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Tackling Covid-19 coronavirus

The coronavirus pandemic that is no longer just a threat but is for real will be a testing time for us all. The prognosis is that many will fall sick, though most not seriously. Some will die. It is that serious. So this is a time when we need to show genuine love for our neighbour and ourselves by reaching out to each other, remotely.

Following the decision on 13 March by the Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches in Hamburg to suspend church services, the churchwardens moved swiftly to announce the same for St Thomas à Becket. On 14 March, this action was confirmed as the right course by an instruction from the Dean John Newsome, who had consulted with our Archdeacon Leslie, not to hold any church activities until further notice.

The churchwardens and members of Council put in place measures to tackle the situation, and the communications team have worked tirelessly to keep the website and Facebook pages up to date. In particular, we have been concerned to support those who may be anxious and in need of comfort at this time.

The authorities are asking those with symptoms, or who have tested positive, to self-isolate, which means cutting oneself off as much as possible from contact to others. Being ill, anxious and lonely isn't much fun, so we are lining up volunteers to be available for a chat on the phone or via social media. Although we are asked to keep away from each other, we do not have to be cut off from all

human contact.

A nucleus of volunteers from the church ministries is in place who will be available to chat. They can be reached via the churchwardens – Madeleine Resühr: tel 0177 6510616 or Susanne Hergoss: tel 0176 21523516 – or by emailing covid@anglican-church-hamburg.de.

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list, please email to say so. Other than offering comfort over the phone, there may be need for helping people in isolation get food.

What else can we do other than pray?

Aside from the health risk aspects, this pandemic is a devastating economic blow particularly for those in the gig economy, artists and performers whose incomes depend on events now being cancelled. Those less affected economically can perhaps think about ways to support those less fortunate financially, such as switching pre-paid tickets to donations if such possibilities are available.

And finally a prayer from the Church of England website:

*Keep us, Good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and
fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Communications team on behalf
of the Chaplaincy Council**

An update from the churchwardens

The outstanding event since the last edition of Becket News was, of course, our annual bazaar on Saturday, 16 November (*see p10*). As usual, lots of preparation went into making it a successful and fun day. The community spirit was very much in evidence; the stalls were loaded with goodies of all kinds, from jams and chutneys to cakes and mince pies, from handicrafts to Glühwein, from yummy waffles and crepes made by the Mixers, to the delicious African and Indian food and the always popular café and bookshop upstairs. The new raffle system – only selling tickets on the day and avoiding the very long draw of previous years – also worked

well. Thanks to the many hands who made light work of it all!

The day after the bazaar was also special, but for a very different reason: we had to bid farewell to Father Leslie, as he has taken up the position of Archdeacon of the East, Germany and Northern Europe. In the ecumenical spirit that means so much to Father Leslie, many guests from the Nordkirche and other churches in Hamburg joined us for the service. Although we were sad to lose him as our Chaplain, we know how important this new ministry is.

During the vacancy period, called an interregnum, we have locums, priests who come to Hamburg for several weeks or months and perform all the duties of a regular Chaplain – an opportunity to meet a number of interesting priests from different parts of the world! Our first locum was Rev. Ian Eglin who arrived with his wife Caroline – both former Royal Navy Chaplains – on 22 November. Ian went more or less straight from the airport to Evensong without batting an eyelid. The Eglins settled into parish life in Hamburg and became part of our church family very quickly. They were followed in January by Revd Charles Wallace from Canada who soon got to know many in the congregation and whose



Photo: Andrea Grantz



sermons proved to be wise and thought-provoking. On 6 March we welcomed Fr Pete Wright and his wife Penny from Los Angeles who were to be with us for three months. Fr Pete's first service had us all looking forward to his time with us, but then the corona crisis forced the closure of all churches for an indefinite period. A tech-savvy Fr Pete streamed the Gospel and his sermon on Facebook with Dorothee on 15 March and streamed a full Eucharist service on 22 March. Both were later uploaded to YouTube. Unfortunately, the US State Department ordered the return of all citizens who normally reside in the USA and, as neither services

in church nor personal contact are possible, the Wrights returned home on 24 March.

Sad news in November was the death of Sammy Quaye, long-standing member of the congregation, sidesman for many, many years, official photographer at church events. The funeral, attended by his family from the USA, many friends from the Ghanaian community and the congregation, was a respectful and fitting farewell for our Uncle Sammy (*see also p9*).

The Advent and Christmas season was marked, as usual, by excellent music – Nine Lessons and Carols, a well-done nativity play with children and adults playing their parts with gusto, a big Christmas tree and a full church at all the Christmas services.

In January, Bishop David Hamid came to St Thomas à Becket to confirm six candidates who had been prepared for confirmation by Father Leslie. Bishop David is always a welcome visitor.

In the meantime, the Church Council is working on all the paperwork necessary to advertise the full-time position of Chaplain. We are being advised by Archdeacon David Waller and are confident that we will be able to welcome a new Chaplain in the foreseeable future.

Pilgrims led by the risen Lord

A couple of years ago we watched a television programme about six celebrities, on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. They were following the Camino route from the Pyrenees in France to the north-west tip of Spain. Also called The Way of St James, it was one of the most important Christian pilgrimages during the Middle Ages.

The six celebrities in the TV programme covered over 800 kilometres in 14 days. Sections of it they walked, and in particular they walked the last 100 kilometres. Often walking in adverse weather, both rain and extreme heat, they paused and reflected at significant places along the way, at churches, and at points that had become significant for the pilgrims. It was hard physically and spiritually and yet they all found it a deeply rewarding experience in so many different ways.

In the gospels we see men and women being called to walk with Jesus. He didn't tell them where they were going or give them a course of study. He just called them to 'come and see' and in a sense he calls all of us to do the same.

It was a huge privilege for Caroline and me to share Advent and Christmas with you.

I cannot deny we found the weather rather cold and wet, but the warmth of the welcome more than made up for that. The diverse congregation at St Thomas à Becket made it a very enriching time for us and we received so much from the experience. Thank you for that. As soon as you walk inside the church you are aware of a very warm and welcoming family of Christians and the worship with the help of an excellent choir is very uplifting. Everyone sings the hymns with great enthusiasm! We found the city of Hamburg very attractive in the run-up to Christmas with so many beautiful decorations and markets to see.



Photo: Jo Dawes

We have very happy memories of the time we spent with you and hope there may be an opportunity to return to Hamburg as your Locum.

We walked a pilgrimage with you through Advent and Christmas and the journey now continues for you as you prepare for the ministry of the new Chaplain. In St John's gospel on the day of the resurrection Jesus tells

his disciples he is going on before them. In fact, Jesus always goes on before us, leading the way.

So we wish you well as you journey on, with the risen Lord leading the way, and pray the church will continue to flourish and grow.

May the Lord bless all that you do in His name.

Ian and Caroline Eglin

An Irish pub joke for Lent

An Irish man shows up in a pub one day and orders three pints of Guinness. He takes sips from each glass until they are empty and calls the bartender for three more. The bartender says, 'Sure it's up to yourself, but wouldn't you rather I was bringing them one at a time? Then they'll be fresh and cold.' 'Nah...' your man says, 'I'm preferrin' that ye bring 'em three at a time. You see, me and me two brothers would meet at a pub and drink and have good times. Now one is in Australia, the other in Canada and I'm here. We agreed before we split up that we'd drink to each other's honour this way.'

'Well,' says the bartender, 'that's a grand thing to do, all right. I'll bring the pints as you ask.'

Well, time goes on and your man's peculiar habit is known and accepted by all the pub regulars. One day, though, he comes in and orders only two pints. A hush falls over the pub. Naturally, everyone figures something happened to one of the brothers. A group of the regulars corner the bartender and finally persuade him to find out what happened. With a heavy heart, the bartender brings the two pints and says, 'Here's your pints... and let me offer my sincerest condolences. What happened?'

The man looks extremely puzzled for a moment, and then starts laughing.

'Oh, no, no, no!' 'Tis nothing like that. You see, I've given up drinking for Lent...'

A simnel cake explained

For Mothering Sunday last year, Ellen Ziesmann baked us a traditional simnel cake, and after the service, many people were curious to know what a simnel cake is and where the tradition comes from.

The simnel cake is a fruit cake with marzipan in the middle and on the top. It is usually decorated with 11 balls of marzipan which represent the 12 apostles without Judas. Sometimes there are 12 marzipan balls on top – they then represent Jesus and the apostles without Judas.

The tradition of the simnel cake goes back a long way – references to it have been found as early as the 13th century – and various stories and legends now surround its origins. The word ‘simnel’ probably comes from Latin *simila*, which means ‘fine flour’ – *semolina* is also derived from this word – indicating that this was to be a special cake for a special occasion. In medieval times it was baked to give the people some alleviation from the deprivations of Lent. On the fourth Sunday in Lent, the rules were relaxed, and a special cake made from fine white flour and delicious ingredients like dried fruits and almond paste was baked. The simnel cake is traditionally boiled, then baked or grilled lightly on top – although nowadays it is usually only

baked
then
browned
on top
under
the grill.



As Revd Julie told us in her sermon, Mothering Sunday is so-called because it was originally a day set aside for domestic servants and apprentices to return home to their mother church or cathedral. After the Reformation, the spiritual mother was replaced by the natural mother and it became a day for visiting families, bringing them food and money, and the day for which this delicious cake was baked. Several towns in England lay claim to baking the best and most original simnel cakes – Devizes, Bury, Shrewsbury and Gloucester – and there are indeed many different recipes, but the Shrewsbury version is now said to be the most popular.

The English poet, Robert Herrick (1591-1674), mentions the simnel cake in his poem *To Dianeme, A Ceremony in Gloucester*:

*I'll to thee a simnel bring,
'Gainst thou go'st a-mothering:
So that when she blesseth thee,
Half that blessing thou'lt give me.*

Madeleine Resühr
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In memoriam Samuel Quaye sen.

The late Mr Samuel Quaye sen. was born on the 20th day of February 1943 in Accra, Ghana. His parents were dedicated Christians so he was baptised at a young age at St Mary's the Virgin Anglican Church in Accra.

The late Uncle Sam, as affectionately called by his friends, migrated to Germany and enrolled as a seaman in the seventies. By dint of hard work, he rose through the ranks and kept his dignity. In his old age he kept studying and pursued other advanced professional courses to be abreast with time.

As a member of the St Thomas à Becket Anglican Church in Hamburg, he was in the church council for many years. He also served as a sidesman and a professional photographer. Uncle Sam was not only a church member but also understood

the duties and qualities of a good Christian and this made him serve relentlessly in his department.

He was a philanthropist and very honest with his family and friends around him and the community at large.

He was also the vice-president of the Gadangme Community and worked to organise the association both here in Europe and in Ghana.

In November 2018, the late Sammy was admitted to the hospital. He had faith in God that he will get well and be discharged. We love him but God loves him most.

He passed away peacefully in the early hours of Friday 1 November, 2019 to be with the Lord. He left behind a son, Samuel Quaye jun.

We are grateful to a number of church members who visited him regularly while he was in hospital. We are also especially grateful to Archdeacon Leslie, Father Ian and Madeleine and Jens Resühr and all the members who contributed generously to his funeral.

*Give rest, O Christ,
To thy servant with thy saints,
Where sorrow and pain are no more,
Neither sighing, but life everlasting.*
(Common Praise 350)

Gadangme Community Hamburg



After the Bazaar is before the Bazaar

My name is Eric Lord. I live in Lüneburg with my wife and our 15-year-old son. As a utility tunnelling engineer working on worldwide projects based at our company office in Hamburg, I am out and about in the world for months on end and thus an irregular attendee at services and the yearly church routines. I was at first a little taken aback when asked to help coordinate the 2019 bazaar after James, the previous organiser, left Hamburg. After talking this through with my family, I decided to take up the challenge, even though I never know where I will be when.

Everything was thus organised so that, should I be not there on the day, the bazaar would still run. I sought to reduce the likelihood of things not going to plan to an acceptable risk. Life is not straightforward and is full of surprises. People get sick, electrical gadgets are not available on the day, and so on.

So, with an approach of a tunnelling engineer working with people and not with thrusters, separation plants and intermediate jacking stations, my work commenced on the coordination of the bazaar. I learned very early on in 2019 that the church has no lack of ideas for the bazaar. The bazaar can be taken to places where it has not gone before. However, one needs people to do this and the right mindset. With a small dedicated and flexible team, we manoeuvred the 2019 bazaar to what it became on the day.

- Opening and closing times were adapted
- The floor plan was amended to take advantage of new stalls without losing the favourites
- And we were able to stabilise the income/revenue taken from the bazaar.

A big thank you to everyone. Organising, setting up and running the bazaar is hard work, but very rewarding and fun, especially with such a nice team. My thanks also go to James. It is only with his written organisational sheets and previous planning that those things ran so smoothly.

I have been asked to organise the 2020 bazaar! The risk of my not



Photo: Andrea Grantz

being there on the day remains, but I have decided to take it. Together with the dedicated team, planning will start with our first meeting in April/May 2020 (subject to the coronavirus). Meetings are held after the church service. They last for about 30 to 45 minutes. Four to five are held prior to the bazaar. The bazaar itself is a full day's work, but can be split between people running their stalls. The more the merrier, I say, so if you would like to help at the 2020 bazaar, please feel free to come along to a meeting or contact me.

Eric Lord
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Money matters

Thanks to a generous one-off donation of €30,000 made by the Reemtsma Stiftung in January 2019, STB's finances were less of a roller-coaster compared with previous years. With additional income from the Benefizkonzert, a very good Annual Bazaar and Victorian Christmas Market result, sales of Christmas cards plus the saving made on the stipend from mid-October (when Fr Leslie took up his position as Archdeacon), we ended the year with a record income, giving an operational surplus of €28,000. This allowed us to top up our fabric fund and make certain investments

on infrastructure, such as a new stage for concerts that eliminates the need to move the altar.

This was the good news.

The less good news is that the 2019 result masks the fact that individual regular donations have dropped for the third year running. Without the Reemtsma grant and the saving on the stipend, we would have ended the year with a deficit of just under €11,000. Regular income is essential to maintaining financial stability. Events can only be a supplement, and ones that bring in the level of income needed require a lot of organisational capacity, so the best strategy is to make those events we do hold raise more.

So how do we turn the tide on the regular giving? A campaign is under preparation to encourage recruitment of donors. Many small gifts add up to a bigger sum. The roll-out of this has been delayed due to the coronavirus, but it is something that needs to be tackled ahead of appointing a new full-time chaplain. Anyone taking up the appointment will want assurance that we can pay the stipend.

A huge thank you to all who devote time and money to the church. Without this giving we could not exist.

Monica Schofield

Christmas cards enter 34th year

The project for recycling used Christmas and greetings cards and selling them in aid of 'The Historic English Church of St Thomas à Becket, Hamburg' was started in 1986. That first year we sold just 300 cards, the expenses were DM58 and the net profit for church funds was DM145. This past year, just over 5,000 Christmas and greetings cards were sold, the expenses (printing the blank cards, envelopes and glue) were €933.74 and the net interim profit for the church amounted to €5,651.56. I say interim because once again the former British Hon. Consul Claus Budelmann and his wife Annegret have very kindly made a donation specifically earmarked for the card project – €848.44 – so that the final net profit in 2019 in fact came to €6,500. We are extremely grateful to them both, not only for the very generous financial help that they have given us over so many years, but also for their continuing encouragement and support.

And now very sincere thanks to everyone who was involved in the 2019 card project in any way at all – and especially to all those who, even though they are not members of the

congregation, are nevertheless willing to help as kind friends of Hamburg's English church.

First and foremost THANK YOU to the small team of volunteers who actually make the cards – year after year and some literally for decades, always working very reliably, very professionally and with great attention to detail – sorting through all the used cards we've been given, starting already sometimes in January, chopping them down to size, sticking them onto the new blank cards after these have been printed in June, and then finally sorting them in the autumn into boxes for the sellers. MANY, many thanks to: Debbie Faddul, Jane Harding, Sarah Meister, Linda Rainer, Mary Sander-son, Cathrin Schierholz, Katrin and Ruediger Schnetzer, Ellen Thomas, Lorna Yazdani and Caroline Yarnold. Secondly, THANK YOU very much indeed to all those who sold the cards to their friends, families and work colleagues, and within the wider English-speaking community and organisations in Hamburg. In this way we were able to reach out to a far wider public than would otherwise be possible and at the same time it's a





good way of advertising the church's presence here in Hamburg. We are very grateful indeed to all the sellers: AGIWA (Ulrike Lemke and Julie Cook); The Arts Society Hamburg – formerly BRIDEFAS (Linda Struck and Pat Pledger); The British Club (Alison Fry); the British Flair Event at the Anglo German Club (Wendy Sprock); the British Ladies' Luncheon Club (Lorna Yazdani); Brenda Buhmann-Gore; Jennifer Bullinger; The English Speaking Union (Howard and Gabi Kroch); The German American Women's Club (Betina Wex and Nancy Fischer); Helga Goerike (pharmacy in Reinbek); Holger Goerike (radiology practice in Hamburg); The Hamburg Players (Sigrid Reuter and Carol Kloeve-korn); Pam Hanus; Jane Harding; The International School Hamburg (Catherine McNaughton); Margot Lord; Elke Norden; Family Schnetzer; The Victorian Christmas Market (British Hon. Consulate and Gwen Cochrane).

And finally THANK YOU to everyone who helped by collecting used cards for the church in Hamburg and Britain – sending packages by post even from Canada and sometimes collecting vast quantities in their own communities, churches or

in offices. We are dependent on this support in order to ensure a good variety of motifs, and also to have sufficient cards to recycle.

Since 1986 – the first year of the project – the numbers of cards sold annually increased gradually and remained fairly constant for a long time at between 6,000 and 7,000 – even peaking in 1999 to a record 8,000. For the last ten years, though, the numbers have dropped again to around 5,000 cards sold each year. This seems logical, with more and more people now sending emails or electronic cards and because of higher postage rates. However, there is apparently still a market for 'real' cards, people like the idea that they're recycled and it is a good way of making money for the church. So, at least for the time being, it seems worthwhile to continue with the project.

Looking ahead to Christmas 2020, we shall again need used Christmas cards. We are also grateful for good flower cards and flower photos for the greetings cards sold throughout the year. There is a basket for cards just inside the church door or they can be handed in through the various clubs.

With very many thanks again

Judith Holst

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land

In February, a number of members of the St Thomas à Becket congregation took part in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land organised by Christ Church Vienna and led by the Revd Canon Patrick Curran. Here Nicki Schiller writes about the afternoon and evening of 6 February, taking in the Western Wall in Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives.

After lunch we continue through the Jewish Quarter which was devastated in the Independence War of 1947–48. Twenty-two synagogues and many historical sites were destroyed and the population forced to flee. From this time on, Jerusalem remained inaccessible to the Jewish population until it was retaken in the Six Day War of 1967.

Now the Jewish Quarter has been largely restored in the warm white limestone that contributes so greatly to the attractiveness of the city. Here many Orthodox Jews can be seen in their long black frock coats, stiff broad-brimmed black hats, beards and sidelocks. Some are planning ahead to a time when the Temple will be rebuilt, and a huge menorah stands in a square we walk through, awaiting that longed-for day.

It is Thursday, the day before the weekend in Israel, and many people are out preparing for the Sabbath. We join those making their way down to the Western Wall (formerly known as the Wailing Wall) which is

a support wall for the Temple Mount and was built in Herodian times. We are feeling happy and full of expectation and are sent on our way by a beaming young fiddler playing, appropriately, 'Haava Nagila' – Let Us Rejoice and be Happy.

When we arrive at the Western Wall there are people of all ages coming and going. Men and woman have separate areas in which to pray, and we wash our hands to cleanse them before approaching the Wall. Special prayer concerns can be written on a scrap of paper and after a short while a place is free and one can touch the wall. The fervour of the people around us reinforces the conviction that the presence of God is here. We push our prayer papers into the nearest crack between the stones and, on leaving the wall take seven ritual steps backwards, so as not to turn our backs on the holy place.

Three of us are approached by an Israeli woman who asks us where we are from and whether we will pray for the peoples of the world, for

peace and understanding among all nations. Her friendliness moves us, especially in this place, and we agree to do so.

The Western Wall is the nearest a Jewish believer can come to the temple the Romans destroyed in AD 70. It is the focal point of their belief, a place to reaffirm their obedience to God's will and to hope for the restoration of a damaged creation.

Before returning to the hotel we look at some of the sites where archaeologists have made significant discoveries. These include the location of an underground canal in which Jewish resistance fighters took refuge from the Romans and where they were smoked out and fled, leaving the table set for their last meal to be found nearly two thousand years later

exactly as they had left it. We also see the enormous corner stone, the highest point of the Temple Mount, which is traditionally believed to be the spot where Satan tempted Jesus to throw himself down. Once again, we are aware of the tremendous importance of this place for the three monotheistic religions and, sadly, of their often stubborn refusal to admit any compromise or any change to the status quo.

On this Thursday we have the additional pleasure of a bus tour of Jerusalem by night. The weather is mild, dry and clear, and we leave the hotel in the usual spirit of happy expectation which prevails during the whole time of our pilgrimage.

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The Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City, photo: Johann Schiller

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We drive up Mount Skopus, part of the Mount of Olives, and stop just past the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's first campus to admire a panoramic view of the illuminated Old City which has few high-rise buildings thanks to the 'nothing higher than the Hilton' regulation. All eyes are drawn to the Temple Mount immediately opposite. Looking at a serene Jerusalem within its protective walls, it is hard to believe that early this morning there have been three attacks on groups of soldiers and police.

Further along our route are the Russian Orthodox Church of St Mary Magdalen, the Lutheran Church built by Kaiser William the Second, the King David Hotel and, surprisingly, the Mormon University, the sight of which naturally gives rise to questions about the law of proselytising in Israel.

Below the Mount of Olives, we continue our tour and stop in West

Jerusalem, near the construction site of the new Israeli National Library and the Israel Museum, to walk to the Knesset, where we take photographs through the glass entrance gates.

Finally, in the Mahane Yehuda district, we visit a lively market where groups of young Israelis are celebrating boisterously in a number of small bars among the stalls. Stall after stall offers mountains of delectable fruit, vegetables, spices and halva. It seems true to say that everything grows in Israel (a paradise for vegetarians!) and the foodies among us buy enthusiastically.

Walking on to meet our bus, we pass through Nachlaot, an area to which many refugees from the 1947 war had fled. Formerly a poor area, it is now showing signs of gentrification. This has been our longest day and, as we reach the hotel, we feel very grateful for the energy and generosity of our wonderful guide and her driver who have made it such a unique experience.

The Dead Sea from the Masada fortress, photo: Johann Schiller



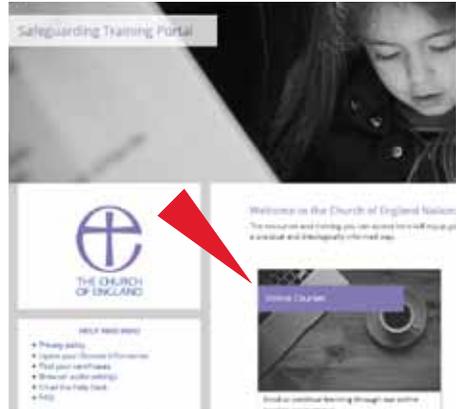
Safeguarding for all – do the course!

We have been asked by the Diocese to complete an online safeguarding course – each and every one of us who attend St Thomas à Becket. Why? Because we are all responsible for keeping our vulnerable people safe: children, the elderly, the disabled and the sick. We might all, at some time, be in need of safeguarding ourselves. It covers issues like domestic violence, too.

The social distancing recommendations to reduce the risk of contracting Covid-19 have meant that most of us don't have our regular work, social, fitness or church commitments. However, most of us do have access to a computer, and a few minutes to learn about safeguarding at church.

The safeguarding course is available online on the Church of England website, takes about an hour to complete and is a meaningful and important way to support our church and our vulnerable people – without having to leave home. Go to: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

You need to register first. Then go to 'online courses' and select the 'C0 course'. Note that our diocese is Europe and our chaplaincy is St Thomas à Becket. You can take a break from the course, come and go as you please, over a matter of weeks



if needed. There is a little quiz at the end, so do pay attention! If you complete the course, please print off the certificate and let me know you have done it.

If you wish, you can do the C1 course, too; it's a bit longer and more detailed. If you are in contact with anyone in our church who is vulnerable, you will need to complete C1. However, first things first: please complete C0.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 040 279 6514 or madeleineherring@t-online.de, or contact Norbert Schoen (see back page).

*Madeleine Herring
Co-Safeguarding Officer*

100 NOT OUT
Many congratulations to Rosi Curran, whose 100th birthday it was on 24 March.

An update from the Becket Mixers

Hi All,
Just a short update from the Becket Mixers on what we have been up to since the last issue.

In November last year we helped out at the Church Bazaar with our Pancake, Waffle and Toasted Sandwich stall, together with the Loom Bands to give our younger visitors the chance to be a bit creative! We also for the first time offered fresh coffee specialities which were very popular. As last year, our stall was very energetic and probably a bit loud (in the end playing and singing along to Christmas music, with Father Leslie joining in at times too).

Shortly before Christmas we helped out at the Junior Church Nativity Play which was very entertaining – particular mention must go to Oscar and Tina who were brilliantly professional sheep and angels! Thank you to all the helpers who made this nativity great again. It is always a pleasure to help out at this event, as we never know quite what might happen.

At the beginning of January, we had our usual pizza and planning meeting. We have come up with many things that we would like to do as a group, fun stuff and helping out in church or in the community. Obviously

with the coronavirus situation we will have to see what we can now achieve this year.

In February, we had to cancel our plans for ice skating because of bad weather. Instead we had an afternoon of pool and darts. A big thank you to Norbert who helped out, as Emma was ill.

We hope and pray that everyone stays healthy during this challenging time and look forward to meeting up again as soon as we can.

*Ben and Lilli Richter and
Bridget Scharwies*

Staying in touch

Missing the church during Covid-19? Keep an eye on our website: anglican-church-hamburg.de and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stbhamburg/> If you're on Facebook, there's an Anglican Church of St Thomas à Becket group you can join. And if you're not on our emailing list, please mail webmaster@anglican-church-hamburg.de with your first and last name and ask to be added. Finally, do you know people in the congregation who don't use the Internet or social media? Could you give them a call to see if they're feeling scared or lonely or need some help with shopping? See also page 3.

Who's Who at our Church

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