



SEARCH

mission and outreach

July / August 2026



Photo: Santuario della Madonna di Monserrato - Elba



St Andrew's Zurich – with Baden, St. Gallen and Zug

The Association of the Anglican Church in Zurich

Promenadengasse 9, 8001 Zurich



Standard Church Services

Sundays

- 09:00 Said Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- 10:30 Sung Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- 17:00 Holy Communion at St Gallen (2nd Sunday)
- 17:00 Holy Communion at Baden (3rd Sunday)
- 17:30 Holy Communion at Zug (4th Sunday)

Weekdays

- Tuesdays Choral Evensong at 19:00 at St Andrews (monthly)
- Wednesdays Said Holy Communion at 10:15 at St Andrew's

Children and Young People

▪ Crèche

There is a creche facility at the front of the church for children and parents. You are welcome to use it or its books and toys during the services.

▪ Junior Church – Ages 4 to 12 years (Zurich term times only)

Meets during the Sunday morning service in the Community Centre.

Contact: jc@standrewszurich.church

▪ Youth Group – Ages 12+ upwards (Zurich term times only)

Meets either in Church or online Friday evenings 18:30 – 20:30 pm

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A Church Near You (CofE): <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19749/>

St. Gallen

Monthly services at 17:00, on the 2nd Sunday of the month, will take place in the **Old Catholic Church, Dufourstrasse 77, St. Gallen**

Next service

- Sun 9 August

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Regular monthly services at 17:00, on the 3rd Sunday of the month, will take place at the **Römerkapelle (Park), Römerstrasse 17, Baden**

Next service

- Sun 16 August

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Zug

Holy Communion services at 17:30, on the 4th Sunday of each month; taking place at the **Reformed Church, Alpenstrasse, Zug**

Next services

- Sun 26 July
- Sun 23 August, followed by BBQ

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Welcome to the Summer Edition of Search!

by The *Search* Team

First and foremost, a **massive thank you** to everyone who shared their thoughts on our May/June issue. Your positive feedback and excellent, constructive pointers were incredibly valuable—and you will see many of them put into action both in this issue and going forward. As we continue to find our feet, we have put a lot of effort into organising ourselves behind the scenes in the lead-up to this issue. For starters, we promise you'll be getting "Diary dates" from now on, rather than "Dairy dates"! 😊

The last issue was also a **milestone** for the team because we debuted our email PDF version. It had a fantastic reception! If you haven't tried the digital version yet but would like to, please do check it out. While we continue to offer *Search* for free to anyone needs a printed copy mailed to them, we do kindly ask for a donation (as a guideline, CHF 25.00 p.a. to help cover costs). This time, we also remembered to provide our **bank details** for those of you who do not use TWINT.

In this issue we continue the theme of **Hope** – a vital topic for us all in these turbulent times. We are also thrilled to introduce several new faces to our community: **Brian Patton** (our second new warden), **Corinne de Klerk** (our new curate), **Nigel & Catherine Dawkins** (our new PTOs), and **Tristan Neve** (our new caretaker). Other content also includes follow-ups on our recent Gala Nights, the Book Sale, and much more.



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A Place to Breathe



For many of us, this is the season of holidays and visits to interesting people and places. Voyages of discovery or returns to the well-known and familiar. Or both. We will all have our memories of favourite holiday times or ones which didn't go quite so well – holidays can be great but also stressful. My summer memories are of days cycling or walking around the highways and byways of my village in Lancashire – hours spent exploring the woods with my friends – often in the guise of Robin Hood and his Merry Men! Or putting up the tent in either my garden or that of my friend's and sleeping outside with late night chats and snacks. Nowadays we have come to see holidays – time off and away – as an essential means of recalibrating, a restorative after a busy year of work. A chance to step away and stop, breathe, rest, in whatever way we choose.



Photo: Gerald Thomas

Stepping back, stepping out of the busyness of life is important. We are told of many occasions when Jesus stepped out of things, went somewhere quiet to pray, to think, to have time to see where his path should go. The most obvious of these is the forty days in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry: the time when he took time to understand what God wanted from him, what his mission, his calling, here on earth was. But he also took time out at other times to pray, to spiritually refuel, to reflect on his mission and strengthen himself for the way ahead: again at the end of his earthly ministry, he takes time to pray, to pray for the courage to go forward, to face the challenge ahead. But giving himself time to pray, to reflect and refuel was important to him, vital for the strength and resilience to pursue his way, his ministry – even if it was frequently interrupted by his disciples or by the people themselves.

And if giving himself time for reflection was important for Christ both for his work and his spiritual life, then we can be assured that this is equally important for us. We too should take time to renew our strength and minds – to restock the levels of our spiritual and physical energy. Whether that is just taking a walk and standing, lifting our eyes to the hills or wandering beside still waters. Or it might be setting aside time to be with family or friends without distractions, devoting ourselves to that moment wholeheartedly. It might be in creating something beautiful through art, music, writing. Or it might be sitting in silence in a room or in the open air and just being. It is the taking of the time, the giving ourselves space, a moment or more, to feel the peace of God renew and refuel us.

This does not have to be just in the summer – we can reconnect with God at any time and in any place: in fact we are told to give God thanks and praise at all times and in all places. But setting aside a time to listen, deliberately, to God, to look for God in our lives and in the world, to allow God to hold us, or gently nudge us – or occasionally give us a good shove – will help us not just in our spiritual lives, but in our physical lives. Jesus needed these times in order to fulfil his calling. We too need to give ourselves these times to find and fulfil ours, allowing God to guide us by the still waters, to inspire us from the mountain tops and renew us with the streams of living water. And so, I wish you all a happy summer: may you find a moment of peace and a space for God. ♦

Jackie

REVD JACKIE SELLIN



Photo: Mark Sellin – Sommières (near Nîmes), France

Passing The Baton to Patton 😊



by Brian Patton

I grew up in Washington state, in the northwestern USA, the oldest of three brothers. We lived in the countryside on 2.5 acres, about a half hour from town. I memorized Bible verses in “Awana”, swam competitively, skied, and enjoyed church youth group activities.

I moved from Washington’s rainy winters to Boston for university in search of “passionate weather” and a degree. At Boston University, I met Jessica. I studied computer science, then started at Google in 2006, where I’ve worked ever since. Over the years, I’ve worked as both an individual contributor and manager in a variety of teams.



Photo: Courtesy of the Patton Family

High school and university were formative years for my faith – Bible study, scripture memory, service projects, discipleship, small groups, and teaching. Over the years I’ve attended Baptist, Congregational, Newfrontiers, unaffiliated local, and finally Anglican churches. The liturgy, the creed, being part of a long arc of worship: these are beautiful things we can appreciate about our weekly services.

Jessica and I enjoy traveling and living abroad. Married in San Francisco, we had a goal of choosing a place to move internationally by our second anniversary. We decided to move to Tel Aviv. After two years there, we spent two in London (Putney/Wandsworth), then nine in Boston. In 2024, we decided the time was right to take the whole family abroad and made the move to Zürich. We are loving it so far!

We found St Andrews within the first month of arriving and have attended regularly since then. Children’s church, Choristers, Youth group, and weekly after-service coffees have helped us all to feel engaged.

Meet Nigel & Catherine Dawkins



Our Newly Appointed Reverends with Permission To Officiate (PTO) unique to St Andrew's.

The Revd Nigel Dawkins

I grew up in Saudi Arabia and studied Arabic at Oxford University. I then worked as a software engineer at Logica and Accenture before training for ordination at Westcott House, Cambridge. Following a curacy in the Diocese of Southwark, I served as the Anglican Chaplain in Yemen and then as the Port Chaplain in Dubai. After returning to the UK, I served as a Minor Canon at St Paul's Cathedral before becoming a minister in secular employment. I have worked in the aerospace industry for the past 12 years and am now employed by the Pilatus Aircraft company in Canton Nidwalden where I design technical training systems for pilots.



Photo: Mark Sellin

The Revd Catherine Dawkins

I grew up on an RAF base in Lincolnshire and studied Physics at Oxford University. I then worked as a tax consultant at PWC and EY before training for ordination at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. I have served churches in England and the Middle East and am now an Associate Priest in the Diocese of Southwark. I have worked in charity finance for 20 years, and, in addition to serving as a trustee for the Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association, I am employed at the Diocese of Chichester as the Director of Finance where I am responsible for the wise stewardship of diocesan resources.



Photo: Nigel Dawkins

Let's Welcome our Curate

by Jackie Sellin

Corinne de Klerk

✂ ✂ Ordination Service: Sunday 28th June 2026 ✂ ✂

It was a huge privilege to be invited to attend the ordination service for the latest group of deacons – including our own curate, Corinne – on Sunday 28th June in Holy Trinity, Brussels. It was a wonderful – if rather warm – occasion with music from the choir of Holy Trinity, Brussels, who sang *Locus Iste* during the communion. The service was led by Bishop Robert with Bishops Andrew and Alison in attendance: Bishop Alison had led the deacons and priests on their pre-ordination retreat in Belgium.



Photo: Mark Sellin

The ordination service is a beautiful reminder of the calling of each and every one of us to discern and develop our calling as members of God's family. In her sermon, Bishop Alison emphasised the need to be ready, to be alert, to God in our lives and in the world around us at all times, to be ready to meet God wherever and whenever we are (following the Gospel reading of Luke 12:35-40). We are to be "living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God" and use our gifts to God's glory. And as Bishop Alison went on to say, the task we are assigned – to live Christlike lives – is not one to take lightly: we are to love genuinely, to hate what is evil, to hold fast to what is good and be ardent in spirit, rejoicing in hope whilst persevering in prayer. These are tasks the newly ordained are assigned through their role as deacon or priest – to be servants of the Lord dedicated to serving God's people following the example the Christ: as he washed the feet

of his disciples, so they are to wash the feet of others, that is serve them humbly and through dedicated service. But this is also our calling too: to love God's children and serve them using our gifts as God leads us. Bishop Alison also stressed to the ordinands that ordination did not mark them out as special, but as ones dedicated to service: wearing the collar does not get one out of the washing up!

During the service the deacons made their promises to follow the faith of the church, to be faithful servants "in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve" and to preach, pray, search out the "poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless... that the love of God may be visible." But above all, they are "to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people." This was then followed by the laying on of hands by the Bishop on each ordinand, the moment when for our curate the Bishop asked: "Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Corinne for the office and work of a deacon in your church". After ordaining each deacon, Bishop Robert prayed: "Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world. May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own." The service then continued with communion. It was a wonderful, joyous and inspiring occasion.

Now it is our task to welcome and support Corinne in her new role. Her sending church in Amsterdam were delighted at her ordination and sorry to see her leave. They have entrusted her to us, and I ask you to pray for her and for all those ordained that day: Corinne, Andrea, Katherine, Eirik, Tollin and Dominik, who were ordained deacon, and Owen who was ordained priest. I ask you also to pray for Seth who will be ordained priest in Vevey on 4th July. Welcome Corinne with our wonderful Zurich, Baden, Zug and St Gallen welcome. ♦

A Word from Corinne



After growing up in The Netherlands and Singapore, I studied theology at Kings College London. A lot of people were surprised I did not want to go forward for ordination then, but I did not feel called at the time. Later, I attended Christ Church, the Anglican Church in Amsterdam, and was very involved in all parts of the leadership there and felt a great sense of belonging. Nearly seven years ago, I first became aware that I may have a calling to the priesthood. Discernment was slow, not least because one is not allowed to move forward with discernment if there is a vacancy in your sending Church. After this was resolved, I spent a year in North Devon, living and working in a Christian Retreat Centre called Lee Abbey. Working in rural surroundings and taking care of our Lee Abbey guests was great ministry training. Lee Abbey is a place where the Spirit moves and changes you; and during my time there I attended Bishop's Advisory Panels – where wise people from the Church talk with you and help you to examine your sense of calling – and I was recommended for ordination.

I spent the next two years training at Westcott House in Cambridge, where I combined a MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission with training for the priesthood, as well as doing various Church placements.

I continued to grow closer to God and found I thrive on the patterns of the daily offices and working with



Photo: Mark Sellin



and for the people of God.

Last Sunday I had the honour of being ordained in Brussels. This and the retreat that preceded it, will require a lot more reflection. I am awed by the fact that I am now part of the clergy and the responsibility that comes with this. I also am (usually) at peace and feel joy at being allowed to do work to which I feel called by God.

I look forward to experiencing ordained life in Switzerland and learning and continuing my journey for, with and towards God, with God's people. ♦

Getting to Know our New Caretaker

Please welcome our new caretaker, **Tristan Neve**, who has dual British-Swiss citizenship. Tristan is looking after our church buildings and grounds, ensuring everything is clean, tidy, and well maintained.

If you see Tristan around the church, please take a moment to say hello and make him feel welcome. He looks forward to getting to know our church family.



Photo: Courtesy of Tristan Neve

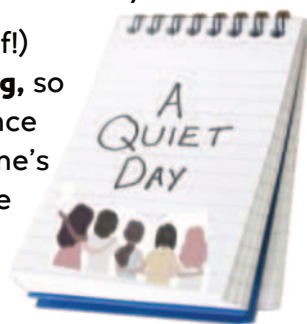
Women's Quiet Day – 16 May 2026



by Sarah Emch-Jones

Thanks to the initiative of Vivian Nind and Helen Hanimann, a group of women from St Andrew's were able to experience a reflective day on the theme of "Being and Doing" with **Revd. Caroline Eglin**, a Baptist minister, erstwhile Chaplain to the Royal Navy, who now runs day or weekend retreats such as these in Switzerland when her husband is acting as locum in a Swiss chaplaincy. The participants spent the day (including lunch) in silence, while Caroline lead prayers and gave us inputs and facilitated our times of reflection. The Bible readings were Acts 1:7-11, Luke 10:38-42 and Matthew 28:16-20 and some meditations and some music was taken from the Northumbria Community.

We are all (even when we're retired, like myself!) **doing** and perhaps giving less time to just **being**, so the chance to spend a day in companionable silence was for me very welcome. I appreciated Caroline's clear and grounded manner and also her choice of music (though Finlandia got the tear ducts flowing...). As Caroline reminded us, Jesus himself took times of silence and reflection before he launched into teaching and healing, and we can follow his example.



I personally am very grateful for this opportunity to be quiet, feel God's presence and reflect on how love is shown us/me in so many different ways. For one reflective hour I sat by the Children's Corner at the front of church and realised how this itself is a sign of love and acceptance.

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

...yes indeed. ♦



by Jackie Sellin

BEING and DOING

Doing. Be **Martha**,
Be busy – caring
Loving, here, there,
Dishing and washing,
Serving and acting.
Doing. Be Martha.

But also

Being. Be **Mary**.
Sitting, stilling,
Waiting, here, here.
Silence bearing,
Prayer holding,
God watching.
Being. Be Mary.

But also

Be. Be **you**.
You in God, in Christ,
In Spirit. Praying and living.
Acting and Stilling.
Serving and waiting.
Be. Be you. In Trinity.
Grow.

Books & Café – Book Sale Round-Up

by Philip Newbould



Interestingly, there wasn't the surge of customers that we have come to expect as we opened the doors for this year's Summer Book Sale and Café. But happily, there was a steady trickle of book lovers throughout



Photo: Gerald Thomas

the day, old friends and new

faces who came to browse and buy from our large selection of books. Afterwards folks could relax, revue their purchases or chat to friends in our café and enjoy tea or coffee and a choice of delicious cakes or cream tea.

A big thank you to all who worked hard to make this year's sale a success and the sum of **CHF 2001.90** was raised for St Andrew's.

Calling all Jigsaw Puzzle Fans!



by the Bazaar Committee

We have been given some more second-hand jigsaw puzzles that need to be assembled and checked before the bazaar so we can sell them as "complete."

If you have time during the summer holidays to complete one or more of these puzzles, please **contact a member of the bazaar committee** or send an email to bazaar@standrewszurich.church



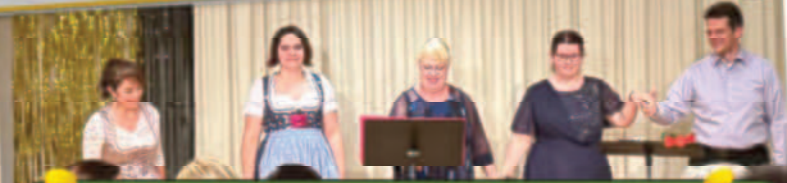
Thank you!

Alex, Carolyn, Cécile, Frank, Gerald, Jessica, Juliet, Roland

Broadway Gala Nights – A Tribute



The Best of Rodgers & Hammerstein,



Congratulations on having raised
CHF 5'301 (before expenses).



The **Broadway Gala Nights** are always a highlight in the St Andrew's calendar. They always bring top-level performance, great food, and a special feeling of community spirit – and this year was no different.

The **Broadway Showstoppers'** marvellous performance made for feel-good evenings full of nostalgia, lots of laughter, and even a few discreet tears. For the performers it was as much fun to sing as it was for the audiences on both evenings to listen to and especially the opportunity to sing along.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made the Gala Nights possible: the performers, the donors, the volunteers, the bar and kitchen crew, the raffle and Silent Auction teams, and, of course, the wonderful audiences for coming and making these events such memorable evenings.

More Impressions



St Andrew's News



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Quiz: Who's the new "Boo"?



Guess WHO's behind the 'BOO'?

Send your answer to

search@standrewsurich.church

with the subject line: "Boo Quiz"

Prize: With a little luck, you could win a bottle of wine.
(Age: 18 or older)



The winner will be published
in the September/October edition.

→ The **Winner** of "Who's the Boo?" of the **May/June** issue please find on **page 29**

Monthly Meditation: A Christian Way

**"In meditation you are learning to be.
Just to be, as you are." - John Main**

Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer that seeks God in silence and stillness beyond word or thought. Beginners and experienced meditators alike are welcome to join a small group exploring the ancient tradition and contemporary practice of Christian meditation.

When: 08:30am – 09:15am, 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Where: Meditation Room, Reformed Church Zug

Contact: Harry Devonshire, h.devonshire@argidius.com

Hope as a Communal Comfort

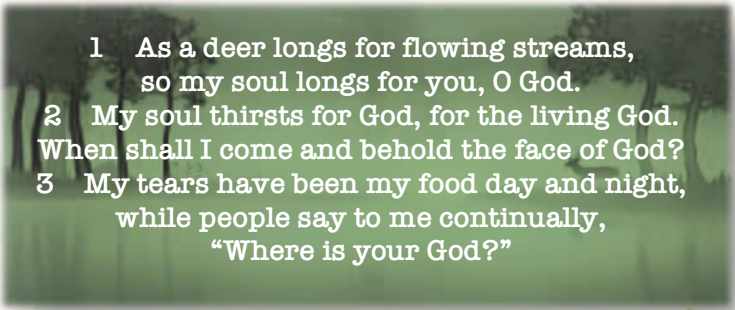
by Dr. Hans Decker



Following on Jackie's thoughts on **hope** from the last issue, I think that **Psalm 42** can serve as a helpful meditation to deepen our understanding of hope. This is the famous psalm that begins, "**As the deer pants for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.**" Perhaps counterintuitively, the first thing I want to emphasise is to acknowledge the place for sorrow and even despair in the church. Sometimes Christians receive the message that they are welcome to bring their sadness or depression to church, but only so it can be fixed. And I want to say that even though the Bible does repeatedly emphasise hope, some people will continue to suffer under a cloud of hopelessness. That's not a good thing, any more than a disease is a good thing. We can and should seek healing. But encountering people who are struggling with hopelessness is an invitation to the church to show compassion and to learn to sit with people who suffer.

And that gets at the heart of what I want to say about hope too. The Psalms are instructive in this regard because they are liturgical literature. They are meant to be said or sung when the community comes together in worship. This is important for us to understand. As modern Western Christians we often think of our faith as fundamentally personal, not corporate. So, I believe; I have faith; I love; I have hope. This is not a bad thing in itself, and fostering personal sincerity and conviction is an important part of the life of the church and our own spirituality. But our individualism can cloud our appreciation for the role of the community in shaping our experience of hope.

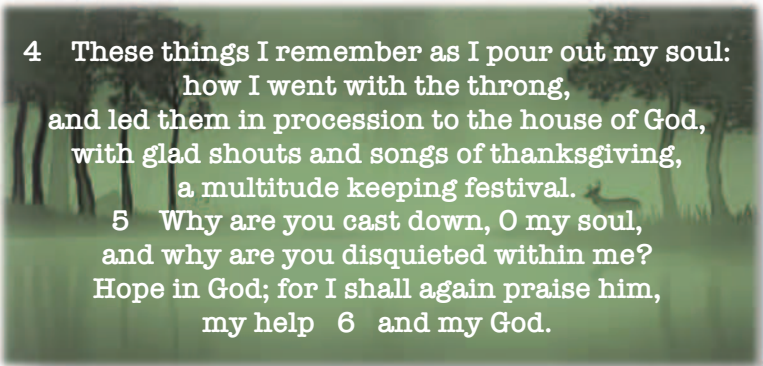
Look at the words of despair from the opening of **Psalm 42**:



1 As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
3 My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"

For some of us, these words express our experiences exactly. There really is despair in our congregations; people feel very far from God, and no matter how much they long to regain that closeness, they feel like they are wasting away into nothing. But for others of us, this is not at all what we feel. Things are okay—probably not perfect, but genuinely pretty okay. But we all still get together and sing these words. “My tears have been my food day and night.”

When we do that—and do that sincerely and corporately—we create a space of compassion for people who are in despair. It is not just that their hopelessness is tolerated in the community. We all—all of us—whether we feel these things personally or not, come together and give voice to the very experience of hopelessness that those who are suffering in our community actively feel. – But of course that is not the whole Psalm 42. The next two verses express quite the opposite perspective:



4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help 6 and my God.

As a side note, I do want to point out that even though we tend to think about hope as something fundamentally oriented towards the future, the Bible here and in many other places consistently grounds our future hope in memories of the past. But what I really want to emphasise here is the fact that the text shifts radically and gives voice to the opposite feelings. Now I am remembering celebrations, festivals—I ask how I can despair; I find hope in God, and I look forward to praising him. The individual does not typically vacillate so wildly between such extreme emotions over the course of a few words. The person in despair is usually not fondly remembering festivals; the person full of hope and praise does not feel like they are dying of thirst in the absence of God.

And yet those who despair also say these words, not because they have to gin up a smile and convince the rest of the congregation that they really actually feel happy now, but because these are the words of the psalm. The power of liturgy is not that it gives voice only to the authentic expression of our feelings in the moment, but precisely because it gives us a framework to say what we don't feel, to confess what maybe we don't believe in the moment. And significantly, we do that together. That means that those who are in despair say the words of hope alongside those who speak with calm confidence—just as the people with that unshakeable hope gave voice to the hopelessness of the person next to them. In all of these experiences we are not alone.

So, for me, one of the most important things I want to underscore when we think about hope is that hope is not—or at least not just—a personal virtue. It is nurtured and flourishes in community. People in despair do not want platitudes, which is precisely why these psalms also give voice to despair; it is essential that those who feel hopeful genuinely work to understand and express the experiences of those who despair. But that also means that **those who are hopeful can share that burden of hopelessness and provide meaningful encouragement** to those who despair. I am not saying that this provides an easy fix, but it does provide a model for caring for those who are hurting. ♦

The Anne Catherine Nind Fund

St Andrew's is fortunate enough to have a Fund, set up nearly 40 years ago in memory of Anne Nind, the beloved wife of our chaplain at the time. The Fund was set up 'to assist needy, elderly and/or ill people who have a direct link with St Andrew's Church, Zurich and its daughter communities, to maintain their independence and health'.

*If you know of anyone in need of assistance, or if you are in that position yourself, please have a chat with the Chaplain or contact the ACN Fund directly using the email address ACNFund@standrewszurich.church. Every case is treated with the utmost confidentiality. The **trustees** of the fund are: **Karen Morton, Philip Newbould and Philippa Milz**.*

More Music from Around the World

by Carolyn Stepler



Come along to St. Andrew's on **Friday 17 July at 6pm** for an **Organ Recital with a Difference**. The Anglo-Swedish organ duo, Anna Stepler and Sofia Östling will give a recital of organ duets by British and Swedish composers – an exceptional musical treat awaits you, followed by refreshments.

Anna and Sofia are professional organists who met when they studied for a master's degree in organ performance at the University of Göteborg in Sweden. They have been playing together ever since.

Entrance to the recital is free – retiring collection to support the work of St Andrew's.

The Anglo-Swedish
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SOFIA ÖSTLING**



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**17 JULY 2026
18:00**

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Voices of a Nation: Bahamas at 53!

by Christine Green



On **Saturday 11 July at 6pm**, we have the very special privilege of welcoming the **Bel Canto Singers** from the Bahamas to perform their Spring Concert, *Music For All Times*.

Let us join in celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of Bahamian Independence and enjoy the rich and vibrant music **at St Andrew's Church Zurich at 6.00 pm**.

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The Bel Canto Singers Present

Music For All Times

Spring Concert

Under the patronage of Her Excellency Patricia Hermanns, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the United Nations and International Organizations

SAVE THE DATE: *Saturday, July 11th, 2026*
6:00pm at St Andrews Zurich,
Switzerland
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Bahamian Chicken

by Michelle Moss



Ingredients

- 8 chicken thighs or
1 whole chicken cut up into pieces
- Juice of 1 lime
- Seasoning blend
(add more or less of each spice
to your taste)
- 1/2 Tbsp sea salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp thyme
- 3 Tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 jar passata tomato sauce



Directions

1. Rinse chicken in a large bowl with cold water.
2. Squeeze lime juice over chicken and season w/ seasoning blend.
3. Rub in seasoning and let sit for 3 hours or overnight.
4. Place chicken pieces in roasting pan and drizzle with olive oil. Roast at 200°C without a cover for 30 minutes.
5. Reduce heat to 180°C, then add passata, onion, garlic and bell peppers to the pan and cover with foil, cook for an additional 30 minutes.
6. Serve with white rice and coleslaw.

Appeal from the Grocery Stall

by Ingrid Meredith & Peter Davis

BAZAAR 2026

Bazaar
Preps



Are you planning a trip to the UK?

If so, we would really appreciate it if you could bring back some English groceries on the shopping list.

GROCERY Shopping List

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|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ▪ Mint sauce | ▪ Dark muscovado sugar | ▪ Allspice |
| ▪ Sharwood's mango chutney | ▪ Hartley's jelly | ▪ Mixed spice |
| ▪ Vegetarian suet | ▪ Ginger biscuits | ▪ Baking powder |
| ▪ Treacle | ▪ Hobnobs | ▪ Vanilla essence |
| ▪ Golden syrup | ▪ Cadbury's chocolates | ▪ Lemon curd |
| ▪ Bovril | ▪ Fruit pastilles | ▪ Colman's mustard |
| ▪ Bird custard powder | ▪ Yorkshire tea bags | ▪ HP Sauce |
| | | ▪ Cheese biscuits |
| | | and any other products... |

**Sell-by date is at least
3 months after the Bazaar
on 21 November.**

For more information, please
contact Ingrid or Peter:

bazaar@standrewszurich.church

**Thank you
for your
donations!**



Cracking Crafts

by Carolyn Guler

On **Friday 27 June** six happy crafters met in the CC and spent a fun morning cutting, glueing and wrapping Christmas crackers. We had a quick lunch break and enjoyed a delicious Tomato and Mozzarella salad which Gerald very kindly brought for everyone.

In the afternoon we were joined by Jenifer with her box of beads and thread, and she very kindly showed us how to make two different sorts of attractive bracelets.

The following day, probably due to the extremely hot weather, there were just two of us, but we spent a very quiet and profitable morning crafting in the relatively cool Community Centre.

Our next Craft Workshops will be held on

- **Friday 10 July**
10:00-14:30
- **Saturday 11 July**
10:00-16:00

All are welcome!



All Photos: Gerald Thomas

News from The Choristers

Hannah Grigg, Chorister Director



On **May 24**, the Choristers visited our daughter church in Zug, where they sang for an evening Eucharist service. It was a wonderful, sunny day and we enjoyed time together by the lake, admired the impressive aviary, and even found time for a lively game of

croquet. A focused and enjoyable rehearsal followed, supported by two of our dedicated Chorister Mentors, before we led the congregation in song during the Eucharist. It was a joy to share our ministry beyond our own parish and to strengthen the bonds of friendship with our daughter community.

Thank you to the members of the Zug congregation for such a warm welcome.

On **June 14**, we enjoyed our annual **Summer Workshop Retreat**, this year coinciding with RSCM Music Sunday as a 'Be a Chorister Day'. We were delighted to welcome six new friends who joined us to experience life as a chorister.



Throughout the day we rehearsed together, enjoyed a chorister lunch, spent time in the playground, and took part in 'Voice for Life' workshops at St Andrew's.

We also enjoyed a small hike up the hill and had the opportunity to sing in the wonderful and distinctive acoustic of the Alte Kirche Fluntern. Ice cream provided a welcome cool treat before we rounded off the day with a visit to the zoo.

It was wonderful to see so many young singers exploring church music and discovering the joy of singing together. The choristers are sounding stronger by the day, and it has been exciting to hear the progress being made as we prepare for the Chorister Admissions Service on **5 July**.

We are especially grateful for the support of our new team of Chorister Mentors, whose encouragement, guidance, and enthusiasm have greatly supported these Chorister activities. Their commitment to nurturing our young singers is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Chorister Admissions Service before our Choristers take a well-deserved Summer break. ◆



All Photos: Courtesy of St Andrew's Choristers

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 Website: <https://standrewzurich.church/choristers/>

Advertisement



HELP!

Our new curate is seeking a
flat to rent from 1 August.

If you know of accommodation near a railway station and within a short commute of the church, please contact Revd Jackie.

Solution to “Who’s the Boo?” (May/June)



The person behind the «Boo» was: **Frank Tanner.**

The clue was hidden in plain sight in the article about the Pre-Loved Clothes Sale. Compare the colours of the two T-shirts in the pictures on the left and right 😊.



And the **winner** is...



Carolyn Guler !

Congratulations to Carolyn. She will get a bottle of wine.

Letter from St James-the-Least-of-All



Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least-of-All in the county of C-, for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...

(written by the Revd Dr. Gary Bowness)



On dealing with summer fetes

The Rectory

St James-the-Least-of-All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate -

and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener, a sit-on motor mower – which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

What God is like

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand. "He is an artist!" said the little boy.

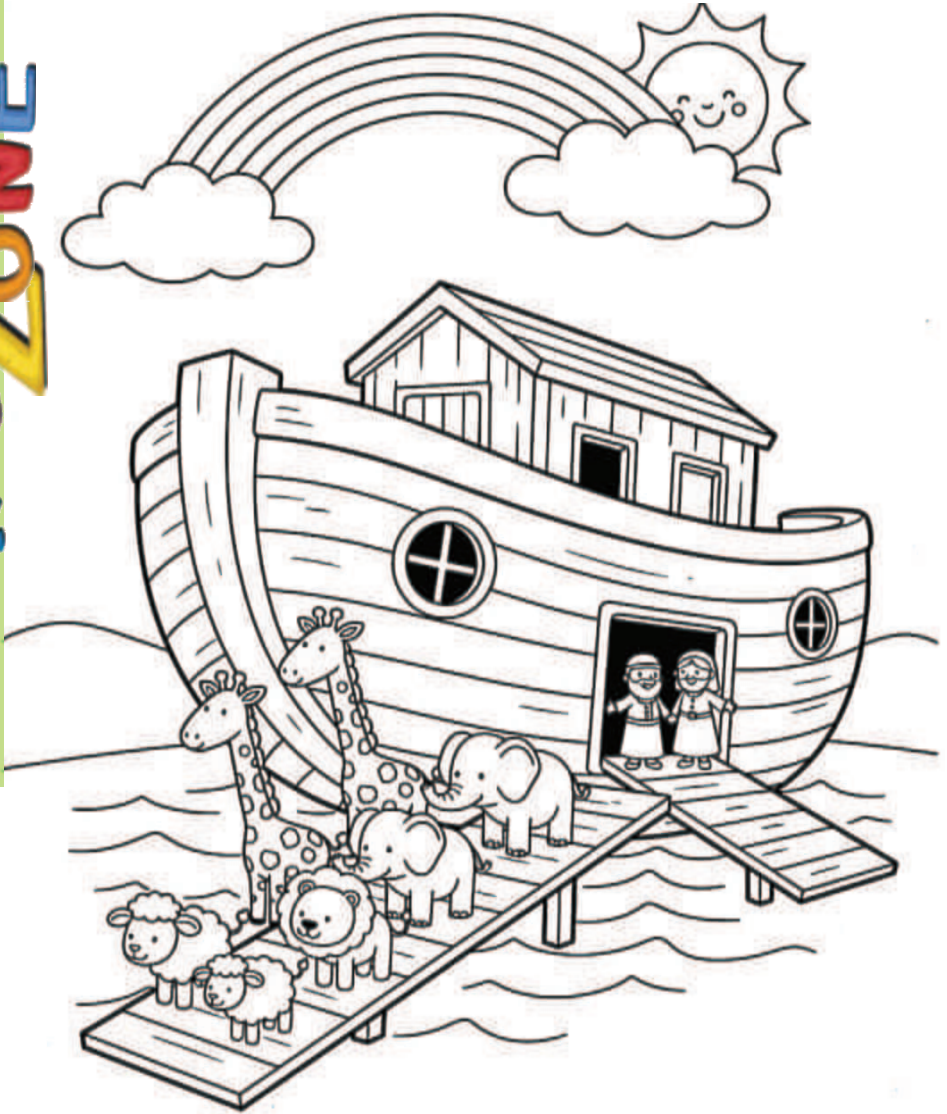
"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"Don't we pray – 'Our Father, who does art in Heaven... ?' "



Colouring Page

KIDZONE



Noah and his wife, and his sons and their wives, went into the boat to escape the flood. A male and a female of every kind of animal and bird went into the boat with Noah, as God had commanded.

1 Read **Genesis 7:16** and find out who shut the door when **Noah**, his family and all the animals were inside the Ark.

Answer: _____

2 Find the hidden objects:



Bible



bone



rainbow



birdcage



Noah's son



raindrop

3

NOAH'S WORD SCRAMBLE

NHOA _____ BAORIWN _____ ELIBB _____

AKR _____ ODFLO _____ SIAMLAN _____

(The solutions to all puzzles will be published in the next edition of Search.)



- Sunday 5th July: 5th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 9**
 Genesis 24:34-38,42-49, 52-67; Song of Solomon 2:8-13;
 Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's

- Sunday 12th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 10**
 Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11;
 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's

- Sunday 19th July: 7th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 11**
 Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-11,23-24; Romans 8:12-25;
 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's

- Sunday 26th July: 8th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 12**
 Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39;
 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 17:30: Sung Eucharist **Zug**

- Sunday 2nd August: 9th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 13**
 Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,16; Romans 9:1-5;
 Matthew 14:13-21

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's



Services: July - August 2026



- ◆ **Sunday 9th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 14**
 Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b;
 Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 17:00: Sung Eucharist **St Gallen**

- ◆ **Sunday 16th August: 11th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 15**
 Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a,29-32;
 Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 17:00: Sung Eucharist **Baden**

- ◆ **Sunday 23rd August: 12th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 16**
 Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 15:30: Sung Eucharist **Zug** – followed by **BBQ**

- ◆ **Sunday 30th August: 13th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 17**
 Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b; Romans 12:9-21;
 Matthew 16 :21-28

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's

- ◆ **Sunday 6th September: 14th Sunday after Trinity/Proper 18**
 Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

 - 09:00: Said Eucharist St Andrew's
 - 10:30: Sung Eucharist St Andrew's

Diary Dates



Date	EVENTS 2026	Weekday
July		
05 Jul	Church Picnic & Welcome for Our New Curate	Sunday
05 Jul	The Chorister Admission's Service	Sunday
08 Jul	PCC Meeting	Wednesday
10 Jul	Craft Workshop (10:00-16:00)	Friday
11 Jul	Craft Workshop (10:00-14:30)	Saturday
11 Jul	Bel Canto Singers, Bahamas (18:00)	Saturday
17 Jul	Organ Recital – Anna Steppler & Sofia Östling (18:00)	Friday
11.07.- 16.08.	Summer Holidays in Kanton ZH	
August		
01 Aug	Bundesfeiertag (Swiss National Day)	Saturday
September		
11 Sep	Craft Workshop (10:00-16:00)	Friday
12 Sep	Craft Workshop (10:00-14:30)	Saturday
15 Sep	PCC Meeting	Tuesday



A Preview to The Next Issue of Search

A small taste of the September/October 2026 edition

- ◆ Review of the “Organ Recital”
- ◆ Photos of the Church-Picnic
- ◆ Highlights of the Welcome for Our New Curate
- ◆ Winner of the “Who’s the Boo” Quiz

