



## ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

An Anglican / Episcopal  
Christian community in Lugano

# newsletter

**NOVEMBER 2019:** we begin this month with an All Saints' Service, and then pause for reflection on Remembrance Sunday. On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> the children will be making handicrafts at Messy Church in preparation for St Edward's stall at the Christmas Market in Lugano, 30<sup>th</sup> November - 12<sup>th</sup> December. A variety of homemade specialities and gifts will be on sale. Look for us in Piazza Manzoni!

## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

**A Sung Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30 am**  
Whatever your Christian denomination, you are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

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

**Sunday School** will take place on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November**

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Saints' Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday Service 10:30 am 
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church Craft Afternoon – Casa Benson 2 - 5 pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christ the King – Morning Prayer with Angela Mirani
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Market in Lugano – Piazza Manzoni 11 am – 7pm

### DECEMBER

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nine Lessons & Carols Service 11:00 am <i>(Please note the special start time)</i>
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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Where did last month go – the weeks are flying by? Suddenly it's November and those seemingly endless weeks of *Sundays after Trinity* come to an end, and just as the seasons turn so does the Church's calendar.

Liturgically, November begins for us at St Edward's on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** with the solemnity of **All Saints**, an annual celebration that has its roots way back in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. It is a feast that invites us to turn our thoughts in gratitude to the immense multitude of saints – known and unknown – who have already reached heaven.

Celebrating the lives of the saints is, I believe, an important part of Christian formation, not least because of the way they capture our imagination. They come from different periods of history and from every walk of life – labourers, princes, monks, nuns, parents, soldiers, martyrs, housewives and poets. They were exemplars of faith and devotion and, consequently, inspire our own commitment through glimpses of their holiness, joy and virtue.

Sadly though in recent years the celebration of All Saints' Day has been almost swamped by an array of crass, secular paraphernalia of Halloween in the shops, and without any recognition that Halloween actually derives from the Feast of All Saints. To be clear, the root word of Halloween – 'hallow' – means 'holy'. The suffix 'een' is an abbreviation of 'evening'. It refers to the *Eve of All Hallows*, the solemn night before the holy day that honours saintly people of the past. It is important to distinguish and understand the true meaning of these back to back days.

One week later on the 10<sup>th</sup> we return for **Remembrance Sunday**, when we honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice defending freedom in theatres of conflict during and since the end of World War 1. For nearly a century the principal symbol of Remembrance has been the red poppy, a supply of which will again be available in St Edward's before and on the day of the service. All donations from the sale of our poppies will assist veterans and families in the care of the Royal British Legion.

As a former chaplain to the Royal Marines, *Remembrance Sunday* is a very poignant day for me personally and I know for many of you, too. So when we gather once more on this special day let's also recognize our own duties and opportunities: duties to educate future generations about our forebears' sacrifices; and opportunities that arise when freedom-loving nations of the world come together to remember so much heroism. Please do your very best to be present at this year's service which starts at the usual time of 10:30.

Finally, every November I'm mindful of the significance of *Thanksgiving* for our American brothers and sisters (this year on 28<sup>th</sup>). It is an important holiday for families and friends to get together and I know some will be taking an extended holiday weekend. So, to our many American friends in Lugano and beyond, *Happy Thanksgiving!*

With every good wish and blessing,

Fr Nigel

## St Edward's Church CHRISTMAS MARKET 2019



St Edward's will once again have an active presence  
in the centre of Lugano during Advent.

All your favourite Traditional Christmas Produce  
will be on sale at **booth number 107**

**PIAZZA MANZONI**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

11am – 7 pm every day until

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Come and visit our booth for your Christmas puddings & cakes, mince pies, marmalades & chutneys ... small gifts & festive decorations as we reach out to the local community in Advent.

## TRAINING DAY

### St. Andrew's Church Zurich



St Edward's Sunday School teachers at the Training Day in Zurich with the inspirational speaker, **The Revd Mary Hawes**, the Church of England's National Children and Youth Advisor (right) and **The Revd Elizabeth Bussman**, SACEP organizer (left). Youth and children's leaders came from all over the Archdeaconry to this invigorating workshop where we learnt vital lessons by sharing concerns, resources and methodology. The Church of England believes that young disciples are integral to our church life and encourages a more holistic approach to children's ministry: all participants were asked to explore this area in their individual chaplaincies. Plans are in the pipeline for a future workshop with Mary, who looks forward to returning next year, having commented on "the huge amount of positive energy in the room".

## TWO SUNDAYS of THANKSGIVING



Another two memorable services at St Edward's, as the bounty of God's autumn blessings coloured our worship in this beautiful church dedicated to Saint Edward, founder of Westminster Abbey. For Harvest Festival the children gathered on Saturday to lovingly decorate the church with Lucy's help, and by Sunday every corner was ablaze with a rainbow of colour for our **Songs of Praise Service**. All the generous donations received were later delivered to a local charity.



To celebrate our **Patronal Festival** Emily Lingeri gave a presentation video about **E.I.C. Karachi**, an outreach project we have been supporting for many years thanks to the great generosity of our community through our Sunday School Sponsored Walk. In her talk Emily spoke movingly about the challenges this orphanage faces, where her cousin SR Dagmar leads a team of dedicated "Christ Bearer Sisters" in a predominately Muslim country. Our annual donations help these children who tend to daily duties from an early age, to go to school and fulfil their potential, as they grow in the love of Christ. It was a privilege for all of us to learn more about EIC, for our children to better understand how they can "make a difference" and a fine way to celebrate St Edward's Feast Day. Thank you, Emily.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (During the scholastic year)  
Sunday School lessons take place during the 10:30 morning Eucharistic Service.  
Please see Front Page for Sunday School dates.

Our **Pebbles** group welcomes children from the age of 3, whilst those with more reading ability are invited into our **Rocks** group. All the children follow a fun-filled programme based on the book, **Living Stones**, supplemented with craft activities, songs and role-play.  
All our Sunday School members are encouraged to participate at regular intervals during the year at the Sunday morning service. For further info contact: Diana [dellacqua.ficino@gmail.com](mailto:dellacqua.ficino@gmail.com)

**THE TODDLERS CORNER** at the back of the church has been completely refurbished with blue carpets, cushions and plenty of colouring material for the youngest children to enjoy quietly during the Service.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**  
Would you like to receive a newsletter via email? Contact: [emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch](mailto:emily.lingeri@bluewin.ch)

## MESSY CHURCH

**Casa Benson**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**from 2-5 pm**



### Craft Afternoon for our Sunday School

We will be making decorations to sell at the Christmas Market in the centre of town.

**All materials will be provided.**

Please let Diana know if you can come and join the fun ☺

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**PARKING** is available during every Sunday morning Service inside the parking garage of the ProCrea Clinic next door to the church.

