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## From the Chaplain

This time last year I was recovering from jet lag as I had just arrived from Australia in time for the Nacht der Kirchen. I am amazed at how quickly the year has gone. And what a year we have had. Celebrating being 400 years old is a significant event and the programme of services, concerts and other events has been both rich and diverse. We have been entertained with beautiful classical music as well as contemporary Christian singers; we have welcomed several choirs and we have enjoyed a number of services of Choral Evensong. In addition, we hosted a Diamond Jubilee Celebration, a Bastille Day French evening and an Indian Dinner, and there is still more to come.



In all of this we have been able to meet many new people who have responded to our theme of 'Extending a Welcome'. People are coming to St Thomas Becket for many reasons and it is great to be able to 'Extend a Welcome' to them all, whether they are here for a short stay or a longer time. We now have upwards of sixteen different nationalities gathering on Sunday mornings and there is a wonderful richness in this. We can share our cultural identities with each other and in so doing, we can learn much from each other. This helps us to be more educated about other cultures and helps to break down the cultural divisions which exist in so many parts of the world. I believe that St Thomas Becket Anglican Community in Hamburg is a role model for the wider

community about how we can live together, side by side, not in spite of our differences, but because of them. I believe our multi-cultural makeup is one of our greatest strengths and should be celebrated at every opportunity.

In formulating our plans for the future, I hope that we will always strive to be inclusive, taking into consideration different cultures, ages, genders, education levels, language competencies, etc. This is not without its difficulties. For example, in my last parish, we struggled to find ways to make the parish toilets 'wheelchair friendly.' We were bound by Heritage rules relating to old buildings and we had to open the hall and put down a temporary ramp each time we needed wheelchair access to the toilets. I am sure this made the people in the wheelchair feel very uncomfortable, as though they had become a burden. I don't think they felt very 'welcome' at all. It is important that we consider as much of the human condition as we can as we strive to be a 'welcoming' community, acknowledging that this is sometimes difficult.

Thank you to everyone who is working so hard to make our parish a vibrant Christian presence in Hamburg. May God continue to bless us as we look forward into the start of our next 400 years!

Every blessing,  
Matthew

The Reverend Matthew Jones  
Chaplain

## **Advent and Christmas at St Thomas Becket Anglican Church**

This year you will notice something different about the interior of the church building during Advent and Christmas. We will have a life size Nativity Chapel where we can sit and pray with the Holy Family. The side area to the right of the altar and sanctuary will be converted into a large stable with life size figures of Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the Shepherds and, at a distance, the Three Wise Men. This area will be set aside for the Advent and Christmas period as a special chapel in which we can sit and pray and reflect on the 'real' meaning of Christmas. In our streets there is a strong emphasis on Santa as the dominant character in the Christmas story. This chapel will allow us to meditate on Jesus as the true essence of Christmas.

We will be printing The Christmas Story in a very simple form in both English and German. These will be on leaflets that people can take home and read to their children. It is hoped that many people will bring their children in to see Jesus, just as they would take them to the shopping centre to see Santa. This will be a very 'experiential' chapel and we hope that many will take the opportunity to spend some quiet time during Advent, praying and contemplating in this sacred setting.

This year we will also have a slightly different series of Christmas services. Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm. The

following day, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we will have our Family Service with the Nativity Play at 10.30am. On Christmas Eve at 4.00pm, there will be a Christmas Service (not Holy Communion) which is designed to tell the Christmas Story, especially to young children. This will be an opportunity for families to gather and hear the story of Baby Jesus with the large Chapel as a visual backdrop. It should be a very powerful experience for the young and not so young alike.

At 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, we will celebrate the Eucharist. This is a wonderful time to gather because as we reach the Thanksgiving Prayer, it will be very early on Christmas morning when we share in the Holy Communion together. There is also something quite beautiful about coming out of a church service around 1.00am on Christmas morning (and perhaps sharing a cup of warm cocoa together). We hope that many will come along and join in this special service. There will also be a service of Holy Communion on Christmas morning at 10.30am and we hope that this will be another wonderful opportunity to 'Extend a Welcome' to many who wish to celebrate Christmas at St Thomas Becket. All in all, a very exciting programme for Advent and Christmas.

We wish all our parishioners and visitors a very happy, safe and peace-filled Advent and Christmas.

**The Reverend Matthew Jones  
Chaplain**

## Churchwardens' News

Today is the Autumn Equinox and I am looking back on a most eventful summer. For the first time we celebrated "*le quatorze juillet*" with a lively evening of French song and sustenance, then two weeks later heard the delightful singing of the girl group *La Tiara*. On 11<sup>th</sup> August the Samuel Harfst Trio brought a mixture of pensive and spiritual rock music with thought-provoking lyrics in a packed church, to an audience in the age range from 9 to 76 years.

Thanks to the perseverance of Deborah and Wendy, this year we were able to reach out at British Flair, using Deborah's garden tent as an exhibition booth. A small group of us sang on stage a selection of songs, from "I say a little prayer" to Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah", accompanied by Fadi, a talented and versatile keyboard player.

"*Nacht der Kirchen*" – Night of the Churches – was the high spot of mid September, a fine example of excellent teamwork, a splendid variety of music, a presentation of our church's history, favourite hymns, African dance and quiet reflection at midnight.

Sadly Deborah Ockert has resigned mid-term as churchwarden. By the time you read this, I trust that I shall no longer be on my own and that her successor will have been chosen. Thank you, Debbie, for all your hard work and dedication, and thanks to your family who stand beside you!

Stuart Cooke  
21 September 2012

## Why do we need to elect a new churchwarden?

Many may be wondering why we need to elect a new churchwarden at a special meeting of parishioners. This is because Deborah Ockert has resigned this position and the process of appointment of a new warden is to hold a special meeting of parishioners on the electoral roll to elect a new person to this position. The newly elected person will hold this position up to the time of the next Annual General Meeting. Deborah wrote her letter of resignation to the Bishop and this was read out at the last church council meeting. Bishop David acknowledged her resignation but wrote 'I hope that, even though you are resigning from this particular role, you will continue to play a part in the life of the congregation'. I would also welcome this, as I am sure we all would.

I would like to say that Deborah performed her duties in a very meticulous way and her eye for detail was greatly appreciated, especially in terms of fabric matters and other organizational areas. I am sure we are all very grateful for the enormous amount of work she has done on behalf of us all.

I was reminded recently of our motto 'Extending a Welcome' and how important it is for all of us to be doing this. I telephoned Deborah and left a message saying that I hoped we would see her at church services again soon. Perhaps others might like to do the same.

May God give us all wisdom and discernment in our care of those to whom we 'Extend a Welcome'!

The Reverend Matthew Jones  
Chaplain

## Statement from the resigned churchwarden

After a meeting with the chaplain and my fellow churchwarden, Stuart Cooke, on 9<sup>th</sup> September, I have decided to step down as churchwarden. To clear away any misconceptions for this decision, I would like to offer the following statement.

Matthew is doing, in my opinion, an outstanding job as your new chaplain. I have tried my best to fulfill duties as a churchwarden over the past 2 years, such as upkeep of the building, tending to personnel matters, contracts, insurance and other administration tasks, thus freeing the priest from any earthly chores. In addition, I have been planning and formatting the service sheets – during the vacancy, when we had no permanent chaplain, and during the past year, as Matthew preferred not to take on this task.

I would like to clearly state that at no time did I have financial authority over the Church accounts and that my decision to leave the church has nothing to do with the finances of the Church. Audits of the accounts are now ongoing. All costs due to fabric repairs were agreed upon by the Fabric Committee and duly addressed at church council meetings. I have tried at all times to make decisions in the best interests of the Church.

I wish the congregation of St Thomas Becket all the very best for the future.

Deborah Ockert  
September 2012



I would like to formally thank everybody for having me spend a year of service at St Thomas Becket. As announced on 2 September in church, I shall be doing so under the terms of the “Bundesfreiwilligendienst” (BFD in short) from 4 September 2012 until 31 August 2013.

The BFD is the successor to the so called “Zivildienst”, since obligatory military or social service has been abolished in Germany.



It is aimed at people from all walks of life and of all age groups, to promote social service and to provide new perspectives for the participants. It is a voluntary year – that can be extended up to two years – spent in institutions involved specifically in welfare and charity, but also hospitals and so forth.

As concerns my involvement in the parish work, my areas of activity will include (amongst others): Ecumenical and design work, Kirchentag 2013, as well as assisting Fr Matthew in his ministry and enabling the parish to “extend a welcome” more frequently during the week, keeping our doors open more often.

I look forward to an exciting year and am happy to answer any questions regarding the BFD.

With best wishes,  
Philipp Rogall



## CAECG September Meeting

The Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany (CAECG) met in September in Berlin. Our parish was represented by our Chaplain, Fr Matthew, Karen Bergquist-Lüth, Birte Fischer and Harriet Sasse. Traditionally these meetings are held in different locations around the Archdeaconry which allows the participants to experience the hospitality of the different host parishes, as well as balancing out the distance and costs of travel for all the parishes.



Many issues were discussed and debated. The clergy had an opportunity to meet together on the first day and the lay members had a separate meeting on the second day. This year we had a guest speaker, The Reverend Dr Ashley Null who is an American Anglican Priest and a specialist in the field of Thomas Cranmer. There were three sessions-: Cranmer and the Scriptures, Cranmer and the Early Church Fathers and Cranmer and the Eucharist. He spoke with great knowledge and passion and reminded us all of Cranmer's view that "The glory of God is

to love the unworthy." This may be helpful for us at STB as we formulate our Mission Statement. Bishop Geoffrey was with us for the conference and celebrated the Eucharist for the Feast of St Matthew.

From around the Archdeaconry we heard many stories. Some of these were full of 'Good News' and others were heartfelt stories of challenge and hardship. It was good to be able to hear, first hand, how our brothers and sisters in Christ are coping in their ministries. We were able to pray together and support one another. We were joined by a priest from the Old Catholics and he brought greetings from his Bishop, Bishop Matthias Ring. We also received an apology from Bishop Pierre, the Bishop for the Episcopal Churches in Germany as he was in Munich attending a memorial service.

We spent some time talking about 'Kirchentag' which will be held in Hamburg next year 1-5 May 2013. Our whole city will be transformed as we expect some 100,000 or more visitors. Members of the CAECG are planning to come and assist at this event. We will update our website and service sheets as more information comes to hand but please feel free to talk to Birte or Fr Matthew if you wish to know more about Kirchentag.

The next CAECG meeting will be held in Heidelberg in March 2013.

Your CAECG Reps.

## An Indian Experience



St Thomas Becket went Indian recently as part of our 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. During the evening our guests were treated to sumptuous Indian cuisine and some delightful 'Bollywood Style' dancing. The dancers were a group of young girls from the German Red Cross who all generously offered to dance at no charge. Their costumes were delightful and they really entertained us all.

The whole night was one of fun and laughter, a very fitting way to celebrate such a significant anniversary. It was wonderful to be able to 'Extend a Welcome' to many people from different parts of the wider community, including the Indian Consul General, Mrs Subashini and her husband Mr. Murugesan.

## Nacht der Kirchen 2012



The doors of St Thomas Becket opened wide on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. We extended a welcome to nearly 1000 people during the afternoon and evening. A varied Programme commenced in the afternoon at 3pm with guests from the Acappellica Festival who gave a fantastic 2 hour performance.



A full programme continued through the evening, with Evensong, a repeat performance from Quartonal and the Gospolitans, a short history of the English Church in Hamburg, Chamber music from the Hamburger Orchestergem. A presentation of African song and dance and finalised with a recital of the Lord's Prayer in many languages.

What a wonderful occasion for our church in this 400 year Celebration. Many thanks to every one who helped to make this happen.

John Finn



## The Mothers' Union - Extending A Welcome

The Mothers' Union greatly appreciated the visit of Rosemary Kempzell, Worldwide President of the Mothers' Union and Barbara Woods, Diocesan President. The Mothers' Union branch in Hamburg has existed for 12 years since the beginning of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese in Europe.

Rosemary and Barbara joined by members of the Mothers' Union attended the Embassy Singers Choral Evensong on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September a very special and devotional event.



Rosemary's sermon was very inspiring. Allow me to quote:

"The modern Mothers' Union has a range and depth of work that far exceeds Mary Sumner's (founder of the MU) original vision of a circle of prayer upholding family life; it now has 4 million members in 83 countries. Yet prayer continues to be at the heart and witness of members who in the Wave of Prayer maintain a constant chain of intercession across global membership. Members continue to promote family life through parenting group work, marriage support and advocating for family-supportive policies whilst at the same time upholding families affected by poverty, homelessness, imprisonment, relationship-break-down and prison sentences.

Advocating for women at the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations, Literacy programmes in Africa, away from it all holiday in the UK, all highlight the concern that members continue to feel for disadvantaged families." *(To find out more check out the website [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org))*

After the Evensong we all went to Matthew's apartment where we had a superb dinner and spent an evening sharing our experience in the MU and hearing news from MU branches in Europe and Africa and many other countries. It was a memorable evening and the MU in Hamburg is proud to belong to this wonderful international mission organization, caring for children and families in need all over the world.

Rosemary and Barbara were each presented with a St Thomas Becket cookery book and a St Thomas Becket candle, which met with great appreciation.

Rosemary Kempzell is an inspiration to the MU in her endeavour to help children and families in need worldwide. Barbara Woods is a very supportive Diocesan President who cares for all the branches in the Diocese in Europe and whose support and promotion of the MU in the Diocese in Europe is exceptional.

We thank Father Matthew for his continued support for the MU in Hamburg.

The Revd Erika G. Anders  
President of the Mothers' Union in Hamburg



## “Embracing Difference: The Tradition of Anglican Inclusiveness” – Report from symposium organised by University of Hamburg.

One of the joys of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary has been the encounter with so many interesting people who have stepped forward from outside the church offering their gifts to become involved. And so it was I found myself having regular tea and cake sessions in the Steigenberger Hotel with Professor Susanne Rupp and Dr Felix Sprang, from the Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik University of Hamburg to support them in planning a symposium that was held 22 September (see article in BN51).



Twenty seven of us from quite a variety of backgrounds gathered in the Danish Seaman’s Church firstly to hear four contrasting and fascinating takes on the interfaces of the church today. **John Arnold**, Dean Emeritus of Durham Cathedral, who was one of our locums last year, opened the proceedings with a lucid and precise account of the complex history of the Meissen and Porvoo agreements, showing how churches can overcome differences if they just put their minds to it! This was followed by quite a moving account by Pastor **Walther Bindemann**,

now a member of the Faculty of Theology, University of Rostock, of his experiences of being a pastor to the German Speaking Lutheran Congregations in Scotland and North-East England. In other words, his experience of being a church of the Diaspora in Britain, just as we are here. **Britta Eger**, Pastorin of the Christianskirche in Ottensen, contrasted this with her experiences of her ministry in Gothenburg Sweden and her present situation in Ottensen. The final speaker was Canon **Brian Mountford**, Vicar of the University Church in Oxford, who put forward the reflections of his book ‘*Christian Atheist*’ about the relationship of the church to people who somehow want to be included, but don’t have a belief in God. All this needed digesting, and this was helped by an excellent Danish lunch prepared for us by members of the Danish Church – proving the practical use of Porvoo.



After lunch there was a ‘round circle’ (the table was removed) discussion in which I attempted the impossible which was to try to capture something of the breadth of the topic through questions put forward by participants. There were many more questions than could be tackled and we only just scratched the surface, but nevertheless the feedback from



participants was positive. It had all in all been a worthwhile exercise, but we certainly need more opportunities to tackle the range of issues that could have been included. I for one would like to discuss in much more depth the interface of church and the secular and the inclusion of people of other faiths or none.

So watch this space for a follow up, but in the meantime a huge thank you to Susanne and Felix for providing the impetus for this event, to the speakers for accepting the invitation, and not least to everyone who came along.

Monica

On August 25<sup>th</sup> we were delighted to welcome as part of our 400 anniversary celebrations the renowned **Hamburger Bachchor St. Petri** to sing Choral Evensong. The choir under Choirmaster Thomas Dahl has been performing Anglican choral music for over 15 years.

Our event on September 22<sup>nd</sup> was entitled **Jubilee – Königliche Musik aus vier Jahrhunderten**. We welcomed the Embassy singers from Berlin who gave a superb concert on the Saturday evening. They also joined us at the Sunday Eucharist, and sang a Choral Evensong the following day. Our grateful thanks for a really wonderful event.



## How Time Flies!

After church on September 16<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the first anniversary of our Chaplain Matthew Jones. After service we marked the occasion with an anniversary cake which, after blessing, was cut and eaten!



A band of our youngsters "The Secret Chords" made their first public performance at this event. Some were missing but luckily Matthew stepped in."



L:R Matthew, Philip, Amy, Ian, Kevin

Renu Roy/John Finn

## Are you a good listener?

The choir has two projects coming up: A Choral Evensong on 18th November and the Carol Service on 15th December.

The choir of St Thomas Becket is a very diverse group of voices. This year we explore what it means to be good listeners. Training our listening abilities deepens the spiritual dimension of our ministry. Usually we meet on Sunday morning at 9:30 hrs, one hour before Holy Communion starts to practice the hymns and an anthem. This is a special "Sunday commitment". Additionally we meet on Tuesdays (about three times a month) to rehearse pieces for special services like evensong services or the carol service. These projects are a good opportunity to have a look how we work and if you are patient enough to bear with our sometimes chaotic and crazy energy. If you consider singing with us, don't ask if you have a good voice or if you have singing experience. But ask instead: Am I a good listener?

### **Special: Quiet Morning – Reflection time for choristers - Saturday, 8th December, 10:00-13:00**

Our chaplain Matthew Jones and our choir director offer a "Quiet Morning". It's a time for reflecting the spiritual dimension of listening and singing and of the Christmas mystery we sing about in the carol service. Please bring a warm winter coat since we are also planning to go outside. There will also be time for sharing our thoughts and experiences. At the end of this quiet morning we'll celebrate Eucharist together. Please bring your lunch which we can have just before we continue in the afternoon with an open rehearsal.



## Open Rehearsals for the Choral Evensong

### **November Evensong:**

Rehearsal 1 Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	18:30
Rehearsal 2 Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	18:30
Rehearsal 3 Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	18:30
Preparation Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	15:30
Choral Evensong Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	17:00

### **Christmas Carol Service:**

Rehearsal 1 Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	14:00-16:00
Rehearsal 2 Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	18:30
Quiet Morning – Reflection time for choristers Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10:00-13:00
Rehearsal 3 Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	14:00-16:00
Rehearsal 4 Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	18:30

### **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Preparation Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	15:30
Service Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	17:00

Yotin Tiewtrakul  
– Choir Director



Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor our choristers are now equipped with cassocks and surplices which were tailored by a major supplier of clerical robes in England.

## Church Wanderers



Last summer's shared picnic in the Stadtpark had been such a success that it was decided to repeat it in July. Eleven of us, headed by Eileen, set off from the Winterhuder Marktplatz to the park. It was a leisurely stroll along tree-lined paths to the Planetarium, where there were ample seats for us to enjoy our coffee break and admire the beautiful flowerbeds. Where to have our picnic? Not an easy decision. The grassy banks overlooking the lake were favoured by some, but abandoned. So on we walked until we came to the "Forst Haus", now being renovated and classed as a listed building, situated at one end of a sunken lawn bordered by rose bushes. The weather at the start had been a little overcast but now we were basking in the sunshine and feeling very lazy. However, we did eventually move on and walked further through the park and back to the Marktplatz for Kaffee u. Kuchen. Always eating in this group! Our thanks to Eileen for an enjoyable day.

Mid-August saw the temperature soaring to 30°C, so our planned itinerary was changed. Instead of walking from Sülldorf station through Klövensteen and across the Buttersbargmoor, we turned South past the Sandgrube and through the woods to Falkenstein (or rather, true to form, we "wandered" through the woods, having not found the marked path). Then further on, as far as the Römischer Garten, where two wooden seats and a picnic table provided a perfect spot for lunch - in the shade, too! Thereafter, it seemed better to stay in the woods to the Blankeneser Landstrasse

rather than to descend to the Elbe, and we ended up at "Lühmann's" for K. u. K.

Our former Wanderer, Burkhard Conrad, organized and led our September walk in the Winsen Luhe area, Correction! The whole Conrad family led the walk, for we were met at Winsen station, not only by Burkhard but by his wife, Heather and their two little girls. Burkhard carried 18 month old Hannah in a harness and Heather had brought along a double push chair, although it was only needed to carry picnic things as 3 year old Lucy is already an intrepid hiker. We were taken first along one of Winsen's shopping streets which ended at the Schlossplatz and then, to 13th century Schloss itself, then into open country. This was new territory for us, mainly marshland, but there was no danger of sinking in, as we followed an attractive raised path. Our lunch stop was by the Stöckte yacht harbour on the Ilmenau. Unfortunately, due to cramp, I was unable to finish the walk but we completed the day with a very welcome tea prepared by Heather and Lucy. A very memorable day with the Conrads.

### Forthcoming walks

October There can be no walk this month. In this 400th anniversary year a special church event is scheduled to take place on every Saturday. Do support the organizers and enjoy at least one or two of these events!

November A walk in the Schwerin area led by Stuart.

December To be arranged.

Cicely Hollingsworth



## Recycled Christmas and Greetings cards

Recycled Christmas Cards will once again be on sale from the end of October in aid of Church Funds. The cost will be the same as last year - that is € 11 for 10 cards, including envelopes, and €1.30 for single cards.

For the newer members of the congregation, we have been selling recycled cards since 1986, having started that first year with just 300. We now sell about 6000 cards per year with a net profit last year of € 5,547.98 for the church. The Christmas cards have a Christmas and New Year message in both English and German, are within the 20 gr. Limit for normal postage and are the correct size for standard envelopes. There is a great variety of different designs to choose from - both religious and non- religious – nativity scenes, shepherds, wise men, angels, doves, stars, robins, flowers, holly, Christmas trees, snow scenes, ex Unicef designs, penguins, Victorian scenes, Father Christmases, children's cards, etc.

We sell about 1000 cards at the Bazaar and others of course after church during November and December. Most of the cards however are sold within the different English speaking and international clubs and societies, and also among friends privately and to work colleagues. In this way we are able to reach out to a far wider community. If you think that you could help by doing this, perhaps you could contact one of us. Every single card sold outside the church congregation is one more than we would otherwise have sold – i.e. it's good whether you sell 5 cards or 50 to your friends, family or work colleagues.

Quite literally every card sold helps the total profit, and it's also an excellent way to publicise the church.

We are dependent on used cards from previous years, so please don't throw your old cards away but bring them to church to give to us. We also need flower and used birthday cards for making "all the year round" cards.

Finally we are quite a small team making the cards and so would be very grateful for any extra help offered.

Judith Holst (Tel. 8800727)

Irene Finn (Tel. 86626673)

Cicely Hollingsworth (Tel. 860790)



## Annual Bazaar, Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012

I know you will be pleased to hear that our annual bazaar will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10.30-16.00 in Church. Already at this point, a big thank you to all stallholders, for being prepared to get involved again in this the annual big money raising event.

Don't worry if you are not involved yet. We need all the help we can get for the set up and clear up teams. Renu Roy will be asking for help and we need you!

Please contact Renu Roy or myself if you have any donations or questions. Items should only be brought into church during November please.

John Finn

## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at St Thomas Becket July—September 2012

Baptism & Confirmation 'The Water of Life'	Ezra Fredi Ngozichi EDEH	28 July 2012
Weddings 'To have and to hold...'	-	-
Funerals & Memorial Service 'I know that my redeemer lives'	Fiona STEEVENS	21 July 2012

### Services at St Thomas Becket

Holy Communion is held in church every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.  
For details of Evensong and other services, please refer to our website.  
[www.anglican-church-hamburg.de](http://www.anglican-church-hamburg.de)

### Christmas Services 2012

Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17.00	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30	Family Service with Children's Nativity Play
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.30	Holy Communion
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16.00	Christmas Eve Service (especially for young children)
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 23.30	Christmas Eve Eucharist
Tue. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30	Christmas Morning Holy Communion

Please note the deadline for the next edition of **Becket News** is  
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