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We are an English-speaking church in Hamburg consisting of people of many nations and Christian traditions. We worship in the Anglican style and our church is part of the Diocese in Europe, which belongs to the Church of England. Our parish has existed since 1612 and the present church building since 1838. People of all nationalities and denominations are welcome to our services and other activities.

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From the Chaplain



I have been in Hamburg nine months and the time seems to be passing by so quickly. I think this is because I am really enjoying being here. I am more and more delighted

every week with the positive, energetic people I am meeting. Our parish has a vibrancy that is very attractive and many people comment on this, especially when visiting STB for the first time.

I think it is now time for us, as a parish, to consider our Mission Statement. **What does God want us to be here in Hamburg?**

We have a magnificent building in a prime location. We have a unique ministry in that our services are conducted in English. We are an international community of up to fifteen different nationalities on any given Sunday. We have a growing ministry with children and young families. We have a strong music ministry and we are gaining a reputation as a wonderful venue for music performances, as stated so eloquently by Daniel Hope when he performed in our church at the beneficiary concert in February (See the video interview on our STB400 website www.stbecket400.de). These are just a few of our strengths and there will be more developing as we explore new ways of *'Extending a Welcome'*.

I would love to hear from people about their positive experiences of STB. This will help us, the Church Council and the congregation as a whole, to develop a meaningful Mission Statement that we can use to entice people to have their own experience of STB.

A Mission Statement only has value if it is a true reflection of our ministry and can be used on a regular basis. Ideally, it should only be one sentence with several points

which can be used as a measure of our ministry. In my last parish, our Mission Statement was *'To be a vibrant centre of Christian spirituality in the heart of the city'*. Every time someone proposed an activity we asked four questions: Is it vibrant? Is it Christian? Does it feed people's spirituality? Does it reach from the heart out into the wider community? If it didn't achieve all four points, we sent the idea back to be worked on until it could either meet the four requirements or be discarded. This model worked very successfully because everyone could see why we were doing the things we did. It was simple and easy to use.

I hope there will be lots of ideas floating around in the coming months. It would be great to have this Mission Statement in place by the 25 November 2012, the Feast of Christ the King. This is the day when Bishop David will come and formally end our 400th anniversary celebrations and send us forth with his Episcopal blessing into our 401st year. Wouldn't it be great to have this Mission Statement as our guide for the beginning of the next 400 years!

Every blessing as we work together for the building up of God's church here in Hamburg.

**The Reverend Matthew Jones
Chaplain**

Oh, to be like Him, tender and kind,
Gentle in spirit, lowly in mind;
More like to Jesus, day after day,
Filled with His Spirit now and always.

- Ellsworth

**Our love for Christ is only as real as
our love for our neighbour.**

Confirmation – what is it and why would I want it?

I am intending to hold Confirmation Classes from 14 October to 4 November on Sunday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. Anyone wishing to be Confirmed may speak to me and I would be delighted to include them in the process.

This is probably a familiar article seen in many church bulletins, but what does it mean? What does it actually mean to be 'Confirmed'?

Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments of the Anglican Church (as it is in the Lutheran, Catholic and several other denominations). Simply put, it means to confirm the promises that were made on our behalf at our Baptism if we were not of an age to take the responsibility upon ourselves. In other words, to own our Faith as our own, not just something our parents gave to us.

This is a very significant moment for many people. I was around twenty four when I decided I wanted to own the faith for myself. My parents had offered me the opportunity to be Confirmed on several occasions in my teens, but it never really meant a great deal. In my adult years, as I mixed with more Christian people, and asked a lot of questions, I discovered there was something about this 'Faith' stuff that I wanted. This led me ultimately to Confirmation and I can still remember that day. The Bishop told me not to expect bolts of lightning from heaven, but I did feel a new sort of energy that has never left me.

Bishop David will be with us on the Feast of Christ the King, 25 November 2012. On this day, he will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on those who request it (preferably teenage and older). This

requires prayerful preparation and I would be delighted to lead anyone on this journey who desires it. Please let me know in plenty of time before the classes begin on 14 October.

**The Reverend Matthew Jones
Chaplain**

The Bible Study group has been meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings at the Chaplain's Flat. What began as a Lenten Study group has become a very vibrant group of people from mixed backgrounds and church experiences studying the Bible together. We have been looking at Ruth's journey where she followed her mother-in-law to a new country and changed her religion. This led to her marriage with Boaz, the grandfather of Jesse who was the father of King David. At the same time we looked at the birth of Samuel, whose mother thought she was barren but prayed fervently to God for a son. Samuel became the great prophet whom God called to anoint David as the future King. This is particularly significant for us when we sing favourite Christmas hymns such as 'Once in Royal David's City' because we can see how these events led to the Messiah being born of the house of David. Joseph, Mary's husband was a descendant of the house of David and it was necessary for Jesus to come from this line to fulfil what the prophets had said. The group will have a short recess in July and regroup in August when we will begin looking at some of the New Testament, beginning with the Book of James. Anyone interested in 'checking out the group' would be most welcome, or simply have a chat with me.

Every blessing,
Matthew

Churchwardens' News

Is it coincidence that Good Friday was the date when I was asked to serve as churchwarden? At the point of darkness in the church's year, after a season of domestic drama (the heating in my house had collapsed with an outside temperature of -14°C), following a major decision to change my emphasis on full-time employment and enter "semi-retirement", I had to deeply consider the implications of the proposal. In my home country, the office of churchwarden has been legally recognized for around 800 years. We are officers of the Bishop, legally responsible for all the property and movable goods belonging to the parish church, but by tradition having no authority over music and liturgy, which are left to the priest. A churchwarden should possess the soft "people skills" which I was not born with, but I am certainly at home with finance and organization, and the dual role of treasurer and churchwarden represents a fascinating challenge. The support within the chaplaincy and beyond has been overwhelming. Our Archdeacon has also seen the need for a basic churchwarden training workshop, which Deborah Ockert and I will attend in Hamburg in October.

I am delighted to be serving with Deborah, who with her characteristically quiet and deep manner has already shown me her wisdom in dealing with issues arising - and she has gathered this experience in only two years! It is equally encouraging to be working with a council full of strong and willing individuals, not to mention a warden-friendly priest!

At present I am still reading the "Churchwarden's Handbook" and becoming more familiar with the Canons of the Anglican Church, but for practical purposes our immediate concerns are in sustaining the building, as well as channelling the wide variety of talents which our parishioners bring.

This year has presented particular opportunities and challenges with the 400th birthday. We have been amazed by the creativity in the celebrations planned for the next three months, starting with the Storming of the Bastille on 14 July through to a Swedish Folk Mass on 29 September, and a Christian gospel/rock band, Indian event, Jubilee Royal Music and visiting singers at Evensong Services in between. Many hands have made light work and our team efforts are bringing fruit, not millions of euros (yet!), but a public exposure and solid basis on which to build in the decades and centuries ahead.

Stuart Cooke
June 2012

Fabric Improvements.



Restoration work continues on our church building. Following the repairs to the floor tiles and the wooden pews we are now in the midst of repairing the water pipes and the floor to the sink room adjacent to the vestry. Replacing the flooring and renewing the stone entrance to the crypt has given us unexpected challenges to deal with and the repairs are taking a little longer than planned.

More great things are still to come; we are now planning the repairs to the roof, the re-pointing of the chimney, and working toward our grand renovation project of 2013.

So pardon our dust! We apologise for any inconvenience and we hope our services will continue with a minimum of discomfort.

John Finn



An end and a beginning in the Hafencity

It's been full steam ahead in the Hafencity in the past few weeks! Following the laying of the foundation stone of the Ecumenical Centre in October, 2010 and the Richtfest



(topping out ceremony) in September 2011, - both events being well described by Deborah in issues 45 and 48 of this magazine, - came "Hiev op der Glocke", the hoisting up of the 630 kilo bronze bell, a gift from the Hamburg Ost / Südholstein Lutheran church, onto the top of the outside wall of the building in the Shanghai Allee. The same day, 23 May saw the arrival of the 1950's font, on permanent loan from the Lutheran Eimsbüttel congregation (it had formerly belonged to the St Stephanus Kirche, now closed) and of the Roman Catholic church's gift, a relic of St Laurentius from the Hamburg Mariendom.

Then came the day for which all the nineteen denominations of "Das Ökumenische Forum Hafencity- Die Brücke" had been waiting, the grand opening of the centre on 18 June.

First, however, we had to say "good bye" to the little provisional chapel which had served



so well for three and a half years. After the children of the St Katherinen Kindergarten had charmingly entertained the crowd assembled outside the chapel with a couple of songs, there followed a very apt reading from Jeremiah, chap.29, vv 5-7; prayers were said; silence was kept and several moving extracts were read out from the chapel's visitors' book. Clearly people had deeply appreciated the opportunity to leave the bustle in the city outside for a time of quiet reflection within its walls.

The Roman Catholic Erzbischof Dr Werner Thissen spoke the words of farewell. It was, he said, an ending but also an "Aufbruch", a setting out on a new venture. Then the procession of clergy and people, led by our chaplain Matthew, carrying the wooden cross and accompanied by the Hamburg Marching Saints, set out, literally, in the direction of the new building. As we turned the corner into the Shanghai Allee, the new bell was swinging impressively, ringing out its welcome loud and clear.

The crowd was such that seats in the new chapel were naturally reserved for the principal actors in the project and important guests, but the ensuing proceedings were relayed into the "Veranstaltungsraum" and shown on a large screen both there and outside on the terrace.

The choir of the Russian Orthodox Church Moskauer Patriarchat opened the service

with the singing of Psalm 15, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Then, after everyone had joined in the Taizé chant, "Laudate, omnes gentes", Prof. Dr Fernando Enns, a theologian eminent in the field of ecumenism, described the impulse that had led to the drawing up of the "Charta Oecumenica". Prayers were then offered by clergy from the nine denominations that had brought a gift or proposed a text reflecting the mission of their particular church. These texts have been cut into the brickwork of the new chapel. Matthew led a prayer which expanded the thought expressed in St Thomas Becket's contribution, John chap, 15 v.13. The Lutheran Bischöfin Kirsten Fehrs asked God's blessing on the future mission of the new centre and the service ended with the singing of the hymn, "Nun danke alle Gott" (the English version was also printed on the sheet).



There followed a speech by Hamburg's First Mayor, Olaf Scholz, in which he stressed the importance to the city of the ecumenical centre and the readiness of the Senate to promote its well-being.

Tom Buhrow had taken a day off from the "Tagesthemen" and now conducted a series of interviews with members of "Die Brücke" committee and others, including the architect, Prof. Wolfgang Lorch, who have played a key role, some over many years, in bringing about

today's happy outcome. The Methodist minister Karsten Mohr recalled how he had watched a TV programme in 1997, in which the then mayor of Hamburg, Henning Voscherau had suggested that there should be some Christian presence in the proposed harbour development. This prompted him to speak to clergy of other churches and together they formed a group, small at first, which over the years has expanded into the nineteen of today.

(St Thomas Becket joined soon after the arrival of Roger White in 2001).

The building, as I explained in my report to the church AGM, has a number of functions and includes twenty-six flats. Some members of the "Wohnprojekt" have already moved in and together with the two couples from the Laurentius Konvent will form a "Wohngemeinschaft". The ceremonial handing over of a key to the new residents was carried out by Bernhard Schick.

A special mention must be made of the clarinetist, Giora Fiedman who had flown in from Israel to attend this event and who delighted those present with his playing at various points during the day. Visibly moved, he thanked everyone for inviting him, a Jew, to Germany.

The Elbe Faire Café was now open for refreshments and one could sign up for a conducted tour of the building. A service of evening prayer was to be held in the chapel at 6pm.

I do not know at what hour the centre closed for the night, as I was back home by early evening but the programme mentioned a buffet and music and dancing not beginning until 9.15pm. Quite a day!

Cicely Hollingsworth

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Our congregation at St Thomas Becket's has been in celebration mode this year. 400 years of worship here in Hamburg. Another good reason to celebrate was Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee. On May 24 we marked this memorable occasion with a lively evening, lead by our Chaplain, Matthew Jones, who gave a lecture on the relationship between the Royal Monarchs, since Henry VIII and the Church and State. The present Queen has talked of the tremendous help her faith has been, during her 60 years reign.



The Church was filled with bunting and flags, posters of the Queen and beautiful flower displays in red and white (blue not being available). The evening was very well attended and the conversation, food and wine after the lecture was very much enjoyed. The wine was generously donated by Howard Kroch, Honorary Consul of Trinidad and Tobago and Chairman of the English-Speaking Union. The Mothers' Union and Ladies Christian Fellowship were involved in the meeting and greeting and of course the catering. A raffle for jubilee related prizes also added to the evenings entertainment. Nearly a thousand Euros was added to the coffers to help towards necessary repairs to the building.



Many of those in attendance were not regular church goers but all were people who wanted to mark and celebrate with a nation and commonwealth, a remarkable woman and her devotion to duty and her people.

John Finn

Future Concerts and Events

A full programme of events is planned for the next three months of our anniversary year. For further details please refer to (www.stbecket400.de)

14 Jul	18.30	Celebrate Bastille Day
21 Jul	14 -16.00	Songs and Summer Wine
28 Jul	20.00	LaTiara Sneak Preview
11 Aug	19.30	Samuel Harfst Trio
25 Aug	17.00	Evensong with St Petri Choir
1 Sep	14.00	Indian Event
15 Sep	19.00	Nacht der Kirchen
22 Sep		Symposium (see page 13)
22 Sep	20.00	Royal Music
23 Sep	10.30	&
	17.00	services with Embassy Singers Berlin
23 Sep	17.00	Evensong with Guest Speaker - World President of the Mothers' Union -
29 Sep	19.00	Swedish Folk Mass

Mogo 10 June 2012

With Teutonic efficiency, from 9 a.m. onwards, 30,000 motorbikes were marshalled into the Ludwig-Erhardt-Straße in front of our church, the parade extending around 2km. A visitor might have been forgiven for thinking it was just a bikers' party and rock concert, but the Motorcycle Service in and around the St Michaelis Church had depth. The motto this year was "Zeig dich" - literally "show yourself" - more biblically interpreted as "don't keep your light under a bushel". Certainly 30,000 bikers could not be overlooked; the sermon by Erich Fehling and music by Inga Rumpf filled the neighbourhood. Although over 200 tonnes of fuel will have been burnt, we mustn't forget that few of the bikers otherwise would have ridden to a church service and shown such solidarity with the chosen theme.



I have lost count how many times I have taken part in the Hamburg MoGo, and I have seen the event grow from a few hundred bikes beside the Michel to become a major landmark of Hamburg culture. I believe there are very few cities in the world where such a vibrant mixture of the Christian message, 30,000 machines, brilliant rock music, perfect organization and benign governance could be put together on such a scale. At 2.15 p.m. the signal was given to "get your motors running" and we headed out, in a sedate, closely

packed procession, onto the highway in the direction of Kaltenkirchen.

On arrival in Kaltenkirchen, again amazed that, thanks to impeccable management and discipline, 30,000 bikes could be parked neatly in a few minutes, we were greeted by a more secular rock band – and the only heavy downpour of rain of the day. The bikes got wet, but riders rushed for cover under the wurst and pommes-frites stands, and viewed a small exhibition by two British and German motorcycle manufacturers. When the shower was over, roads and bikes drying in the sun, music turning over to piped mainstream pop, we went home with the memory of another enjoyable MoGo Sunday. For your diary by the way: the next Hamburg MoGo will be on Sunday 9th June 2013.



Stuart Cooke

Church Wanderers

The Wanderers have certainly been "wandering" away from their published programme in the past few months. This is called "being flexible" and shows that we are ready to change our plans to fit in with people's wishes and with other events in this special 400th anniversary year.

In April Matthew, Tina and I took the train to Burg (Ditmarschen), where we were joined by Nicki and Johann who had travelled by car and by Eileen who would lead us on a 13kms round walk through her local area. The initial stretch along woodland paths and farm tracks brought us to the Ost-West Kanal (or Kiel canal, if you prefer it!), where we found a table and benches ready and waiting for us to sit and enjoy our picnic lunch. Then on along the towpath and into the village centre. When we arrived at "Dat lütte Café" it was so busy that we continued to another Gaststätte on the market place. There the temptation of as much cake as you could eat for a very reasonable fixed price resulted in our having to change our plans for the return journey. Trains don't wait for gluttons and we train-travellers gratefully accepted Johann's offer of a lift back to Hamburg. We bade Eileen farewell at the station, thanking her for once again inviting us to enjoy the delights of Burg on a lovely Spring day.

May was such a busy month in the life of the church, that it was not possible to find a suitable date for a walk, although Eileen, Tabea and myself took advantage of Stuart's offering an additional historical walk in the afternoon of May 6th to join him on an interesting tour of the various locations in Hamburg with a British connection.

In June twelve of us - it was good to welcome Darryl, Matthew's visitor from Australia - enjoyed one of our favourite walks, that from Aumühle to Bergedorf via Reinbek. Nicki and

Johann, our expert guides in this area, led us through the woods along the banks of the Bille, particularly lovely at this time of year in fine weather. On arrival at Schloss Reinbek we kept to our tradition of settling ourselves on the steps by the lake-side for our picnic. The ducks were happy to get a few tit-bits. It was now becoming more overcast and windy, but as yet no rain. Sadly, my feet were feeling rather sore at this stage (7.5 kms from the start), so I joined Anke, who was going to visit her sister in Reinbek hospital in the afternoon, for further refreshment at the café before catching the train home. The rest of the group, however, continued on their way to Bergedorf (another 5kms), where, I am told, they had Kaffee und Kuchen in the best café in the town and enjoyed an hour or so of lively chat. Sorry I missed this!

Forthcoming dates (subject, maybe, to alteration this year!)

July 21 a short walk and picnic in the Stadt park*

August 18 &
September 8 to be arranged *

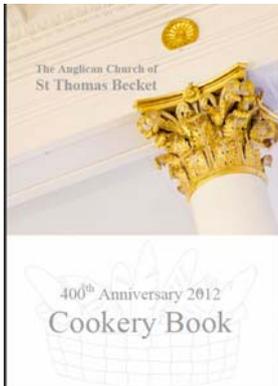
Details of all walks will be sent to those on the mailing list about a week before each date and also published on the web site and in church. Do keep coming!

Cicely Hollingsworth



To celebrate the 400th Anniversary of St Thomas Becket Hamburg

A New Church Cook Book - 2012



Twenty three years ago some members of St Thomas Becket and their friends compiled a St Thomas Becket Cookery Book, which is still very much in use in many kitchens all around the globe!

For sometime, we had thought about and discussed compiling a new recipe book. The 400th Anniversary of our Church this year, proved to be the perfect opportunity.

This cook book was also a team effort and each recipe in the book is special to those people who kindly sent us their contribution. The contributions came from far and wide and surprisingly, many from non members of our church congregation. However, a very special 'thank you' to all those members of St Thomas Becket and their numerous friends, who shared their favourite recipes!

The book is now on sale in Church for 10 € per copy and can also be posted (charges for postage apply). We hope you will enjoy trying these recipes with as much hungry enthusiasm, as we received them and wish you happy cooking and baking, after which, just sit back and enjoy the results! The recipes include some much admired delicacies such as Coronation Chicken, which was served at the recent Diamond Jubilee lecture, Ellen's famous Devonshire Scones and the popular Zucchini chutney. There are also recipe for treats for your dog or cat. We think the book is also a good read, and will be a handy present for Christmas and Birthdays!

All proceeds from the sale of the book will be given to the Church, for necessary repairs to the building. So get your copy soon.

Guten Appétit!

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Nacht der Kirchen 2012

Alpha and Omega is the motto of the 9th "Night of the Churches of Hamburg".

If the walls of the churches could speak, they would tell us about the beginning and end of life and would whisper to us "You are surrounded by great things"

This year, the 15 September 2012 is the night the churches open their doors and 130 communities jointly invite you to a great festival with literature, music, art and dance.



St Thomas Becket church will, once again, be participating in this event and our doors will be open from 7pm for Choral Evensong (See page 12),

Further details will be announced nearer the date.

Extending a welcome through music



Following this year's motto of our church community - "Extending a welcome" - you may have noticed that we have not only welcomed new faces but also have new guests: songs from different traditions and styles. Please enjoy them and make an effort to get to know them better! Of course we have a choir. But the choir's job is just to support the singing of the whole congregation. So don't be shy to join in the songs and hymns!

The choir at St Thomas Becket is not a very fixed group. You can rather speak of two different kinds of commitments: There are some who come regularly on Sunday morning at 9:30 to practice the songs and hymns, the psalm and an anthem before Holy Communion starts. But there is also the possibility to join a choral project at a special event. Everybody is invited to be a part of such projects. These projects provide a great chance to reach out to the Hamburg community and invite people who may be not so familiar with church to come along and "just sing".

This is the choir's contribution to extend the welcome.

For the Evensong in June we sang the very classic Canticles in C ("My soul doth magnify the Lord" and "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant") by Victorian composer Charles Villiers Stanford. It was a great experience! We'll sing them again at the Nacht der Kirchen (NDK) in September. Maybe you would like to be a part of that event this time?

Nacht der Kirchen (NDK) Project 2012

Tuesday, 21st August,

18:30 choir practice (1)

Tuesday, 4 September,

18:30 choir practice (2)

Tuesday, 11 September,

18:30 choir practice (3)

Saturday, 15 September,

18:00 - Warming Up,

19:00 - Evensong for

Nacht der Kirchen (NDK)

Please note the following dates for this year's Carol Service if you want to join this project:



Christmas Project 2012

Saturday, 1 December 2012,

13:00 to 15:00 hrs - Rehearsal (1)

Tuesday, 4 December 2012,

18:30 hrs - Rehearsal (2)

Saturday, 8 December 2012,

13:00 to 15:00 hrs - Rehearsal (3)

Tuesday, 11 December 2012,

18:30 hrs - Rehearsal (4)

Saturday, 15 December 2012,

15:45 – Warming up,

17:00 hrs – Nine Lessons and Carols

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11 August in Church - Samuel Harfst - Not your average concert! -



Have you ever wanted to talk to someone about being a Christian but didn't know how? Then this is your chance: Ask them to come to the Samuel Harfst concert with you!

Samuel Harfst is a German Christian rock/pop/ band and I believe (and have personally experienced) that they can reach out to people, especially the young and the young at heart. Interestingly they were actually discovered in Australia where they played on the streets to finance their studies and were so popular that they decided this was their real vocation!

Samuel Harfst has a beautiful, subtle way of spreading Christian values such as kindness, love, the importance of good relationships...This isn't just a concert, it's a whole outreach mission!

Tickets are available (EUR 11 in advance and EUR 13 at the door) at church or via www.samuelharfst.de. I also have lots of flyers and posters and would be grateful if you could spread them around as much as you can.

Please come to the concert and bring as many friends as you can. Thanks in advance for your support!

Sally Wandrey

22 September - A 400th Anniversary Symposium: “Embracing Difference: The Tradition of Anglican Inclusiveness”

Earlier in the year, having seen our announcement ‘Extending a Welcome’, our Chaplain was approached by Prof. Susanne Rupp, Professor for British Literature and Culture at the University of Hamburg, together with her colleague Dr Felix Sprang, about the University of Hamburg contributing something to our celebratory year.

This has resulted in the idea for a symposium to be held on 22 September taking as its theme **“Embracing Difference: The Tradition of Anglican Inclusiveness”**. As Prof. Rupp writes “The history of the Anglican Church is characterized by a continuous struggle for inclusiveness. In the early years of the Anglican Church this strive towards comprehensiveness was primarily due to the endeavour of establishing a national Church enabling as many subjects as possible to feel part of a united Church and its creed.” Taking this as its theme the symposium sets out to explore the challenges of heterogeneity the Anglican Church has been confronted with in the past, is facing at present, and will have to negotiate in the future. Four contributors, including John Arnold who was one of our locums last year, will analyze how the Anglican Church came and still comes to terms with internal and external differences: the cultural and social heterogeneity of its members as well as the relation to other.

More information will appear on the www.stbecket400.de website. Please get in touch with the STB400 coordinator if you are interested in attending.

Monica

Family Service and Church Picnic at Planten und Blomen

The Junior Church wrapped-up an eventful church school year (which included our first JC family weekend retreat to a Heuhotel) on 17 June with a family service followed by a sunny picnic in the botanic garden. The service, which was shaped by the inspiration and contributions of the children of the Junior Church, was a wonderfully alive and moving occasion. Along with their 'Rap' version of the Lord's Prayer, and a beautiful solo at communion sung by Kullaya and accompanied by Stella (cello) and their friend Paul (piano), the children introduced their charitable giving project (see related article) and shared Junior Church 'bread' (mini biscuits) at communion.



Thank you to all of the children for your part in making it such a lovely service!

Then it was off to Planten und Blomen for an afternoon of food and games in the park. A highlight was of course the tug-of-war game in which the women and girls paired up against the men and boys. Guess who won twice in a row....

Karen Bergquist-Leuth

We're giving goats!



Children of Junior Church Raised €300 to donate Milking Goats to Developing Countries.

For several years the Junior Church's weekly collection has helped provide the children some early lessons in Christian giving. The year's collection is donated at the end of the school year to a charity that helps disadvantaged children, like Unicef. In order to make the lesson more tangible this year, we decided to save toward a specific goal. The children looked at a variety of charitable giving options available through the Oxfam website and chose to save up for a pair of milking goats at €78. By the end of the school year the children had donated €114, enough for one pair but not quite enough for two. We decided to ask the congregation to support the children's efforts with a special offering collected by the Junior Church children at the family service on 17 June. Thanks to the congregation's generous giving we have collected a total of €304. This will allow the children to give four pairs of goats – that's more like a herd!!



Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at St Thomas Becket April—June 2012

Baptism & Confirmation 'The Water of Life'	Nomase Odeh Anderson	April 15
	Ruby Charlotte Evans	June 3
Weddings 'To have and to hold...'	None	-
Funerals 'I know that my redeemer lives'	None	-

Get Well Soon !

We remember David Findlay and Peter Alexander in our thoughts and prayers. Both David and Peter are at home and recovering well from recent illness.

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

And to keep track of everything we are doing to '*Extend a welcome*'
please refer to
www.stbecket400.de



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