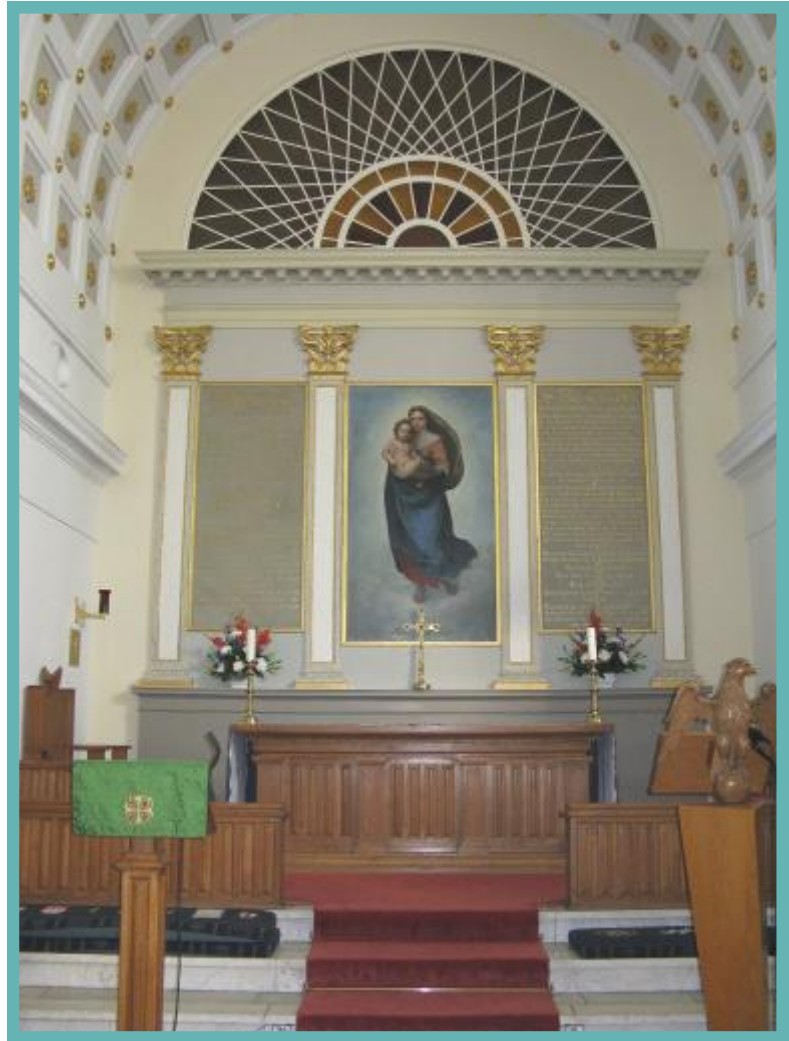


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From the Chaplain

Summer is here and with it sunny days and warmer temperatures. There have been a couple of days which saw temperatures hitting around thirty degrees which made me think I may have been back in tropical Australia. I hope everyone is coping with the changes in temperature and enjoying some time outdoors in the fresh air. We have had a very busy spring at the Englische Kirche and the calendar of events tells us we will have an equally full summer. Our Easter services were well supported and we had even more people attending services this year than the previous year, which is very encouraging.



After Easter I had the opportunity to attend the ANZAC Day service at Gallipoli, in Turkey, to commemorate the ninety-ninth anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) at Anzac Cove. My grandfather was a survivor of this wartime mission and it was a very humbling experience to stand where he would have stood as a very young man back in 1915. Thousands of young men died in this battle and there are many memorial headstones around the hillside to remind us of this tragic loss of life. I have written a separate article about this experience for this edition of Becket News.

I also spent a peaceful week in retreat at Alton Abbey, an Anglican Benedictine Community in Hampshire, England. Spiritual refreshment is vitally important for all of us and I find being immersed in a religious community really helps me to sort out what is really important and what can be released. I am pleased that a number are coming on the parish retreat at Ansverus Haus and I pray that this will be a time of spiritual refreshment for all who participate. Retreats are different to holidays because they focus on more spiritual matters, such as prayer and

scripture and the sacraments. Holidays are great for the body and retreats are great for the soul. I encourage everyone to try and find time for a both as often as they can.

In May I was asked to speak at the Swiss Archdeaconry Meeting in Fribourg, Switzerland in my capacity as Diocesan Advisor for Deliverance and Healing Ministries. My role here is to assist clergy who have pastoral needs where people feel there is some spiritual presence or something of an uncertain nature which is troubling them. It was a very stimulating couple of days and I enjoyed meeting the clergy from this neighbouring archdeaconry. It was also good to catch up with John Newsome, a former chaplain of Hamburg, who asked to be remembered to all who know him. He is retiring in September and will be moving to Germany so we may see him from time to time.

We shared Ascension Day this year with our friends from the Swedish Church and it was great to see so many attending this wonderful service. We trialed this in 2012 and it was well received and this time we almost doubled the numbers. It is wonderful to be able to share with our ecumenical friends and we will have another opportunity to do so on July 6 at 16:00 when we will share the Eucharist with the Old Catholics at the Englische Kirche. I hope many will come and enjoy getting to know our Old Catholic friends, especially as we are in full communion with them.

I wish everyone a happy summer season and, for those who are travelling, safe journeying. Please join in the parish events as much as you can and even invite family, friends and neighbours. It is great to meet new people and to welcome them to the Englische Kirche.

Every blessing,
Matthew

Church Wardens' Report

Dear Parish,

You may remember that we had the tenants move out of the church flat. They did so by the end of April. With this, we reconsidered our use of the space.

Since we were looking into moving Junior Church into our building anyway, we now designated the room adjoining the South Gallery for them (formerly a room of the flat). It has a nice carpeted floor, will need some painting, but afterward it's all for Junior Church. Also, in order to reduce the amount of plastic trash, we will be able to use the flat's kitchen, and once a dishwasher is installed, clean our tableware there. Meaning, we will have the kitchen available for any event taking place in the church and requiring its use.

Under these conditions and with a smaller living space, we are very happy to welcome our Choir Director Yotin as the new tenant. We are looking forward to further development of this relationship.

In preparation to his moving in, we had the flat as well as the church windows cleaned. Just in case, you wondered how spotlessly the sun now shines into the church.

The financial state of our church has been quite a worry over the last months. But, thanks to the hard work of our former treasurer, Eckhard Thomes, and our current treasurer, Heiner Quast, as well as the CCs liaison to the treasurer, Monica Schofield, it has stabilized. We are very thankful that Heiner Quast will stay on as treasurer, requiring just a small fee for the huge amount of work he does. Since Heiner is not a parish member, most of you will not know him. As a retired banker, his work behind the scenes, is, however, excellent and we now have a keen eye on our finances.

But in regard of keeping the church going, thank you to all parish members for all your support, not just financially but also for volunteering, taking responsibility of different projects (such as the upcoming flea market), and helping out regularly on Sundays.

As we enter the summer and vacation time, may you all have safe travels and a beautiful summer.

God Bless,
Erika Hori
Churchwarden



God's Phone

Hello God, I called tonight to talk a little while I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it through a day just on my own I need your love to guide me, so I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound, Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith dear God, to face each hour throughout the day. And not to worry over things I can't change in any way.

I thank you God, for being home and listening to my call, for giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall!

Your number God, is the only one that answers every time. I never get a busy signal never had to pay a dime.

So thank you God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrow, Good night, God, I love you, too, and I'll call again tomorrow.

*Taken from East Cowes & Whippingham
church magazine*

Fabric Committee Report



During the past month, the bulk of the Committee's efforts have been focused on the continuation of various renovations and repairs.

Church Flat/Junior Church Room – Significant time and effort was spent in coordinating activities of tradesmen in connection with the flat this past month, especially by Committee member Birte Fischer and her father, in preparation for the next tenant.



Willie Fischer repaired the kitchen water faucet (battery), the bathroom Bidet and another cold water "Wasserhahn" in the kitchen corner.

Approval has been given for a window cleaning company to proceed.

On the advice of the architect, the Junior Church room wall that has been damaged by water infiltration will be stripped of the wallpaper where damaged and painted over. This will permit eventual drying of the wall.

A new washing machine will be purchased and put just inside the door in the mechanical room on the main floor.

A new dish washer will need to be purchased and installed.

The bathroom is in good condition and will be left as is.

Preliminary discussions have occurred and guidance has been received from our attorney concerning terms of a new lease(s) for the flat.

The brass plaque from the Royal Highnesses from the wall on the west side of the front entrance has been removed and once again the brass expert will resurface it to cope better with the Hamburg atmosphere.

The bubbling of paint in small areas of the exterior is yet to be redone by the painting contractor awaiting dryer weather.

The front portico floor and steps, plus the west entrance area have been power washed to remove the algae that built-up over the winter/spring period.

Status of grant from the Hamburg Denkmal Stiftung - Alk Friedrichsen has continued to move this forward. Its pace is glacial as we are reliant on one of the Hamburg authorities to prepare the necessary documents for the processing of the request by a different Hamburg authority.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Zeni
*Fabric Committee Chairman
and Churchwarden*



Ecumenical News



2014 is a very important year for the ACKH (Churches Together in Hamburg), because it is the 50th anniversary of its founding. This body comprises over 30

Christian denominations or religious groups and with the motto "Vielstimmig - nicht eintönig" (many-voices - not all on one note) a very well-attended ecumenical service was held in the Petrikirche on the evening of June 4th to celebrate this anniversary.

Joyceline Anacoura-Schmidt and I represented St Thomas Becket. Unfortunately, Matthew had a long-standing commitment to attend a service at the Nikolaikirche, but he was present in the congregation at the start of the service for a short while and was able to see the two of us taking part in the procession, each carrying a jug of water. (why? this will become clear later on). All the participants had been instructed to pour the water into a big glass bowl at the end of the nave before going to their reserved seats. Besides the organ and the brass instruments, which accompanied the singing of the introit and recessional hymns, the musical contribution was provided by four choirs - the choir of the Russian Orthodox St Johannes von Kronstadt church, the Christlicher Sängerbund from various Free churches, and the choirs of the Indonesian congregation and of the African Christian Council; so a variety of musical styles.



Superintendent Uwe Onnen of the Methodist Church greeted us all and Frau Bernadette Kuckhoff from the Erzbistum Hamburg led us in prayer.

The reading was Acts 2; vv 1-18, the Pentecost passage, spoken in a number of languages, and in place of a sermon, clergy from various denominations sought to inspire us by offering short reflections on various themes.

Priester Dionysi Idavain from the Russian Orthodox Church reminded us that we are all God's children; Pastorin Chang-Mi Dallat, a Lutheran said we may all be different but we are all dependent on God; Pastor Uwe Cassens, a Baptist minister made the important point that we are all one through our baptism; and Pastorin Antje Heider-Rottwilm stressed that we have the task of together proclaiming the Gospel in this world.

Between each reflection came a choral contribution and to round things off we were reminded of our baptism as Walter Jungbauer, the Old Catholic priest, blessed the water in the big bowl and using an aspergillum sprinkled the congregation.

The intercessions were led by representatives of a number of different churches, after which we all prayed the "Lord's Prayer" in our native language.

During the collection the ladies of the Trommelgruppe at the Korean Church gave an impressive and quite lengthy performance on the drums - much skill and energy required!

Following the service, we were all invited to the reception in the south aisle, where tasty refreshments had been prepared by the Syrians and Indonesians. Altogether a memorable evening!

Another event in the ACKH's calendar is the annual Easter Monday Vespers. In most years this has been held in the St Michaelis Kirche, but this year, as the festival of Easter fell on the same date for both the Eastern and Western churches, the venue was the Syrian-



Orthodox St Maria and St Shmuni Church, situated in Sinstorf south of the Elbe.

On arrival I was relieved to see that this modern church building was fitted out with seats for the congregation. So often in orthodox churches the faithful have to stand throughout the service, or to come and go as they please.

We were very warmly welcomed by the church's priest, Father Dogan as well as by Pater Löwenstein, the ACKH's chairman. Then came a joyful Easter hymn sung by the whole congregation, followed by an address by Georg Bergner, the young Geistlicher Rat from the Erzbistum Hamburg.

At intervals during the service we could enjoy lovely singing from choirs drawn from the various denominations making up the ACKH. The girls' choir from our Syrian host church, singing in Aramaic, Jesus' mother tongue, were a special delight but, also unforgettable, was the choir from the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church who gave a rousing performance accompanied by drums and even dancing!

After we had all lit our individual candles from the Easter candle came the gospel reading, Luke 24.vv13-35. (the walk to Emmaus) This was divided into three sections, two or three verses from each section being read in a different language, so that altogether fourteen different languages were heard. I could follow only the French and the Finnish (but no English this year: maybe next!).

The Ukrainian Catholic choir impressed us with a piece reflecting on Christ's resurrection and then we could all join in another hymn.

The intercessions came very much from the heart and ended by our praying the Lord's Prayer in our respective mother tongue after which we greeted each other with the Easter peace. The blessing and a final Easter hymn brought the service to a close.

The evening was not yet ended, however. Everyone was warmly invited to go downstairs to the vast Gemeindesaal to enjoy the wonderful spread of pastries and cakes which our hosts must have been busy baking for days.! Many, many thanks to our Syrian brothers and sisters for a lovely evening.

Cicely Hollingsworth

BRIDFAS Church Recording Project with St Thomas Becket



A lively inaugural meeting, to introduce the above project to the community, was finally held on 15 May at the Anglican Church, together with Chaplain Matthew. Around 12 people attended from the church and BRIDFAS and

some others who are interested sent their apologies.

Pat Pledger presented the history and purpose, outlined the organisation needed for such a project, the resources available and showed a short film on the subject.

She explained that there is a wealth and abundance of historical information available from the mother organisation of BRIDFAS (the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies = NADFAS) in London, which has been doing Church Recording for over 40 years. Resources on subjects ranging from Victorian heating systems to altar linen

and Roman numerals are available, as well as a 64 page 'Church Recorders' Handbook' and the possibility of participation on a training course in London by a representative of the project in due course.

Matthew commented that the project was very much in line with STB's mission to be engaged with the wider community of Hamburg and that this is an excellent community project for people in HH with an interest in history.

At the end of the exploratory meeting most of those present expressed an interest in specific tasks, such as silver, wall plaques and memorials, compiling, textiles, and it was decided that another meeting would be arranged once one or two questions had been answered by NADFAS in London. An art restorer has been approached to lend a hand and the Denkmalschutzamt and the Historic Museum will be approached in due course to see if they will offer advisory support. Anyone who would like a copy of the Minutes of the 15 May meeting, please feel free to contact Pat Pledger for them.

We hope more people will come forward for the next meeting when we can decide when and how to get started and work towards appointing a project leader to manage things. Anyone interested is urged to contact Pat Pledger for BRIDFAS or Erika Hori for St Thomas Becket for further information and involvement. Interest to date is very encouraging – thanks to all those who came along.

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Impressions from the First German Sacred Harp Convention 2014

When the acting chairman got up to make the final speech at the end of the First German Sacred Harp Convention, the energy in the Chapel of the Ecumenical Forum in the Hafencity was palpable. The time was 4pm on Sunday, 1st of June, 2014. After two days of non-stop singing, the silence that engulfed the room after the last song was arguably the most stirring sound of the entire event. Of course, I cannot tell what the other people in the room were thinking at that particular moment, but there appeared to be a general, thitherto unarticulated, consensus that something very special had just come to an end.

The dry facts, which state that 67 people, from 11 different countries, sang 187 Sacred Harp songs during the convention weekend, are impressive enough. However, it is not possible to distil the most important information about the convention from the official minutes. No one, for example, recorded how many jokes were told, how many times people laughed, how many hugs and kisses were exchanged or even how many tears were shed. The official documents do not record the interaction between the visitors and the locals, and the amount of effort people put into making the convention a resounding success.

When the announcement was made (at the end of November 2013) that the first ever Sacred Harp convention in Germany was to be held in Hamburg in May 2014, many of us were a little shocked. Hamburg Sacred Harp had only existed since August 2013. The group's links to the wider Sacred Harp community were tenuous, at best, and we were certainly not familiar with the highly sophisticated and rather intimidating minutiae of Sacred Harp etiquette. None of the Hamburg singers had ever been to a Sacred Harp Convention before – let alone staged one. Furthermore, the future of the Hamburg group itself was still rather precarious. In fact, I can remember attending

“sings”, shortly before Christmas 2013, where only two other people were present. Under these circumstances, it seemed somewhat ill-advised, if not altogether foolish, to think we could master such a complicated logistical and socio-political undertaking.

Fortunately, however, we were not alone. Our friends and partners in Bremen and Frankfurt were there to offer soothing advice as well as the necessary manpower.

Of course, not everything went according to plan and it would be misleading to suggest otherwise. However, I consider it a measure of our trust and commitment to the common cause that we all managed to negotiate a minefield of potentially volatile sensitivities without losing our humour and mutual respect. The bond between the various Sacred Harp communities in Germany has been strengthened by the shared experience and I consider it a great privilege to have been part of the team that organised the First German Sacred Harp Convention.

Indeed, the success of the convention was reliant on the goodwill and support of many people, none more so than those who volunteered to host the visiting singers. It is obvious from the overwhelming stream of positive feedback we have received (and are still receiving) that everyone was made to feel welcome and comfortable in Hamburg. More than anything, it is testimony to the hospitality of our hosts that so many of our visitors have expressed a desire to revisit Hamburg as soon

as possible. On behalf of the Sacred Harp community, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all those who offered our guests accommodation during the convention.

It is Sacred Harp tradition for the convention hosts to provide food and drink for the visiting singers. However, it was still not clear whether we could feed our guests up until the very last days before the convention. Certainly, none of us expected the miraculous feast that led one experienced American Sacred Harp singer to declare that it was the best dinner-on-the-grounds he had ever seen outside the southern states of America. Frankly, I have got no idea where all the food came from but it turned out to be a truly wondrous spread. I would like to thank everyone who contributed. However, in this regard, Jutta Boysen deserves particular credit, as she worked tirelessly to coordinate the food at a time when many of us considered it to be a bit of a lost cause. Thankfully, she proved us all wrong.

Raising your voice to sing from the stirring Sacred Harp collection can be an uplifting experience at the best of times. However, when you do it together with nearly seventy other people, the effect can be quite overwhelming. A sense of community is integral to the Sacred Harp experience and the informal “social” evening, which is traditionally held on the first night of the convention, is designed to foster cohesion by encouraging social interaction between locals and the foreign singers. Remarkably, the singing did



appear to become more homogenous, and the singing more intense, on the second day of the convention.

The social evening in Hamburg was held in a studio space in the Chemnitzstr., which was offered to us, free of charge, by the local artist Andreas Oldörp. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr Oldörp, on behalf of the Sacred Harp community, for his selfless support throughout the convention. With regard to the social evening, I would also like to thank O.G. Joachimsson for allowing us a preview of his remarkable documentary about the formation and development of Sacred Harp Bremen. The film, which has not yet been officially released, was shown for the first time on the Saturday night, and it added a unique flavour to the proceedings.

There were many highlights during the First German Sacred Harp Convention 2014. However, I would like to accentuate the role of our Chaplain, Zack Lindahl, who came all the way from Enånger (Sweden) to conduct prayers and offer blessings. I would also like to thank Michael Walker, from Sacred Harp London, who conducted the traditional lesson in recognition of the sick and housebound.

If I had to choose one particular outstanding moment during the convention weekend, however, it would have to be Calum's memorial lesson for the deceased, and the rousing rendition of the song that directly followed it. It was always going to be a risk to entrust such a grave task as honouring the recently deceased to a sixteen year-old. However, Calum managed to win everyone's respect and affection with his unique honesty and profound sensitivity. Many people, including myself, were deeply moved by his words, which seemed to galvanise the group, lending it even more unity and vigour during the subsequent singing session.

To conclude, I would like to thank all those involved in making the Hamburg convention such a success. The feeling of unselfish

goodwill and camaraderie among the singers, organisers and ancillary helpers will be something I will never forget. In many ways, the convention felt like a blueprint for a better society – one in which differences of opinion were not brushed aside but openly discussed, and even modified, in a spirit of mutual respect. The Americans sang with the Europeans, the Atheists with the believers, the traditionalists with the reformists and we all learned from each other. Where disparities did seem insurmountable, we agreed to disagree, and the diversity was accommodated within the compliant and tolerant structure of the community. In my opinion, Sacred Harp is capable of absorbing all sorts of ideas, because, ultimately, the singers know that they are reliant on each other's voices to create that explicitly divine noise.

Philip Jacobs



Hamburg Sacred Harp Singers at the First German Sacred Harp Convention 2014

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My visit to Gallipoli 2014

According to the Australian War Memorial website, "The Gallipoli campaign of 1915 was one of the most controversial campaigns of the First World War. The major allied powers aimed at shortening the war by eliminating Turkey, but the campaign ended in complete failure and over 140,000 allied casualties".

I have attended many Anzac Day services in Australia but never dreamed that I would be able to attend one at Gallipoli. My grandfather was a survivor of the Gallipoli campaign so it has even more significance for me personally. The opportunity to go presented this year and I found myself among thousands of fellow Aussies, and many New Zealanders, joining in the ninety-ninth anniversary service at Anzac Cove.

We arrived by bus from Istanbul around 4.00pm on the afternoon 24th April and had to wait until 6.00pm for the gates to the area where the ceremony would take place to be opened. We spent much of this time looking at the memorial headstones and taking in the beauty of this small cove. There is also a simple stone marker showing us that this is Anzac Cove.



The Anzac Cove marker.

As we waited, many took shelter from the heat in whatever shade could be found. Some gathered in front of the memorial wall showing a quote from the President of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1934) which says:

"Those heroes that shed their blood,
and lost their lives
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly
country
Therefore rest in peace.
There is no difference between the Johnnies
And the Mehments to us
where they lie side by side
Here in this country of ours.
You, the mothers, who sent their sons from
far away countries
Wipe away your tears, your sons are now
lying in our bosom, and are in peace
After having lost their lives on this land
They have become our sons as well".



Quotation by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



After passing through security, we found our places where we would spend the night, outside, waiting for the dawn service. Large screens were set up and throughout the night we saw documentaries and heard from various speakers about the Gallipoli campaign. People kept arriving through the night and by dawn, all the seats were filled.

The Dawn Service was an incredibly moving experience. I kept thinking about my grandfather who would have stood in the very same place, and who was not married at the time, and how, if he had been among the dead, I would not have been born. It is very sobering and humbling to think about our mortality in such a way and I found my emotions becoming very raw. I thought of all those young men, some only eighteen years old, who died on this very same spot and I struggled to sing the National Anthem as the tears flowed down my cheeks. I am sure I was not the only one.

“One of the most famous assaults of the Gallipoli campaign, the Battle of Lone Pine was originally intended as a diversion from attempts by New Zealand and Australian units to force a breakout from the ANZAC perimeter on the heights of Chunuk Bair and Hill 971. The Lone Pine attack, launched by the 1st Brigade AIF in the late afternoon of 6 August 1915 pitched Australian forces against formidable entrenched Turkish positions, sections of which were securely roofed over with pine logs. In some instances the attackers had to break in through the roof of the trench systems in order to engage the defenders. The main Turkish trench was taken within 20 minutes of the initial charge but this was the prelude to 4 days of intense hand-to-hand fighting, resulting in over 2,000 Australian casualties”. *(quoted from the Australian War Memorial website)*

We walked 3.5 kilometers from Anzac Cove to Lone Pine (the New Zealanders then walked an additional 3.5 kilometers to Chunuk Bair) where we remembered those who fought in these battles. The Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey

welcomed everyone and there were further readings and prayers as well as the hymn, The Lord Is My Shepherd by the Australian composer, Brian Boniwell.

The Ode of Remembrance was particularly moving:

**They went with songs to the battle,
they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye,
steady and aglow.**

**They were staunch to the end
against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.**

**They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.**

**At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.**



Lest we forget.

Memorial Headstones at Lone Pine

Attending the Anzac commemorations in Gallipoli has been one of the most moving experiences of my life. Seeing all those grave markers and hearing stories from some of the ‘diggers’ who were later killed in action, has made me question even more the meaning of war. The Anzac campaign did little to achieve its goals and was eventually abandoned, but not before thousands of young men from many parts of the world had died.



The Dawn Service at Gallipoli

I conclude with the prayer that was prayed at the Lone Pine service by the Chaplain and Director-General Chaplaincy of the Royal Australian Air Force which I believe can apply to all who seek peace.

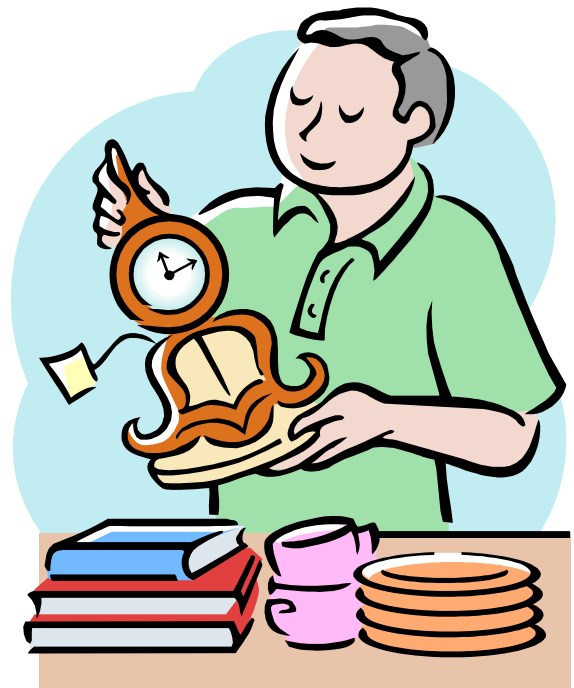
Eternal God, the only source of peace, in whose hands are the destinies of every nation. We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and for those who laid down their lives to defend them. We pray for all those who serve in the Australian Defence Force. Give all of us courage and comfort in danger, patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force. Help us to seek for all people the freedom to serve you and each other in compassion and peace. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reverend Matthew Jones



The Lone Pine Memorial

FLEA MARKET August 16



St Thomas Becket will be hosting a Summer Flea Market at the church on **Saturday, August 16**, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. This is the first of what we hope will become an annual event. The flea market has three significant benefits: 1) it provides a venue to offer quality, gently used, goods at very modest prices to the city inhabitants who can most benefit from them, 2) it will offer a much needed new source of revenue for the STB general fund, and 3) it gives you a wonderful reason to clean out your cupboards, drawers, closets and cellars!

The organisational committee is gratefully accepting any items that you would like to purge from your house (including clothes). We are also in great need of volunteers. Just an hour or two of your time would help. Sign-up sheets are displayed at the back of the church and we would welcome your support. Please bring your donations to the church or if you cannot transport them, please contact me at [debrazeni\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:debrazeni(at)gmail.com) or call 0171 979 2624 and we will schedule a pick-up.

Deb Zeni



Church Wanderers

Our April walk started at the Burg Luftkurort station. Hermann and Susann came by car and the rest of the Wanderers by train from Hamburg. Altogether we had a great turnout of 11 participants on this slightly windy day - 7 STB walkers and 4 guest walkers. A special welcome to Susann and Regina who joined us for the first time! From the station we walked through Burg and then continued on the picturesque pathways through the countryside heading for the Paradiesthal woods where we had our first picnic at the lake and admired the



flora and fauna. Thereafter we continued our walk to the Nord Ostsee Kanal (Kiel Canal) and decided to have our next picnic while watching the ships go by - by this time we had lovely sunshine. After our picnic and loads of fun we continued along the canal pathway towards the ferry. Arriving there, some of us decided to take the ferry to the other side and back - a few of us ladies even had the privilege of going upstairs to the "Captains Deck". Returning to the rest of the wanderers, we now headed for the Hacienda Restaurant where we had planned to have our coffee and cake. By now some of the wanderers were rather tired as we had 4 hours behind us. On arrival at the Hacienda we were greeted by a very friendly and kind waiter who quickly organized seating and took our orders - special wishes were granted at no extra charge! By this time we were all overwhelmed by the variety of cakes and took advantage of the "flat rate" offer. We ended this lovely day by walking back to the

station where the rest of the wanderers took the train back home - some had already left by car and some by train.

All in all a day well spent!

Eileen Liebender.



For a variety of valid reasons (illness, absence from Hamburg and other important commitments) only three wanderers were in a position to sign up for the May walk, so, regrettably it had to be cancelled.

June was more successful. When I contacted Stuart for suggestions for a walk in Ratzeburg - he knows the area well - he came up with two options - a longer walk around the Fachauer (or Großer Küchen) See and a shorter one that could include a boat trip on the Ratzeburger See.

Eleven of us including Matilda's friend, Olive and Nathan's colleague Jerzy, whom we were pleased to welcome, boarded the R20 train at Hamburg Main Station bound for Rostock, and, getting off in Büchen, caught the R21 connection for Ratzeburg. Oh dear, it now began to rain! Fortunately, not heavily and it didn't last long. We boarded a bus going towards the city centre and all alighted at Lüneburger Damm. The tougher members of the group under Stuart's leadership now set off in the direction of the Fachauer See, while Liz and I, plus our sticks, headed for the ticket office in the hope that we were still in time to catch the "Heinrich der Löwe" leaving at 12 noon. We just made it and had the whole boat almost to ourselves.

As it was still cloudy at this point, we settled ourselves in the lower cabin, ordered coffee and then, feeling hungry, tucked into our picnic lunch - somewhat surreptitiously, as we suspected that "manger hors sac" wasn't really allowed.

Well, no-one came ordering us to walk the plank. The German commentary on board drew our attention to the 12th century Romanesque Dom and the manor house of the dukes of Mecklenburg, of which we had a splendid view, and provided us with many facts about the area and its wildlife. The lake is one of the few where the Großer Maräne, a member of the salmon family, can be found and we saw several small fishing boats, for eel, perch, pike and carp are all abundant. There are many birds, too, including bitterns, cormorants and ospreys, and the reeds along the west shore offer winter nesting grounds for the coot and tufted duck.

Later we climbed up to the upper deck to enjoy the refreshing breeze and the sunshine. By now, many yachtsmen were out on the lake and moving fast.

Shortly after we had disembarked at the Lüneburger Damm landing-stage, Stuart rang to say his group were only a short distance from the aptly named "Bischofs Herberge ", the cathedral café, run by the Diakonie. Liz and I, therefore, set out on the short walk along the pleasant lake-side path

and then up the hill to the café, where we found our friends sitting outside and already enjoying their K. u. K.

Cicely Hollingsworth

Under Stuart's guidance, meanwhile, the rest of us had enjoyed a pleasant walk, following the shore of the Fachauer See. Although one member of the party was forced to turn back early on, having underestimated the distance, the rest of us made excellent progress in the fine walking weather. We had a convivial lunch break on a couple of ancient benches overlooking the lake. To complete the meal, a few wanderers had brought treats to share, including home-grown strawberries from Matilda. In the distance on the lake we could see lots of boats milling about, though too far away for us to work out what was going on. We later discovered that what we had seen was a regatta.

We made good time and returned to Ratzeburg sooner than we had expected. Luckily we were just in time to rejoin Cicely and Liz, whose boat had dropped them off not long before. We were all reunited at the Bischofs Herberge in the Dom, where we stopped for tea and cakes. The cake was delicious, though the slices were intimidatingly large. The owners of the café kindly allowed us to rearrange the tables in the courtyard, so we were all able to sit together. A trickier problem, and one we did



not completely solve, was arranging the tables so that all those who wanted to avoid direct sunlight could be in the shade.



The return journey, also by bus and train, went very smoothly. Along the way we had the unexpected opportunity to see two wedding traditions, one traditionally German and the other a recent import. First, as we were waiting for our bus in front of the Rathaus, we noticed a large crowd deliberately creating a mess on the Rathaus steps, which a man in fancy dress was vainly trying to clear up. This was 'Treppenfeigen', a custom originally stemming from Bremen, according to which any man who reaches the age of 30 without marrying must clean the steps of some central public building, whilst their friends cheer them on and have fun ensuring that they will not run out of junk to sweep up. Later, on the train, we shared a carriage with a stag night (or Junggesellenabschied), complete with drinking, a cross-dressing groom and an inflatable doll. Both celebrations, the old and the new, were exuberant and entertaining.

Nathan Bowler

Dates for our next walks are:

12 July, 9 August & 12 September 2014

Please check the church website or notice board nearer the date of each walk for details.

Come and join us—It's fun!

Annual Bazaar, Saturday November 22, 2014



You will be pleased to read, that this year we will be holding our Grand Bazaar on November 22, as normal in Church. Already at this point, a big thank you to all stallholders for being prepared to get involved again in this big money raising event.

As in previous years, suitable contributions and donations for the various stalls are always welcome. For example good prizes for the raffle, anything in bottles for the bottle stall, CD and DVD's in good condition and English books are always needed.

Jams, jellies and ginger nuts - not forgetting Mars, Marmite and marmalade. Here we go again! The annual appeal from the British Fayre stallholders for both home-made produce – your preserving-pan is just longing to be filled with those lovely summer fruits – and any goodies you can bring back in the boot of your car, if you are travelling to the UK by ferry in the coming months.



A new event this year will be an auction. This should bring in the crowds around lunch time and we hope will boost the result. Look out for more details nearer the date.

Please contact Revd Matthew Jones if you have any donations or questions. Items should only be brought to Church after the end of October.

Please note there is no "white elephant" stall or second hand clothing!

Another Bazaar meeting will be held in September, the date will be announced in Church nearer the time.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

John Finn

MOTHERS' UNION

Since the last Newsletter, the Mothers' Union has advanced its ministry in a variety of ways, one of which was the inauguration of "Cake Sunday" June 8th. On the first Sunday of every month, donated cakes will be sold for € 5 after the service for the benefit of the Junior Church Ministry. Supporting the Christian education of the youngest of our members is a core pillar of the Mothers' Union mandate to support family values and family life. The first Sunday we were delighted with the response and support of our congregation and we sold € 85 worth of cakes. Thank you to all who enjoyed our baking efforts!

On June 6th the Mothers' Union also had the honour and pleasure of helping a young couple decorate the church for their wedding. Our talented members created the floral arrangements and decorated the pews with bows and flowers. We were very happy to be a small part of the celebration of the beginning of this new family.



Mothers' Union continues to hold a craft night approximately every two weeks. We have contributed a large number of lovely handmade shawls for our ministry to comfort the ill, infirm, bereaved, and shut-in members of our congregation and others known to us. We are also making jewellery items for contribution to the Salvation Army's outreach program on the Reeperbahn and we have recently turned our hands to potholders and other small handcrafted items to sell at the annual Christmas Bazaar.

We also supported other ad hoc church initiatives as needed, including organizing a cleaning crew to give the church a good spring cleaning before Easter and, most recently, providing a lunch for the Confirmation class every Sunday throughout their course.



The Mothers' Union welcomes guests at all times and if you would like to help us in any capacity or attend a meeting, please contact any MU member known to you or Deb Zeni at [debrazeni\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:debrazeni(at)gmail.com) or 0171 979 2624.



Paul and Heike Missick 31 May 2014



The Parish Retreat was held at Ansverus Haus, Aumühle and the theme was Prayer. It was a silent retreat which allowed each participant to really listen to God without the usual noisy distractions of daily life. There were five addresses given by Fr Matthew. These covered topics including What difference does prayer make?, How do we pray?, The Lord's Prayer and saying Thank you in our prayers. The setting was ideal for our quiet time together and we enjoyed excellent food and hospitality from the Ansverus Haus team. We hope to make a Retreat an annual event for the parish.



On May 29, we welcomed members of the Swedish congregation to St Thomas Becket. A shared service of Holy Communion was held in celebration of the major feast of our Lord's Ascension.



New Bishop is Announced



The next Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe will be the Reverend Canon Dr Robert Innes, currently Senior Chaplain and Chancellor of the Pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity Brussels. The appointment has been made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Lokoja, a representative appointed by the Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates' in consultation with

representatives elected by the diocese and the Central Members of the Crown Nominations Commission. Canon Innes was educated at Cambridge University and is an engineering graduate. He worked in electricity power stations and a major international business consultancy before training for ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham in 1989. He served his title in the Diocese of Durham whilst also working as a lecturer at St John's College, Durham (1995 to 1999) after which he spent six years as Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Belmont. He moved to the Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe to become Senior Chaplain and Chancellor of the Pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity, Brussels in 2005. He was additionally appointed a Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen in 2012. Canon Robert Innes will be commissioned and consecrated on the 20th July 2014 at Canterbury Cathedral. The new bishop will be based in Brussels and work closely with the Diocesan Office in London. He says "My home will continue to be in Brussels and the office of the Bishop and his Chaplain will be based there. Though I can imagine I might become known as the Eurostar Bishop, as I expect to be commuting between Brussels and the Diocesan Office in London."

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(See Matthew 7:13-14)

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NARROW CAN'T BE AWESOME!**

CHURCH CALENDAR JULY - SEPTEMBER 2014

	Time	Event
July		
Fr. 4	6.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting
Sa. 5	5.00pm	Evensong – Kantorei St Michaelis
Su. 6	4.00pm	Shared Mass with 'Old Catholics' at Englische Kirche
Sa. 12		Church Wanderers Walk
	4.00pm	Wedding (16:00)
Su. 13		<i>Sea Sunday</i>
15-18		Fr Matthew in Canterbury (planning a parish visit to Canterbury Cathedral for 2015)
Sa. 19		Indian Event
Su. 20	5.00pm	Contemporary Service 'Worship@17:00'
25/7-24/8		<i>Sommerdom</i>
August		
Fr. 1	6.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting
Su. 3	10.30am	Confirmations
Mo. 4		Prayer Vigil – 100th Anniversary Start of WW1
Fr. 8		Wedding
Sa. 9		Church Wanderers Walk
9-10		<i>British Flair at Klein Flottbek</i>
Th. 14	7.00pm	Evensong
Sa. 16		Summer Flea Market @ St Thomas Becket
Su. 17	5.00pm	Contemporary Service 'Worship@17:00'
Sa. 23	10.30am	Patronal Festival 'St Thomas Becket'
Su. 24	TBA	Concert by violinist Rachel Harris
Sa. 30	5.00pm	Evensong with Ensemble 'Voci Amabile'
September		
Fr. 5	6.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting
Sa. 6	7.00pm	Nacht der Kirchen: <i>Evensong (7pm) followed by Jochim's 50th Anniversary Concert (8.30pm) followed by Sacred Harp singing (10pm)</i>
Th. 11	7.00pm	Evensong STB Consort
Fr. 12	7.30pm	Concert by Fadi Gaziri 'Northern Lights' and launch of his CD
Sa. 13		Church Wanderers Walk
Su. 14		Parish Lunch for Jochim's 50 th Anniversary
Fr. 19 – 20		CAECG Meeting
Su. 21	5.00pm	Contemporary Service 'Worship@17:00'
22/9-4/10		Fr Matthew on vacation

Volunteers are needed !

We are looking for volunteers who can help to cut old Christmas Cards and who have a keen eye for content. If you have a little time and can help, Please contact Judith Holst for further details on 040/88 00 727.



Confirmation Service

Bishop David Smith will preside at a Confirmation Service to be held in St Thomas Becket Church on August 3. at 10.30 a.m.

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship.

The Bright Field

I have seen the sun break through to illuminate a small field for a while, and gone my way and forgotten it.

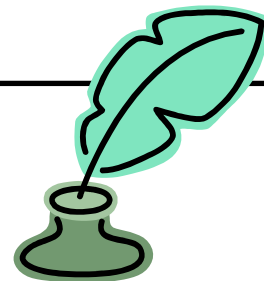
But that was the pearl of great price, the one field that had treasure in it. I realise now that I must give all that I have to possess it.

Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

R. S. Thomas

The deadline for the next edition of the Becket News is September 21, 2014

Please submit all news and articles to BecketNews@aol.com



SERVICES AT ST THOMAS BECKET

Our main service is the **Parish Eucharist** (Holy Communion) on Sundays at 10:30 am. Other regular services in our calendar are **Evensong** a service of evening prayer, either said or sung and the **Contemporary Worship Service** a traditional Anglican evening service with modern worship music, prayer and the Word.

(More details of services can be found on our website
www.anglican-church-hamburg.de)

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS AT ST THOMAS BECKET

Baptism & Confirmation 'The Water of Life'	20 April	Ida Cockle
	11 May	Finn Frederik Schupp Casper Anik Schupp August Vero Schupp
	25 May	Leo James Evans
	8 June	Levi Beekmann
Weddings 'To have and to hold...'	31 May	Paul and Hilke Missick
	7 June	David and Steffi Soper
Funerals & Memorial Service 'I know that my redeemer lives'	2 May	Emelia Aku Collison
	24 May	Ebenezer Kissiedu

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