



## ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

An Anglican / Episcopal  
Christian community in Lugano

# newsletter

**MARCH 2020:** Come and join us in worship and fellowship during this season of Lent at St Edward's. On Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate a special service dedicated to Mothering Sunday, where we offer gifts of prayer to the women in our church community. Please take note of the upcoming Annual General Meeting scheduled for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April after the church service.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>** and **8<sup>th</sup>** of **March**.

### MARCH

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothering Sunday Service - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting of Chaplaincy Council in Casa Benson

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Lent, which means 'springtime', is a six-week period of abstinence and repentance in preparation for Easter. As the buds open on trees and the days lengthen, Lent is a spiritual season that calls for greater openness to the word of God and an honest reappraisal of every part of our lives.

Whether we give alms, pray, or fast, whether we do more Bible study, whether we come to church more often, we do it with the intention of entering into closer communion with God. Lent is a time to own up to any area of life that we know damages our relationship with God. It is also a time to own up to the fact of how much we keep looking for joy, peace and satisfaction in people and things around us without finding what we desire. Only God can give us what we want.

Here are some practical questions to help you on your Lenten journey. Ask yourself, how often have I lived through this holy season without paying much attention to penance, fasting and prayer? How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of Lent without even being aware of them? And, significantly, can I wholeheartedly celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday without having first observed a good Lent?

Some Christians I know find such questions hard. But then Lent was never meant to be easy. It is supposed to stretch us and to strengthen our commitment to our resurrected Lord and Saviour.

The bottom line is simply this: only you can make this year's Lenten season extra special and meaningful for your devotional life. Everyone should undertake some personal bible study and spiritual reflection. Finding some quiet time to pray more will also improve your relationship with God. And it goes without saying that church attendance on Sundays should be regarded as obligatory in Lent.

Lent then is a season rich with possibilities. It is an invitation to enter more fully, more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion, which undoubtedly will help you know God more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly, every day of your life.

With every good wish and blessing for a holy and blessed Lenten season.

Fr Nigel

## SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** in  
church after the  
10:30 service

**ST. EDWARD'S CHAPLAINCY**  
**Annual General**  
**Meeting**

Every Electoral Roll member is warmly encouraged to attend this year's AGM. Nominated Council members and Churchwardens, who are your official representatives, are elected by your vote.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Nigel who will chair the meeting, hopes to welcome a good representation from the whole Church body.

## Mothering Sunday Service 22<sup>nd</sup> March



The Sunday School children will be leading the prayers and distributing their handmade presents as today we thank God for the gift of mothers and mothering across the world.

*"As one whom a mother comforts, so I will comfort you" Isaiah 66:13*

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

### Comunità di lavoro delle Chiese Cristiane in Ticino



Celebrations for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **CLCCT** began with a procession from the city centre towards the Cathedral of San Lorenzo where an ecumenical service was held in the presence of Mons. Valerio Lazzeri, Bishop of Lugano, clergy and delegates from all the participating denominations of Christian Churches. The guest preacher was Reverend Canon Adèle Kelham, our Anglican Archdeacon ... a significant moment, as this was the first time a female priest has delivered a sermon in the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

#### 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:

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**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)

## FROM THE LIGHT OF CANDLEMAS TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHROVE TUESDAY

Here are our young disciples in church on Saturday preparing Christingle oranges, in readiness for Candlemas, a celebration of Christ's light to the world. With our candles burning bright in a festival of light, we gathered to affirm our faith.

*We turn to stand in Jesus' Light. With God's help and grace we will be pure like gold and shine like silver to reflect God's love on all those around us.*



From worship to fellowship on the eve of Lent, here we are amidst the fun of tossing mountains of green, blue, pink and traditional yellow pancakes! Thank you, Nolene, for another colourful carnival feast at St Edward's before we enter the quiet period of Lent.

It was great to welcome back some friends, and many thanks to the lovely ladies who came to help in the kitchen 😊

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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.

