiple takes in exactly the same tempo. I record successive "voices" while listening to the "master" with earphones and then have to adjust for time-lag between playback and recording. A project which includes video, sometimes recorded on multiple days, also needs to have a camera with similar video-angle, lighting, and attire. Oh yes, and I play too...

Another more recent project has been to encourage members of the choir to join the free online platform Bandlab so that they can make music together. Tell us how this works.

This is a lot simpler as it doesn't involved video: Each person records at home using his or her smartphone or tablet. Each individual recording can be shifted into sync and volumes adjusted. Everything is stored in the cloud, so there is no need to mail files around.

We are very grateful for all the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep music alive and look forward to being able to make music together in the not too distant future. Thank you, Peter!

Sue Morris



Let your dreams be bigger than your fears,
your actions louder than your words and
your faith stronger than your feelings.

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Ascension Recipes: Tidy Tofu

Tidy Tofu or Tidy Turkey

David Attenborough exhorts us to avoid waste. Well in our household we are guilty of wasting paper, but we cannot be accused of wasting food. Tidy Tofu is the result of looking what is left in the fridge before the next big grocery shop. Look in your own fridge to make up your recipe but this was mine. If you cannot stomach the idea of tofu, how about those last bits from a turkey or a chicken? Just add them at the end of the recipe and allow to heat through.

Ingredients (Serves two)

Three large florets of cauliflower
A red pepper that has seen better days
Half a leek
Two large but rather sad-looking carrots
200g Tofu either plain or smoked
Two teaspoons of cumin powder
A few chilli flakes
A dash of soya sauce.
Oil for stir frying

Method

Cube the tofu and stir fry in a wok to brown on all sides. Make sure the oil is hot so that the tofu doesn't stick. Takes a couple of minutes. Set aside in a warm oven.

Peel and chop vegetables as necessary. Stir fry for a couple of minutes adding the cumin and chilli flakes.

Add a good cup of water and steam for about ten minutes keeping an eye on the water level.

Return the tofu to the wok or add the chicken or turkey and season with soya sauce.

Sue Morris

“Kein Geruch in der Nase, kein Geschmack am Gaumen und auf der Zunge!”
“Corona?”
“Nein Tofu.”

Congratulations

To those who have birthdays in

July

15th Jo Westcombe
17th Joy Schindel

August:

2nd Rémy Bethmont
17th Angela Schneider
29th Claire Bartsch
29th Sue Morris

September

4th Bob Nowak
7th Harald Bayer
8th Kaye O'Connell
10th Rolf Schneider
14th Nathan Stuckenbruck
19th Ali Gray

There are other birthdays in September but these may be after the publication date!

To those who have wedding anniversaries

Bob and Kristi Nowak 15th August
Kelvin and Wendy Mountford 30th August
Loren and Lois Stuckenbruck 1st September

Congratulations to all other parishioners who have birthdays or anniversaries since the last edition but who didn't tell us!

Congratulations to Constantin von Kalckstein who now has a job as a Sanitäter that will hopefully lead to his getting a place on the course to become a paramedic.

On my Desert Island...

Our castaway this month is Jo Westcombe. She lives near Schrobenhausen with husband Ingo, 13-year-old Charlotte and their dog, Mira.

Jo teaches English at the Katholische Universität in Eichstätt and has been singing alto at the Church of the Ascension since long before most of her students were born. She is now also one of several Golden Girls on the tech team.

1. *Kenneth Grahame*: The Wind in the Willows with Richard Goolden as Mole, et al. These two scratchy old recordings with their wonderful characters and voices were my first audio love.
2. *Dylan Thomas*: Under Milk Wood. On my island, this would remind me of community, humanity and (often rude) humour and the astonishing possibilities of the English language from the pen of a poet.
3. J.S. Bach, Matthäuspasion: I fell in love with tenor evangelists as a student in England, and performing this piece as part of a choir has been a huge privilege in my life.
4. *Benjamin Britten*: Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes: These are passed on to me by my father, and also remind me of the Suffolk (East of England) coast.
5. *Johannes Brahms*: Ein Deutsches Requiem. More of the most moving, comforting music in the world. I wrote “Brahms loves the altos” in my score.
6. *The Carpenters*: Top of the World: I just need a hill with a view on my island and this song to make me smile.



My luxury: BBC Sounds / digital radio

If I could listen to BBC radio all day I would be informed, educated and entertained, and never lonely.

Jo Westcombe

‘Desert Island Discs’ is a programme on BBC Radio 4 in which famous people in conversation with the host are asked to choose the 8 tracks, a book and one luxury they would take with them if they were stranded on a desert island.

On my Desert Island is the Ascension adapted version in which the castaway can take six tracks and one luxury with them.

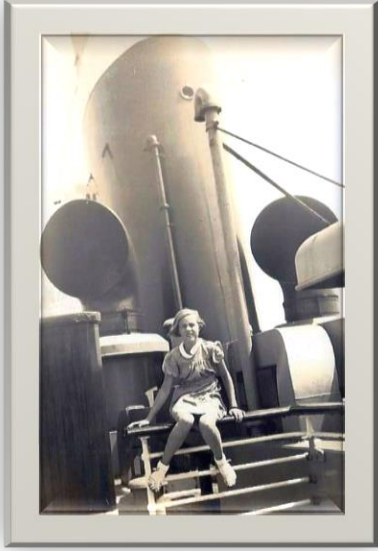
Dee Pattee August 16, 1926 – June 23, 2021

The Ikon was a very large part of Dee Pattee's life and so the editorial team pay tribute to her in the following pages.

Leonard Cohen's Anthem was very special to her:

The birds they sang
At the break of day
Start again
I heard them say
Don't dwell on what has passed away
Or what is yet to be
Ah, the wars they will be fought again
The holy dove, she will be caught again
Bought and sold, and bought again
The dove is never free
Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in





*1938 on the SS Washington at
Le Havre*



*Courting days: Washington Post
and Navy*



Beautiful Dee



1971 Dee in Schwabing



A Special Wedding Anniversary



How well we know that smile!



„Darlings, it is just divine!”



Dee in 2014



Fun at a womens's retreat



Dee as we knew her



Where did she get that hat!



Dee on her 94th birthday



An Interview with...

Lateef Adewle Agbaje: A Refugee's Story

I talked to a very positive and optimistic Lateef as he was celebrating the fact that he has just received his residence papers so that he can officially stay in Germany for another three years. It was not always such a positive story and it was a very complicated one.

Tell us a bit about Nigeria and your life there.

I was born on the outskirts of Lagos in 1983. Throughout Nigeria the official language is English but in Lagos most of the people speak Yoruba. We were a Muslim family although in Lagos there are more Christians than Muslims. In the whole of Nigeria it is about a 50/50 split between the two religions. As I was growing up I realised that my sexual orientation was going to cause me problems.

Nigeria is a very conservative country and everybody is expected to conform. I therefore got married and started a family. Having been rejected by the Muslim community and yet still believing in God, I became a Christian but found no welcome in the churches either. These were sorrowful times for me but I had a good job and was grateful for that.

So what happened to change it all and force you to flee Nigeria?

A male colleague accused me of sexual harassment. This is a very serious charge in Nigeria and can lead to fourteen years in jail. I therefore knew that I had to flee. When the police came to arrest me I managed to bribe them to give me a few hours. The authorities knew that I had an Italian visa - I had been on a seminar in Italy before all this unpleasantness occurred - and I was certain that if I went there they would find me. I therefore flew to France and I spent some time in Metz.



So you applied for asylum in France?

Yes, but I was refused and I ended up in a very unpleasant detention centre, sharing a room, with no privacy at all. That was in April 2016 and then in October of that year I was taken to Charles de Gaulle airport and informed I was about to be deported. I pleaded not to be deported to Nigeria or Italy and I think the good Lord was looking after me because one policeman asked me if I knew where Frankfurt was and gave me a plane ticket to there. I didn't travel on a scheduled flight but in a very small plane that had been converted to transport someone who was very sick. The authorities in Frankfurt couldn't believe that a French policeman had given me the ticket. I suppose the French authorities just wanted to get rid of me.

So did life get a little less dramatic after all that?

Well my first application for asylum was rejected but that, I discovered, is pretty normal. I was in a refugee camp near Frankfurt when I arrived and then in Munich and now I am in Langenbach near Freising. I can't tell you how exciting it is for me to have my residence permit and I feel my life can start again after five years. For all this time I have not been able to work – my refugee status did not allow it.

Most refugees are initially “geduldet” (tolerated) and then after a certain time if there has been no trouble they hope to get permanent papers. But I had no status at all. This meant that no-one would give work to a person like me who might be deported at any time. It was very difficult for me as I was used to supporting myself and my family instead of simply being given handouts from the state.

Imagine being in a camp, often a long way from the centre of town, where you have a small room, sit all day and have nothing to do. It was so depressing that I was on medication for depression for a while.

That must have been very frustrating. What was your job in Nigeria?

I was an IT specialist and I specialised in hardware, and specifically in small printers as in portable credit card machines. I travelled all over Nigeria demonstrating this new technology. Now I have not worked in this field for five years and in this industry things change so quickly that I doubt whether I will find it easy to get a job in this field.

So what are your plans now?

My love now is food. I have trained and am working in a vegan pizza place in Munich and I would like to do more in food stalls.

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I'm not vegan – I eat chicken and fish – but I would like to start a business producing and selling Bavarian food but with an African twist (such as Brathendl with Nigerian spices).

(He loves Brezn so he is well on the way to settling into Bavaria. Ed)

And how did you end up at the Church of the Ascension?

Father Steve met me at the camp and encouraged me to come to church. I did so with a fellow refugee. He left very quickly after the church service, because if he had stayed he would have missed lunch at the camp. For me talking to people at coffee hour was much more important than lunch! Fr. Allan, Fr. Ken, Ali and Clair, Janet, George, cyclist John, Rolf who found me a good lawyer after the previous one was simply taking my money but never giving me an appointment: You are all one wonderful family and I thank God that you are there for me. I can say that the Church of the Ascension has become my new family and I am grateful to everyone for all they have done for me.

What about your family back in Nigeria?

My son Ikramdeen is seven and my little girl Mahabubah is five. I miss them terribly, especially as I didn't have a good relationship with my father when I was growing up and I wanted something different for my children. I try to keep in touch but it isn't easy.

Is there anything else that you miss?

Yam-based food I suppose – something that I would like to offer if my food ideas develop. There are things I certainly don't miss like the erratic electricity supply, chaotic traffic and public transport. Looking for jobs was made a lot harder for me here in Germany without a driving licence but if you can drive in Lagos you can drive anywhere!

To get that driving license you will have to speak German. Did you speak it before you came and how it is now?

Oh dear, a bit negative. I didn't speak it before I came and when I was so depressed there was no incentive to learn it. I will try to do better now.

(Now Lateef has those all-important papers, but he still lives in the camp and has a long cycle ride to Freising S-Bahn station and then on to Munich so his next project is to find a small flat that he can call home. We wish him well.)

Sue Morris

Some Thoughts for the Soup Kitchen

Another poem by the newest member of the Outreach Group:

Clear Souls from different churches, doing holy duty, what teachings of God bestow on All

With a clear mindset and pure heart, all who follow his teachings God has his vision on All

Come soup kitchen day, all arrived to do their duty, to serve those not so privileged, in the world we live

To serve without second thoughts, the only feeling one can experience is the feeling of being happy and cherishing every moment we live

Serving those, irrespective of what path on which they or certain events in their life have made them undertake

Seeing all as one, pure souls do feel the less privileged , the difficult journey life has made them undertake

Early morning, we arrived at the soup kitchen, greeted by sisters, on a bright, sunny and a smiling day

God cares for all as such watching those who serve, he blessed them with cool shade, during the serving time of the day

Experiencing the vision of all less privileged present, who were standing surprised, during the day next to the church door

All present were curious, but stood back thinking, were these for the privileged or for them, they finally took courage to move across the paved floor

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Watching beautifully wrapped gifts kept near doorway, they were surprised, with what they all could see

Less privileged, were taken aback when announced that these gifts was for all of them, a thought they could never fathom or foresee

Smiling one by one, all walked forward, greeting good day wishes those whose came to serve, during the sunny day

One could see and feel no difference between them and those who are privileged ones, is what I feel and have to say

Some took for themselves, some took for their loved ones, but happy smiling faces is what all of us could see

Feeling of doing good no words can express as the feeling of emotions was nothing less but the emotional roller coaster waves of the sea

Dual blessings received by us from the church sisters and from the Lord above, who remembers and watches over all

Though serving day was a short one, we cherish these serving memories for future, as Lord would call us once again to take time for the soup kitchen and unconditionally serve all.

Navin Chuugh

[When I asked where Navin got his inspiration from for his poems he said that the words simply came to him. Ed.]



We don't meet people by accident.
They are meant to cross our path for a reason.

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All Creatures Great and Small

Over the summer the Outreach Committee of the Church of the Ascension organised three successful outings at the Wildpark in Poing for the children and their families who attend the Christophorus-Schulverein – a school for children with special needs. Two outings were arranged as a special treat for those progressing to the Grundschule in Riem, one on the 23rd and one on the 30th July. In addition there was an outing involving the school in Trudering, with twenty-five children, parents and carers on Saturday 24th July.

Some of the children were at first a bit hesitant and somewhat afraid of the large deer and stags as we entered the park. But that was quickly overcome as they were shown how gentle they are. I must admit to being rather apprehensive myself whilst putting on a brave face!

The joy of the experience was written all over their faces as the animals hungrily ate the offered carrots, bread or apples. The children were delighted at having managed to feed the animals. We were also able to spot owls high up on their perches, as well as lynx and even wolves, not forgetting the pig.

The image of a dear little girl wearing a pink sun hat blowing kisses to a potbellied pig is one I'll never forget.



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The anticipation from the children, who were soon off with their animal feed bags prepared with the help of Janis Wiedemann, the experience of touching and feeding the animals made this a day of joy and excitement for all.

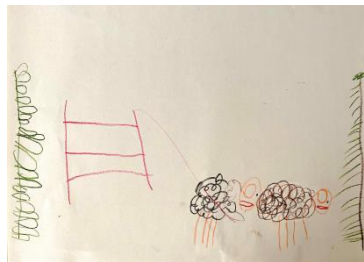
By lunchtime when the families, carers, and teachers all sat down to picnic together there was such a warm and loving feeling of shared happiness and friendship.

These outings also allowed parents with similar parental challenges to interact in a relaxed setting and thus afforded them the growth of future networking. This was especially welcomed and specifically mentioned by the School Leiterin, Gräfin Gabriela v. Westerholt, in her thank-you letter.

What could be more wonderful than seeing our sponsored children interacting with God's creatures at Poing Wildpark. These really were precious days!

Jill Thomas

Some of the children have shared their impressions of the day:





Coming Events

25 th September	Golden Girls
25 th September	10.00-12.00 The Men’s Room
26 th September	Vestry Elections
2 nd October	Quiz Night
3 rd October	Harvest Festival
8 th -10 th October	Women’s Retreat
16 th October	Racial Justice Book Group
17 th October	Emmauskirche Jahrmarkt
27 th November	15.00 Lessons and Carols for Advent St. Ottilien with the Munich English Choir
15 TH December	19.00 Lessons and Carols for Christmas St. Willibrord with the Munch English Choir

Regular events

Tuesdays	08.30	Morning Prayer followed by
	09.10	Morning Coffee
Wednesdays	15.00-16.00	Coffee with friends
	19.30	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Wednesday of the month Study Group “The Way of Love” (Zoom only)
Thursdays	09.00	Yoga with Nurtac Denton will resume later in the year. Watch this space!
	20.00	Compline



Worship in Nürnberg

At St. James the Less we normally meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday for worship at 16:00 in the main church of the Jakobskirche in downtown Nürnberg:

**Jakobskirche - Church of St. James the Less
Jakobsplatz 1
90402 Nürnberg**



Please come and join us! We would be honoured to have you worship with us. No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome at St. James the Less. Hygiene rules will, of course, apply due to Covid.

Services have now resumed thankfully but do check our Facebook page to get the latest information:

Anglican/Episcopal Church of St James the Less.

Worship in Augsburg

You are cordially invited to our Sunday Service at 16.30 which is currently an Evening Prayer on-site that is also shared in a Zoom session. Please feel free to ask for the Zoom code via the Facebook Messenger function or via the contact details on our webpage: www.stboniface.de.



It may, however, take us a few hours to respond. If you want to participate on-site, you will need to wear a face mask and comply with the other usual rules for disease prevention. There is, unfortunately, no singing at the moment, no separate child care or Church coffee.

**Evangelisch-Lutherische Auferstehungskirche,
Garmischer Str. 2a,
86163 Augsburg (Hochzoll).**

Vestry 2020 - 2021

The Vestry, together with the Priest in Charge, are responsible for the running of the church. Don't hesitate to contact any member if you have a question.

Janet Day-Strehlow	<i>Senior Warden</i>	Steve Knowles
George Battrick	<i>Junior Warden</i>	Sue Morris
Michael Beer		Graham Pearce
Lloyd Denton		Joy Schindel
Jeanne Glenz		Angela Schneider
Tonda Kemmerling	<i>Clerk of the Vestry</i>	Joachim Zeller

On Sunday September 26th we will reconvene our 2021 Annual General Meeting on Zoom. The main item of business will be the Vestry elections: like last year, voting will be carried out on OpaVote during the previous week.

Our Vestry currently consists of:

- Four members who are half way through their two-year terms:

Lloyd Denton, Tonda Kemmerling, Graham Pearce and Joachim Zeller.

- Four members who are completing a first two-year term, and standing for re-election:

George Battrick, Janet Day-Strehlow, Sue Morris and Angela Schneider.

- One member who was co-opted during the year to fill a vacancy, and is therefore standing for election:

Jeanne Glenz.

- Three members who are leaving the Vestry:

Michael Beer, Steve Knowles and Joy Schindel.

We will therefore need **at least three new candidates**. If you are interested, or want to know more about the Vestry, please speak to or contact:

Michael (michael1beer@gmail.com)

Steve (stephen.knowles@gmx.de) or

Joy (joyschindel@icloud.com),

who form the Nominating Committee.

George Battrick, Junior Warden

Emmaus Kirche

The Church of the Ascension is not the only congregation to have a new priest. This is Pfarrer Wolfram Nugel who will be the new pastor at Emmauskirche from the 1st September.



He has worked for over 25 years in various positions in the greater Munich area. He is married to Cornelia who is a psychologist and works for the educational advice service in Munich. Their two children Katharina and Simon are studying in Ulm and Tübingen respectively.

Pfarrer Nugel is planned to be installed on the 19th September during the service with Dekan Grötzner, Pfarrer Lay and Vikar Brandl. We welcome him and look forward to many fruitful years when he shares his church with us.



And suddenly you just know it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginning.

Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)



Closing Words

By the time you are reading this Celebration Sunday has probably come and gone. So I hope you will all spring into action and enjoy all that the Church of the Ascension has to offer and not fall back into holiday inactivity.

The vestry and the editorial team hope you have all had a revitalising summer and we look forward to a blessed time together as we move towards Advent and the beginning of a new church year with our new Priest in Charge.

Sue Morris



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Please note ...
if you want to have anything announced during the church service or in the bulletin, you will need to first run it past the Senior Warden, Janet Day-Strehlow.

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We extend a warm welcome to all!

Our Purpose and Mission

We offer worship in English, serving Greater Munich and the surrounding area. We welcome people of all nationalities to join our community and share in our journey towards a deeper knowledge of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

We seek to:

- Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed
- Celebrate God through beautiful and meaningful worship
- Minister to one another through worship, fellowship, Christian education and pastoral care
- Care for people in the wider community through outreach projects, both alone and together with others.