

Becket News



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From the Chaplain



As I write this article, we are enjoying beautiful summer sunshine and blue skies. The sun has been very welcome after such a long, cold winter and it is not surprising that so many

people in Hamburg are gathering around the sidewalk cafes, the parks and canals and along the harbour front. Throughout the summer months there have been lots of activities happening, both within the church and the wider community. It has been difficult to access the building on some Sundays as the roads have been closed on several occasions, especially when we had the big motor bike day, the Harley Davidson weekend and the triathlon, just to name a few.

Whilst many have been away on holidays, others have been working hard to restore the outside of our beautiful building. The painting is almost finished and the signs and electrical work are completed and ready for the official 'Lighting up the Face of St Thomas Becket' on 10 September at 6.00pm. This will be a great sight for returning holiday makers to see such a transformation to our building.

During the summer we also enjoyed having Anthony O'Grady with us for three weeks. Anthony is a theological student from England and it was great to welcome him to St Thomas Becket, where he quickly made friends with many within the parish. He has written an article for this edition of Becket News.

At the end of August we will say farewell to Philipp Rogall, our volunteer who has been with us for one year under the Bundesfreiwilligendienstes (BFD) scheme. Philipp has been a tremendous asset to the parish in the past twelve months and I am not sure how we are going to manage without him. His skills with publishing, which includes

the weekly service sheet, hymn sheets, rosters, the parish calendar of events, flyers, and many more have meant that we have been able to have quality material to distribute widely about all of our exciting parish activities. He has been actively involved in the Music Committee and was instrumental in driving many of the changes to our monthly Traditional Services. His work behind the scenes has enabled me to be out and about visiting and meeting many people from all walks of life. I am personally very grateful for the enormous amount of work Philipp has done for the parish and I shall miss him very much. Philipp will be going on to university to study Theology and I look forward to keeping in touch and hearing how he is enjoying his studies. Please keep him in your prayers as he discerns God's call on his life.

In September I will finally be going on Retreat. My last attempt did not eventuate because Kirchentag and the launch of our renovations became very time consuming. I am accustomed to having one Retreat each year for myself and leading two others for the congregation. Since arriving in Hamburg, the pace of our 400th anniversary celebrations and subsequent activities have not allowed for this to happen. I shall be going to Alton Abbey, an Anglican Benedictine community in Hampshire, England from 21-25 September. I shall then travel to York where I have been asked to preach in the Merchant Adventurers' Hall. The sermon is known as The Thomas Herbert sermon and has been preached annually since 1644. It is traditionally given on the Feast of Michaelmas which includes a chapel service, followed by a traditional goose dinner. I am very much looking forward to catching up with many of the Merchant Adventurers who visited us for our 400th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and to meeting other members of the Company.

In October I shall fly back to Australia to conduct two family weddings. I will be on leave from 7 October to 5 November. This will be my first trip home since arriving in

Hamburg almost two years ago. Fr Clifford Poole has kindly accepted my invitation to be the locum during my time away and he and Jean will live in my flat. Fr Clifford will look after all pastoral services and I know many will be pleased to see the Pooles again as they were very popular when they were here in 2011. I shall return in time for Remembrance Sunday and the ProPiano Concerts and the Bazaar. There are lots of exciting events to look forward to.

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is feeling refreshed and ready for all the wonderful activities we have planned in our parish calendar. Please encourage your family and friends to come along to the various events and I look forward to returning from my holidays with some new stories to share.

Every blessing,
Matthew



The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York - Celebrating over 650 years of enterprise.

In 1357 a number of important men and women came together to form a religious fraternity and to build the Merchant Adventurers' Hall. By 1430 most members were mercers, and alongside the fraternity they set up a trading association and guild. They used the hall to transact their business affairs, to meet together socially, to look after the poor and pray to God.

There has been a trading relationship between Hamburg and the Merchant Adventurers for centuries. The name St Thomas Becket, the patron saint of the Merchant Adventurers, was given to our church after it reopened after the war in 1947.

To all at St Thomas Becket

Nearly one month has passed now since I was with you on my placement in Hamburg. I have had much to reflect upon from my experiences and have only just 'come down' from the excitement!

I was struck instantly by the warm welcome that I received by all of you. In particular, I wish to express a continued debt of thanks to Matthew for his friendship, mentorship and guidance. My stay was made possible due to the hospitality of the Rexhausen family, and I was taken aback by their generosity, encouragement and Anglo-German humour. I was immediately struck by the sheer diversity of the congregation and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing every corner of the World worshipping together in the same church. As a keen liturgist, I also relished the chance to experience the range of Sunday services. The family service and picnic inspired me greatly. There appears to be a growing gap between younger and older generations in Western culture. So for me it was reassuring to experience the nurturing community at St Thomas Becket.

I am well and truly into my current placement in a parish on the North East coast of England. This too is proving to be a highly rewarding placement where I have received nothing short of the warmest reception. One key similarity that has run through my placements both here and at Hamburg has been that of my growing awareness of the need as Christians to be a visible presence in every community. Matthew and I discussed this in terms of the relationship between church and the market place. It may seem as though we are in a World where there is an ongoing suppression of expressed faith, especially if you follow regular press coverage on issues such as the wearing of crosses and prayer in the workplace. However, my experience of wearing a cassock has shown that people

still hold dear the presence of the church in their communities. This is evident in the way that people will approach and seek conversation.

Naturally not every Christian wears clothing or symbols to represent who we are, nor do I suggest that this is the key to being a visible presence. 'Visible Christianity' depends upon our willingness to reach out and engage with God, ever present in the ordinariness of daily life as well as in the glory, splendour and majesty. I certainly witnessed this at work in Hamburg as I lived and worked alongside so many inspirational people, all with so many different life-stories.

So may we all go out and shine as lights to the World...

With great affection, your brother in Jesus Christ,

Anthony



Rev Andrew Sully (left) vicar of St Collen's in North Wales, who is on a cycling pilgrimage from the shrine of St Thomas Becket Canterbury to Trondheim to where the Viking King Olaf is buried, with Anthony O'Grady (right) an ordinand from the Community of the Resurrection Mirfield who was at STB for a few weeks.

A Year Well Spent, I Believe!



After the occasional brief update on how my BFD year at the parish was going, this piece shall recap the entire year.

When I began on 4 September, I believe I was not the only person excited and unsure about what was to come in the

following months. Fr Matthew and I had met some time before to discuss what could be part of my service to the parish. We concluded that I could basically do anything I liked, except for stealing away his job of course!

Soon after, it became apparent that the great majority of the work during the week was related to the service sheet for the coming Sunday. Thus, this went on to become the main task of the week. I started revamping the service sheet's design, trying to incorporate the parish's corporate identity from STB400 and after, as well as keep it familiar to everyone on Sunday, so they wouldn't have to bother with finding the part they were looking for, as can too easily be the case when one overhauls a well-known publication. The new service sheet is flexible in its layout, making it adaptable to any occasion at the church, such as a Bishop's visit or a special feast day.

Speaking of feast days, many of you will have attended the "new" and popular Traditional Service, which takes place every last Sunday of the month. While the parish always had something more traditional apart from the "normal" Sunday liturgy, in my attachment to tradition I thought more could be done to bring another gem of times past to our modern world. The Traditional Service features readings in King James English, the occasional Latin chant and the ancient Greek Kyrie which has formed part of Christian worship for 2 000 years. It also uses Order Two from Common Worship, which is based on the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. The most obvious difference, however, is the lovely odour of incense, wafting through the aisle, pardon my

slightly tendentious wording. This has been a great concern of my BFD year, to introduce people to the spiritually uplifting liturgy of olden ages, meant to give us a sense of God's infinite holiness in sight, sound and smell. Thanks to generous donors, we could acquire a thurible, a boat and altar bells to serve this purpose.

In conjunction with the traditional service, I was moved to bring more diversity to even the regular Sunday liturgy by incorporating Saints' feast days. During the years I attended services at the parish, I couldn't remember one single instance of a saint's day being celebrated. But since the Saints are such a treasure to our spiritual life and journey, I thought it a pity to miss their stories in parish life. Especially in Ordinary Time (Sundays after Trinity), the Sundays were missing a topic. The Saints bear witness to the love, holiness and truth of God in a fallen world, to encourage us in our struggle with temptation, and fortify us in charity. Now, Saints like the Blessed Mother, St Francis, Sts Peter and Paul and our patron St Thomas Becket, as well as many others, get to tell us of their lives and love for God. Fr Matthew and I have tried to find a balance of feast days and the ordinary liturgical year to not lose focus of things.

Part of the reason I wanted to serve as a volunteer in BFD was that I needed time to discern whether I wanted to enrol in theological studies. I am happy to say that the year has served as confirmation for this course of life.

I am very grateful to the parish for granting me the opportunity to explore this field of vocation, particularly to Fr Matthew for coping with it all and helping me along, together with Wendy, Tina, Erika and Phil Zeni for their assistance and jolly company.

To the congregation of St Thomas Becket I wish all God's blessings through him and his intercession, in deep gratitude.

Philipp Rogall

Fabric Committee Report

Progress on our major renovation of the exterior of our building is proceeding on plan, on time and on budget.

The recoating of the surface, following cleaning and repair is now complete excepting the approximate one meter base. It will also be recoated after receiving even more extensive resurfacing.

New downspouts and headers to accept rain water for the guttering system on the roof have been installed. They replace the copper downspouts, with their PVC (plastic) repairs that have been significant eyesores since the time much of the copper was stolen by vandals. The new downspouts are cast iron and were created for us by a company in England.

The new signage on the portico has been installed and will be tested for its visual compatibility along with new lighting for the four front cross windows and the long existing, unlighted cross on the pediment. Actual continuous lighting on a daily schedule will begin after the "Lighting up the Face of St Thomas Becket" event planned for 10 September.



A specialist in refinishing worn and damaged wood surfaces is still working on the front entrance area doors and interior walls. Similarly, the company refinishing the brass plaques and hardware of the doors is completing its work, but is waiting for all other

parts of the project to be completed before reinstalling the metal. This person has also fabricated a new brass information box to replace the previous one to the left of the entrance doors and it too will be installed with the rest of the brass fixtures.

The scaffolding with its sheeting that gives the appearance of a giant gift ready for unwrapping is scheduled to be removed within the next two weeks and much of the renovation will be visible for the first time.

Power washing of the sandstone tiles of the portico and its steps has been completed, but more detailed work is planned to repair and stabilize them.

The Fabric Committee is now turning its attention and efforts to the interior of the building. While there are many potential projects within that would enhance the appearance and functionality, we are waiting to confirm final costs for the exterior work since various change orders were issued and all expenditures must be reconciled with the original Fabric Budget, including its contingency funds.

The entire project has proceeded quite smoothly due largely to the expert technical guidance and years of contracting experience provided by the project architect Alk Friedrichsen, without whom the planned quality, timeliness and costs would not have been achieved.

Phil Zeni
Fabric Committee Chairman – July 2013

A wonderful surprise.

As I turned into Zeughausmarkt on the way to Church this morning I gasped. No, I had not hit anyone (note I am usually chastised for not looking out for bikes as I turn right!). It was the wonderful sight of the Church looking glorious in the summer sunshine. Out of its scaffolding shroud the building

gleamed and stood proud and prominent for all to see.

Whilst not totally finished the main part of the renovation is complete.

Now after over 70 years, all who pass by can see what our magnificent building is.

Stating clearly in golden lettering is :

ENGLISCHE KIRCHE Anglican Church of St Thomas Becket



The official unveiling/lighting up ceremony is on September 10, but I could not resist a 'sneak preview' in this Becket News edition. A big thank you to ALL who have worked so hard to ensure the success of this project.

If I may, a very special thank you to Phil Zeni who has put hours of effort into this. Phil the downspouts are magnificent!

John Finn



Kirchentag in Hamburg brings over 1000 worshippers to St Thomas Becket Church.

The German Protestant Kirchentag is a phenomenon quite like no other. Founded in 1949, the same year as the German Federal Republic, as a movement of Protestant lay people, it is today a huge manifestation of ecumenism that takes place every two years. This year it was Hamburg's turn to host 100,000 full-time visitors (most of them under 30!) and 30,000 active participants at 2500 events held between 1-5 May. It is a platform for intensive discussion, and a forum for critical debate involving people from church and politics. The theme of this year's Kirchentag was '*Soviel du brauchst*' – in English '*As much as you need*' – taken from Exodus 16:18.

Kirchentag provided an opportunity for the Anglican Church of St Thomas Becket which last year celebrated its 400th anniversary under the heading 'Extending a Welcome', to live up not only to this, but also to the recently adopted mission statement to be very much involved in the wider community in Hamburg. The church was host to Evensong with the Kantorei Sankt Marien, Rostock who showed how a German protestant church has adopted a great Anglican tradition.



The church was packed full, as it was again when almost 400 people attended the Meissen

Service to celebrate the ecumenical relations between the Church of England and the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD) – a service in both English and German at which the Rt. Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Bradford and Co-Chairman of the Meissen Commission, presided and Bishop Prof. Dr. Friedrich Weber, the EKD Co-Chairman of the Meissen Commission, preached. St Thomas Becket hosted a good party afterwards, with helpers still able to get up in time for the normal parish Sunday Service with Bishop David Hamid presiding, Archdeacon Jonathan LLOYD present and the Very Revd Dr John Arnold, Dean Emeritus of Durham, preaching.

Members of St Thomas Becket congregation were pleased to welcome back all six locums from the vacancy period in 2011, all regular Kirchentag participants. The Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany (CAECG) had a stall amongst the many in the Hamburg Exhibition Centre's 'Market of Opportunities' as did the Anglican-Lutheran Society which recruited a number of new members. As another nice ecumenical touch, the CAECG shared a stand with the Old Catholics with whom the Anglican Church has been in full communion since 1931 under the Bonn Agreement.

Summarising his first experience of Kirchentag, the Australian Chaplain of St Thomas Becket Church, Revd Matthew Jones says 'This has been an amazing experience. Over 1000 people have attended worship services in our church in the three days, and many others have come inside to visit and find some peace and quiet. The City has been alive with people of many nationalities and it has been great for us to be able to play our part in welcoming them to Hamburg together with our sister churches. All in all a really moving experience that has helped us live our mission statement to be *A welcoming, active and inclusive church, growing in our relationship with God and the wider community*'

Even the elusive Hamburg sun shone throughout!

MS May 2013.

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- 8 May 2013

Photo by – Canon David Ratcliffe)

Count your blessings

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

--Anonymous

Freemasonry, Mormonism, the Jehovah's Witnesses And Scientology

Fact and Fiction

Freemasons, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Scientologists are amongst the most controversial religious groups in the world of religion. Their supporters and detractors are equally vocal - but what is the truth about these groups? Martin Leafe (M.A., comparative Religions), former Lecturer at the Study of Religions Departments of Hannover and Bremen Universities, presents a series of talks on the history, theory, leading personalities and practices of these groups, in the course of which we will discover:

How, where and why did they begin?

What do they believe and practice?

Are Freemasonry and Scientology religions?

Is there any truth in the rumours which surround these groups?

Are they as dangerous as some people believe them to be?

Join us for an informative, enlightening, absorbing -and perhaps not uncontroversial- series of talks and discover the answers.

Where - St Thomas Becket Anglican Church
Zeughausmarkt 22

Time - 7 –9 pm (with break)

Day - Thursdays

Dates - 5 Sep 13 Freemasons
19 Sep 13 Mormons
3 Oct 13 Jehovah's Witnesses
10 Oct 13 Scientology

Admission by donation to support church ministry

Church Wanderers



The April walk in the Sachsenwald found eight hardy wanderers setting out from Aumühle station in a light drizzle and under grey skies, proving that, true to our motto, we keep on walking, whatever the weather.

Striking off into the Sachsenwald down at the old mill pond, we were confident that the weather would improve in the afternoon. We followed the Bille River winding its picturesque way through woods which offered at least some shelter from the cold wind. Positive comments from some wanderers that the river view was even more attractive because of the trees still being leafless could not compensate entirely for the fact that there were absolutely no signs of Spring. 13 April and still no blue sky, no mild breezes, no delicate shimmer of new green.

Despite the offer of plastic bags to sit on, the group rejected the wet tree trunk suggested as a suitable perch on which to enjoy a tea break. We took our refreshments standing in the mud by the Fürstenbrücke.

Marching on, we passed two enormous bomb craters – a reminder of World War Two, and stopped to wonder at one of the many bronze age burial mounds which abound here. The thought of how people coped with life in this area nearly 5000 years ago – without Goretex and thermos flasks – gave rise to shudders.

Finally we left the woods and the river and passed through the open fields to return to our starting point at the Aumühle millpond. Leaving our picnic lunches untouched, we agreed to shorten the walk (optimists maintained we had covered 9 kilometers) and seek shelter from the increasingly unpleasant weather.

We enjoyed a late lunch in the cosy, somewhat smoky, Bismarck Stube in the Bismarck Mühle restaurant. This is really

Bismarck country, since his last residence, the castle at Friedrichsruh, is just down the road. Under a genial portrait of the Fürst himself we enjoyed the good company and were of the opinion that this is a wonderful part of the world – with the exception of the weather! – *Nicki*

In May, blossom time, and the Wanderers' thoughts always turn to the Altes Land. This year, however, we decided to try out a new route and, instead of beginning in Cranz, to take the train to Buxtehude.

Leaving the station, we first needed to walk through the old town to reach the river Este and those who were discovering Buxtehude for the first time were surprised and charmed by the architecture and general atmosphere. Our aim was to walk along one bank of the river to Estebrügge, cross the bridge and return along the opposite bank. Spring was late this year and only a few of the apple trees were in full bloom, but it was a sunny day and a pleasant walk, nevertheless.

In Estebrügge all the local Schützenvereine - we counted at least five of them! - were out in full force for their annual procession with accompanying brass bands. Quite a sight! It was now lunch-time and we found a perfect spot by the historic church with seats for all (and toilets nearby!) We weren't the only folk from St Thomas Becket enjoying the Altes Land that day, for who should suddenly appear but Harry Wise and Liz on their bikes. They stopped to chat and we discovered them to be enthusiastic cyclists.

Back in Buxtehude we had Kaffee u. Kuchen in the " Süße Sünde " before catching the train home. - *Cicely*

Our Westerland walk in June started off on a rather disappointing note - we were supposed to have been 10 walkers on this rainy, cold and overcast day but, alas, only 7 of us turned up! The train ride to Westerland was

rather enjoyable with lots to chat about and plenty of nibbles. On the spur of the moment we decided to get off at Keitum station with the intention of walking to Westerland but once on the platform some of the group realized how cold it was so the 7 of us jumped on the train again to continue the ride to Westerland - I am sure most of the passengers thought we were a rather undecided group! They were not all that wrong. On arrival the first stop was a discount clothing store to buy some bits of clothing for those who were not dressed appropriately - Tina, being wise, bought herself a blanket which could be used in different ways. Now what? At the suggestion of Julie we split up into two groups - a group of 5 and a group of 2. Our group of five did a walk along the beach/dyke and later we met up with Julie and Liz where we were told that they would be going back to the station and would wait for us - Tina and Renu joined them at the station restaurant while the rest of us did some shopping, some walking and also enjoyed some coffee and cake. A few hours later we met up at the station which was so full that we considered ourselves very fortunate getting seats on the train. At the end of the day it all boils down to the German saying: "There is no bad weather only inappropriate clothing". Sadly, some of our regulars were not able to join us so that we are hoping to repeat this walk again while the weather is still nice. - *Eileen & Matilda*



On a hot, sunny Saturday, 13 July 2013, 13 participants of the Church Wanderers headed towards the Penguin Brunnen in the Stadtpark to have a picnic lunch. I had my E-mobil scooter, went ahead of the group, and discovered the site for the picnic was in deep shade and a bit draughty. Matthew re-chose the site for our picnic in one of the sunken gardens. We 'sank' there, rolled-out our picnic rugs on the lawn and enjoyed our bring-and-share lunch. The weather was splendid and it was fun, so much so, that Matthew hula-hooped!



It was a brilliant idea of Matilda's to bring along the hoop and also a Ghanaian game, Awale. to play. Our thanks go to Cicely and Eileen for arranging a fun picnic. - *Liz*

Please watch the church website for news and updates of future walks and note the following forthcoming dates for your diary.

10 August and
7 September (N.B. the 1st Saturday, as the 2nd is the Nacht der Kirchen) - *Cicely*

CAECG lecture



(J. Begbie)

Report on my visit to Berlin in June for a special CAECG lecture on Sound of Freedom, Rhythm of Worship, Future of Worship given by Jeremy Begbie.

I was kindly invited by St George's Anglican Episcopal Church, Berlin to join a very special lecture and I would like to thank them with all my heart for this great experience.

Well, how do I start - since I am not a journalist, how do I write an article? I thought the best way is to tell you about my feelings while listening to such a great musician and Christian.

The lecture was in three parts and for me the first part **"The Sound of Freedom: The Music of Liberation"** allowed me, not only to think about freedom of choice, but also to let God into my life. I must tell you there were a few words which I did not get (I am not a native English speaker), however I still got much which are very important for me.

When our eyes see just one colour on the wall, say yellow, and when blue is put on top of it, it becomes green – but when we listen with our ears we will hear more than one note, we are able to hear many, two, three or even more. During the lecture Jeremy played amazing piano pieces which illustrated the possibilities of seeing and hearing together – Wow!

The second part **"Re-times by God: The Rhythm of Worship"** got me totally – Jeremy played the music "I Got Rhythm" to show us, we have all got rhythm in our lives/bodies/souls and we all have music in us! Jeremy then explained different types of rhythm or rhythmic activity in music.

1. Multi-leveled rhythm (basic rhythm in Western music – following the meter)
2. Rhythmic interplay (has more than one rhythm besides the basic rhythm)

3. Emergent rhythm (waves that are shaped by melody and harmony together)
4. Diverse synchronization (someone taps finger and others will follow – an intense sense of togetherness)

5. Cross-rhythm (in the middle of a piece, suddenly 3 notes appear out of nowhere – which makes us be aware)

This is just a short overview – Jeremy accompanied this with so much vibrant music and explanation, it was just a pleasure to listen and watch.

Why this second part has got me?

I found my way back to church through music. Not all types of music, but the hymns of the Anglican church hymn book. about 9 years ago I visited St Thomas Becket in Hamburg and here I am. For me music is praising the Lord. Also I think the rhythm in preaching is very important to me.

When I was young and attending confirmation classes (in Germany they go over one year) I went frequently to church because I had to. My experience there was that church is boring, the sermon was a flat presentation and I always drifted away with my thoughts thinking what I could do afterwards. Now this has totally changed, I am getting something out of the sermon to think about and especially with Matthew it is always speaking to my heart and soul. I feel blessed to be part of this community. Being part of the choir is also such a joy, that I must really thank all the members of the choir, our choirmaster Yotin and our organist Jochim for letting me be a part of this ministry in church.

The third part **"Re-tuned by God: The future in Worship"** how will the future be? In the New Testament they start with the future and then think about the present (and taking in the past as well) – maybe it would be a good idea for us/me to look first in the future and then work on it in the present. God's promised future – praising God in song - *What is it from the future that the Spirit tunes us into?*

Jeremy gave five examples:

1. Jesus Christ: worshipped and worshipper – the spirit tunes us into Jesus Christ and we

worship him. He is also the Worshipper, the supreme Worship Leader. Jesus himself is leading our songs Jesus in our midst as worship leader, inviting us to join him.

2. Polyphony – In the first thousand years the Christians didn't sing in harmony; they sang unison (chants) – in the 11th century this changed and someone sang along with the chant a few notes lower and so on to the way we sing today in harmony.

3. Exposure - the final future will be the full disclosure; it is part of the last judgment – on the last day all will be transparent to God and to us. In Worship the thin veil separating heaven and earth is suddenly transparent. Enjoy worship.

4. Abundance – find a balance in worship and overflowing with laughter (playing then Bach's "Et Resurrexit" which showed us the one side ordered and yet utterly uncontrollable at the same time – great music.

5. Re-creativity – you should see the show called STOMP. Why? Because here the most ordinary, discarded and dirty things are transformed into the most enticing, contagious dance rhythm show you'll hear. *It is transforming, re-creating – be open for new things.*

Many thanks once again for this opportunity and if you want to know more please look up Jeremy Begbie on the internet or talk to me or send me an e-mail fischer_birte@web.de.

Birte Fischer
CAECG Representative



The Mothers' Union members are going to be busy in the coming weeks!

As a fund-raising effort to support the MU's global projects such as the Literacy and Development, and Parenting Programmes, we shall be holding a Cake Raffle on Advent Sunday, Tickets will be sold in church on the preceding Sundays.

Regarding Outreach in Hamburg, we shall be making trinkets and knitted or crocheted shawls as "comfort" gifts when paying home visits to those who are ill, housebound or just lonely. Handwork sessions will be held in the church from 7 to 9 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month beginning on 9th September.

Non-MU members are cordially invited to join us on either or both of these projects.

A beautiful design for a St Thomas Becket MU banner was approved by members at their July meeting. It is hoped that this can be manufactured before too long.



Thank you to all who do already support our Fair Trade stall in church; but customers could be more numerous! We are passionate about seeing that small farmers get a fair price for their produce, so do please stop by on your way to the coffee table and see what's on offer. The goods are of excellent quality, and thanks to the discount we get from bulk buying, often cheaper than the same ones sold in the supermarket!

Cicely Hollingsworth
MU Hamburg Branch Secretary

"A Queen is Crowned"

A Coronation Celebration in
Film, Food and Music



Portrait of the Queen, taken in 2002 © John Svannell/Camera Press

Charity event

On Monday evening 3 June 2013 the Friends of Britain held a celebration of the 60th Jubilee of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, in the Church.

We were entertained with music performed by Cornelia Schuenemann and Andrea Gaertner on Organ and Saxophone, and the original film "A Queen is Crowned" from the Coronation day, 2nd June 1953, with narration by Sir Laurence Olivier.

Refreshments included Pimms, "proper" tea and sandwiches and cakes made by the Ladies of the Church.

The Church was festooned in flags and bunting to mark the occasion and there was much discussion about who was where on that day.

Proceeds from this enjoyable evening were donated to Kinderhaus Mignon and our Church.

Irene Finn

Annual Bazaar, Saturday 16 November 2013

- Advance Notice -



Our Annual Bazaar will be held on 16 November, 10.30-16.00 in Church. So it's time to get ready and get the preparations underway. Renu Roy has started to get things moving, and a big thank you goes out to all those who once again will help and play a vital role in our annual major money raising event.

Don't worry if you are not involved yet. We need many volunteers for helping with the various activities especially the set up and clear up teams.

Please contact Renu Roy if you have any donations or questions.



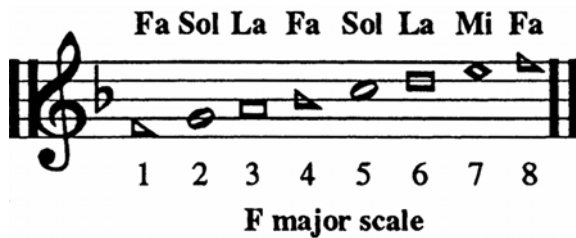
The Best from Great Britain
Saturday 31 August / Sunday 1 September
Hamburger Polo Club
Klein Flottbek

This year we celebrate 23 years of British Flair in Hamburg. On 31st August and 1st September a variety of entertaining highlights will await you. Scottish "Highland Games", music, the classic comedy sketch Dinner for One "live", sporting events such as rugby, polo, cricket or unique Wellington boot tossing will provide the very best entertainment and exciting moments.

Members of St Thomas Becket will celebrate a short service on Sunday morning 1st September at 10.30. Please join us and come and sing along.

Singing from the "Sacred Harp"

A New England choral folk tradition comes to Hamburg:



Sacred Harp singing is a sacred folk choral tradition which originated in New England 200 years ago. It's not about rehearsing and performing but about the communal experience of singing together. Everybody can learn to join in even if you haven't sung before.

While in the US this tradition is alive rather in rural areas in the Southern states, groups are forming in bigger cities now. Also in Europe, especially in the UK, there are singers exploring this unique singing experience.

Two workshops on the "Sacred Harp" are planned for Hamburg. They are led by leading singers of the UK Sacred Harp branch: Fynn Titford-Mock (Norwich) and Michael Walker (London).



The workshops are free, we'll just ask for a donation for the music ministry of our church. For lunch we'll go to a pub together

The dates are:

Saturday, 17 August 2013, 10am to 5pm
Singing from the Sacred Harp- Workshop
with Fynn Titford-Mock (Norwich/UK)

Saturday, 28 September 2013, 10am to 5pm
Singing from the Sacred Harp- Workshop
with Michael Walker (London/UK)

It would be so great if we could start singing on a regular basis! The meetings could be on Tuesdays at 8pm, right after the "regular" choir rehearsal time. So I'll keep you posted about that. One first step would be just to show up at the workshops with Fynn and Michael! Hope to see all of you there!

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Junior Church

The Junior Church break up for the summer holidays started with a Family Service at STB followed by a picnic in Planten und Blumen. We had tug-o-war competitions (and the girls won again this year) and sack races. It was a great afternoon of fun outdoors following a wonderful service during which Anthony O'Grady, our theological student from England gave a special address to the children. He focused on forgiveness and the children were invited to put cards on the cross with some of the things they might ask God's forgiveness for. We had around thirty children and all of them received a gift for being part of our Junior Church ministry.

Congratulations to all those who are involved in Junior Church. It is a very special part of our parish life.

ST THOMAS BECKET ANGLICAN CHURCH

"A welcoming, active and inclusive church, growing in our relationship with God and the wider community."

OXFAM Charity Shops



In most high streets in towns throughout the U.K. it is quite normal to find an Oxfam Shop. These shops offer a variety of second hand goods in good condition. The shops

are run by the International charity Organisation OXFAM, and in the main, staffed and supported by volunteers. Oxfam was originally founded in Oxford, in 1942 as the *Oxford Committee for Famine Relief* by a group of Quakers, social activists, and Oxford academics; this is now Oxfam Great Britain, still based in Oxford U.K.

Oxfam has numerous shops all over the world, which sell many fair-trade and donated items. They opened their first charity shop in 1948. The proceeds are used to further Oxfam's relief efforts around the globe. From life saving emergency responses, to life changing development projects.

Much of their stock comes from public donations but they currently also sell fair trade products from developing countries in Africa, Asia and South America, including handcrafts, books, music CDs and instruments, clothing, toys, food and ethnic creations. These objects are brought to the public through fair trade to help boost the quality of life of their producers and surrounding communities.

Oxfam has over 1,200 shops worldwide. Some of them are in the UK with around 750 Oxfam GB shops including specialist shops

such as books, music, furniture and bridal wear. Oxfam Germany has 34 shops including specialist book shops; Oxfam France shops sell books and fair trade products and Oxfam Hong Kong has 2 shops selling donated goods and fair trade products. Oxfam Australia (with over 20 fair trade shops), Oxfam Ireland and Oxfam in Belgium also raise funds from shops.

In 2008, Oxfam GB worked with over 20,000 volunteers in shops across the UK, raising £17.1 million for Oxfam's programme work.

I did not know that Oxfam was such a large global organization, and only recently found that there are three Oxfam shops in Hamburg. Hoheluftchaussee 58, Wandsbeker Marktstraße 10 and an Oxfam Fashion Store, that specializes in good quality second hand clothing and accessories, located in Bahrenfelder Str. 130, Ottensen.

Interested? Why not pop into your nearest branch, or look further on-line at www.oxfam.de.

JF, July 2013



Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at St Thomas Becket

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| Baptism & Confirmation 'The Water of Life' | March 31 July 14 | Elizabeth Catherine Rose Dawson Nicholas Lucca Alexander Kaymaz |
| Weddings 'To have and to hold...' | -nil- | |
| Funerals & Memorial Service 'I know that my redeemer lives' | February 28 | Alexander Ruff |

Archbishops of Canterbury

Find the first 18 Archbishops of Canterbury who range from 597 to 870.
Please note that Wighard died of the plague before his consecration.

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Church Calender

August - December 2013

August

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| 2 | 6.00pm | Mothers' Union | 17 | 10-5pm | Sacred Harp Singing Workshop |
| 3 | 5.00pm | Evensong | 19 | 6.30pm | Parish Council |
| 4 | 2.00pm | 70th Anniversary of the bombing of Hamburg St Katherinen's | 24 | 3.00pm | Liturgical Assistants' Training |
| | | | 25 | 10.30am | Traditional Service |
| 10 | | Wanderers | 31 | | British Flair |

September

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| 1 | 10.30 | Service at STB & British Flair | 14 | | Nacht der Kirchen |
| | 5.00pm | Mass at Swedish Church | 16 | 6.30 | Parish Council |
| | | | 19 | 7.00pm | Religion Lecture 2/4 |
| 5 | 7.00pm | Religion Lecture 1/4 | 19-21 | | CAECG Bonn |
| 6 | 6.00pm | Mothers' Union | 21-25 | | Fr Matthew on reteat |
| 6-8 | | Music Training Workshop | 22 | 5.00pm | Concert by Quartonal |
| 7 | | Wanderers | 23 | 7-9pm | MU Craft Evening |
| 8 | 10.30am | Birth of Mary Musical Comedy | 28 | 10ß5pm | Sacred Harp Singing Workshop |
| 10 | 6-8pm | Lighting up of the Face of STB | 7.30pm | | Rock 'n' Roll Evening |
| 13 | 10.30am | Music Commitee | 29 | 10.30am | Saint Michael and All Angels Traditional Service |

Watch this Space!

Elvis will be singing Christmas songs in the church – more details to follow.

October

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| 1 | 7.30pm | Healing Service | 12 | | Wanderers |
| 3 | 7.00pm | Religion Lecture 3/4 | 14 | 7-9.00pm | MU Craft Evening |
| 4 | 6.00pm | Mothers' Union | 19 | 10.00am | African Chant Workshop |
| 5 | 5.00pm | Evensong | | | |
| 6 | 10.30pm | Harvest Festival | 21 | 6.30pm | Parish Council |
| 7 Oct - 5 Nov | | Fr Matthew in Australia | 27 | 10.30am | Sts Simon and Jude Traditional Service |
| 10 | 7.00pm | Religion Lecture | 28 | 7-9.00pm | MU Craft Evening |

November

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| 1 | | <i>All Saints' Day</i> | 11 | 7-9.00pm | MU Craft Evening |
| | 6.00pm | Mothers' Union | 15 | 10.30am | Music Committee |
| 2 | | <i>All Souls</i> | 16 | 10.30am | Bazaar |
| | 5.00pm | Evensong | 18 | 6.30pm | Parish Council |
| 8-10 | | Pro Piano workshops and concerts | 23 | 11-4pm | Hafen City Anglicanism* |
| 9 | | Wanderers | 24 | 10.30 | Christ the King (traditional Service) |
| 10 | 10.30am | Remembrance Sunday | 25 | 7-9pm | MU Craft Evening |

* The ecumenical forum in HafenCity have asked us to be present all day to talk to people about Anglicanism. (See Fr Matthew)

December

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| 1 | 10.30am | Advent Sunday | 21 | 5.00pm | Nine Lessons and Carols |
| 6 | 6.00pm | Mothers' Union | 23 | 7-9pm | MU Craft Evening |
| 7 | 5.00pm | Evensong | 24 | | Christmas Eve |
| 9 | 7-9pm | MU Craft Evening | 25 | 10.30 | Christmas Day |
| 14 | 5.00pm | Favorite Christmas Carols Sing-a-long | 29 | 10.30 | Traditional Service |
| 14 | | Wanderers | | | |

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