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From the Chaplain

Advent and Christmas 2013

Firstly may I wish all Becket News readers every blessing for this new year. As I look back on the events of 2013, I am constantly reminded how active our parish is, especially when I look at the number of events which were held throughout the year. The parish is certainly living up to its Mission Statement in being welcoming, active, inclusive and growing. The seasons of Advent and Christmas have been wonderful and we saw a very healthy growth of 25% attendance over the previous year at the services. This year we also decided to trial building the Stable in a different place. It was put at the end of the North-South aisle so that it would be the first thing people would see when entering the church building. Personally I think it has worked much better in having such a visible impact and I am always happy to receive helpful advice for next year. Some of the highlights for Advent and Christmas 2013 were:

Elvis singing Christmas songs: Over 120 people attended a wonderful evening on Advent Sunday when our good friend and neighbour, Oliver (aka Elvis) sang numerous Elvis Christmas songs and many other popular hits. He was joined by a delightful Columbian Folk Group in traditional dress who also performed for us. We took up a collection from the very appreciative audience and, together with the bar sales, we raised €1200. This was a fantastic result and, as we had promised, 20% was sent to support the Philippines Typhoon Appeal. Judging from the many favourable comments received, I have a hunch Elvis may be back in 2014!

Mothers' Union Sing-along Christmas carols: Our MU ladies hosted an evening with carols, coffee, cake and cookies. In spite of the inclement weather (read really strong wind, rain and snow and very cold temperatures), a happy group of nearly forty people attended and sang joyfully. The evening got livelier when our MU president coerced our choir director and a number of

parishioners to lead from the front. The singing was great fun and we all felt that this was definitely an event to repeat next year.

Carolling in Grossneumarkt: This was a lot of fun for all who participated. We were invited to join other choirs and each group walked from their church or organisation singing carols to meet together in Grossneumarkt where a large community choir entertained a very appreciative audience.

Nine Lessons and Carols: There is a famous poem by Robert Burns which talks about 'The best laid plans of mice and men' and this was certainly the case on the evening we hosted Nine Lessons and Carols. No-one could have foreseen that Hamburg would be the venue for a massive demonstration that sealed off most of the city and involved police reinforcements being brought from other places to assist our Hamburg police in trying to maintain law and order. In spite of this, 120 people still managed to find their way to the Englische Kirche for what proved to be a most enjoyable evening of fine music and retelling of the Advent and Christmas stories from Scripture. I would like to congratulate and thank Yotin and Jochim for a superb service and add my thanks to Karen for her beautiful flute playing and the choir for their wonderful singing. We are looking at ways we could perhaps move this service to an earlier date to allow for those who are travelling for Christmas to still be able to attend this wonderful service. For me, personally, this service just keeps getting better and I am not sure how our musicians will be able to beat this one, but I am sure they will try. Well done!

Family service: This year we decided in lieu of a Nativity Play to have a dramatised account of the Gospel. It was a great morning and involved many of our Junior Church children. We had Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus, shepherds, lots of sheep, angels and wise men. It was such a joy to see so many happy children with their families bringing the Christmas story alive. The music was great and as we sang Away in a Manger inside the stable, it was a very

moving moment indeed. A great surprise was a visit from Santa at the end of the service who brought gifts for all the children.

Children's Christmas service: This is the second year we have had a service on Christmas Eve where we could tell the Christmas story to children in both English and German. I am very grateful to Birte for her help, especially in speaking German with the children. We had a 20% increase in attendance this year and ended the service with cocoa and cookies which were much appreciated by all.

Midnight Mass and Christmas Day: These services continue to grow and are such a joy to participate in. These are also wonderful opportunities for us to really live out our Mission Statement in growing in our relationship with the wider community. We meet so many people from different parts of Hamburg and beyond and most seem to go away really impressed with our beautiful building and our welcoming congregation. Thank you to everyone who contributes in any way to helping us to grow in this special way.

New Year's Day: This year we trialled having a service on New Year's Day 2014 to see if people would like to begin a new year with an opportunity to pray together and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. I must say I was delighted with the attendance so I will be including this on our planner each year.

Thank you to all who have been providing dates for events in the coming year. We are currently putting this information together and will also update it as the year progresses. Welcome home to all those who have been travelling and I look forward to seeing many familiar faces in the coming weeks as we enjoy each other's company at the many services and events being planned. May 2014 be a year full of blessings for us all.

God bless,

Matthew

Hafen City Ecumenical Forum 'Sharing the Treasures of Faith'

It was a great joy for several of us to be able to attend a gathering in Hafen City at the Ecumenical Forum to speak about the Anglican Church. The day started with what the organisers called a typically English breakfast with lots of bacon and eggs and toast and tea. We then had an interview time when Fr Matthew was interviewed about his own personal journey within the Anglican Church.



We then broke into small groups and the participants were able to share their own stories about what they felt were the real 'Treasures' of their faith. Afterwards we had afternoon tea with, yes, you might have guessed it, scones, jam and cream and more tea.

This was followed by a service of Choral Evensong in the Ecumenical Chapel and we taught our ecumenical friends some sung Versicles and Responses for Evensong. A number of our choristers accompanied Jochim and sang the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis and we sang three hymns from the English Hymn Book.





It was a great opportunity to share our 'Anglican' story and we met many people from other denominations. In line with our Mission Statement, this was another opportunity to grow in our relationship with the wider community.

Fr Matthew

Epiphany? What is it? Why do we celebrate it?

Epiphany is celebrated every January 6 by millions, considered to be the day the Wisemen finally found the Christ child. Celebration varies widely around the world. Greek Orthodox youth take a frigid swim. In New Orleans, it is the start of Carnival, which ends with Mardi Gras. In Russia, any water poured on Epiphany is regarded as holy. In Latin America, children receive gifts. In Shakespeare's England, it was the last day of a series of wild parties!

Source: beliefnet.com



Remembrance Sunday Service makes the European Anglican

Churches across Europe marked Sunday 10 November as Remembrance Sunday. Monica Schofield reports on just one event in a German city which suffered from allied bombing during World War Two.

In Hamburg the Remembrance Service saw the church full. The Honorary British Consul Mr Claus G. Budelmann attended the service together with members of the British army currently attending the Bundeswehr Führungsakademie - the German Military Leadership Academy - that also provides training for officers of NATO forces. After the service wreaths were laid at the Commonwealth War Grave at Ohlsdorf Cemetery.



The picture above shows Rev Matthew Jones, Chaplain St Thomas Becket Anglican Church in Hamburg with wreath bearers at the Commonwealth War Grave, Ohlsdorf Cemetery in the city.

Last August, Fr Matthew was invited to preach at an ecumenical service in Hamburg to mark the 70th anniversary of operation Gomorrah - the fire bombing of Hamburg which killed 40000 and left 37000 wounded. He rose to the challenge - helped by being Australian:

Source The European Anglican (Nov,2013)

Well done to both Monica Schofield and our Diocesan Communications Officer for the fast work in publishing the above report.

Money matters: thank you for responding

In the last issue of BN we reported on the urgent need to tackle the deficit on the finances needed for the running of STB which in August were looking pretty dire. We are very pleased to report that at the end of 2013, things have taken a positive turn thanks to a significant increase in income during the autumn, particularly for November and December. The income for November was just over 28 000 euros, 13 452 of which was from the Bazaar, but the rest from other sources. December saw donations totalling some 23 000 euros. Overall this means that by some miracle we almost broke even in 2013 (having budgeted a deficit of 32 000 euros). A very big thank you to all who responded to the need to tackle the crisis in big ways and small. Every bit has helped, whether it has been generous giving of money or prayers. A special thank you to all who helped make the Bazaar a success, especially the many outside the immediate church community who loyally help out each year. This remains a significant source of income, and something which we should seek to expand.

We are not out of the woods yet as the church finances remain precarious. The main income sources are dependent on too few people both in terms of a small number of significant donors and those who contribute to significant fund raising activities such as the Bazaar and Christmas card sales. We need to expand the number of people who support the church through regular giving to cover the fixed costs which are around 100,000 euros per year (in 2013 the total expenditure was 138,000 euros). This means 100 people donating an average of 20 euros a week, or 200 donating 10 euros a week! Funds raised by events can then be used to support special projects and expand our activities. Please do come forward if you have ideas. Clearly there are many people who may not attend church very regularly, but value it being there, judging by some of the responses we have had to our appeal, so help in making approaches to such individuals is also much appreciated.

We have written to Hauptpastor Röder at the Michel to ask for his support in approaching the Nordkirche about re-instigating the grant they used to pay STB on behalf of those who pay Kirchensteuer. Pastor Röder has spoken to Fr Matthew in response to the letter and assured him of his support.

We could not have mastered the situation without the support of Eckhard Thomes who came in as interim treasurer last summer when we could not find anyone within STB to take on this role. Aside from seeing to it that invoices are paid, Eckhard has provided us with a more transparent financial reporting system so that it is easier for the Chaplaincy Council to collectively monitor where we stand. A big thank you to Eckhard for all his hard work on our behalf, and not least for providing the good news about the final balance to make the deadline for this BN! At a personal level I have really enjoyed working with Eckhard and learned much. As of 1.1.2014 Eckhard passes on the baton to his former banking colleague Heiner Quast who has agreed to take this on for 6 months. By then we hope to have found a more permanent arrangement.

Now we have a new financial year with new challenges, but the help and support of so many people over the past months gives reason to be optimistic that we will master these.

Wishing us all a happy, healthy, fun and prosperous 2014!

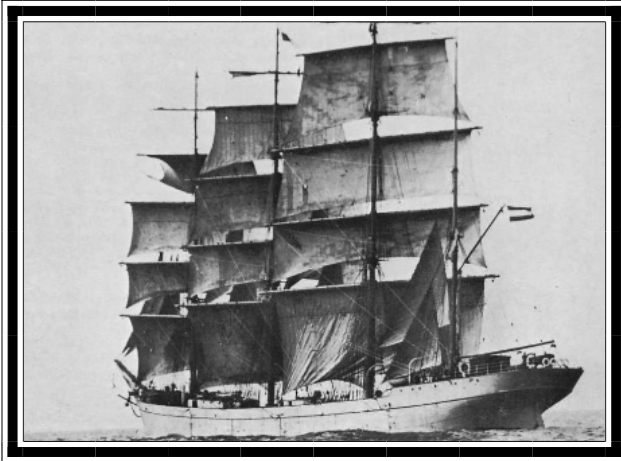
*Monica
(currently acting as Treasury Liaison Officer)*

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Disaster at Sea



On the night of 1st and 2nd February 1914 there was a tragedy off the coast of south Cornwall when a steel barque registered in Hamburg ran onto the rocks and most of the crew drowned.

The ship, **the Hera**, was bringing a cargo of guano from Chile to Europe when she sailed into very poor weather conditions. The coast-line around Cornwall was no stranger to shipwrecks, especially as many ships made for Falmouth for orders in the days before radio.

The weather was so bad that the rescue was almost impossible. Attempts to fire a line onto the ship failed and the lifeboat was almost wrecked on the rocks. Sadly the captain and eighteen of the crew of the Hera perished; only five survived.

Most of the crew, whose bodies were recovered, were buried in Veryan Churchyard, with twelve men being buried in the longest grave in the British Isles. The funerals were attended by several hundred local people. They were all too familiar with death at sea and understood the grief of the families of those who perished.

There will be a commemoration of this tragedy over the weekend of 1st and 2nd February this year which marks the 100 anniversary, where those who perished will be remembered.

The programme of events, to be held in Veryan Church (or the adjacent churchyard), will be as follows:

Saturday, 1 February 2014

10am Opening of an Exhibition in the presence of Rt Revd Chris Goldsmith, Bishop of St Germans, Revd Steve Wild, Chairman of Cornwall Methodist District, Councillor John Wood, Chairman of Cornwall Council and others.

10 am to 4 pm Exhibition and informal visits to the graves.

7.30 pm Informal Concert with Du Hag Owr, Philleigh Shout, Trounce Guy and others in aid of Missions to Seafarers, RNLI and Veryan Church Heating Fund.

Sunday, 2 February 2014

11 am Requiem Service with the Roseland Churches' Choir, guest preacher Revd Jon Robertshaw.

3 pm Rededication of the memorials with Very Revd Roger Bush, Dean of Truro Cathedral.

10 am to 4 pm, (except during the services), Exhibition and informal visits to the graves.

We look forward to welcoming as many people from Germany as possible. If anyone needs details of available accommodation please contact fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net

(It may be of interest that this area has been used in the making of some of Rosemund Piltcher's stories and in filming *the British TV series 'Camomile Lawn'*).

Fr Doug Robins



ST SYMPHORIAN CHURCH, VERYAN, CORNWALL

Church Recording



The British Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Hamburg e.V (BRIDFAS) is planning to start a **Church Record** of the English Church of Hamburg in 2014. This will be a joint project with volunteers from within the church community and members of BRIDFAS.

NADFAS has been carrying out **Church Recording** for around 40 years in the UK and has catalogued in excess of 1600 churches. Volunteers work in small groups making a record of the church interior, including furnishings, memorials, metalwork, paintings, silver, windows and other articles. The work involves photography, research and producing a comprehensive inventory for posterity of the interior and fabric of the church. These records are then sent to the designated County Records Office, the Cathedral and Church Buildings Council and the Victoria and Albert Museum Art Library, to name a few.



Volunteers, who report back to BRIDFAS periodically, run the project and because it is voluntary there is no time limit and people can be involved as and when they have time. No special skills or experience are required. Some of the records in the U.K. have revealed valuable treasures, such as a King James I Bible and a valuable wardrobe of copes and vestments, hidden behind a 14th century wooden door. Insurance companies also welcome **Church Recording** as a catalogued record aids their task in the event of a theft.

In the first quarter of 2014, we hope volunteers will come forward for this project,

which has the full blessing of Fr Matthew. It will take us some time to get the project off the ground and get the paperwork organized, but then the record will not only raise awareness of the artistic heritage within the church, but should also be a social and fun project for people to be involved in.

Please contact Pat Pledger, Chair of BRIDFAS, if you would like more details (tel: 040 821858, email [patpledger.be\(at\)t-online.de](mailto:patpledger.be(at)t-online.de)) or speak to Erika Hori or Fr Matthew if you would like to join us in this project.

Pat Pledger
BRIDFAS Chairperson

Eddson and Lydia Chakuma

We say goodbye to Eddson and Lydia Chakuma. Eddson, a former trade unionist from Zimbabwe, is a quiet and friendly man - it's difficult to believe that the Zimbabwean authorities would see in him a menace to the state. But in March 2011 they charged Eddson with treason. He had been arrested at a political event, where they screened and debated a video about the political uprisings that were taking place at the time in a number of Middle Eastern and North African countries.

The meeting was nothing more than a political discussion. His lawyers appealed to a higher court, which suspended the sentence, he is still awaiting the final decision, so the ordeal is not over. An additional source of worry for Eddson was the fact that his employer, the United Food and Allied Workers Union, let him go from his job as an organising secretary because of work he missed while in prison.

For the last 12 months, he has been living in Hamburg as guest of the Hamburg Foundation for Politically Persecuted People. Although he holds out hope for his country, he is not going to Zimbabwe yet. Whatever he achieves academically during his stay in Hamburg will be put to use in Zimbabwe, to help make his dreams for the country come true.

Liz Nietz
(October 2013)

Communication matters! Web stats 2013



The church website www.anglican-church-hamburg.de continues to attract over 7000 visitors per year from over 50 different countries – 7008 from 57 countries to be exact. This is about 10% down on the record set for 2012, but this was the year of STB400 with more intensive PR activity. As in 2012, German IP addresses account for 73% of visitors, followed by the US, UK, Sweden and for some reason Australia.

Just for interest, about twice as many people search for the website using key words Anglican Church or Anglikanische Kirche Hamburg compared with 'English Church' or Englische Kirche, showing greater recognition for the 'Anglican brand'.

In June a small group of us met to review communications and how to proceed with developing a new website. This is overdue: the website continues to draw many people to the church, but is now looking a bit old fashioned. Unfortunately, the serious situation of STB's finances meant this work had to be put on hold, but it will be tackled as a priority in 2014.

With this I am signing off from webmaster duties; Jo Dawes has kindly taken this on to give me the time to act as 'Treasury Liaison Officer' i.e. to focus on STB's financial management. But we will be working together on the new website. Our Facebook site continues to be maintained by our choir director Yotin which adds to our internet presence.

Progress on the website would be helped by some financial resources: we are looking for about 900 euros in sponsorship: STB the movie is waiting to be made! If you are interested in supporting STB's communications work, do get in touch. All hands are needed.

Monica

A RECIPE FROM THE GOOD BOOK

I wonder how many readers will know what the following ingredients are without having to check up on the biblical references. If you do need to check them it may be advisable to look at more than one translation as not all of them translate the same.

The ingredients.

1. ½lb Judges V verse 25
2. ½lb Jeremiah VI verse 20
3. 1 tablespoon I Samuel XIV verse 25
4. 3 of Jeremiah XVII verse 11
5. ½lb Samuel XXX verse 12
6. ½lb Nahum III verse 12 (chopped)
7. 2oz Numbers XVII verse 8 blanch and chopped
8. 1lb I Kings IV verse 22
9. Season with 2 Chronicles IX verse 9
10. A pinch of Leviticus II verse 13
11. A teaspoonful of Amos IV verse 5
12. 3 tablespoons of Judges IV verse 19

(Note. Leaven probably means baking powder)

Method.

Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream. Add 4 one at a time still beating. Then add 5, 6 and 7 and beat again. Add 8, 9, 10 and 11 having previously mixed them. Then add 12. Bake in a low oven for 1½ hours.



Annual Bazaar

On November 16, St Thomas Becket Annual Church Bazaar was held. As every year a hive of activity was going on in the background preparing for this event. All during the year our group of "Crafty" Ladies are busy stitching, cutting, gluing and sewing, making all sort of gifts to raise money. Appeals go out, not only across Hamburg but across Europe, to collect used Christmas cards, and Judith organises her troops with the cutting, gluing and selling of the now famous St Thomas Becket Christmas cards. Appeals go out for anyone going to U.K. to bring back the little bits of home produce that we cannot seem to live without to sell on the Produce Store. Letters are written and sent out to many people and organisations who so generously donate prizes for our raffle. And all year round second hand books are being collected ready for the big sale. Nearer the day many other activities start with bottles being collected, accessories arriving, cakes being baked, CD's DVD's and records start appearing and new stock starts accumulating in the side pews to add to our ever growing collection of second hand books. Then finally the bottle tombola and food stalls are organised and the annual event comes to life!



A wonderful effort once again resulted in yet another great result for our Church. The Bazaar is of course a major fund raiser and the money is so important and helps support the increasing cost of keeping the Church alive in our city.

Every job great or small is important to the total result. Our thanks to every one who helped. Don't forget that help is always needed, so come on and please join the team.



Again this year the British Community in Hamburg held a Victorian Christmas Market on the first weekend in Advent. The Church runs a stall at this event selling cards, jams, chutneys and handicrafts. We raised over €800 at this event. Thank you especially to the ladies who volunteer to take part here and support our Church.

John Finn

Church Bazaar Results 2013

Stall	Income €
Handicrafts	628,50
Books	978,12
Café	518,00
Cakes	553,30
Raffle	2802,00
Bric-à-brac	436,40
Accessories	1341,00
Christmas cards *	2.532,11
Music, DVD's, Videos	448,30
Indian food	800,00
African Food & Soup	528,80
Glühwein	158,50
Bottle tombola	555,51
British produce	1107,19
Cookery Books and Collection	65,11
Victorian Market	815,00
Total	14.267,84

* (Interim result for cards sold until the Bazaar. The selling continues - please see separate article).

2013 - Church Christmas and Greetings Cards – 2014

Over 5,700 Christmas and Greetings cards were sold during 2013 in aid of the Historic Church of St Thomas Becket, despite higher postage rates and the ever increasing use of email cards. After deducting €865,06 for expenses, the interim net profit for 2013 amounted to €5,627.25, which is about €680 more than the interim net profit last year.



I use the word interim as the British Honorary Consul, Claus Budelmann, has again very generously offered to donate a percentage of whatever profit was made this year on the cards, specifically towards the card project, in the same way as he did last year. We are extremely grateful to Mr Budelmann for his kindness and support. The exact amount made for the card project during 2013 will be reported later.

As always thanks go in the first instance to the small team who actually make the cards, very precisely and professionally, and literally now for decades: to Debbie Faddul, Irene Finn, Jane Harding, Cicely Hollingsworth, Mary Sanderson, Cathy Schierholz and back in England to Caroline Yarnold, and this year to a new “chopper”, Brittany Silvers.

Secondly thank you very much indeed to all who sell cards - to their friends, families and work colleagues, and within the English speaking community and organisations in Hamburg, and even in local shops. In this way we can reach out to a far wider public than would otherwise be possible though our own congregation and at the same time this also helps to advertise the church's presence

here in Hamburg. We are very grateful indeed for all this support and especially to those who continue faithfully to help the card project, and who are not members of the congregation. We thank: BRIDFAS, the British Flair event at the Anglo-German Club, Jennifer Bullinger, Jacqueline Caesar & Debra Zeni (the British Club), Irene Finn & Cicely Hollingsworth (AGIWA & the British Ladies Luncheon Club), Nancy Fischer (German-American Women's Club), Helga Görike (a chemist's shop & a hairdresser's in Reinbek), Pam Hanus (Helena-Lange Schule), Jane Harding, Christiane Hey (H.D. Petersen - Fischgrosshandel mit klein Verkauf), Anke Hoffstätter (school in Osnabrück), Sara van der Jagt, Carol Kloevertorn, Howard & Gabi Kroch (the English Speaking Union), Margot Lord, Elke Norden, Linda Rainer (International School Hamburg), Sigrid Reuter (The Hamburg Players), Elizabeth Sandomeer, Nicki Schiller, the Victorian Christmas Market (British Honorary Consulate). Then finally thank you to those who collected used cards on behalf of the church, both here in Hamburg and also in Britain, sometimes from their offices or their own churches, and some even sent cards through the post. We very much appreciate all this help.

Looking ahead now to Christmas 2014 - we shall again need as many used Christmas cards as possible. To select good mixed motifs for over 5000 cards we actually need over 25,000 used cards! We are now selling more blank cards during the year and so need used flower and birthday cards, and especially photos of flowers. There is a box just inside the church door for used cards, or they can be handed in to the office of the British Honorary Consulate, Neuer Jungfernstieg 20, or to the different societies. Let me know if there are any difficulties and I can collect larger quantities of cards.

Judith Holst
Hamburg, 3rd January, 2014
(Tel:040/8800727)

Carolling in Grossneumarkt



On the second Sunday in Advent some choristers and parishioners of St Thomas Becket took part in a special carolling event organised by Rebecca Garron from the Rover Rep Theatre: Five different groups walked various routes, singing carols and met at the Großneumarkt to form a big group of carollers.



Whereas all the other choirs were fixed groups, the carollers from St Thomas Becket were recruited to become part of our choir for this event. We had a great chance to speak to our neighbours and get to know people while walking and singing.

Let's do this again this year!!!

Yotin

A special spring concert by The Ensemble Altobasso



A concert entitled, 'Come to my garden - Music of Love' will be held on Saturday, 8th February 2014, 7pm in the church.

Traditionally the poetry of the "Song of Songs" has been interpreted as expressions of the relationship between Israel and God or the soul and God. But why not discover them again as erotic poems similar to the arcadic poetry of the Greco-Roman world?

With music by Monteverdi, Buxtehude and Bach the ensemble Altobasso opens our eyes for the biblical and arcadic scenes of love. They will also premier a composition by Hans-Dieter Renken.



Ensemble Altobasso

Ralf Grobe, Bass
 Elisabeth Schwanda, Recorder
 Katrin Krauß, Recorder
 Barbara Hofmann, Viol
 Isolde Kittel-Zerer, Harpsichord

Sacred Harp Singing



Every Tuesday at 8pm everybody is welcome to come and sing from an old American tunebook called "The Sacred Harp" (from 1844). It is sung without accompaniment and usually is in fourpart harmony. It's not like a choir, because there is no leader, but we just meet and sing together. The music of the Sacred Harp is not intended to be performed in front of an audience, it's more about the experience of the sound and the harmony and the voices.

First Germany Sacred Harp Convention (30 May to 1 June 2014)

The Sacred Harp singing tradition comes back to Europe and also to Germany. Singers meet from time to time at a convention, a weekend to sing together. The First Germany Sacred Harp Convention takes place in Hamburg! The venue for the singing will be the chapel of the Ecumenical Forum Hafencity (Shanghaiallee).

Hosts and donations for a shared lunch needed!

We expect 70 singers to come from the UK and the US, as well as from Poland, Holland, Sweden and other German cities. So the Hamburg Sacred Harp group needs your help to accommodate the singers for a weekend. Yotin is happy about every two square-metres you can offer in your home for a singer to sleep! - For Saturday and Sunday lunch we need donations of food.

Can we count on your help and generosity?

Music

At 7pm every Tuesday throughout January our choir director Yotin will give a class on reading music and singing. This will be followed by a Sacred Harp singing session at 8pm. Come if you'd like to discover your voice!

John Stainer The Crucifixion (1887)

**Thursday, 10th April 2014,
7pm**

Anglican Church of St Thomas Becket
Zeughausmarkt 22, 20459 Hamburg

Tenor: Piet Zorn,
Bass: Lukas Dittmann,
Organ: Jochim Trede,
Parish Choir,
Director of Music: Yotin Tiewtrakul

Stainer Project 2014

"God so loved the world" is a well loved anthem by the Victorian composer John Stainer. In fact it is the central piece in his oratorio for two soloists, choir and organ, "The Crucifixion". Each year the parish choir of St Thomas Becket performs the whole piece as part of the Lenten journey. Everyone is invited to be part of it.

Please contact our choir director Yotin Tiewtrakul: yotin.tiewtrakul@gmail.com. For rehearsal dates please refer to our website.

Thank you Fr Clifford

On Sunday November 3rd we said goodbye to Fr Clifford Poole who supported us whilst Fr Matthew was away on vacation. Thank you Clifford. It was great to have you and Jean with us once again as part of the family of St Thomas Becket.



Christmas Services

Some picture memories of the Services held at St Thomas Becket over Christmas this year



Church Wanderers



In October we were very pleased that Clifford and Jean Poole were able to join us for a walk along the Elbe from Wedel to the NABU bird sanctuary. It was a dull day but sufficiently warm for us to sit outside the centre for our picnic lunch, after which we went inside to observe the birds on the lake, availing ourselves of the powerful Zeiss telescopes. On the way back we stopped for Kaffee u. Kuchen at the Fährmannssand Café - a very lively session with Martin Hackett plying Clifford with theological questions. Clifford wondered whether our coffee breaks are always as spirited! The noise level was certainly quite high but we weren't banished and stayed chatting for well over an hour enjoying the cosy atmosphere and good food. We took an alternative inland route to return to Wedel station, allowing Clifford and Jean to make the acquaintance of the striking Roland statue.

The route chosen for our November walk was completely new to us, being a section of the Volksdorfer Rundwanderweg.



We met at Meiendorfer Weg station and followed the well-marked "V" signs along pleasant paths mainly through woods until, after 5kms, we found a spot for our picnic lunch - a conveniently long felled tree trunk. This turned out to be very close to Buckhorn station, where there was a choice of taking the train back to Hamburg or continuing for a further 8 kms to Buchenkamp. After some deliberation Martin Sahni decided to head for

home, while Eileen and myself followed the path parallel to the railway line for the couple of kms to Volksdorf, where we were glad to escape from the rain in a welcoming café.

The rest of the party were made of tougher stuff, however, choosing to tackle the next section of the Rundwanderweg. From the reports I received later they hadn't been disappointed in their choice, as the scenery was really attractive. However, it was a longer walk than usual and they were quite relieved not to miss the train at Buchenkamp and to relax on the journey back to Hamburg.

December, Advent, so why not combine our walk with a visit to a Weihnachtsmarkt? Nine of us took the train to Glückstadt, where we were joined by Eileen who had travelled from her home in Burg. The weather was not very pleasant, damp and drizzly, but true to our motto no-one suggested turning back when it turned to more persistent rain and we plodded on along the dyke as far as the Glückstadt-Wischhafen ferry terminal, returning to the town on a lower path.



When we stopped for a group photo on the steps of the "Palais für aktuelle Kunst", a 17th century house with a beautiful doorway, the door opened and we were invited to go inside by the cheerful curator who asked whether we would like to take a look at the current exhibition. A school art class had

been assigned the topic "The Tower of Babel" and we were amazed by their ingenious use of different materials to create towers - from cardboard rolls to pasta shapes to washing-up sponges.

We had intended to buy lunch from the stalls at the market, but the weather was so dismal that, when Eileen said she knew of a little café above a book shop serving snacks, we were by no means reluctant to change our plans. That was certainly a good idea, and by the time we left, pleasantly warm and dry and no longer hungry, the skies had cleared and we were able to stroll to the market and enjoy our Gluhwein, while listening to the brass band playing " Rudolph" and " Silent Night ".



On the way to the station we bade Eileen farewell, caught our train and arrived in Altona in cheerful mood, feeling we had spent a very satisfactory Saturday.

Cicely Hollingsworth

Future planned dates:

11 January New Year's lunch at Gasthof " zum Falkenstein "

8 February to be decided

8 March to be decided

Please check the church website nearer the date for further detailed information on our monthly walks.

Becket News needs roving reporters!

Your Becket News editor does a fantastic job of putting together each edition, finding photos and laying out the text for each BN. However, the role of an editor is to edit, not write all the original material! There are many exciting things going on at STB of interest to BN readers, many of whom are not resident in Hamburg, and others who can't come to church as much as they would like. But readers of Becket News can only find out what is going if someone writes about it.

So to ensure that the wider world gets to know what goes on within the STB community, this is an appeal to anyone who is responsible for an activity or feels they have something interesting to say to provide short articles for Becket News. A good tip is to do this immediately the event has taken place and not wait until the copy deadline – it really does help to reduce the workload of the editor and make the job more fun if he doesn't have to keep chasing people at the last minute.

In addition, while we are on the subject, your webmaster would also like to issue a plea to remember to send announcements of events for her to include on the website. The ideal is a short text with essential details and if required, further information provided either as a PDF or link.



Many people, coming to STB for the first time, say they are encouraged to do so by the 'up-to-date' website: the website is often the very first contact someone has with our church community, and it includes the latest edition of BN. But like the editor of Becket News, the webmaster's role is to disseminate information, not to be the producer of it all.

Many thanks.
Your webmaster

SERVICES AT ST THOMAS BECKET, JANUARY TO APRIL 2014

Epiphany to Lent

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.

Sunday, 5 January 2014	10:30 Holy Communion <i>Epiphany</i>
Sunday, 12 January 2014	10:30 Holy Communion
Sunday, 19 January 2014	10:30 Holy Communion 17:00 Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, 26 January 2014	10:30 Holy Communion <i>Traditional service</i>
Sunday, 2 February 2014	10:30 Holy Communion <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>
Sunday, 9 February 2014	10:30 Holy Communion
Thursday, 13 February 2014	19:00 Evensong
Sunday, 16 February 2014	10:30 Holy Communion 17:00 Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, 23 February 2014	10:30 Holy Communion <i>Traditional service</i>
Sunday, 2 March 2014	10:30 Holy Communion
Wednesday, 5 March 2014 Ash Wednesday	10.30 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 19.00 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Sunday, 9 March 2014 <i>Lent 1</i>	10:30 Holy Communion
Thursday, 13 March 2014	19:00 Evensong
Sunday, 16 March 2014 <i>Lent 2</i>	10:30 Holy Communion 17:00 Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, 23 March 2014 <i>Lent 3</i>	10:30 Holy Communion
Sunday, 30 March 2014 <i>Lent 4</i>	10:30 Holy Communion <i>Traditional service</i>
Sunday, 6 April 2014 <i>Lent 5</i>	10:30 Holy Communion
Thursday, 10 April 2014	19:00 Evensong
Sunday, 13 April 2014 Palm Sunday	10:30 Holy Communion

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS AT ST THOMAS BECKET

Baptism & Confirmation 'The Water of Life'	8 December 2013	Joris Jiri Duncan Martens
Weddings 'To have and to hold...'	-nil-	
Funerals & Memorial Service 'I know that my redeemer lives'	25 November 2013	Eghosa Keith Iroro (6 years) Judith Osayi Iroro (4 years)

Books of the Old Testament

M I A C O O A B R L P S A L M S U Z G R
 X S V G Q M E Z O F O P I S A I A H U J
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 D Q S M N E V T M K Q L C H Y R R S Z H

GENESIS
 EXODUS
 LEVITICUS
 NUMBERS
 DEUTERONOMY
 JOSHUA
 JUDGES
 RUTH
 SAMUEL

KINGS
 CHRONICLES
 EZEK
 NEHEMIAH
 ESTHER
 JOB
 PSALMS
 PROVERBS
 ECCLESIASTIES

SONG OF SONGS
 ISAIAH
 JEREMIAH
 LAMENTATIONS
 EZEKIEL
 DANIEL
 HOSEA
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