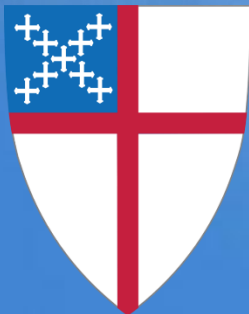


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(There is the story of a preacher who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to balance our budget. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets...")

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## Editorial

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ*

Welcome to new members and to long-standing members of the hugely diverse community that is the Church of the Ascension. This is the first edition of the **lkon** since 2017.

As those of you who were in church on Trinity Sunday when Fr. Allan preached on the Trinity will remember, today's cover is of the famous Icon of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev.

This edition marks the end of a difficult time and the beginning of a new hopeful one. As T S Elliot puts it in "Little Gidding":

*What we call the beginning is often the end  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start from.*

Part of this new beginning is getting to know each other better so that this "other" is not a threat, but an enrichment to us all. After reading this newsletter we hope you will know a little more about us, about your Interim Rector, about your

vestry, about where the members of this congregation come from, and about how you can get involved.

This will be the first of what we hope will be regular editions of this magazine. It is yours, so if you have a story in you somewhere (shame you didn't take advantage of Dee Pattee's offer in the auction of talents!) get in touch with the editorial team: Sue Morris, Dee Pattee and Mitchell Woodard.

May this cross be a symbol of the future binding together of our congregation with God's help.

Blessings.

Sue



## Breaking news!

Congratulations to Laura and Andreas on the birth of their daughter **Claire Sophia Bartsch** - who was clever enough to appear just before we went to press!



There's always another level up. There's always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow.

*Elizabeth Gilbert*



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# Letter from the Rector

Dear People of Ascension,

This issue of the **lkon** marks a new beginning for the parish magazine. On my first Sunday with you, way back at the beginning of Holy Week, Dee Pattee approached me during Coffee Hour with a folder of old issues she'd saved.

She was very keen on the idea that we were missing a wonderful way to share stories about this parish, its people, its riches, its diversity, its history. Restarting the **lkon** sounded like a good idea to me but I was cautious about committing to it until I heard

from others who might be willing to make it happen.

It didn't take long. At my first vestry meeting, at least three people stepped forward and volunteered to help. Other names were mentioned as possible assistants or contributors. Thus, just three months later, here is the Fall 2019 Edition of the **lkon**.

This little magazine is part of endings and beginnings, as the editor, Sue Morris, has written. Here at Ascension, we move from what has been into a time called "interim", with a priest called



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interim” and beginnings and endings of various sorts.

Over the past few years in my own journey with Christ, I’ve come to love accompanying parishes during this time of wondering, asking questions, dreaming together.

One of my hopes for you all is that while you look forward to what is to be, you may also recognize and remember some things about Ascension that have long been hallmarks of this place. Again, I love the way T. S. Eliot says this.

*We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.*

I hope you’ll enjoy the stories held gently within these pages.

Hear the love, the care, the humor, the joy. Listen for the silences and wait for the Spirit to breathe life and hope.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Faithfully, Allan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Allan+

## Your Vestry

You now have a newly elected vestry and at the recent orientation meeting we decided on the following description of who we are:

*“Our vestry is an open and transparent elected body with Christ at our center. Through shared leadership everyone on the vestry has a role and we are responsible for the day to day running of the church and, along with the rector, for the spiritual wellbeing of the congregation.”*

The vestry members wear a name badge so don't hesitate to ask someone if you have any questions. There is an “Ask the Vestry” box on the ushers' table and answers will be published in the **Ikon**

Here, the members introduce themselves:



**Janet Day-Strehlow (Senior Warden)**

I have been part of the Church of the Ascension since 1987. I served as Senior Warden, been on the Outreach Committee, as well as a long-time member of the choir. Many of you know me from the annual Christmas Carol Sing, which I have been leading since 1999. My husband, Kurt, is a master clock-maker and my son Daniel is finishing up his exams this year. I work as a Corporate Real

Estate manager for a large multi-national company and look forward to retirement in 2 years.



**George Battrick (Junior Warden)**

George comes from an ecumenical (Anglican/Methodist) family. He was born and went to school in Manchester, England. After a degree in engineering at Cambridge, he worked in London for 18 years before moving to Munich 26 years ago. He has been a member of the Church of the Ascension since arriving in Munich, sings in the choir, and has served several times on the Vestry, including periods

as Junior Warden and Senior Warden.



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## **Roger Houghton (Clerk)**

I was born in the North of England in Lancashire and came to Munich for a six-month computer-programming project in 1977. I have been associated with Ascension since Father Tom Pellaton's time. Our son Paul was baptised here in 2005 and confirmed in 2018. I was elected to the Vestry in

2018 and have a particular interest in helping to re-establish the Youth Group.



## **Michael Beer**

Born and raised in a small town in Northern Bavaria I came to Munich almost 30 years ago. I am a librarian working at the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek. I got to know the Episcopal church through my husband, Rémy Bethmont, whom I married at Ascension in 2016. I now feel very much at home at

Ascension which has become part of my life.



## **Carmen Bleicher**

Nah Regensburg bin ich geboren und aufgewachsen. Nach zehn Jahren Berufserfahrung war der Wechsel zu Messerschmitt-Bölkö-Blohm (heute Airbus AG), wo ich als PA in verschiedenen Bereichen bis zum Eintritt in den Ruhestand arbeitete. Ursprünglich komme ich aus der röm kath. Kirche, bin aber aus

der Kirche ausgetreten. Ohne religiöse Heimat wollte ich aber nicht leben. Treffen und Gespräche mit Fr. Hank haben in 1987 zu meiner Reconfirmation in der ‚Church of the Ascension‘ geführt.



## **Steve Knowles**

Steve moved to Germany in 1979 and worked for Siemens and then Nokia for over 30 years. He is now enjoying early retirement. He has been married to Sue for 38 years and has been an active member of the Church of the Ascension for almost 30 years.

Many will know him as the group leader of the

Ushers and Greeters. He is also the webmaster of the Church of the Ascension website.



## **Sue Morris**

I was born in Chester. Having graduated with a degree in German, the decision to follow my husband, Mike, to Munich in 1987 was not a difficult one. I have been a member of The Church of the Ascension since 1995 where my main interests are singing in the choir and being part of the readers' and prayer board teams. I enjoy swimming,

gardening and photography.



## **Graham Pearce**

I grew up in Harrogate in the North of England and was baptized and confirmed in the beautiful Christ Church (Church of England). I always had a strong affiliation with Germany, and had the opportunity to be seconded to Frankfurt in 2000 and this led to me moving to Munich four years later. I am married to Janna, and we have four children: Eva (9), Christian

(12), Esther (14) and Martin (16).



## **Joy Schindel**

I am a born Filipina, a naturalized German since 1995, a baptized Roman Catholic and a parishioner of the Church of the Ascension since 2002. Munich is home to me and I am still actively working at the MVV since over 33 years now. I enjoy good food and cooking; love to hike and to also travel and I also love to pray, go on retreats and do things which bring me

closer to God.



## **Angela Schneider**

My husband, Rolf, and I have attended Church of the Ascension since September 2001 when we moved with our three children from Cambridge to Munich. I was a Sunday School teacher for many years and enjoyed teaching the children about our Christian faith. Now my main interests lie in outreach, both here and elsewhere.

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## **Lois Stuckenbruck**

An American who has lived 15 years in England and 11 in Germany (Tübingen; Kiel and Munich). My work experience is in public relations and educational fundraising. I am a member of Ascension since 2012, and am a Licensed Lay preacher for the Convocation. I am married to Loren, Professor of New Testament and Ancient Judaism at LMU and have three grown

children.



## **Mitchell Woodard**

I came to Munich to study singing in 1986, found the Church of Ascension, met my husband Bernhard and stayed. We have two grown boys, Alexander and Christian, in the throes of university. Teaching singing, swimming and writing are things I love to do, though not necessarily simultaneously.



Each vestry member (excepting the Senior and Junior Wardens) has the responsibility of being in touch and close communication with the leaders of these ministries, to support them and serve as a liaison to the Vestry. They keep the Vestry informed of the needs of the parish in terms of these ministries.

<i>Administration</i> .....	Lois Stuckenbruck
<i>Communication</i> .....	Steve Knowles
<i>Children, including the crèche, through age 9</i> .....	Mitchell Woodard
<i>Youth (ages 10-18)</i> .....	Roger Houghton
<i>Hospitality</i> .....	Joy Schindel
<i>Music</i> .....	Michael Beer
<i>Outreach/Mission/Ecumenical</i> .....	Angela Schneider
<i>Parish life, including the Men's Group, Golden Girls, retreats, young adults</i> .....	Carmen Bleicher
<i>Stewardship/Finance</i> .....	Graham Pearce
<i>Worship</i> .....	Sue Morris

## Golden Girls

**Who?** Led by Rev. Clair Ullmann who comes down from her mountain home in Austria to be with us, we are a group of women who are over fifty (or practising to be so!)

**What?** We come together about once a month to sing, pray, ponder God's plan for us, laugh, cry, share food and experiences and support each other in love as we all grow older.

**Where?** Usually in the parish house.

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or Joan Case at: [MJCase@gmx.net](mailto:MJCase@gmx.net)

## *St. Boniface in Augsburg*

Welcome to St. Boniface, the only English-speaking Anglican/Episcopal Church in Augsburg. We worship each Sunday, normally at 4:30 PM at our host church,

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

(Please check for possible time shifts on [www.stboniface.de](http://www.stboniface.de)  
or on Facebook.)

After services, we enjoy a time of fellowship with coffee/tea, cake and/or home-made goodies. Please feel free to join us as we worship together.

# Youth Group Convent Visit



Earlier this year we asked our fledgling youth group what activities they would like us to plan. To our surprise, one of the most popular requests was for a night in a monastery. They had happy memories of meeting the sisters in a convent on Starnbergersee last year as part of their confirmation class. So we began to ask around, and soon lit on the Kloster Frauenchiemsee.

This is an ancient foundation which today has around 20 sisters and runs a very active Conference Centre. It is located on the Fraueninsel, an island in Lake

Chiemsee with about 300 inhabitants.

As we discovered during our first telephone enquiries, the conference centre is run by the redoubtable Sister Scholastica McQueen, born on the Shetland Isles and active in the Kloster since 1986. She welcomed the idea of us coming, and made all the necessary arrangements.

So it was that one warm sunny Friday Julia, Roger, four youth and our (still-jetlagged!) new Interim Rector Fr. Allan drove through the beautiful landscape of Chiemgau to the village of Gstadt on the shore

of the lake. From there, we took the short ferry ride to the island where we were soon greeted and shown to our rooms.

We arrived in time to sit through a large part of evening prayer with the sisters, which is sung in the newly (and beautifully) restored chapel. After that we had a lot of fun preparing our evening meal in the self-catering facilities. That evening we walked round the island, absorbing the peaceful atmosphere and admiring the alpine skyline in the glowing sunset. It really is a very special place.

We slept well and after breakfast went first to the abbey shop. Their speciality is home-made marzipan which tastes like no other marzipan you have ever tasted.

Sister Scholastica had promised to spend some time with us, and we met with her in one of the conference rooms. She invited us to ask her “anything you have ever wanted to know about nuns”. This we did, and the questions came thick and fast, ranging from how and why she became a nun to what exactly is worn under the tunic!

We again had a lot of fun cooking our lunch, though it is perhaps best not to say too much about the result. Maybe we should organize a cookery class for the youth group... Afterwards, we took our leave of Sister Scholastica with many thanks for the generosity and kindness of her welcome.

And so we drove home, with much food for thought and a determination to one day return.

*Julia Faller and Roger Houghton (Youth Group)*

## **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP:**

The Junior Youth Group is for youth aged approximately 10 to 13. The group will meet regularly for fellowship and activities on a Christian platform but we are currently looking for new members – please inform the Church Office if you are interested.

In addition, Youth who are aged 13 by May and who are interested in being confirmed may participate in confirmation instruction led by the Rector.

## **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:**

The Senior Youth Group welcomes young people aged approximately 14 and above. We meet regularly for fellowship and fun activities, currently once a month on Sundays from 11:30 – 12:30 (during the normally scheduled service)



## They speak in many tongues...

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we heard Acts 2, 1-12 read in 20 different languages, from Ge'ez (Ethiopic) to Welsh, Russian and Igbo. As well as in the more common ones : French, Spanish, Italian.

How diverse is our congregation!

When you talk to the readers, it becomes clear that they were either born in that particular country (Kristi Nowak, Norwegian; Janet Eck, Welsh; Nurtaç Denton, Turkish) or studied it out of interest ( Sue Morris, Swedish; Jes Villa, Latin Vulgate; Rolf Schneider, New Testament Greek) or lived in that particular land ( Deirdre Tincker, Italian; Carol Forrester, South American Spanish).

Whatever brought these readers their language fluency, it was clear on June 9<sup>th</sup> that we have a most interesting congregation.....

### *The readers:*

Loren Stuckenbruck  
Rolf Schneider  
Carol Forrester  
Deirdre Tincker  
Dee Pattee  
Bob Nowak  
Jes Villa  
Kristi Nowak.  
Janet Eck  
Chairman Sidneys  
Rohit Paul  
Shema Paul  
Joachim Zeller  
Lin Kai  
Chris Kai  
Nurtaç Denton  
Joy Schindel  
Michelle Lim  
Rosie Mayer  
George Battrick

*Ge'ez. (Ethiopic)*  
*New Testament Greek*  
*Spanish (South American)*  
*Italian*  
*French*  
*Portuguese*  
*Latin Vulgate*  
*Norwegian*  
*Welsh*  
*Igbo*  
*Hindi*  
*Malayalam*  
*Russian*  
*Yuan*  
*Malay*  
*Turkish*  
*Ilongo*  
*Tagalog*  
*German*  
*English*

*Dee Pattee*

# WE NEED YOUR HELP



Can anyone help give the wine at the altar I wonder?

The altar cloth is green today. Last time I was here it was red.

I wonder why there is only one torch with the cross today.

The coffee team seems a bit stressed today.

Was there a reason that one piece that the choir sang was only for women's voices?

If these are your thoughts then maybe they are prompted by the fact that we need **MORE VOLUNTEERS** for many ministries in the church. In particular:

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Coffee hour



*Contact:* John Hamilton  
0891708408  
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Altar Guild



*Contact:* Carol Forrester  
0172 257 6446  
carol.forrester@web.de

Acolytes, Eucharistic  
Ministers, readers and  
prayer leaders



*Contact:* Sue Morris  
08122 8928560  
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Choir (tenors particularly  
welcome!)



*Contact:* Jeff Leipsic  
0176 5012 3388  
jeffantje@aol.com



## Interview with...

A conversation with the Rev. Allan Sandlin or Allan, as he prefers to be called by us.

**Q. Allan, we are delighted to have you with us. How long can you stay?**

A. I will be here as long as you need me.

**Q. When will we start the search process?**

A. When the Bishop and the Vestry agree that it's time.

**Q. Tell me about yourself. Where are you from?**

A. I was born in Texas and have deep Texas roots, but I actually grew up in New Mexico. I've lived in every region of the United States except the West Coast—the Southwest, the Southeast (Atlanta), the Northeast (university in Buffalo, New York; served a parish in Blue Hill, Maine) and the Midwest (worked as a musician in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, playing principal violist of the South Dakota Symphony). And of course, eight years in Frankfurt am Main as rector of the Church of Christ the King.

**Q. When did you decide to enter the ministry?**

A. I was 33, curious about God, so I went to Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. It's a longer story than that, of course, but it involved my journey from the Southern Baptist church in which I grew up, the Presbyterian Church, retreats at Catholic monasteries, hanging out with Mennonites and Lutherans in the Midwest and finally discovering the Episcopal Church in college when I was a paid singer in a choir.

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## **Q. Before that?**

- A. I was a professional musician and play the viola. (*Note: While Allan is “especially fond” of the Beatles, his first love is classical music, especially chamber music and opera.*)

## **Q. You were eight years in Frankfurt, at Christ the King. How is that like Ascension?**

- A. They are an international, English-speaking congregation made up of people from all over the world. They use the Book of Common Prayer and the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal. But they have more turn-over in membership, around 30 % year.

## **Q. What is it you like about us?**

- A. I love the people of Ascension. You are a fun group. You really care deeply about each other. Even when you’ve been at odds with each other, you didn’t want to lose those relationships.

## **Q. Tell me about your family.**

- A. (*Allan’s face lights up*) My wife, Gretchen Nagy, was been here quite a bit during May and June, as she works in Cologne about half of the year. She’s a lawyer for a German/American real estate investment company. It was wonderful being together in this city we both love. And she really enjoyed getting to meet the people of Ascension.

Our son Thomas and his wife, Alex, are working in Amsterdam, and daughter Elizabeth (Lizzy) is a city planner in Atlanta.

## **Q. Anything else I should know?**

- A. Shall I tell you one of my favorite sport’s team? The Duke University Blue Devils basketball team. I married into loving this team. Gretchen went to law school at Duke and following the NCAA

basketball tournament every spring (it's called "March Madness in the US) became something we enjoy doing together.

Then, when we lived in Germany, our whole family became huge fans of the German National Football Team. Women's team *and* the men's team, of course. In Atlanta, where our family lived from 2007 until this year when we began to scatter, we always look for sports bars where they are showing the Germany games during the World Cup. And cheer madly for the German team. Even if they are playing the US...ok, our loyalties might be a little more divided than that.

**Q. You've already introduced us to some new ways of doing things. What other things do you have planned?**

A. Come and see! I certainly have some new songs to teach you.

*Dee Pattee*

## *St. James the Less in Nürnberg*

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

Please come and join us! We would be honored 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.

[www.st-james-the-less.de](http://www.st-james-the-less.de)

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



## Thoughts on Communication...

The Bavarian dialect poet Helmut Zöpfl summed up in his poem below the way in which we often misunderstand each other, because we are perhaps afraid to speak the truth or maybe afraid of embarrassment:



Diskutiert hama,  
informiert hama,  
verbalisiert hama,  
referiert hama,  
interpretiert hama,  
disputiert hama  
korrespondiert hama  
kommentiert hama  
debattiert hama  
alle mitsama.  
Bloß oans hama net,  
mitanand gredt

We discussed,  
we informed,  
we verbalized,  
we lectured,  
we interpreted,  
we argued,  
we corresponded,  
we commented,  
we debated  
with each other.  
But the one thing we didn't do,  
was to talk to one another



Carmen Bleicher

## Thoughts on Self Help...

### Holistic Healthy Eating with Carmen Dacre

*Need help with losing weight? Don't want to do it alone? Then come and join me on Monday evenings at 6.30pm from September in the upper room of the parish house (exact starting date to be arranged).*

*We are going to talk about various aspects of our daily nutritional intake, discover an eating plan for the whole group that is beneficial to the body as a whole. Contact: [carmen.dacre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carmen.dacre@hotmail.co.uk)*

## Kampenwand Experience 2019

The annual ecumenical service on the Kampenwand mountain, near Aschau with views over the Chiemsee, was to take place on Sunday, July 21. Because of poor weather the service was moved to the Roman Catholic church of Aschau, a typical Bavarian church with gilt and plasterwork everywhere. The Church of the Ascension was represented by the Reverend Clair Ullmann, Rainer Ullmann, and George Battrick. George was our organizer and brought along the Episcopal flag to mark our presence.

The Lutherans were the hosts and we, along with Old Catholic priest Dr. André Golob of Rosenheim, created the ecumenism of the service. Clair was invited to participate in the prayers and in distributing communion. She was also especially welcomed by the Lutheran Assistant Bishop Susanne Breit-Keßler as the Anglican presence. They remembered fondly when the Rev. Dale Carr and our Youth Group used to come.

The service was filled with music, great preaching, and much joy. The church was packed with at least 250 worshipers. It was a joyful and yet nostalgic occasion because this was the last service the Bishop and Area Dean Hanna Wirth would attend before their retirements. They had so hoped for a service on the mountaintop, but alas that was not to be.

The alphorns and the brass band (around 50 of them) played for the service just as if it had been on the Alm and made a very joyful noise. If you closed your eyes, it was easy to see the cows in the pasture and the sheep frolicking on the hills.

The three of us were greeted warmly after the service and invited to return next year. We were treated to lunch and ended our time together as we parted our ways in the sunshine and clear skies. Yes, the rain had stopped during the service.

George, who has been to this ecumenical service on the Alm many times before, thought that, while it missed the spectacular view and the mountain top experience, the atmosphere in the church was definitely uplifting. We three are planning to come back next year. We hope you will join us.

*George Battrick, Rainer Ullmann and The Rev. Clair Ullmann*

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A joyful ecumenical service



The Anglicans/Episcopalians have returned!



Clergy gathering after the service

## Ongoing Events...



The Auction of Talents held in the Summer (we called it “*Convivial Pursuits*”) was organized by Lois Stuckenbruck and ended on the last day for bidding with a feast for choc-oholics as you can see!

The number of households involved in the auction was 60. This meant that up to 100 individuals were involved as either offerers or bidders, or both.

In addition to all the fun and fellowship, we raised the sum of €5,858 which is already a wonderful result. However, a generous donation from the members of the Barrett Vocal Institute Choral Ensemble who sang for our Service on Sunday, July 14th, brought the final total to above €6,000 **Thank you !**

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Lois for all her hard work – and for the chocolate! And if you had a good time at your event, send a photo to the editor for the next edition of **lkon**.

## Coming Events...

- Convocation Convention in Geneva October 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Our official delegates Lois Stuckenbruck and Steve Knowles will be attending – look forward to their report in the next **lkon**.
- On October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> we shall be having a repeat of the Soup Sundays which were such a success during Lent.

## Mission and Outreach

### Help required at the Soup Kitchen



The Sisters of Mother Teresa are in need of help at the soup kitchen on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.**

This involves chopping up vegetables and salad any time **between 9:30 am and noon.**

If you can spare an hour or so on one of these mornings you will be very welcome!

The soup kitchen is at Margaretenplatz, near the Harras U-Bahn and thus easy to reach.

#### Happy Soup-Kitchen Helpers !

You will need to bring an apron and rubber gloves if you normally wear them for this kind of work and washing up. Knives are provided, but it is useful to bring a good potato-peeler!

**Please also don't forget non-perishable items for the basket at the Ushers' desk on Sundays. The sisters also need cleaning liquids, toilet paper and empty food-containers for those who wish to take food away.**

If you would like further information please contact:  
Barbara Norman ([barbaranorman@t-online.de](mailto:barbaranorman@t-online.de), Tel: 089 6975 9309)  
or Liz Wink ([e.wink@freenet.de](mailto:e.wink@freenet.de), Tel: 0171 697 9574).

## Did you know...

The Church of the Ascension was formally incorporated in 1903 in the Hamburg-American offices on Theatinerstraße. The first Rector was the Rev. John Henry McCracken, who also conducted services in Oberammergau.

In 1970 we moved to our present location as guests of the Lutheran **Emmauskirche** in residential Harlaching, on the southern edge of the city.

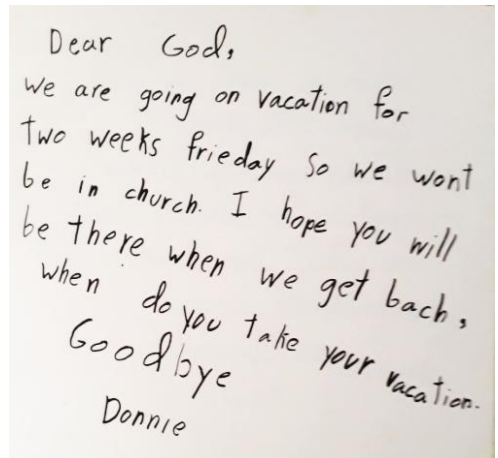
The first service was held here in November 1970 – which means that next year, 2020, we shall celebrate our Golden Jubilee. Fifty years of friendly cooperation is a good excuse for a party, and Fr. Allan has already held talks with Pfr. Reichenbacher of Emmauskirche on what kind of joint celebration we should plan.

Watch this space for further news!

## Closing words...

As Father Allan says every Sunday when he invites us to communion – it is not the church's table, it is God's table. So Donnie: He will certainly be there when you get back and we hope your vacation was great.

The vestry and the editorial team hope you have had a relaxing and revitalizing holiday too, so that you are ready to explore all the possibilities you discovered on September 22<sup>nd</sup> – our Celebration Sunday.



Dear God,  
we are going on vacation for  
two weeks Friday so we won't  
be in church. I hope you will  
be there when we get back,  
when do you take your vacation.  
Goodbye  
Donnie



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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