



JUNE 2009 PARISH MAGAZINE

THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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St. Augustine's Church is an international English-speaking Anglican congregation under the jurisdiction of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and Bishop Pierre Whalon in Paris.

The Mission of St. Augustine's is to fulfil our promises to Jesus Christ through word and deed by proclaiming His love to all. Our ministry is to people of every race, national heritage and denomination who seek fellowship in the baptism of Jesus Christ.

From the Interim Rector...

The Holy Spirit of God

One of the central points in the Rite of Baptism is the anointing with the Oil of Chrism and the calling of the Holy Spirit into the life of the new Christian: "N, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 308) This is a concrete expression of the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the apostles after the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. At Baptism, we pray,

"Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen." (BCP, p.308)

In the celebration of Eucharist, the invocation of the Holy Spirit, or *Epiclesis*, is an essential part of every Eucharistic Prayer: We pray that the bread, the wine, and the people of God be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. We are called upon to remember God's gift of the Holy Spirit to all at Pentecost, and to each of us, in a special way, at Baptism. As the

priest extends his hands over the bread and wine, he says,

"Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace." (BCP, p. 363)

The calling of the Holy Spirit to enter our lives in worship is also a key moment in the ordination of the ministers of the Church. Prior to the consecration of a deacon, priest, or bishop, the community sings the *Veni Creator Spiritus* or the *Veni Sancte Spiritus*:

*"O Holy Spirit, by whose breath, life rises vibrant out of death;
come to create, renew, inspire; come kindle in our hearts your fire.
you are the seeker's sure resource, of burning love the living source,
protector in the midst of strife; the giver and the Lord of life.
In you God's energy is shown, to us your varied gifts made known.
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear."
(1982 Hymnal #502)*

As priests gather around and lay hands on the new deacon or priest, the ordaining bishop says, "Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to *N*; fill *him* with grace and power, and make *him* a Deacon (or Priest) in your Church." (BCP, p. 533)

In the ordination of a bishop, the following prayer is made: "Therefore, Father, make *N*. a bishop in your Church. Pour out upon *him* the power of your princely Spirit, whom you bestowed upon your beloved Son Jesus Christ, with whom he endowed the apostles, and by whom your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and unceasing prayer of your Name." (BCP, p. 521)

Here we are reminded not only of God's gift of the Holy Spirit but also of Jesus' sending of the apostles to all people in all nations for all time. "As the Father has sent me, I send you," he said. "Do not be afraid; I am with you." (John 20) It is our challenge through Baptism and Eucharist to proclaim God's word by our own words and our own lives. Jesus speaks to us today as he spoke to the apostles two thousand years ago, and some of us doubt his word just as some of the apostles, even after the resurrection, continued to hesitate. The Gospel for Trinity Sunday describes the scene.

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee,
headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The
moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held
back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally,.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: 'God
authorized and commanded me to commission you: go out and train
everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by
baptism in the three-fold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then
instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be
with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up until the
end of the age'." (Matthew 28:16-20)

God gives us the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit in our minds and hearts, and in our community of faith, and God asks of us something in return. It is more than a request; it rather an injunction to use well the gifts we are given. God gives us the fullness of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and calls upon us to be faithful and generous stewards of these gifts. This is our challenge: to give as we have received; to proclaim the Word of God to everyone, everywhere, without regard to race, gender, age, social-economic status, and especially without regard to our own perception about their worthiness. It is God's gift

we proclaim by our words and by our lives; God's life; God's Word; God's Holy Spirit.

God wants to fill us with the Holy Spirit because God loves us. And when we want to receive the Holy Spirit because we love God, we share in God's life. We live in God and God lives in us as God has promised. We become Spirit-filled and we bear the fruit of the Spirit. How wonderful it would be if, when people heard the word Christian, they recognized the fruit of the Holy Spirit of God: joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23) During this Pentecost season let us make it a point to look for these gifts in one another and to encourage one another in our Christian life. We will find that in seeing the fruit of the Spirit in others, our own spirits will flourish abundantly. "If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct its course." (Galatians 5:25)

Peace,

Mary Ellen+

If you have someone you would like on the prayer list, please let Mary Ellen know, by email at priest1295@yahoo.fr or by telephone. At the same time please include in the information whether the name should be on the prayer list permanently. The names, without this information, will be taken off the prayer list after six weeks.

PRAYER LIST

Our Prayers are requested for:

Craig Wallace
Florian
Daniele Vogel
Inge Best
William Belury
Tony Cole
Bruce Hoag
The Pickles Family
Richard
David
Dorothea Payne
Tom Guttman
Inge
Michelle
Clara Ball
Chris Barnes
Mallory Cassie
Aksana and Laila
Christof Röttges
Stefan Lange
Esther Onwubuariri
John
Uwe
Pat Mindedal
Christine
Colleen

Georg
Melissa
Lana
Noah
Sebastian

... for their families and for all those who have requested our prayers...and we pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

We pray for all who are involved in armed conflict in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Congo, the Holy Land, and all parts of the world, on all sides, military and civilian, that God protect each one, and lead us to a solid and lasting peace.

We pray for Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop, and her Staff; for Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; and for Pierre Whalon, our Bishop. We pray for the next Rector of St. Augustine's; we pray for Mary Ellen, our Interim Rector; for the members and leadership of our parish community - that we all be sustained and inspired by God's Holy Spirit during this interim time of exploration and discernment.

We pray in thanksgiving for all God's blessings: for this parish community; for family and friends; for political and religious freedom; for our children; for our brothers and sisters of the Pentecostal Community who share our place of worship.

We remember Molly and for Robert Lim, and all those who have died and we pray for their loved ones.

In the Convocation Cycle of Prayer:

7 June: First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Church of the Ascension, Munich, Germany, [the new priest], Rector; the Rev. Dorothee Hahn, Assistant Priest; the Rev. Clair Ullmann, Priest Associate

14 June: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Trinity Church, Nice, France (Associated Chaplaincy of the Church of England), The Rev. Kenneth Letts, Chaplain

21 June: Third Sunday after Pentecost

St. James the Less Mission, Nürnberg, Germany, the Rev. Dorothee Hahn, Vicar

28 June: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Church of the Resurrection, Orvieto, Italy, The Rev. Bill Franklin, Interim

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson and his family at Virginia Seminary

26-29 June:

The 26th through the 29th are The Fast of the Apostles in the Chaldean and Assyrian Churches. Please pray for the Christians of the Middle East, that their witness to Christ not disappear from their ancestral lands

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

7 June: First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Okigwe South - (Vacant Province of Owerri, Nigeria)

14 June: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Ondo - (Province of Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd George L Lasebikan

21 June: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Oturkpo - (Province of Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Bello

28 June: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Patna - (North India) The Rt Revd Philip Phembuar Marandih

----- **Main Points of Vestry Meeting held 13th May 2009**

- 1. "Förderverein" Update:** Bishop does not agree to using the Förderverein (FV) to pay the Rector but says it could be used for ministries. FV crucial though for tax purposes. It might be possible to prevent conflicts between the church and the FV by carefully drafting the by-laws. Italian churches to be contacted because they have a rather complicated system as well.
- 2. Grant for search and moving costs for a new Rector:** Bishop suggests we apply to the Convocation.
- 3. Community Service:** Peter Schüppenhauer has suggested that the church offer this for delinquent youth
- 4. Exhibition Theo Crash:** Confirmed that the church can be used for his exhibition from 9 to 21 November.
- 5. Vendor policy at Christmas Bazaar:** The vestry re-affirmed the policy of not having outside vendors this year. However, parish members who wish to sell things at the bazaar are not outside vendors.
- 6. Spring 2010 Flea Market:** To be planned as a joint event with the Pentecostal community, possibly around St. Augustine's Day on 26 May.
- 7. Potluck Lunch:** Another event with the Pentecostal community, possibly in September, was decided.
- 8. St. Augustine's Event Calendar:** Suggested it be put on website as well as hanging it next to the brochure rack.
- 9. Church Calendar Review:**
3 June: Financial Management committee
6 June: NORTH
7 June: Evensong
10 June: Vestry
11 June: Youth barbecue at the Nobles'
26 June: All Australian Concert
28 June: Church Picnic (?)
- 10. Interim Time:** Bud Holland was here 30 April-8 May and met with the Vestry, the Wardens and Mary Ellen. Thanks to Andy Pickersgill for his hospitality.
- 11. Mary Ellen will be away** for Clericus 1-5 June.
- 12. Parish Life:** In the remaining months before a new rector is called, Mary Ellen wants to see the following tasks completed:
 - ? Re-negotiation of car park contract
 - ? Revision of the By-Laws
 - ? Placement of a shed on the parish property

- ? Construction of a ramp at the church entrance
- ? Restoration of Acolyte ministry
- ? An additional Safe-Church training

13. Ecumenical Relations: There will be a Pentecost ecumenical event in Wiesbaden, the Women of the Church have an ecumenical afternoon planned in August, and the Night of the Churches will take place in September.

14. Anti-Racism Training: took place in Herborn 8-9 May. Mary Ellen, Peter H. and Chuck attended, Details will be presented to the parish in September.

15. German Lessons: The Bishop says the church is to pay the entire cost as agreed.

16. Sewer Repairs: Second bill from Kullmann.. Possibility of claiming money from the builders who caused the damage to be followed up.

17. Grant: Letter to be sent to people suggested by Bud Holland who might be able to support us.

18. Keys: Updated key list presented.

19. Financial Status as of 11 May 2009: No major worries at present. We still have a deficit, but less than last month.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10 June 2009 in the church

The Gratitude Corner

Thank you to everyone who hosted, supplied and helped with the Coffee Table after the Sunday morning services: Schwester Elke, Debbie Cole, Angela Clark, Maja Speranskij, Reiner and Monika Merkel, and Theo Patsios.

Thank you to everyone who made donations for the altar flowers in May

The dedications were as follows:

3rd May

The flowers were given by Schwester Elke Kruß in thanksgiving for her 40th Birthday and her friends Ulrike Winter and Michael Fritz, Eva Rezuorckova and Patrick Stahl, her godchild

10th May

The flowers were given by Fleur and Wolf Dieter Donecker in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter Lucy on the 9th May

17th May

The flowers were given by Wendy von der Pforte in thanksgiving for the birthday of her mother on 18th May.

24th May

The flowers were given by Kay Hollis in memory of her mother

31st May

The flowers were given by Rosemary Unger in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter Sylvia.

Thank you to Rev. Douglas Robinson for holding our Sunday morning service during Mary Ellen's absence on 24th May.

The Fine Arts Committee thanks Eliza Spethmann for her donation of a candle holder

The Christmas Bazar Committee thanks Janice Clotten for her donation of materials and for all her help towards jewellery making. It was great fun and a lot of beautiful necklaces were made

MORE BEADS NEEDED

In the meantime we are still appealing for more beads, broken necklaces, etc. as we need quite a lot more material.

Wendy Rathgeber & Fleur Donecker

EVENSONG WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 7th JUNE AT 7 p.m.

This is a beautiful, peaceful service, just right for ending Sunday and beginning the new week, and we hope that as many of you as possible will try to be there.

CHOIR NEWS

The past weekend, 22nd--24th May saw the visit from "**The Baroque Singers**" from **Tunbridge Wells**. Tunbridge Wells is the twin Sister City to Wiesbaden, so as a first time visit initiated by them, they chose St. Augustine's.

The Choir arrived on the Friday evening and were invited guests at a reception given at the Wiesbaden Town Hall hosted by the Mayor.

Their aim for such a visit was to conduct a one day workshop on selected Choral Anthems. This was an open invitation to all past and present choir members and musicians to participate in. This finished with a concert in the Church on the Saturday evening at 7.30pm consisting of all the music that had been worked and rehearsed on that day.

Included in the concert programme were several madrigals performed by the Baroque Singers. This style of singing was by far a speciality of theirs, with which they performed with great skill and technical ability, at times displaying many musical subtleties.

We had two singers visit us from Darmstadt, a selected few from St Bonifatius with some others in attendance, including some of our own choir members. The Baroque Singers are a performing Concert choir. They don't particularly come from a specific Church. Their full membership normally consists of 25 people. They brought to us nine singers and their musical director.

The Choir was happy to help out in our Sunday morning service by joining our own choir, and this was something truly special.

All in all, with the coming together of like minded people, everyone had a really great two days of music making and fellowship.

A very special thank you to those families who kindly helped by billeting the members of the Baroque Singers. Stefan and Betty Ehmann, Robert Ramsay, Andy Pickersgil, Nedine Secunde, Kathy and Jason Stevens; and Tim and Lauren Thielicke. Your generous hospitality was very much appreciated.

Many thanks to Jeanne Nelson and Madeline Bohr for helping me with the catering and supplying of lunch and other snacks throughout the Saturday.
Ivan Williams.

The Russian Choir concert held on 1st May in St Augustine's

was a great success, both in the quality of their performance and the audience!

The standard of their work was amazing! The entire programme was performed acappella (without instrumental accompaniment). The choir consisted of only twelve voices, but it was clear at the onset, that their technical ability was capable of making it sound three times the size, when needed.

The audience topped 140 people at this concert which was fantastic!

Our own St. Augustine's choir consisting of seven singers for the evening, also performed the opening item (Solo) and then later in the first half we were invited to sing two other combined pieces of music with the Russian Choir. On all accounts this went extremely well.

Thank you to our Choir members who participated in this event to make it such a success and to Chris Birtwell for managing the refreshment table that evening.

Ivan Williams

Many many thanks, too, for the May Midday Recital given by Erika and Gerhard Le Roux.

Those who were able to attend experienced yet another amazing programme of fine music, performed at a world class standard.

Erika's next recital N0.4, will be on Wednesday 17th June at 1.pm. Please be there!

AN AUSTRALIAN EVENING Friday June 26th, at 7.30pm

An all Australian cast of singers will present and evening of Opera Favourites and other music hits. All Artists will be giving of their service for the benefit of St. Augustines.

Accompanist Erika Le Roux

NORTH

We have Dorothee Dziewas and Paul Platt presenting us with "North" on **Saturday June 6th at 7.30pm.**

This is an "easy listener" kind of night presenting many original folk and celtic melodies that people may recognise. Also including songs of their own arrangement performed throughout the evening by Paul's uncomplicated, whitty humour and likable remarks! A good family night to be had by all, in the atmosphere of something similar to a Coffee House. Nibbles and refreshments available.

Parish Barbeque in Wisper after church on Sunday, 28th June

The barbeque will be held in the same place as last year; in and around the village hall next to the Nelson's family home in Wisper, Heidenrod.

This year we shall be saying goodbye to
Stefan and Betty Ehmann
and to Jason and Cathy Stevens.

Directions: Take either motorway direction Rüdesheim, leaving at Martinstal/Eltville and continue on B 260.

or go past the Ringkirche on to Klarenthalstraße, through Georgenborn and on to B 260.

The B 260 is also known as the Bäderstrasse. Drive straight on, passing Bad Schwalbach, turn left to Kemel (just after Shell station on the right). Drive through Kemel towards Springen, turning off before Springen to Wisper. Once in Wisper you will find the Barbeque at the Feuerwehr Haus.

Car Pooling is planned – There will be a sign-up sheet at back of church.

Food: Meat for BBQ will be provided. Please bring a salad, (potato, noodle, rice, fresh salad stuff, etc) a dessert/cake or fruit and cheese to share on our buffet table. Please remember that this will have to be kept cool all the morning, either in the church fridge or in a picnic bag with ice packs.

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church so the catering can be planned. Please speak to Jeanne Nelson if in doubt.

On the day itself Help will be needed with salads and general preparation in the kitchen, to barbeque, to organise drinks, to keep buffet tidy, to clear the tables and keep the washing-up and rubbish collection under control. Please let Jeanne Nelson know what you can do to help.

Looking forward to a day of fun and sunshine,
Your Vestry

YAE Geneva Ascension Weekend 2009

"I know that I am not because I know I am!"
What does that mean?

I am is the Old Testament name for God. Our theme was based on the fact that we are not the center of the Universe but God is. He is always with us and can help us through life if we let him.

Hannah Raval, Eric Dillenberger, Eric Leube and I left Wednesday the 20th of May for a fun filled, God filled and friendship filled weekend in Geneva, Switzerland and Taizé, France.

We met the Youth from Christ the King at the Frankfurt train station where the fun started and continued until the end of our journey, late Sunday evening.

We made great friends with all the youth and their leaders and all took time to learn, contemplate and pray. Many thanks to Phil Trumper of Geneva and his helpers; Catherine and Bailey for all their hard work, making it possible, smooth and really meaningful. Everyday we had prayer meetings, lesson, small groups, games, music, outside events and plenty to eat. Some of the questions we were dealing with were: What makes you have doubts? Do you blame God more than you thank him? Why do you think there is pain in the world? How can you organize your time to make room for God?

YAE at Taizé

Early Friday morning we left for Taizé and stayed until Saturday afternoon. It was eye opening! On our arrival the youth and adults were quickly divided into age groups and sent to bible study. Three times a day there was a Taizé service (Taizé chants, scripture, chants, silent prayer, and finally chants to close the service) and meals. There was also, tea, bible study, workshops as well as free time to take a walk, meditate or get an ice cream.

We concentrated on a Letter from Kenya, describing the problem and injustices there. Our group focused on how modern society needs to be more open and sympathetic to the needs of the people there and not just our own needs. How do you communicate your faith to someone who does not have the same belief? Here is our group's answer:

"After the small-talk, our different priorities form barriers.

"Through debating, we learn to respect our differences,"

"The courage to have conversation can lead to: friendship, understanding and agreement."

Our Taizé Project

After our return from Taizé we were treated to cheese fondue while listening to a yodelling duo with accordion, alphorn, wooden spoon and even cow bell accompaniment.

On Sunday we each wrote a letter to ourselves, which will be sent in 3 months' time, reminding us of what we learned and encourage us to continue to follow our personal goals we set. The confirmation Service with Bishop Pierre W. Whalon was very moving, especially the testimonial from one of Geneva's YAE Youth, Jessica. We closed the YAE Event with a rousing rendition of our theme song for the weekend "Blessed be your name".

"Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD,
BLESSED BE YOUR NAME! "

A Big THANKS to all who made this weekend possible. Keep God in your heart!!!
Love you all, *Deborah Cole*

Many Happy Returns of the Day to all our June "Birthday Babies"

1	Bob Reed
3	Lizy Ravel
5	The Rev. Mary Ellen Dolan
10	John Richards
11	David Dowds
12	Shane Jones
12	Jacob Mazalale
13	Alessandro Eiseman
13	Kathy Mitchell
17	Steven Vogel
22	Nina Scheicher
24	Aksana Coxhead
24	Christopher Birtwell
21	Jessica Sosnowski
26	Nancy Moyer
26	Jim Noble
28	Maja Speranskij

FOR THE YOUTH GROUP AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Our **bible study** will continue on the first Sunday of the month! The next class will be **on 7th June** after the service.

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST 2009 SUMMER ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE IS

SUNDAY, 20th JUNE 2009
(This means no church magazine in August)

End of Year Barbecue for youth group members and their families.

Thursday, June 11th (German public holiday) from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Home of the Noble family,

Richard-Otto-Straße 7
65197 Wiesbaden
Tel. 0611-450 99 42

Meat and beverages provided. Bring a salad, dessert or snack to share!

For more information, contact Deborah Cole (06128-93 44 50) or Karen Leube (06131-6007357).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will take place on June 7th after church (in the undercroft). If you would like to be on the committee, please come! For more information, please contact Chuck McCarter (c_mccarter@hotmail.com), Jason Stevens (jason.stevens@federalmogul.com) or Karen Leube (kleube5180@aol.com).

Youth Group Excursion!

St. Augustine's youth group is hosting an outing to kick off the new school year. We are inviting our friends in the youth group at Christ the King and from the EVIM youth residence in Wiesbaden to join us for an afternoon in the Taunus. We will be riding a "Draisine", a handcar that seats up to 10 people and is propelled by muscle power. We have reserved 30 places (3-4 handcars) for the tour, which is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd after church until late afternoon/early evening. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church. The Draisine ride itself costs 11 euros per person. We have not decided whether to car pool to Oberneisen or find another means of transportation. Please watch the newsletter/your email for further details.

BOOK SALE

Saturday, 6th June - 10 am – 1 pm

Please continue to donate your English paperbacks

THE CHURCH GARDEN AND YOU!

The Church garden desperately needs attention.

We are having a work day on Saturday, 6th June at 9:00 a.m.

Please come and lend a hand so we are not completely overgrown by weeds. Bring work gloves and tools if you have them. Let Chuck McCarter know if you can help.
Rosemary Unger

THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

The church of St. Augustine's is a totally self-supporting congregation which relies on the pledges and donations of its friends and members. We would, therefore, like to draw your attention to the details of our bank account which now appear in the heading at the top of the Parish Magazine.

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NEARLY NEW SALE

As always on 2nd Wednesday of the month
9 a.m - 2 p.m
10th June

PARISH LEADERS +

Interim Rector.... Reverend Mary Ellen Dolan
Sr. Warden Peter Hellbach
Jr. Warden Chuck McCarter
Secretary Dorothee Dziewas
Treasurer Brain Huck
Assistant Treasurer Manfred Schmöller
Chair of Financial Management
Committee Andrea Noble
Vestry Members..... John Adam
..... Ashley Cross
..... Wolf-Dieter Donecker
..... Richard Nelson
..... Andrea Noble
..... Robert Ramsay
..... Aimee Schmidt
..... Peter Schüppenhauer
..... Lauren Thielicke
Acolytes
Altar Guild Valerie Röcker
Book Sale Wendy Rathgeber
..... Christine Spethmann
Chalice Bearers Raymond Hodgkinson
Choir Director Ivan Williams
Christmas Bazaar
Church Office Assistant Bernd Süßner
Coffee Hour Fleur Donecker &
..... Wendy Rathgeber

CommunicationsChristine Spethmann
 Custodian Erik Darko
 Fine Arts Ivan Williams
 Flower Guild Wendy Rathgeber
 Home Groups.....Richard Nelson
 & Andy Pickersgill
 Lectors Jeanne Nelson
 Music & Worship . The Rector/Choir Director
 Nearly New Elfriede Räder
 Organist Erika La Roux
 Outreach.....Fleur Donecker
 Parish Historian..... Hilary Norman
 Parish Magazine Christine Spethmann
 Parish Office StaffMaja Speranskij
Christine Spethmann
 Stamps for Bethel..... Jill Cross
 Sunday Bulletin (compiler)..... Ashley Cross
 Sunday School Cynthia Ball-Schmöller
 Ushers Jim Noble
 United Thank Offering (UTO) Kay Hollis
 Web Master Robert Ramsay
 Women of the Church (WOC)..... Jill Cross
 Worship Committee..... Ashley Cross,
 ... Fleur Donecker, Brian Huck, Ivan Williams
 Youth Activities Deborah Cole

JUNE ROTA

Sunday, 7th June

ACOLYTES Crucifer	
Torchbearers	
CHALICE BEARERS	Robert Ramsay Esther Onwubuariri
LECTORS	Karin Leube Richard Nelson
USHERS	TBA
VESTRY COUNTERS	Peter Hellbach Lauren Thielicke
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen Ridgeway Val Röcker
FLOWER GUILD	Renate Selkirk
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Cynthia Ball-Schmöller
COFFEE/TEA	Gaby Marahrens

Sunday, 14th June

ACOLYTES Crucifer	
Torchbearers	
CHALICE BEARERS	Grace Vorberg Richard Nelson
LECTORS	Nina Scheicher Ivan Williams
USHERS	TBA
VESTRY COUNTERS	Dorothee Dziewas John Adam
ALTAR GUILD	Jeanne Nelson Elfriede Räder
FLOWER GUILD	Nina Scheicher
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Cynthia Ball-Schmöller
COFFEE/TEA	Jason & Cathy Stevens

Sunday, 21st June

ACOLYTES Crucifer	
Torchbearers	
CHALICE BEARERS	Jason Stevens John Adam
LECTORS	Aimée Schmidt Peter Schüppenhauer
USHERS	TBA
VESTRY COUNTERS	Aimée Schmidt Peter Schüppenhauer
ALTAR GUILD	Kay Hollis
FLOWER GUILD	Wendy Rathgeber
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Cynthia Ball-Schmöller
COFFEE/TEA	Peter Hellbach & Nina Scheicher

Sunday, 28th June

ACOLYTES Crucifer	
Torchbearers	
CHALICE BEARERS	Ashley Cross Erik Leube
LECTORS	Lauren Thielicke Jason Stevens
USHERS	TBA
VESTRY COUNTERS	Peter Hellbach Peter Schüppenhauer
ALTAR GUILD	Diane Mrongowius Val Röcker
FLOWER GUILD	Barbara Müller-Grant
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Cynthia Ball-Schmöller
COFFEE/TEA	The Nelsons

JUNE SUNDAY LECTIONARY

7th June	
Psalm	29 or Canticle 2 or 13
LESSON I	Isaiah 6: 1 - 8
LESSON II	Romans 8: 12 - 17
Gospel	John 3: 1 - 17

14th June	
Psalm	20
LESSON I	1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16:13
LESSON II	2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10???
Gospel	Mark 4: 26 - 34

21st June	
Psalm	9: 9 - 20
LESSON I	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4 – 11, 19 – 23), 32 - 49
LESSON II	2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13
GOSPEL	Mark 4: 35 - 41

28th June	
Psalm	130
LESSON I	2 Samuel 1: 1, 17 - 27
LESSON II	2 Corinthians 8: 7 - 15
GOSPEL	Mark 5: 21 - 43

PIANO AND SINGING LESSONS

If anyone has an interest in learning to play the PIANO or in having SINGING LESSONS with an English speaker from Australia please contact Ivan Williams. Telephone - 0611 360 3657. Beginners welcome or those who simply wish to improve their current skills.

One of the saints depicted on our church windows is St. Boniface. He can also be seen as a statue outside Mainz Cathedral. On 5th June we celebrate the Feast of St. Boniface.

Boniface (or Wynfrith, as he was originally called) was born in Crediton, near Exeter, in 680. He studied at the abbeys of Newcell and Exeter and became a monk. Being of Saxon blood, he desired to do missionary work in Germany, in the land his ancestors came from. So, in 716 he left England for Friesland. There he tried without success to convert Radbold, the king of the Frisians (although Radbold had agreed with Boniface's teaching at first, he was angered by the thought that he might not meet his unconverted ancestors in Heaven). Boniface returned to England and then journeyed to Rome; in 719 he once again went to Germany, this time converting many of the Hessians. Pope Gregory II called Boniface back to Rome in 722 and gave him full papal backing for his missionary efforts. Upon his return to Germany, Boniface won fame for his courage in felling the sacred Oak of Thor at Geismar, and this greatly assisted his mission.

After reforming the Frankish church in a series of councils, Boniface founded the Abbey of Fulda in 743, and in 747 was made Archbishop of Mainz. As Archbishop he crowned Pepin as king of the Franks at Soissons and Pepin in turn assisted his missionary work. In about 755 Boniface resigned his Archbishop's seat and, as a humble monk, returned to Friesland to resume the task for which he had originally come to Germany. There he was martyred by wandering bandits, as he was confirming a group of converts. His body was buried in the great abbey at Fulda. The Feast of St. Boniface is observed on 5 June.

James Elsnau (this article first appeared in the June 1987 newsletter)

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Badminton - Beginners & Advanced

We are an English speaking badminton group, meeting every Tuesday evening from 20.15 - 22.30 hrs at the Badminton Sportszentrum, Obere Kreuzstr. 30, 55120 Mainz (from Wiesbaden Autobahn exit Mainz-Gonsenheim). If you would like to join us but have never played before or do not own a racquet - no problem. We are of mixed ability so beginners are welcome and racquets can be borrowed. Please let us know at least 24 hours beforehand if you would like to come along or just call Franca Cole 0611 400 552 or Tracey Junglas 06723 1773 for further details.

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LOOKING FOR A GOOD OPTICIAN IN WIESBADEN?

Are you looking for a good optician in Wiesbaden? If so, we have just the person for you. Eckhard Heger, whose address is brille 12, optik heger, Mauergasse 12, right in the middle of Wiesbaden, is an optician who speaks English AND is pleasant, helpful and very reasonable. Someone we know has found that Herr Heger's prices compare favourably with Fielmann's and Apollo's. In fact we can't praise him enough. Wolf-Dieter discovered him when he needed an optician he could get to with Pat in her wheelchair. Herr Heger's website is www.brille12.de.

Fleur and Wolf-Dieter Donecker

Looking for a cleaner?

Speaks fluent English, available in the Wiesbaden area, highly recommended,
Contact Andy Pickersgill 0172 7488298

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ellen away Clericus 1 – 5 June	2 <u>The Martyrs of Lyons</u> Mary Ellen away Clericus 1 – 5 June 7 – 8pm Silent Prayer	3 <u>The Martyrs of Uganda</u> Financial Management Committee Meeting Mary Ellen away Clericus 1 – 5 June	4 The First Book of Common Prayer Mary Ellen away Clericus 1 – 5 June	5 <u>Boniface, Archbishop and Martyr</u> Mary Ellen away Clericus 1 – 5 June	6 9am Gardening 10am – 1pm Book Sale 7.30pm NORTH
7 First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday 10am Holy Eucharist Sunday School Bible Study Membership Committee Meeting 1pm Ch of Pentecost 7pm Evensong	8	9 <u>Columba, Abbot</u> 7 – 8pm Silent Prayer	10 <u>Ephrem of Edessa</u> 9am – 2pm Nearly New Sale 7pm Vestry Meeting	11 <u>St Barnabas, Apostle</u> 6pm – 9pm Youth BBQ	12 <u>Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary</u>	13
14 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 1pm Ch of Pentecost	15 Evelyn Underhill	16 Joseph Butler, Bishop 7 – 8pm Silent Prayer	17 1pm Lunch time concert with Erika le Roux	18 Bernard Mizeki, Martyr	19	20
21 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 1pm Ch of Pentecost	22 Alban, Martyr	23 7 – 8pm Silent Prayer	24 Nativity of St John, the Baptist	25	26 7.30pm "All Australian" Concert	27
28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Holy Eucharist Sunday School Parish BBQ 1pm Ch of Pentecost	29 <u>St Peter and St Paul, Apostles</u>	30 7 – 8pm Silent Prayer				