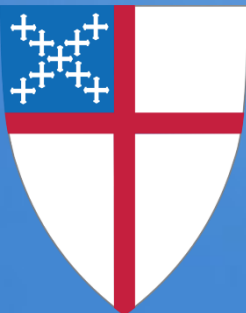


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2 Corinthians 9:7 *“Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

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Editorial

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is a very selfish choice of saint to grace the cover of the Summer 2023 **ikon**. Saint Fiacre is the patron saint of gardeners and was renowned for his use of herbal remedies so a useful saint for gardeners and summer allergy sufferers alike. He apparently only had to drag a shovel against the ground to get a garden to sprout! We will need all the help we can get if we have a scorching summer again.

We have a bumper edition this time, a good thing as it will be the last edition until Christmas! All the usual items are included and Amanda Höscher provides us with the second in the series of My Favourite Hymn and George Battrick in the series My Bible.

Father Dan's letter is one of gratitude and it seems that is very much the theme of this edition. A thank you from Fr. Tom and from Nick Ukiah and a tribute to all Jeanne Glenz contributed to life at Ascension. I am personally grateful that we have contributions from newer members of the congregation: From Maurits de Lint, Martin Shedd and Charlotte Rieger. We have included an interview with a long-standing member of the congregation in Carol Teresita Forester so that those who are new, know who this figure in charge of the Altar Guild is.

The item on the Pentecost readers shows what a diverse group we are and the ones on Outreach how active

and generous in spreading the love of God we are. The report on the activities of the Racial Justice Book Group and the important item explaining the Rainbow Initiative indicate, I hope, that everyone is welcome at the Church of the Ascension.

Going back to Saint Fiacre he is obviously at work in the new green shoots of activity that are going on in our church as evidenced by the item on the Youth Group and Women on the Go. Come on men and your night out. We want a recommendation for a good restaurant next time!

Welcome to the new members of the Vestry. In this regard I have a plea. There is a plan to involve more members of the Vestry and the wider congregation in reading the prayers of the people. If you are willing to serve in this very important ministry, please let me know either when you see me in church or by email.

Happy summer to you all.

Peace

Sue



Letter from Fr. Dan

Dear Church of the Ascension Family,

This past month, at our annual meeting, I spoke about the deep and abiding gratitude that I have in my heart for this place. I love being your Priest in Charge. I love being here and I love you, the people that make this place so special. I want to begin my letter for this Ikon by restating my gratitude for a few people in particular.

First, our recently retired wardens, Janet Day-Strehlow and George Battrick. Janet and George were a joy to work with. They are faithful to Christ and his church. They love The Church of the Ascension and they've shown me great love and affection. I'm a better priest and person for having worked alongside them. Thank you both!

Second, I'd like to thank the other members of the Vestry who just finished serving their terms. Sue Morris, Angela Schneider, Remy Bethmont, and Jeanne Glenz; With a special word of thanks to Jeanne for many years of service to Christ through our church. Jeanne, you will be missed and we send you travelling blessings as you settle back into life in the U.S. These vestry members have all served with joy and grace and I'm so very grateful for their service. Thank you!

I'm also extremely grateful for our new wardens, David Case and Sue Knowles. They lead a fabulous new

Vestry. I'm excited about our upcoming work and ready to tackle a few projects with them. Just to keep you up to date, here are few of things that the Vestry hopes to work on this coming year. Children and youth ministry, adult faith formation, newcomer ministry, our digital and social media ministry, and bettering our communication. We've already made some progress and we look forward to seeing how God will lead us.

As we enter into this time when people will be travelling a lot, and as a few things slow down during the summer months, I want you to know that we are busy planning for continued growth and development of our beloved parish. God is at work in our midst, drawing new people to our community, giving us exciting new challenges and leading us to a blessed future. I ask that you pray for our new Vestry as we endeavor to follow God's lead with steadfast faith.

If you are travelling this summer and visit another church, try to take a few pictures and, if possible, post them on our church Facebook page so we can see how far and wide our community influence reaches.

Blessings and peace to you,

Dan+



Centenary and Revival in Paris

Centenary of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity and the Paris Revival
24-26 March 2023.

To the question “How was it?” My response is “Uplifting!”

It was a remarkable weekend celebrating the 100 years of our cathedral and taking time to explore God’s church on the move in the revival. From the outset, on Friday evening, there was a party atmosphere, with a great gathering of very many people from the wider reaches of the Convocation, along with food and drink that was good but not lavish, conversation and laughter. It was fun!

The Saturday revival, entitled ‘God’s church on the move’, held at the top of a repurposed multi-story car park with stunning almost 360° views of Paris, and attended by up to 300 people, was undoubtedly a major highlight of the weekend. It comprised energizing and engaging keynote addresses given by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York and Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, humbling testimonies given by a couple of young people, a selection of workshops on important topics for collective community health and well-being and, of course, joyful worship incorporating vibrant gospel music. The workshops, in which Rev. Dan and David Case played leading roles, covered topics such as How to Change Your Church: Tools from the College for Congregational Development, Building Beloved Community in our Church and our World, Welcoming and Walking with Refugees: The Refugee Grant Program and Watching for Signs of Exploitation: The Church’s Call to Respond to Human Trafficking. For an Episcopal News Service report please use the following link:

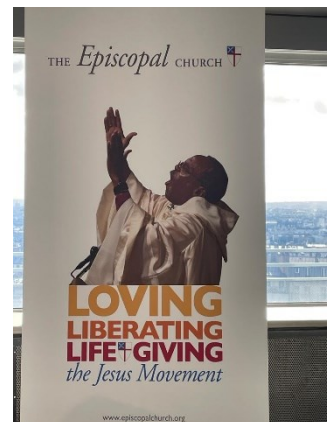
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2023/04/05/episcopal-churches-in-europe-live-into-being-gods-church-on-the-move/>

On Sunday, the cathedral was absolutely packed for the celebration Eucharist at which Presiding Bishop Curry was the preacher. As you might imagine, he gave a powerful and thought-provoking sermon which, through its content and delivery, was both a support and a challenge and, as I’ve heard, was also captivating for a number of the youth who were there. The recording of the service is available at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_elW6yTIE4

To repeat, “How was it?” “Uplifting!”

David Case



An Interview with...

We thought that we would not interview a newcomer in this issue but an established member of the congregation whom newcomers may not know. Sue talked to Carol Forrester.

We know you as Carol Teresita Forrester. Does Teresita have special significance?

It's simply my middle name. My mother's name was Teresa and so I am little Teresa, Teresita.

Interesting. Where did you spend your childhood?

I grew up on a farm on the outskirts of Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay. We didn't have animals on the farm but at that time my father was one of only two growers of orchids in Uruguay.

So your love of flowers has persisted.

Yes. I remember we had a big L-shaped house where some of our helpers lived and in front of the house we had a lot of beautiful old lime trees because the previous owners of the farm were German and they had planted them. I had my very own tree house that I really loved

So did you share this house with any brothers and sisters.

No it was definitely my house. I have one sister who is seven years younger than me and when she was born, the tree house was no more. It had been blown down by one of the storms and it was never rebuilt though I asked, even pleaded.

My family was very German. I went to the German school and took my Abitur there. We went to the German bakery, my father and my family were members of the German rowing club. German was as much part of life as Spanish. When we were driven to the German school we were encouraged to speak German. I spoke Spanish with my mother and her family.



So I can understand why your German is so good, but how did you learn such good English?

When I was twenty, very young, I married a Brit. Ours was the first wedding between someone from the German Lutheran church, my church, and the Anglican church of the Holy Trinity in Uruguay. For twelve years when I was married we spoke only English: or Spanish. No German at all. That's why when I speak German it is with an English accent! With my mother-and father-in-law I spoke only English. She was from Manchester and my father-in-law, even though he was third generation Argentinian he only spoke English at home. They were very involved in the church and Sunday lunches in their house were very much discussing what activities were planned for church the following Sunday.

So this is three languages. Do you speak any more?

Well when I am in Paris I can understand French and I can get by in Italian.

What languages to you need for your job and what IS your job?

I only need English and German. I work as a Business Partner for an executive interim management company, which places interim C-level positions

When did you leave Uruguay and come to Germany?

At the same time as I divorced my husband my sister came to Germany to study and was married and expecting a baby. So I know exactly when it was, two months after my niece's birthday in February 1993. I was very involved with my sister's children as she travelled for work.

So you had family here but this was a new life for you.

Yes. As church life had been so important to me in Uruguay I thought I would acclimatise to this new life in Germany by attending the German Lutheran church, but I didn't find anything that appealed to me; so I looked elsewhere.

So this is how the Church of the Ascension came in?

Indeed. The first time I came I was greeted by Dick Pattee and a fellow greeter who was from Argentina. So we, of course, spoke in Spanish. This friendly welcome and the beautiful singing in the choir convinced me to stay.

You have been here a while. So when was this?

1994. I'm not sure. It became a routine. I remember getting the bus from the Ostbahnhof to Naupliastr. and then walking from the bus station. It was quite a

walk and I didn't like walking! I always arrived late and sat at the back! Early on Joan asked me to be a Sunday School teacher and this was a very fulfilling time.

You are in charge of the Altar Guild now. How did that come about?

It was a little before the pandemic. Priscilla wanted to hand the organisation of this ministry over to someone who was more comfortable with email and so could organise the rota. Basically that was easy and then the pandemic hit. We now have people who cannot serve because of illness and organising the rota is more difficult.

As someone who organises the rota for the loyal team of readers I know that it is not always easy, but apart from that is there anything difficult about being a member of the Altar Guild? Is there anything particularly challenging?

Doing the job is easy to learn. There are pictures in the cupboard in the sacristy of what the altar should look like and if you follow them it is not complicated. What is difficult for us is picking up the candle sticks because they are very heavy. It is a job for two people and I usually ask one person who is near the altar to help. That is a real challenge but to be honest the real challenge is getting enough people to join the team.

Readers have told me that they get a lot out of reading. It makes them feel really specially involved in the service. Is that true of the members of the Altar Guild?

If we have the time yes. It is not so easy if the Emmauskirche's service is delayed or if you are working alone. Then you are too busy to enjoy the peace. You can't leave anything prepared in advance. Well I always say that God is not going to punish me if everything is not perfect. If we are delayed people will just have to wait. It's not what I love but that's life: If we had our own church it would be much easier as we would just have to put the hosts into the monstrance. I must say that the new Altar Guild coordinator who is now in charge of the altar at Emmaus is delightful and doesn't mind if we are busy before she has finished. We work in parallel. She helps us and we help her.

You went to the recent Revival and hundred-year anniversary of the Cathedral Church in Paris. Can you give us your personal impressions?

It was absolutely marvellous. It all started for me when I arrived at the cathedral on the Friday night and helped prepare the food so I got to know people other than my Ascension friends before the event started in earnest. The venue was wonderful. When the bishop was speaking you could see all of Paris spread out below. If you hear Michael Curry speak, other people can be easily forgotten but

the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, the keynote speaker, really set the positive mood for me and then our own Presiding Bishop Curry spoke. Whenever he speaks, it is if he is speaking just to me. We attended workshops on Saturday morning. I attended the very interesting one given by our own Dan and then one that made a lasting and deep impression on me was the one on Racial Justice and Becoming a Beloved Community led by David Case and Rev Canon Stephanie Spellers. I was sitting next to Clair and said “But at the Church of the Ascension we are not racist”. She warned me about thinking this way and when I thought back to my early time at Ascension we thought in terms of English Anglican, American Episcopalian and other. We made distinctions. We are discriminatory without intending to be. I must say that after all our troubles the pandemic in some strange ways stopped this labelling. We were no longer a choir person or an altar guild person. We were united.

So fruitful discussions in the morning on Saturday and then?

Uplifting revival on Saturday too. We sang rousing gospel songs led by a wonderful gospel singer and heard very touching testimonies of why various people had come to trust the love of God. We heard how one woman received support from the church at a difficult time in her life, how one very brave young man told us his life story and explained how his faith was growing. Michael Curry’s sermon at the Eucharist on Sunday gave us the power of the Bible and what our mission is in the church. We saw a group of about 40 youngsters singing and they are after all our future. When music struck up, many people danced in the naves – mostly people from Ascension it has to be said – but other people too. It was altogether a very joyous and uplifting weekend.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

A big thank you to Ascension. Finding this church changed my life in Germany. I must tell you about my tree. I have a special large tree in Nymphenburg park where I take my sister’s dog for a walk. When the dog is tired he takes a rest and so do I. It is a place of deep peace and I go to ask for help and strength and pray there.

So on that peaceful note I will say thank you for sharing so much with us.

Sue Morris

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Time to be Still

Holidays should be
refreshing, restoring, renewing.
Holidays should *recreate* us;
that's what recreation means.
Yet so often they exhaust us.
We come back in need of a rest,
making jokes
about needing a holiday
to get over the holiday.
But sadly, it's not really a joke.
We really are unrested.
Is it because we do not know
how to relax
how to be calm,
how to be still?
We seek out
quiet and beautiful places;
Even in silence
our minds are chattering.
arguing, planning.
'Be still, and know that I am God.'
If only we could
be still in our minds
If only we could, truly,
'rest in the Lord.'
Lord;
Teach me how to still
my raging thoughts.
Help me to come to you
arguing nothing
pleading nothing,
asking nothings
except to be still
in your presence.
Give me the faith
that will enable me
to lay my burdens at your feet,
and to leave them there
in exchange for the peace
which passes all understanding.

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Frank Topping

My Bible

There is an Italian saying "Traduttore Traditore!" which means roughly "a translator is a traitor", because you cannot retain every nuance when translating from one language to another, and so compromises are inevitable.

As far as Bible translations are concerned, there are three main methodologies, commonly known as "word-for-word" or literal, "thought-for-thought" or dynamic, and "idea-for-idea" or paraphrase. To find out more about the different methods, I recommend David Dewey: "Which Bible? A Guide to English Translations" (Inter-Varsity Press). It was published in 2004, so does not compare the absolutely latest translations, but gives an excellent overview of the concepts and the well-known versions. I would avoid "Which Bible?" by David Otis Fuller, which has a not-so-hidden agenda of promoting the traditional "King James" or "Authorised" Version.

My favourite edition for normal use is the one recommended by the EFM "Education for Ministry" (also known as "Exploring Faith Matters") course, which is the New Oxford Annotated Bible version of the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) that we use for the readings in church. This has enough footnotes and introductory essays to be helpful, but the layout means that they do not get in the way, and you can read the text without being disturbed by them. It stands at the boundary between literal and dynamic, on the basis of "As literal as possible, as free as necessary."

But there are two others that I like for specific purposes. Jewish Theologian Robert Alter has single-handedly produced a translation of the entire Hebrew Bible ("Old Testament") with commentary, which is a masterpiece. The whole thing is enormous, but it is also available in parts, and I have bought only the Psalms part, which I find very helpful to understand what is going on in them, and the Hebrew poetry style in which they are written.

Finally, there is "Die Volxbibel", which is a crowd-sourced German translation put together by Martin Dreyer. This is a completely wild paraphrase, but is great fun and has some fantastic images which bring the traditional stories to a new light. For example, the story about "salt losing its savour" has always annoyed me, because it just doesn't. Here we read, "*Ihr seid wie ein Kühlschranks für diese Welt ... Aber wenn ... ein Kühlschranks kaputt ist und nicht mehr kühlt, ... gehört er auf den Müll, damit er dort restlos entsorgt wird*".

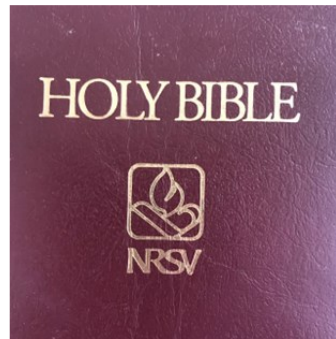
George Battrick

Bible Quiz

- 1 Which tribe of Israel received no inheritance of land?
- 2 What was the name of the woman who hid Joshua's spies at Jericho?
- 3 In which book do we find the Lord's Prayer?
- 4 Which disciple looked after Mary after Jesus' death?
- 5 Who requested Jesus' body for burial?

Answers on page 32

Malcolm Phillips



Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

My Favourite Hymn

As a great lover of hymns, which have helped me tremendously during difficult periods in my life, I would be hard put to pin down a favourite had I not grown up in Wales. Which meant the choice was clear. For me and for many others it is probably the most powerful of all hymns, and is the unofficial "second national anthem of Wales". It is of course "Guide me O thou great Jehovah", or in other versions, "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer."

William Williams "Pantycelyn" (1717-1791) was a prolific Welsh hymn-writer. He wrote over 1,000 hymns, only a few of which have been translated into English. Originally intending to pursue a career in medicine, he had a conversion experience during the 18th century revival in Wales, joined the growing Methodist movement, and became a minister and itinerant preacher. In 1745 he published a text in Welsh "Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch" (Lord, lead me through the desert) which was used as the basis for the hymn we know today, translated into English and reworked by Peter Williams (no relation) around 10 years later.

But the crowning glory of this hymn is of course the tune, written 150 years later, in 1905, by another Welshman, John Hughes.

He wrote the music originally to accompany a different Welsh hymn, and named it "Cwm Rhondda" (Rhondda Valley). Someone paired the words and the tune, and this greatest of hymns was born.

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" is of course based on the account in Exodus of the Israelites' wanderings in the Sinai desert. Very few of us are spared the experience of travelling at some time through our own "barren land", and the hymn is an allegory of the Christian journey. Water, the bread of life, a guiding light, God as strength and shield: these are all symbols of the workings of God in our lives. Joshua and the Israelites do finally cross over into the promised land of Canaan and there are echoes of this in the final verse, intermingled with the concept of Christ overcoming death and hell to redeem his people and bring them, at the end of their earthly journey, to their heavenly home.

If you are not British you may be surprised if I finish by telling you that the hymn is also sung by Wales' supporters at rugby matches, but it is, and that too is part of the cultural history of Wales. But that's another story.

Such is the popularity of the hymn that in the United Kingdom it is often sung on royal occasions, such as the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, and the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. We sang it at both my parents' funerals.

I read a comment on the hymn somewhere that I liked so much I am concluding with it here.

"If it's not sung at my funeral, I'm not going".

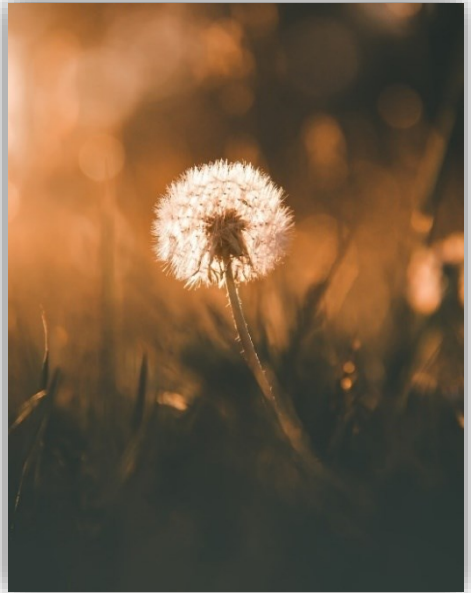
Amanda Höschler

A Prayer

Lord, tend to me

Lord,
A flower can praise you
Just by being a flower,
And growing to maturity
Can become a sign of your love
And beauty in our world.

Lord, tend to me,
So that I can grow and mature,
So that I can also praise you,
And be as true to you
As the humblest little flower,
In the garden.



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Racial Justice Book Group

Advancing Racial Justice and building Beloved Community is part of our mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The first step is to educate ourselves. With this in mind, the Convocation's ministry initiative on Racial Justice and Beloved Community extends a warm welcome to all who wish to join the Racial Justice Book Group. The members of the group have an interest in seeking insights to help grow and expand their knowledge of the multitude of factors that influence how we relate to each other, how racism impacts us all and how we can build beloved community.

In April we discussed *My Grandmother's Hands*, by Resmaa Menakem. Menakem describes himself as a healer, trauma navigator and community provocateur and coach. (www.resmaa.com/about).

He offers an extensive treatise on body trauma, its causes, its effects and ways to heal. He pays particular attention to the White Body, the Black Body, and the Police Body (i.e. law enforcement or public safety professionals), and he highlights numerous practices to aid greater awareness of our bodies and help with metabolizing trauma and its associated pain.

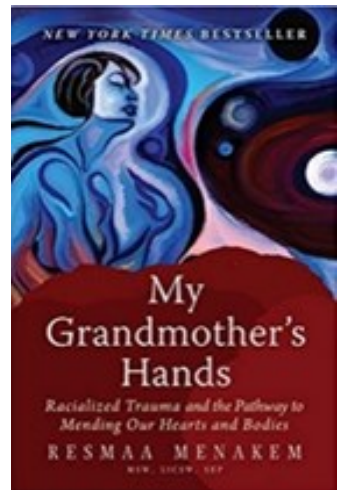
For a notable number in the group, this was not, at least at the start, an easy read. However, most of the group concluded that in the end it was a worthwhile read, offering much to think about and remember.

The book is a fascinating journey through how racial trauma manifests itself not only in an individual's body but also in society as a whole. The author postulates that the trauma is not isolated to a moment in time but rather passed down from generation to generation. He puts forward that racial trauma must be addressed in order to stop the viscous cycle of racial injustice.

How can the trauma be healed? He writes that over three decades there has been a sincere effort to address white-supremacy in America with reason, principles, and ideas. He ponders why the efforts, while good intentioned, have not eliminated the trauma.

Ultimately, he concludes that the efforts have been concentrated on the wrong area, trying to mold the brain to think differently about race. He persuasively shifts the focus from the brain to the body as a means to healing racial trauma.

As a result of the redirection, he delves into body exercises that lead the reader on the path to a heightened sense of self awareness regarding the body and trauma connection. The exercises masterfully guide the readers through imagining different scenarios so that it is possible for them to pay attention to how their bodies respond.



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Where is there tension in the body versus where is there relaxation? This is not easy but he provides a broad and very useful array of individual and group-level exercises intended to relieve tension identified during the scenarios and then applied in real-life situations.

The exercises include such calming activities as humming, deep breathing, slow rocking, singing aloud, chanting, silent walking and more. In the final pages of the book, Menakem writes:

*The healing of trauma, and the creating of room for growth in the nervous systems of our children and other human beings, does not only happen in therapists' offices. Our everyday lives present us with endless opportunities to heal – through the things we say and do, the harmful things we are able to **not** say and do, and the ways in which we treat ourselves and others. We all have the capacity to heal – and to create room for others to heal.*

My Grandmother's Hands is a call to action for all of us to recognize that racism is not about the head, but about the body, and introduces an alternative view of what we can do to grow beyond our entrenched racialized divide and contribute to the possibility of a healed world.

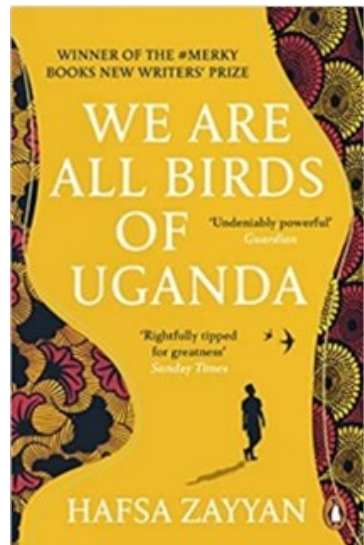
Our next book is: We are all Birds of Uganda.

Please come along and share what you discover, discuss the major themes, explain what you didn't like, describe how we fit in and examine what this book says to us about racial justice and beloved community.

Saturday, July 15, 2023, 10:00 on Zoom

To join or for further information send a message to Jane Scheiring (Jane@overseasvotefoundation.org)

Nancy Huber and David Case



Speaking in many Tongues

What a joyous noise our readers made when all reading together on Pentecost Sunday. Thank you to all, those who volunteered and then couldn't make it but especially those who read for the first time.

You brought the message of Acts 2. 1-21 to life.

George Battrick
Rolf Schneider
Rémy Bethmont
Jes Villa
Eleonore Dascalu
Jared Warren
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Shema Paul
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George Battrick



The Rainbow Initiative

At last year's General Convention of The Episcopal Church, I was one of the delegates from the Convocation, and prompted partly by the experiences of a refugee member of our congregation, I proposed the following resolution, which was approved: [General Convention Virtual Binder \(vbinder.net\)](https://vbinder.net)

Resulting from this, the Episcopal Migration Ministries body contracted for a kind of "pilot project" to be carried out. Congregations are invited to sign up as "Rainbow Initiative Congregations" for a trial period which finishes at the end of June this year, to show support and help work out how to continue beyond that. About a dozen congregations within TEC worldwide have already joined in this trial phase, including our Cathedral in Paris.

At the meeting on 26th April the CoA Vestry decided to join the Rainbow Initiative and therefore on 27 April 2023 I, as Senior Warden, signed the Covenant Agreement. This commits the CoA "to better serve LGBTQ+ people who have fled their countries of origin in search of safety".

As you can see on the following page this is an important commitment.

One result of this commitment is that the CoA Delegation to the Christopher Street Day Parade paraded under a Rainbow Initiative banner.

Janet Day-Strehlow



Ascension Recipe

Easy Curried Cauliflower Soup

2-3 medium onions, chopped
750-1000 grams cauliflower (I use frozen cauliflower)
Water or stock (chicken or vegetable) to cover
Curry powder – c. 3 Tablespoons
1 teaspoon cumin
Dash of heavy cream



Sauté onions until glassy. Add the cauliflower and stock or water to cover and the curry powder and cumin. Heat until cauliflower is cooked. Add a dash of heavy cream (or more if you want). Put in blender. Top with sunflower and pumpkin seeds.

Janet Day-Strehlow



COVENANT AGREEMENT

[Episcopal Migration Ministries \(EMM\)](#) is inaugurating the [Rainbow Initiative \(RI\)](#) in order to better serve LGBTQ+ people who have fled their countries of origin in search of safety. The Rainbow Initiative will work with Episcopal congregations to bring visibility and aid to LGBTQ+ forced migrants, with a focus on activities in June 2023 including Pride marches and services, and World Refugee Day.

By signing this covenant agreement, EMM and the congregation named below pledge to pursue the Rainbow Initiative in partnership through July 2023. This document is nonbinding, but it represents our good-faith commitment to pursuing the aims of the Initiative as described below. Congregations that enter into this relationship will be known as Rainbow Initiative Congregations (RICs).

Episcopal Migration Ministries will:

- Provide monthly webinars, monthly online learning community sessions, and a dedicated webpage with resource materials
- Individually communicate with RICs to provide them with information and assistance in their discernment about their path forward in working with LGBTQ+ forced migrants
- Introduce RIC representatives to potential partner organizations depending on their specific needs
- Name the RIC as a partner in the Rainbow Initiative
- Gather and share lessons learned through this Initiative

If welcomed as a Rainbow Initiative Congregation (RIC), the undersigned congregation will:

- Endeavor to have at least two representatives participate in the Initiative's monthly webinars and learning community sessions
- Endeavor to raise community awareness about LGBTQ+ forced migrants through Pride Services, Pride Marches, World Refugee Day events, and/or other activities in June 2023
- Participate in periodic discussions with EMM to advance their discernment for involvement in this work going forward
- Agree to be named as a Rainbow Initiative Congregation (RIC) in press releases, presentations, etc.
- Provide EMM with a brief summary of activity and reflections on lessons learned, in July 2023

Signed electronically or physically on behalf of the congregation by the Rector, Priest-in-Charge, or Senior Warden: Church of the Ascension, Munich, Germany

<i>Janet Day-Strehlow</i>	Janet Day-Strehlow	Senior Warden	27.4.2023
Signature	Name	Title	Date

Names and email addresses of preferred contact people:

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Counter-signed on behalf of Episcopal Migration Ministries:

<i>Sarah L. Shipman</i>	Sarah L. Shipman, Director	4/26/23	
Signature	Name	Title	Date

Please address any questions to rainbowinitiative@episcopalchurch.org

Outreach

Spring Festival at the Soup Kitchen

On Easter Sunday, many Church of the Ascension members helped out at the Soup Kitchen. One hundred and thirty guests were served a hot lunch prepared by the sisters and volunteers. Accompanying their lunch was a mini concert, organised by Karen Buck, which I overheard guests describe as “himmlisch”.

After the Easter service, we started setting up the stalls with gifts for the soup kitchen guests. Over the past few months, Liz had collected over eighty shoeboxes filled with gifts. We had, to name just a few things, mugs filled with chocolates, rucksacks, candles, toiletries, toys, books and – very popular – tins filled with goodness by CoA members. When we had set up shop, a sizeable crowd of guests had gathered. Every guest was given four tokens, which they could then exchange for gifts. Due to the great interest in the gifts, it was very hectic for a long time, but when we had largely run out of gifts, it got quieter.



After most guests had left, we found some unopened boxes, with – amongst other things – costume jewellery and reading glasses. What I found particularly moving, was that we were able to give these reading glasses to people who really needed them. As someone with very poor eyesight myself, I can only imagine what it must be like to go through one’s day to day life with poor eyesight, purely because you cannot afford reading glasses - terrible.

I would like to compliment and shout out thanks to all CoA members and friends who helped: David Smith, who was there all day for the lunch, preparing, serving and clearing up; Karen Buck, Lena Petri, Giorgio Agnes, Konstantin Starke and Karen’s husband Matthias treated the guests with a lovely mini concert; Beni, Chiara, Michael (Liz’s son) and Henry (Liz’s 10 year old grandson, who was the calmest of all during the most chaotic phase of the gift-giving), a super team who helped make the Spring Festival a success; and, of course, Liz Wink, who spent months preparing the gifts and made this happen.

Maurits de Lint

Easter Joy for the Children at Christophorus

Again at Easter this year chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs were delivered to the *Christophorus* School in Riem as part of the Easter egg hunt for their pre-school children on Maundy Thursday. Our very own Helen Riegert kindly provided handmade labels for all sixty five bags. Our continued support for the children who have suffered traumas and are mentally challenged is very much appreciated by the school and their families.

If you are interested in joining us and them and their families on a trip to Wildpark Poing in the summer please contact me at outreach@ascension-munich.com



Jill Thomas

A Letter of Thanks from Romania

An die
church of Ascension e.V.
Outreach Dommittee
Seybothstr. 4

81549 München

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herrn,

mit Dank bestätigen wir den Empfang von Eurø1.030 (eintausend dreißig) von Frau Rev. Dorothea Hahn, als Erlös nach dem Verkauf von Strickwaren, die von unseren Nähkreisen erarbeitet wurden.

Das Geld geht an die Leitung dieser Nähkreise, die jährlich mehrere soziale Projekte abwickeln und vielen Menschen, zumeist Alten aber auch Blinden vor allem in der Weihnachts- und Osterzeit eine Freude bereiten.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Ihre

Heide Klein

Heide Klein, who has written the letter of thanks, belongs to the Stadtpfarrkirche in Sibiu. She is also in charge of the Blindenkreis in this church.

We at Ascension are all very grateful to be able to help this church community in Romania.

Again a very big thank you to all those who bought socks, scarves, headbands, hand warmers and mittens.

Angela Schneider



The Münchner Tafel – A roller coaster ride of Emotions

Saturday May 13th, the weather was gray, cold and rainy but nothing could dampen the overall mood of the Outreach Committee and its devotion to the Münchner Tafel.

Hours were spent busily handing out toothpaste, shampoo, shower gels, soaps, candy in mugs, books, puzzles, toys, and clothes all in the spirit of generosity from the Church of Ascension. Once again thank you to all who contributed to this, you are so appreciated.

The Tafel has become a cornerstone of the Outreach Committee group. I can best explain working at the Tafel as a bit like a roller coaster ride of emotions. First, is a momentary low point as you see the hundreds of adults, teenagers, and children come rushing through the front gates to get to the tables where the food is handed out, BUT then they come to us and you see their faces light up a bit with a sense of relief, joy and many praises of thanks for the most basic of items. Then a warmth and an overall feeling of goodness takes hold and it's a high that simply cannot be explained.

Of course, our team, spending hours standing next to each other chatting, drinking a tea or nibbling on a cookie, gives each of us who have had the experience of working at the Tafel a feeling of knowing that there is still a lot of goodness and kindness out there in the world and that we are a part of it.

Because Church of Ascension and our devoted Outreach Team step up to help those most in need, Christian love becomes tangible and the Münchner Tafel is ever so grateful to have us there with them.



Jane Scheiring



The Ukrainian Project and Refugee Grant Proposal

The Ukrainian Project is one of several programs that the Outreach Committee has established and pledged to help.

Since the Spring of 2022, the committee has been working with the Johanniter in an effort to connect with Ukrainian refugee families living in the neighbourhoods around CoA.

In December 2022, the Outreach Committee organized a Ukrainian Orthodox Christmas celebration for January 7, 2023. As well, during this year's Easter Sunday celebrations, Ukrainian families were invited to participate in the children's Easter egg hunt. These two events fostered a sharing and a celebration of faith and tradition between cultures.

In the fall of 2022, the Outreach Committee, with the guidance of Father Dan, applied for a refugee grant from the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and Episcopal Research and Development, in order to provide greater support to Ukrainian families in need. In March 2023, a grant of ten thousand US\$ was approved.

The grant specifies that the funds be used for the sole purpose laid out in our application. Thus, these funds are specifically allocated to the Ukrainian Project 1) for the material needs of the families (for example, household goods and appliances) and 2) for events and outings that create a greater sense of community and belonging (for example, a trip to WildPark Poing and an arts & crafts afternoon for children).

It is important to mention that the Outreach Committee advises, organises and coordinates the use of funds with the Johanniter; Church of the Ascension, guided by Father Dan and Kaye O'Connell (Ascension Church's Treasurer) ensure that the funds are used according to the application guidelines.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please feel free to contact the Outreach Committee. We will be announcing specific dates for the events and outings as they are finalized.

As a community, it is our hope and mutual endeavour that with the funds we have been entrusted, we may touch the lives of the families CoA supports.

Maria Ramadori-Volker

Farewell to Jeanne Glenz

On Sunday 28th May a special event took place during the Eucharist Service.

Below is a transcript of what was said.

Note: Jeanne was, due to her mobility problems, not in Church, but had a two-way audio/visual link.



Fr. Dan

And now we have a special announcement. Jane, will you come forward and make a special announcement.

Jane Scheiring

Good afternoon, everyone. For those of you who don't know, Jeanne Glenz and her husband Werner will be moving to Vermont on June 6th, to be with their two daughters.

I would just like to pay a short tribute to Jeanne.

In America we tend to say that an organization is only as good as the people who run it. Jeanne Glenz brings that statement to life in this community. She has been and is a member of the Church of the Ascension for over forty years. Just think about that number. Forty! There are people sitting in the pews that haven't even reached forty.

What that says to me and makes me feel is that Ascension is a part of her soul. Jeanne is one of the solid, shiny, polished stones that has made up the rock and cornerstone of this Church. Watching, observing, listening, defending, speaking up, Jeanne has always been here for this Church.

One of my favorite thoughts of Jeanne has to do with the yeas of sitting in the pew behind her, and admiring her gorgeous hair, her dignified, calm manner and her impeccable taste and clothing. You could easily say she is one classy broad.

Anyways, as the church service would come to an end, and people would leave, and Jeanne would remain seated – and one by one people would scoot in next to her: People who needed to be heard, comforted, understood, people who needed her advice. Even if it was just for a few minutes, she gave her time.

Ikon

I would watch this with fascination, and then later gently tease her and say, Queen Jeanne, were you holding court again? She would chuckle.

Listening brought Jeanne to instigate the Golden Girls: A safe haven for older women in the Church to be completely free with their thoughts and feelings. That need was and is so strong today, so many years later, Golden Girls is now one of the strongest communities in the Church. And to think that it was all really started with Jeanne and her finely tuned listening skills.

Thank you, Jeanne.

Jeanne's diplomatic, fair and intelligent approach for dealing with people earned her respect from the clergy at all levels which led to her various positions in the Convocation. She often worked, and is still working quietly in the background to make sure that the Church that she loves so much continues to remain the unique and extraordinary place that it is.

Jeanne led the Search Committee that brought us Tom Pellaton.

And she was on the Vestry that brought us Dan, our pancake man.

Jeanne, please know that you are deeply appreciated, loved, and respected by many in this community. We are grateful for you! And we know that even though you may not be here physically with us, we know when we walk through those doors that you are with us. Thank you.

Fr. Dan

Jeanne, I think you can talk if you want to. If you want to say anything.

Jeanne

I can say thank you. I can say, God bless you! You have been a blessing to me. You've held me in your hearts and supported me when I needed it and for that I'm very grateful. Yes, I will always be here. I will be sitting in my corner on the wall watching and listening and adding my two cents when it's necessary. But I will be in Vermont. And that means I won't be physically present. And Werner's cookies will be in Vermont as well. So if you want cookies you will have to come to Vermont.

But I want you to know how much I love and appreciate all, all of you, and all of what you become. And I hope you continue to grow, and honor the blessings that we've been given – because we have a very special community that is made up of caring people. And learning to care for one another is probably the greatest lesson that any of us have to learn in life. So God bless you, and thank you.

Women on the Go

The fascinating history of Munich's Borstei, the hidden delights of Haidhausen, and the lovely walk along the Pasing-Nymphenburg canal.

Please look out for Women on the Go's next venture.



Borstei Housing Project



Café Noel in Haidhausen



Exploring the Pasing-Nymphenburg Canal

Angela Schneider

A Thankyou from Fr. Tom

The Rev. Allan Sandlin, a very dear colleague, while Priest in Charge at Ascension, thought it good for the health of the parish to embrace the most positive parts of its recent history to continue a healthy process of healing after a time of conflict. He and the Vestry under the leadership of the Wardens, Janet Day-Strehlow and George Battrick, asked me to become Rector Emeritus as part of the process. I was surprised but honored and delighted. However it seemed to me that my time at the Ascension was always a huge group adventure with so many creative, faithful and talented people involved in ministry, fellowship and loving community building. Let us celebrate but celebrate together as a parish.

The Pandemic caused any celebration to be long delayed, but the Wardens and the new amazing and inspiring Priest in Charge, the Rev. Dan Morrow, with persistence and great sensitivity and creativity finally brought the celebration to fruition in September 2022. It was a deeply moving, humbling and joyful event. However, at the end of the day, Carol Adeney told me they were not finished with the celebration. By the end of the September I could expect a book of pictures, remembrances, stories and testimonials to arrive in New York. Seven months later, after much correspondence back and forth, the book, 120 pages long, arrived in the arms of Jeff Leipsic at my home in New York.

Words fail. Pictures, greetings, stories, even the sermon I preached on the day of the service, were in the book. The book covered over 50 years of my relationship to the church from my arrival as a Vietnam Veteran recently released from the Army in 1971 to the present. There were so many memories remembered and also forgotten. So much life, so much joy, so much love. Faced with such a monumental research effort filled with love, I can only say again Thank You!

Thanks especially to Carol Adeney and her main assistant Amanda Hoeschler. There were many who shared their photos, thoughts and thanks. Some of them include Priscilla Klingl, Rémy Bethmont, Joy Schindel Villa, Kristi Nowak, Philip Easthill, Steve Knowles, Jane Scheiring, Jeanne Glenz, Cathy Pilgrim, Steve Sherman and Jeff Leipsic. The Rev. Julie Nelson, the three Curates during my time with you, Dale Carr, Tyler Jones and Dorothee Hahn added much to the book as did the assisting clergy, the lay leaders (Janet Parker, Chris Easthill and Roger Verrell – the first two of whom have since been ordained).

Due to German rules of “Datenschutz” and the actual cost to produce this treasure, there are only two copies of the book. I have one and there is one in the

church office. I encourage you all to take a look. If you are a long time member of the Ascension it will bring back many wonderful memories and we all looked a lot better in our youth! If you are newer to the church, I hope you will find encouragement, hope and courage for the future.

As the pictures at the end of the book show God is definitely working God's purpose out in the special blessed community of faith found at the Church of the Ascension in Munich, Germany.
DEO GLORIA!

Danke, Thankyou, Merci



Fr. Tom Pellaton

Fr. Tom was Rector at CoA from 1997 to 2008.

Probably the most Scholarly Dictionary in the World?

Martin Shedd shares with us his involvement in the compiling of the Thesaurus Linguae Latinae that Encyclopaedia Britannica describes as in the title above.

“Don’t we already know all the Latin words?” So runs the usual question when a new acquaintance learns that I have traveled from the US to München to be a temporary research fellow at the Thesaurus Linguae Latinae (TLL). The question is certainly fair. Unlike German or English, which are still evolving to suit the needs of living speakers, Latin has stayed relatively static since falling out of vogue as an academic language, with some small exceptions at the Vatican, in Classics publications, and small enclaves of spoken Latin enthusiasts. But Latin had several centuries to develop, and no other dictionary dares quite what the TLL does.

Unlike the standard school dictionaries, which focus on the most famous works of the best classical authors, the TLL covers it all: literature, law, coins, church council minutes, even graffiti. If it’s Latin, it’s in! We cover over 800 years of Latin, from its fragmentary beginnings up through the early 600s AD, complete with truly comprehensive examples for each meaning and grammatical usage. With so much time to evolve, even simple words take on new meanings and grammar, like how “you” has become a singular pronoun and replaced thou – the old *informal* pronoun.

Take my recent assignment *ridiculus*: it starts its life with a positive to neutral meaning as “funny” or “comical”, with a noun-like usage meaning “a joke”, but by the time of St. Gregory of Tours it has only negative associations, as “foolish” or even as a noun, “mockery” – a meaning omitted from the Lewis and Short Dictionary. Other words transform in the hands of Christian authors, who are often omitted from dictionaries. *Revivisco* means “to come back to life” early on in medical and magical narratives, but Augustine reshapes it to mean the spiritual renewal of the soul necessary to reach the bodily resurrection, redefining it for the centuries to follow.

My position at the TLL is supported by the Society for Classical Studies (SCS), the largest Classics professional organization in North America, and a grant from the US National Endowment for the Humanities. Each year, the SCS selects one lucky Latinist to learn the ins and outs of lexicography. The candidate must have already successfully completed their PhD in Classics or a closely associated field by the time of application, as I myself did in 2017. The American Fellow works alongside other Mitarbeitern under the supervision of one of the editors, who

curates suitable words for a trainee lexicographer and carefully examines everything the fellow writes. After approval, the article goes to the copy editors and then to external reviewers from partner Akademien in Germany and beyond. I started at the project in August 2022, following my third and luckiest application to join the team, and will be staying until July 2024, after a surprise offer to extend the stipend. I anticipate returning to the US thereafter and teaching Classics at the university level, as I had been in the years immediately following my doctoral work.

I was warned early on that there are no easy words, and indeed each of the ten I have written so far contains real surprises. “Only ten?” you may, like many, ask. Alas! Such is the price of meticulous detail. The project has been running since 1893, most recently in the Residenz where one can visit the archives. With luck, determination, and making haste slowly, they hope to finish the first edition by 2050!

Martin Shedd



Answers

[Answers to the Bible Quiz on page 13](#)



- 1 Levites
- 2 Rahab
- 3 Matthew 6
- 4 John the Evangelist
- 5 Joseph of Arimathea

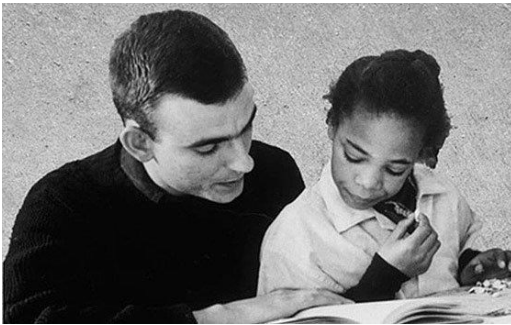
So who was Jonathan Daniels?

Jonathan Myrick Daniels, a civil rights martyr, won the Lent Madness 2023 Golden Halo. Jonathan was a second-year seminarian at Episcopal Theological School who responded to Martin Luther King Junior's call to join the peaceful, nonviolent march for freedom after seeing images of black people beaten by the police, tear-gassed, and chased by dogs. He got permission from ETS to go to Selma where he worked with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) registering voters, enrolling poor families in benefit programs, tutoring children, and protesting.

In August 1965, Jonathan was jailed with 38 others for picketing a whites-only store and was released six days later. Angered by the news of their release, armed and waiting, Tom Coleman aimed his shotgun at 17-year-old Ruby Sales, another protester. Jonathan pushed her aside and was killed instantly. He was 26 years old.

Upon hearing of Jonathan's murder, Dr King said, "one of the most heroic Christian deeds of which I have heard in my entire ministry was performed by Jonathan Daniels."

Jonathan Daniels actually bested my favourite for the Golden Halo, Florence Li Tim-Oi, as well as Chief Seattle and Joanna the Myrrhbearer. Other also-rans this year were Johann Sebastian Bach, Bertha of Kent, John Donne and Josephine Bakhita, just to name a few of the 32 saintly souls who were competing for the Golden Halo. What? Who's Chief Seattle? Bertha of Kent? Josephine Bakhita? If you are curious about lesser known saints, please plan to join the small group at Ascension who take their faith, but not themselves, seriously, and religiously follow and vote for their favourite saints during Lent Madness in February 2024. There is no reason for a dreary Lenten discipline.



Please consider this your personal invitation.

Deirdre Tincker

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Congratulations

To those who celebrated birthdays in April, May and June

April

6th Wendy Mountford
7th Loren Stuckenbruck
10th Carol Adeney
17th Deirdre Tincker

May

10th Kurt Strehlow
13th Nurtac Denton
17th Jill Alison Thomas
19th George Battrick
21st Anna Louise Faller
Mary Wulf
27th Roger Houghton
28th Maurits de Lint
29th Jeff Leipsic

June

8th Lateef Adewale Agbaje
16th Priscilla Klingl

Congratulations to Barbara Pines on her baptism in a private ceremony on the 19th March.

Congratulations to Janet Day-Strehlow for having been awarded the Priest in Charge's Cross at the AGM.

Congratulations to all who were elected to the Vestry. See page 37.

Congratulations to everyone who was successful in exams this summer.

The Munich English Choir in Nürnberg

On June 8th the Munich English Choir performed in Nürnberg. This was the European Mainland Premiere of the work *Preces and Responses* by Brian Cotterill, with George Battrick heavily involved in the organisation. As you can see from the photo below and from the E-Mail from the conductor Nick Ukiah it was a great success.

Dear choir,

*Thank you all **so much** for making the effort to come out to Nuremberg today and for singing beautifully. Brian Cotterill was really delighted and many people in the congregation said how wonderful the music was. We had a congregation of 1,200 (!) - maximum capacity of the church, after which they wouldn't let anyone in because of overcrowding. Not bad compared to our usual congregation in Munich!*

A particular thankyou to Christian for playing for us and to George for making it possible in the first place.

Looking forward to Prague!

Nick



Young Adults Group

After a difficult time with Covid and people moving away, we finally restarted the Young Adults Group in church with a potluck lunch on April 16th. In advance we did a lot of advertising and that paid off, as we ended up with about 20 people who were there at our first meeting and others still who couldn't come that day but want to be part of the group. We all got to know new people, had a lot of really good food and just enjoyed this time of fellowship.

After a brief brainstorming we decided to meet as a group every third Sunday in a month for a lunch. Moving forward we would also like to do some other activities together, suggestions for that were a hike or a karaoke session. Every young adult is very welcome to come! (Just contact charlotterieger@t-online.de or shemaeliz18@gmail.com)

We are excited for all the things to come and would be very grateful for your prayers for the Young Adults group!

Charlotte Rieger

Youth Group

Our first "Youth@Ascension" event was on Saturday 13th May. We enjoyed disco-dancing to the music of the Eurovision Song Contest entries, ate pizza and muffins and tried our hand at rating the songs. Due to a technical error, we almost missed watching the Swedish entry, which finally won the real competition! The photo shows us standing in front of Italy, which came fourth overall in the real competition - not a bad result for our favourite.

We hope that this will be the first of many events for our new youth group.

From September we will begin regular youth group sessions during the Sunday Services, on the third Sunday of every month.

Led by Laura Smith and Jane Scheiring, we will be following the "Talksheets" programme before joining the main service for communion.

Anyone who is or will be a teenager in the academic year 2023-2024 is most welcome to join us from 11:55 - look out for us in the Narthex (Church entry hallway) before church.

Laura Smith



News from the Vestry

If you were not at the AGM here are the bios of the newly elected Vestry members. Commiserations to Malcolm Phillips, Martin Shedd and Jared Warren who put their names forward but were not elected. You have the thanks of the CoA congregation for your willingness to serve.

David Case



I am David Case, a long-standing member of the Church of the Ascension community. I was asked to consider standing and, after prayerful reflection and despite some reluctance, felt called to step forward. Apart from probably similar experiences to other worshipping members of our church, I bring a particular understanding of our community gained from having served in a variety of roles and capacities both at Ascension and in the Convocation over many years. I also bring a commitment to work together with siblings in Christ to discern, examine and explore how we can continue to further the mission of the church, which is to restore all people to unity with God and

each other in Christ.

Roger Houghton



I was brought up in an Anglican family in the North of England. After gaining a degree in electrical engineering, I worked for several computer companies in the UK, then in 1977 accepted an assignment to work on a six-month programming project in Munich. Forty-five years later I am still happily here. I have been associated with the CoA since Father Tom's time and served on the Vestry from 2018 – 2020. I was clerk of the Vestry for two years and have also done some youth leadership. I help in the production of the Ikon magazine. Since the end of 2022 I am retired and live in Schliersee.

Amy Jordan



I grew up in upstate New York in a Presbyterian family. After studying Architecture, I worked in Chicago for a number of years until I eventually moved to Germany in 1991 with my husband, Uwe Nienstedt. After some time in Frankfurt and Berlin, our family moved to Munich in 2004 and at that time I joined the Church of the Ascension. During the three years we were in Munich both our children were baptized, Lily was confirmed and I was a member of the Vestry. My mother-in-

law, Irmgard Nienstedt followed us to Munich from Köln after a major illness which prevented her from living on her own. Father Tyler (the Curate at the time) offered to visit Irmgard in the nursing home while we were away visiting family in the US.

This started a relationship for Irmgard with the church that lasted even when our family moved to Abu Dhabi in 2007. Over the years various members of the church continuously visited Irmgard, picked her up so she could attend church and made it possible for her to be part of the Golden Girls. Without the support of the church community her life would have been so much smaller and our family is truly grateful. In 2020 Uwe and I returned permanently to Munich. I would like to support the church as an elected member of the Vestry.

Sue Knowles



I was born in Walton-on-Thames, England. The two years I planned to stay in Germany have now turned into 44! It was the love of languages that brought me here, having studied Linguistics, French and German in Salford, UK. I began my working life as a translator for Siemens but after two years trained and moved into IT project and portfolio management, which was the path I mostly followed in different areas of business until I retired three years ago. Like most retirees, I keep busy with various volunteer jobs in my local community, learning Italian, an art class and ballroom dancing. I have been married to Steve for 43 years

and we have one adult daughter, Madeleine, who lives in London. I was brought up and confirmed in the Anglican Church. When I found the Church of the Ascension in the 90s, I felt not only strong bonds with my church roots but also the love of diversity. I have served in many of the church ministries, special groups and taskforces (support group during Covid, regathering taskforce, creating the Parish profile) but have not yet served on the Vestry, so now seems the right time to do so!

Lena Petri



I was born in Bavaria, and grew up in Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, England, and (off and on) in the great metropolis of Possenhofen on the shores of the Starnberger See. Eventually, I found myself in law school in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where I sang morning prayers five days each week in the university church and where faith became part of my life. Between musical commitments, I also managed to get a law degree, then moved to San Diego for a short stint as a public defender, and eventually back to Germany. Most recently, I

spent nearly a decade in Freiburg, researching the epistemic foundations of legal procedure. When I moved back to Munich in the autumn of 2021, Ascension proved a welcoming haven in a difficult time in my life. I've been singing enthusiastically in the choir and when not singing, I am once again studying law — this time the German variety — in an effort to take the Staatsexamen and to be able to work as an attorney in this country. At the moment, the plan is to practice family and immigration law.

Ikon

I was happy to be received officially into the Episcopal Church on January 15th of this year. I want to make the commitment I made in January to this church and this congregation by serving on the Vestry. I'm curious to discover where Church of the Ascension can go in the next few years, and I would like to be part of getting us there!

Laura Smith-Hewitt



I am originally from near Rotherham, Yorkshire, in the UK. I am a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, having graduated from Aston University in the UK with a Masters in Engineering with European Studies in 1994. I worked as a process design engineer based in The Netherlands until 2000.

I have worked in Munich for 23 years, rising a few years ago to the rank of senior manager at an international organisation (my current post is Principal Director). I live in Trudering with my wonderful husband of 26 years, David, and our youngest son Alan.

Our eldest son Samuel died suddenly age 19 last year and although it has been a difficult time for us all, I feel well supported by the congregation here at Church of the Ascension. I was baptised as a baby, grew up within the Methodist church tradition and was confirmed as an Episcopalian at our church this January.

After having attended the amazing Episcopal Youth meet-up in Paris I wanted to join the Vestry. In particular, as I have volunteered to help lead the Youth Group I would like that ministry to be represented.

To refresh your memory of other members of our Vestry not newly elected or co-opted and so not mentioned here, look back at past editions of the **Ikon**:

Lloyd Denton and Joachim Zeller:	Autumn 20
Donald Adewale:	Winter 21
Maria Volker: See the interview with her and husband Reimar:	Summer 22
Shema Rohit and Charlotte Rieger:	Summer 22.

All editions are available online at the church's Website under "Parish Magazine".

Emmauskirche

Calling all flea market fans! Our host church the Emmauskirche will be holding their flea market in the Gemeindesaal on:

Saturday, 14th October from 11.00 to 17.00
Sunday, 15th October from 11.00 to 17.00
Monday, 16th October from 09.00 to 11.00.

There is always a large and wide-ranging selection of items available so if you hope to pick up a bargain, or just enjoy browsing, this might be something for you. Coffee and cake will also be available. So why not put the date in your diary and plan to drop by if you can. All proceeds will be used for various charitable and church projects supported by the Emmauskirche.

Amanda Höschler

Worship in Nürnberg

At St. James the Less we normally meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday for worship at 16.00 in the Jakobskirche in downtown Nürnberg:

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

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome.

Please check out our Facebook page before you come as the situation is not always certain:
<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesnuremberg>

Worship in Augsburg

Services at St Boniface, Augsburg

- Every Sunday at 16.30 in the Ev. Luth. Auferstehungskirche located in Garmischer Str. 2a, 86163 Augsburg-Hohenzoll.
- Our Vicar, the Rev. Lutz Ackermann, can be reached via mobile: 015 78 83 00 62 72.
- All services take place on site and also via Zoom (ID 92937226600): No password required. All welcome, no exceptions.
- There will be a Summer Feast on a Sunday in July. Check our Facebook page to find details and to stay informed of any last-minute changes:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchOfStBonifaceAugsburgEv>

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Coming Events

July

7 th	18.30-20.00	Bible Study
8 th	14.00-16.00	Women's Book Group
15 th	10.00-11.30	Racial Justice Book Group
16 th	11.00-12.15	Mountain Service
23 rd	After church	Young Adults Group
26 th	19.30-21.30	Vestry Meeting

August

20 th	After church	Young Adults Group
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September

16 th	14.00-16.00	Women's Book Group	
17 th	After church	Young Adults Group	
20 th	19.30-21.30	Vestry Meeting	To be confirmed
29 th -1 st	October	Women's Retreat; Kloster Armstorf	

October

7 th	10.00-11.30	Racial Justice Book Group	
15 th	After church	Young Adults Group	
18 th	19.30-21.30	Vestry Meeting	To be confirmed

November

15 th	19.30-21.30	Vestry Meeting	To be confirmed
18 th	14.00-16.00	Women's Book Group	
19 th	After church	Young Adults Group	

Recurring Events

Sundays	12.00-13.15	Holy Eucharist	Please check in the website Calendar if there is a 12.15 start.
Tuesdays	08.30-9.30	Morning Prayer	
Thursdays	19.45-20.30	Compline	

Look at the Calendar on the church website to find out about events over the summer.

Gilbert and Sullivan returns to the CoA

Continuing a tradition that is three decades old, the Munich Savoyards will be presenting a full concert version of Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular operetta, "The Mikado" as a benefit for the Church of the Ascension. The performances will take place on Saturday evening, September 23 and Sunday afternoon, September 24.



All of the roles have been cast with singers whose faces are more than familiar to members of the CoA. In addition, two beloved former church members will be returning to assume major roles. Janet Campana Friedman, well known to many of you, will be accompanying at the piano. As in the past, rather than charging for admission, contributions will be requested. As the complete cast of singers is donating both time and talents, all of the money contributed will go directly into the church fund. Please support both the singers and the Church of the Ascension by planning to attend one or both of these performances. We promise you several hours of joyous music and great fun.

Jeff Leipsic

Closing Words

Oh dear. My computer will only print the letter s. Can you help me with the summer words?

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| Sxx | Don't be out in this at midday. |
| Sxxxxxxxxxs | Small red and delicious, but only in the summer. |
| Sxxxx | Sit under a tree and enjoy this. |
| Sxxxxsxs | You need these in the sun to protect your eyes. |
| Sxxxxxx | This gives you vitamin D. |
| Sxxxxxx | I like doing this but in a pool rather than in the sea. |
| Sxx xxxxx | You need this when out in the sun. |
| Sxxxxx | A long holiday from this. |
| Sxxx | It gets everywhere after a day on the beach. |

The editorial team and the Vestry hope that you get a blessed summer and get a lot of the first S, whether it is on holiday, in your garden, on your balcony or in one of Munich's many parks.

Sue

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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.