

CROSSWAYS

**News and views from Christ Church Vienna
the Anglican/Episcopal Church in Austria**



*I am the
resurrection,
and the life:
he that
believeth in me,
though he were
dead, yet shall
he live*

John 11:25



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This month's cover is dedicated to a number of individuals who played an important role in the life of our church but are sadly no longer with us. We remember them as well as other loyal members of our congregation who have died.

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Editorial

As the month associated with remembrance and reflection—All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday ensure that our thoughts turn more frequently than usual to those who are no longer with us—it is appropriate that this issue of Crossways contains tributes to one of its most devoted members: Nikki Hertford-Scheiber who was active in so many areas of our community. Fortunately for Christ Church, there have also been a number of other stalwarts who have left their mark on the life of our church in one capacity or another. This month's cover shows some of those who passed away in the course of the last seven years (the life-span of Crossways): Rosemary, Nikki, Helen, Maurice, Alan, Charlotte, Faith, Ona, Alec and June. As ours is a fairly transient community, they will not necessarily be known to every member of the congregation, nor does their number include those who played an important role in our church, such as the late Pat Reiter, but who died before this magazine came into existence (and for whom I have no photo). Let us thank God for their lives and the valuable contribution they made to our community!

On 7 November, we will be remembering those whose lives were uprooted (but spared) when they were sent by train from Austria to England before National Socialism took root in this country during one of the darkest ages of its history. A few days later, our thoughts and prayers will be with all victims of war, as we gather to mark Remembrance Day at a special service at Christ Church on 10 November and another the following day in Klagenfurt.

On a lighter note, on 16 November we hold our annual Advent Bazaar, which means a busy time not only for the coordinators, Mike and Christina Stevens, but for many others involved in one capacity or another. If you have not yet volunteered to help, it is not too late and willing hands are urgently required to set up the day before and disassemble at the end of the Bazaar (see the Church Notices on p18 for further details. EVERYONE should be prepared to do his or her bit, which brings me back to where I started. Christ Church and its community is the sum of its parts. And each of us has a valuable part to play.

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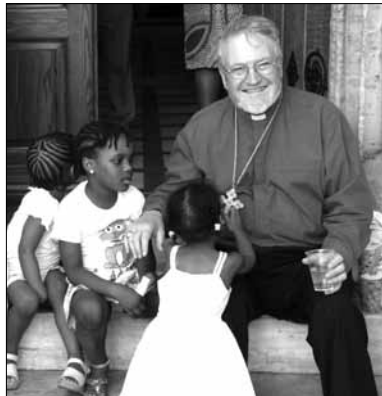
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THE VENERABLE PATRICK CURRAN



Bishop Geoffrey retires as our diocesan bishop this month. People are asking, Who is going to be our next bishop? How is the bishop to be appointed? A procedure is in place that I will seek to outline. The first thing that happens is that the Vacancy in See Committee is formed. The word See is derived from the Latin word *sedes* meaning seat. When a bishop retires the bishop's seat (his throne) is vacated. In this interim period Bishop David, who possesses delegated powers, will shepherd the diocese until Bishop Geoffrey's successor is enthroned (seated). The Vacancy in See Committee is composed of those members from the Diocesan Synod who sit on the Standing Committee (one lay and one clerical member from each archdeaconry), the Chairs of the House of Laity and Clergy together with the diocesan representatives to General Synod of the Church of England.

The tasks of the Vacancy in See Committee are to draw up the Statement of Needs and to elect three lay and three clerical members to the Consultative Group: a body consisting of members from the Archbishop's Council and General Synod. The Statement of Needs is a document that includes a description of our diocese (history, how many congregations, how many members, financial matters etc). It will also seek to determine the diocese's re-



quirements and what qualities and gifts the Consultative Group should be looking for in the next bishop given the peculiarities of our diocese: a diocese which encompasses all of mainland Europe, Turkey and parts of North Africa. Once the Statement of Needs has been finalised the Archbishop's Appointments Secretary conducts interviews with key people in the diocese like the archdeacons, the dean, the diocesan secretary etc.

The Consultative Group will meet twice in the new year to make the nominations. I say nominations because it will nominate two persons. Anyone in Holy Orders, meaning someone who is ordained, can be nominated for the office of diocesan bishop by individuals or church councils. A notice will go out at some stage inviting nominations as well as statements. Each nominated person is considered by the Consultative Group alongside the Statement of Needs as well as the memorandum

by the Archbishop's Appointments Secretary. The appointing bishops draw up a short list. These ten candidates are considered with a view to establishing a shorter list of candidates for the second meeting. At the second meeting the Consultative Group will hopefully discern two candidates who can serve as our diocesan bishop. Who does the Group make the nominations to?

It makes the nominations to three designated bishops who will make the appointment: the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London and a bishop of the Anglican Communion appointed by the Anglican Consultative Committee. This time an archbishop of the Church in Nigeria has been nominated. Ultimately it is these three persons who make the appointment. It is hoped that the name of the next bishop can be made public by the time of the diocesan Synod in May and that the bishop will be seated (enthroned) by September, possibly in time to attend the Eastern Archdeaconry synod.

With hindsight I can see that this is too much information, but it shows clearly that the whole of the Church of England has a say in who our diocesan bishop is going to be. This is made possible through an extensive consultative process that takes seriously various representative bodies as well as office holders – much listening will be required: listening to God and to one another.

Personally, I particularly welcome the Anglican Communion dimension, but each of us can have a part in this process through prayer.

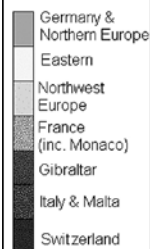
*God of grace,
we thank you for the Diocese of Europe,
and for all your faithful servants
whom you have called as bishops of
this See.*

*Send your Holy Spirit
to guide and direct all who have
responsibility
for the appointment of a new bishop.*

*Grant them godly discernment,
unite them in a common vision,
and keep us all faithful in prayer;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Patrick Curran

Archdeaconries of
the diocese of
Gibraltar in Europe



ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD



The Eastern Archdeaconry Synod was held from 19 to 22 September at the St Columba's House which is a retreat and conference centre located in Woking, England. It was organized by Archdeacon Patrick Curran and Miranda Kopetzky. The focus of the 2013 Eastern Archdeaconry Synod was the diocesan and bishops' personnel, programmes, policies and ministries, which is why it was held in England rather than being hosted by one of the chaplaincies.

The Synod was attended by representatives from Ankara, Athens, Belgrade, Budapest, Crete, Istanbul, Izmir, Kiev, Moscow, Prague, St. Petersburg, Warsaw, Yerevan and Zagreb as well as Vienna. Christ Church, Vienna was represented by the Ven. Patrick Curran as the Archdeacon, Miranda Kopetzky as the Diocesan Synod representative and Angela Peake-Herzog.

The Synod opened Thursday evening with evening prayer and dinner followed by the Archdeacon's report.

The agenda was very full and each day was punctuated by liturgy: Morning Prayer, Eucharist, Evening Prayer and Compline.

Bible study was led by the Revd Canon Meurig Williams (Bishop's Chaplain & Acting Archdeacon for NW Europe) on the World in Colour, a reflection and meditation on readings from Genesis on both the Creation and the story of Moses and the burning bush and Chagall's artistic interpretations of these readings as well as music by Arvo Pärt and Benjamin Britten.

Speakers and guests based in England included: the Revd Paul Needle (Diocesan Press and Communications Officer) who spoke about communications, social media and the new diocesan safeguarding policy; Catherine Jackson, (Appointments Secretary) who spoke about appointments procedures; the Revd Canon William





Gulliford (Diocesan Director of Ordinands) who spoke about ordinands and ministries; Michael Hart (Chair of the Board of Finance), who spoke about the diocesan finances; the Revd Canon Meurig Williams, (the Bishop's Chaplain and Commissary) who led a very creative bible study and of course Bishop Geoffrey Rowell who spoke about matters of the diocese and his upcoming retirement. We also met and were joined by Sue Walshe (Secretary in the Bishop's Office) and Margaret Gibson (Bishop's Personal Assistant). Following all these presentations I couldn't help thinking that Administration is rather an important "ministry"!

Discussions were also held on the two questions being posed by the Archbishop's Appointments Secretary to the Vacancy in See Committee, namely:

- What is the next stage of the journey for the diocese? (In our discussions we decided to first discuss and look at where we have come from and trends over the past 10 years or so); and

- What is the agenda for the next bishop? (We mostly discussed qualities we considered desirable in the next bishop).

Chaplaincy reports were presented and discussed. One very notable trend appears to be the increase in the "House for Duty" posts. This would certainly call for more involvement of the laity if these chaplaincies were to be sustained. I was also very impressed by the outreach work into the community being undertaken by some of the chaplaincies, for example the outreach to the refugee community by St Nicolas in Ankara.

Although the programme was very full we did have some time for socializing later in the evenings. On Friday evening we had a quiz night, with history, sport, political and cultural questions about countries belonging to the Eastern Archdeaconry. Our quizmaster was Patrick Curran and he certainly kept us entertained. On Saturday evening we had an auction and the very talented auctioneer Revd Canon Simon Stephens from Moscow kept us all bidding for the good of the archdeaconry fund!

Nikki Hertford-Schreiber (see pp 8-12) had been a part of the Archdeaconry Synod for many years and was greatly missed by many of the participants. We remembered her in our prayers on Thursday evening when the Synod was opened and then all drank a glass of wine in her memory at the start of the auction, one of Nikki's favourite events. →

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Our Nikki (2)



Christ Church, September 30, held a Service in memory of our beloved Helen Nicole Hertford-Scheiber (Nikki) who passed on in July after a brief but troublesome illness. Family, friends and admirers as well as colleagues and first-time visitors to Christ Church assembled for a solemn but fitting tribute led by the Venerable Patrick Curran, Archdeacon and Chaplain of Christ Church. It was certainly a moving ceremony, which saw close friends and acquaintances recall their deep friendship and share memories of their relationship with Nikki (see below). The Service featured poignant hymns including one chosen by Nikki herself for her funeral: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of Joy. The Reading was from Genesis 9:9-17 "...never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." Over the Rainbow (Israel Kamakawiwo'ole), a favourite song of Nikki's, was sung as was Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts (Henry Purcell), rendered by the choir. Also prominent on the Service wrap was a

moving John Gunstone prayer Nikki used during her illness..."Thank you, Lord, for my friends, who carry me by their prayers into your presence". Corporate silence preceded prayers that concluded with the Lord's Prayer. Organ postlude was Sir Edward Elgar's Nimrod.

Despite the inspiring nature of the service, it was saddening, if not depressing, to finally register that Nikki was gone from us. She was an asset to Christ Church, a pillar of the community and the Church will truly miss her varied contributions. But she left much in her memory, including a dedicated daughter, Christina Fritz, who looks so much like Nikki herself; a loyal Ted Scheiber, whom she introduced to the Church community (Ted is a devoted participant in Church activities); and a lovely grandchild. Nikki was actually still on the Church Council at the time of her death.

It certainly was moving to hear Manfred Reiter, in his tribute, also mention his late wife, Pat Reiter, who, along with Nikki Hertford, drew me personally to church,

ensuring that I served over years as a reader, a sidesman, an intercessor and, indeed, a long-time Church Council member. Attending services each Sunday and sitting on the sidelines was unacceptable to our sister Nikki. One had to contribute to the work and progress of the community. It was important, Nikki effectively pleaded, to contribute and share of what Nikki saw as God-given "talent." At the close of the Memorial Service, and at the invitation of Christina and Ted, the Congregation went on to Himberg to light a bonfire in memory of Nikki. The Falkenhof, Himberg Bonfire was a major Church event begun and hosted and popularized by Nikki and Ted.

Again, dearest Sister Nikki, goodbye. "Wer stirbt, geht nur voraus", said Claus Jacobi (1927-2013). And in some of the cultures of the world, you may, indeed, still be among us, "although we physically see you not." Sam Ifeagwu

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With the passing of Nikki, I have lost a dear friend and sister whom I met my very first Sunday at Christ Church in May 1987. She introduced herself to me and asked me to sit next to her. I was happy to meet someone so warm and loving. After the service I was surprised when she invited me to her place in Dannebergplatz for lunch where I met her daughter Tina. I am sure she extended this hospitality to many others in our church. It continued Sunday after Sunday. We always sat together and she familiarized me with the activities of the church and made sure that I was involved. She introduced me to

Daily Bible Reading notes and in the early 1990s, asked me to take over from Julia Povaly. She included me in the sidesperson's roster and I carried out this duty with her for a number of years.

Nikki was a perfectionist. Of course she got annoyed if things did not always go according to her plan. At the Annual Church Meeting, she would look for people she thought would do a good job keeping the church activities moving. In fact she wanted me to be on the Church Council during Jeremy's time and I served for one year. She encouraged me join the Church Retreat, which I enjoyed, particularly in her company. I also joined the Prayer Ministry group because of Nikki, although I was initially somewhat reluctant. I now know how important prayer is in the life of a Christian. At one stage they were looking for someone to take over the electoral roll. I received a phone call from Nikki saying, "Rose you can do this, I will help you". So I took over. Thank you Nikki, you showed me the way to get involved in church activities for the glory of God.

She had a nice way of welcoming people and if there were any newcomers, she made sure that they came for coffee after the service and met the Church Wardens and others. Every year just before Christmas or Easter, Nikki would ask me at least a month in advance "Rose, what are you doing on Christmas Day (or Easter Sunday)?" She always made sure





that I was not alone during this time. Indeed, she made those days very special with a few others who were also alone here in Vienna. Thank you Nikki, I enjoyed coming to your home, I will miss the happy hours together.

Since 2012, when Nikki was no longer churchwarden we did not sit together, which annoyed her very much. She told me that I had let her down (that was Nikki, always said what she felt). She took care not only of me, but my family when they visited. My brother David (who died some years ago) loved Nikki and Ted's company. Nikki always said, "God has blessed me and I want to share these blessings with others!" which she did, inviting people to BBQs during the summer in her lovely garden, bringing the fruits of her garden to share with others. She said "God has answered my prayers". We all know what she meant.

Thank you Nikki, you played a very important role in my Christian life here in Vienna. Without you and Christ Church my life in Vienna would not have been as easy. I am happy I was there with you during the last days of your earthly life. I still cannot accept that you are with us no more. You will be missed by many in the congregation. We love you. May you enjoy eternal rest in His arms!

Rose Samuel

I can safely say that I have known Nikki longer than any other member of the present Christ Church congregation. Nikki joined the group of young expats who

went out together in Vienna around December 1965. It included my son Martin, the Elliot children, the Summers children, Pippa Armstrong and the Ballard sisters, who were all children of regular members of the Christ Church congregation. Some were only in Vienna during their public school holidays, others all the year round. This means that I have known Nikki for about fifty years. She came to our house in Weidling with Martin and other members of the group. She was the eldest and more or less took charge of them.

After Nikki's sojourn in Australia and ours in England we met up again in 1978. By that time Nikki had become a regular member of Christ Church. Since that time, in spite of the age difference, we became good friends and remained so, right up to her untimely death. She was like a member of my own family. In my advancing years I found her a trustworthy confidant, always ready to help. She was very fond of Martin and he of her. Their friendship lasted to the end.

I admired her for her energy and organizing skills. I knew that I could always ask her for advice. This she freely gave. I have lost a good friend and I miss her very much.

Betty Gruber

Thank you Nikki for the welcome you extended to me on my first visit to Christ Church, and it was a strange feeling for me as there was not a single familiar face whereas the week before I knew everyone in St. Andrews in Gothenburg, Sweden. You invited me to coffee in the Church Shop after the service and over the

next months informed of the activities available. In time you invited me to work with you in the Shop on the third Saturday of each month, I was part of the planning of the first Barn Dance at Himberg, and our friendship grew. We shared an interest in the Prayer Ministry, prison visiting, and the Social and Entertainment Committee and shared rooms at Archdeaconry Synods in various chaplaincies, so we understood each other.

This did not mean that all was smooth sailing. Sometimes I drove you round the bend, sometimes you drove me round the bend, we often looked at things from different perspectives; but in the end we could sort out our differences and remain friends.

Nikki was devoted to Christ Church and as all will attest, she contributed hugely to the welfare of the church, her spiritual home, she was fond of saying. She was conscious and grateful for the many blessings in her life and shortly before she was diagnosed with cancer, she said to me how grateful she was that she had been given all that she had prayed for, so the diagnosis was for me like a bolt in the blue and I did ask, "why", the question for which there is no answer, God's ways are not our ways, but we know that we must trust that with him, All is well. Those words are in fact the last that I spoke to Nikki before I left her bedside after Rose and I prayed with her the evening before she passed. All is well. As we would say in Jamaica, Walk good, my friend. Peace and Love. *Hyacinth Osterlin*

Wir kannten uns seit mehr als 25 Jahren. Kennengelernt haben wir uns in unserer Kirche in Christ Church und sind schnell durch die gemeinsame Arbeit im Kirchenrat Freunde geworden. Auch durch das gemeinsame Kämpfen um den Fortbestand von Blue Danube Radio, speziell nachdem meine erste Frau einen Verein zu diesem Zweck gegründet hatte. Ich kann mich an viele Nachmittage in meinem Haus in Brunn erinnern wo wir im Esszimmer gesessen sind und Flugblätter in Cuverts getan haben, die Cuverts sortiert und nach Postleitzahlen gereiht haben. Nikki war immer mit Begeisterung dabei.

Ich erinnere mich an wunderschöne Abendessen und Pot-Lucks in ihrer schönen Wohnung im 3 Bezirk, und ich war eigentlich ein Bißchen traurig als sie diese Wohnung verkaufte um das Haus in Himberg zu bauen.

Unsere Freundschaft hat immer gehalten, machesmal Mal war es nicht so leicht wenn wir über Probleme in der Kirche gestritten haben aber das war immer schnell vorbei.

Ich werde ihr auch immer dankbar sein daß sie mir ein Jahr nach dem Tod meiner ersten Frau bei einem von ihr organisierten Abendessen, meine zukünftige zweite Frau Anneliese vorgestellt hat und so meinem Leben neuen Sinn gegeben hat.

Nikki, wir werden Dich nie vergessen. Ich habe einmal gelesen: Nur wer vergessen wird ist gestorben!

Manfred Reiter



It was a late sunny afternoon in June when Hyacinth, Beverley, Lara and I went to Himberg to pick cherries in Nikki's garden. I remember how Nikki was finding it more and more difficult to breathe. With the abundance of fruit I made a cherry cake, wanting to bring it to her at Himberg as a thank you. Sadly, the very next day she went into hospital and never returned to her home, her garden at Falkenhof, or barn that many of us know so well.

The irony is that Nikki was the very first person from Christ Church with whom I shared my devastating news that my husband was diagnosed with lung cancer back in the summer of 2007. As a Bible study friend we had shared things before and Nikki was there to listen, support and comfort me through the sad years of losing my husband. She was the one who suggested the hospice at Rennweg when things were getting bad. She was the one who encouraged me to seek family counselling. She was the one (with dear faithful Ted) who organised the reception after my husband's memo-

rial service. She was the one who sent me comforting emails as I learnt to come to terms with being a widow.

I was shocked when Nikki told me that she had been diagnosed with the same cancer as my husband. How could this be? What would we do without her? But even more alarming, what I had shared with her about this horrible terminal disease had become *her* reality! She was no longer the strong one. She was no longer the comforter... she was the sufferer.

"My grace is sufficient for you" said the Lord to Apostle Paul "because my strength is made perfect in weakness". (2 Corinthians 12:9)

I visited Nikki several times in hospital and as her condition worsened I believe she found comfort in our prayers. I also believe she found comfort in the thought that her daughter Tina and grandson Benjamin would be picking the cherries in that beautiful garden for years to come, and possibly Benjamin's children too...

Alexandra Schmidt



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group that went to a contemporary worship service later on Sunday evening at Christ Church in Working. This service had modern music and was mostly attended by young people in their 20s and 30s.

The next synod meeting is to be held in Prague from 25-28 September 2014.



WHO ARE WE?

We have had an excellent response to the Survey that the Church Council has carried out. 89 responses have been received and the data from them has been analysed. We are grateful to all those who took the time to respond.

On Saturday, 12 October the Church Council met for a “quiet day” and reviewed the data that had been gathered. As a result of the conversations that took place on this day, the Church Council will draft a strategic plan for consideration. It will set out the key areas of change and development that need to be addressed, identifying a plan and timeline for each. When the plan has been agreed, it will be shared with the Church community.

As a first step to sharing the results of the questionnaire, we would like to present some interesting data about our congregation.

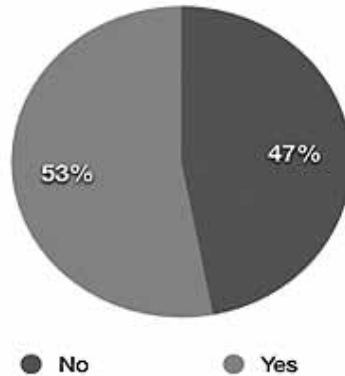
Male: 37% Female: 63%

Married: 51%
Single: 31%
Other: 11%

Austrian: 27% British: 33%
Others: from over 14 nations

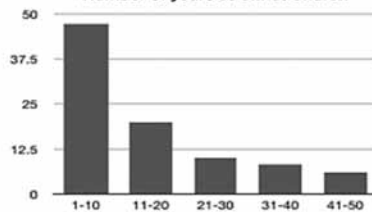
Europe: 62%
Africa: 22%
N. America: 4%
Asia: 4%
Oceania: 1%
Other: 7%

English mother tongue?



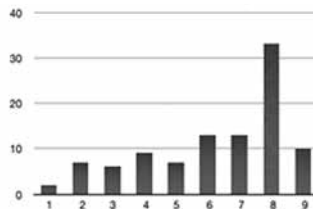
We have been attending Christ Church for different numbers of years.

Number of years at Christ Church



Some of us can come to Church nearly every week and some can attend much more irregularly.

Average no. of services attended in the previous two months



by Elizabeth Stammers

SINGING WHAT I BELIEVE!



In the last issue of Crossways, Judy included an article I had written on Our Christian Belief (Crossways 73, page 24). I concluded with words from a favourite Austrian hymn of mine, “Herr, ich bin dein Eigentum” which I had translated into English. Judy very efficiently Googled the lyrics and included all eight verses which she found on the internet.

Surprise, surprise! Neither my husband – Austrian, Roman Catholic, hobby organist and choir master, with years of experience of working with the Austrian prayer/hymn book *Gotteslob* – nor I had ever seen seven of those verses before! So we checked out our copy of *Gotteslob* and discovered that the first verse, which we both knew had indeed been written by Baltasar Münster, but the other two verses which we knew had been written by others and added later. This is the version often sung in Roman Catholic Churches at the moment.

Here it is in full:

Herr, ich bin dein Eigentum,
dein ist ja mein Leben.
Mir zum Heil und dir zum Ruhm
hast du mir's gegeben.
Väterlich führst du mich
auf des Lebens Wegen
Meinem Ziel entgegen.
Baltasar Münster (1735-1793)

Deine Treue wanket nicht,
du wirst mein gedenken,
wirst mein Herz in deinem Licht
durch die Zeit hin lenken.
So weiß ich, du hast mich in die
Hand geschrieben,
ewig mich zu lieben.
Georg Thurmair (1963)

Gib auch, daß ich wachend sei,
Herr, an deinem Tage,
und das Licht der Gnaden treu
durch mein Leben trage.
Daß ich dann fröhlich kann
dir am End der Zeiten,
Herr, entgegenschreiten.
Gotteslob Innsbruck 1946

Just for the record, there are many-hymns in our New English Hymnal I love too, such as *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, All things bright and beautiful, The Lord's my shepherd, Immortal, invisible, God only wise, Be Thou my vision* and *We have a gospel to proclaim*, to name a few.

Despite not being a talented singer, I have always loved singing and find that I remember hymns and songs better than just words! †

UNDERSTANDING CREATION

“If you want to understand the Creator (our God), you need to understand His creation”.

This quotation from Columbanus of Ireland formed the theme for the address at this year’s Animal Blessing service held on Saturday, 28 September at Christ Church Vienna. The Revd. Aileen Hackl then went on to illustrate the diversity of God’s created world, using examples from the Bible and from everyday life in the 21st century.

The service, which used an adapted liturgy from the Iona Community, Scotland, began with the lighting of three candles on the altar in the name of the Trinity. Verses from Psalm 36 directed our thoughts to the love of God that cares for all forms of life. Aileen led the prayers and the congregation answered with the given responses. Each pet was then individually blessed by name.

Sadly, this year we missed a number of faithful “regulars” due to holidays,



or previously arranged commitments that clashed with the date. However, we were pleased to welcome new canine visitors: Mathilda (five years old) and Dash, just one, seen here with owners Esther and Aurora.

Thank you, Aileen, once again for an imaginative and well thought through service that was complemented by two hymns on creation: Folliot Pierpoint’s *For the beauty of the earth* and *All things bright and beautiful* by Mrs. Cecil Alexander, both ably accompanied on the keyboard by musician Peter Kingsley. †

by Laura Fairburn

Prayer of the Month

Gracious God, surround us and all who mourn this day with your continuing compassion.

Do not let grief overwhelm your children, or turn them against you.

When grief seems never-ending, take them one step at a time along your road of death and resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NOVEMBER 2013

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| 3 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Sung Eucharist Kids' Church 18.00 Choral Evensong | 4 | 5 08.30 Morning Prayer 18.45 Alpha |
| 10 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Sung Eucharist Kids' Church 10.50 Remembrance Service 18.00 Six O'Clock Service | 11 10.50 Remembrance Service in Klagenfurt | 12 08.30 Morning Prayer 18.45 Alpha |
| 17 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Sung Eucharist Kids' Church 11.15 First Communion Class 18.00 Six O'Clock Service | 18 | 19 08.30 Morning Prayer 18.45 Alpha |
| 24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Sung Eucharist Kids' Church 18.00 Six O'Clock Service | 25 | 26 08.30 Morning Prayer |

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| | | <p style="text-align: center;">1 ALL SAINTS' DAY</p> <p>10.30 All Saints' Eucharist</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">2 ALL SOULS' DAY</p> |
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CHURCH NOTICES

SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

As every year at Christ Church, we will be saying prayers for the departed on Saturday, 2 November, All Souls' Day, at an evening service beginning at 18.00. Please write the names of family members, friends, colleagues or others known to you and for whom you wish to pray on the list at the back of the church or contact the Church Office.

Vienna: The annual Remembrance Sunday service will be held on Sunday, 10 November as this is the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day, which is 11 November. There will be a said service of Holy Communion at 10.00. The Remembrance Sunday Service begins at 10.50. Space is limited.

Klagenfurt: A Service of Remembrance will be held at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Klagenfurt (Lilientahlstr.) on Monday, 11 November starting at 10.50. All in attendance are invited to a reception afterwards.

All Saints' Day is a holiday in Austria and we have the privilege of keeping it at Christ Church with a sung celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10.00:
O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST CHURCH ADVENT BAZAAR

The Advent Bazaar is one of the highlights of the life of our church community. It is important that every member of Christ Church does his or her bit to ensure that it continues to be a resounding success. The Bazaar shows the face of Christ Church to a wide public and has become a great occasion to celebrate Vienna's Anglican heritage and the robust presence of a large and diverse community of people of many cultures and nationalities. Let's continue to all work together to sustain this event!

Volunteers: If you can possibly help and have not yet signed up, please contact this year's Bazaar coordinators, Christina and Mike Stevens, who can be reached at mgs044@hotmail.com or 971-8907. Help as part of the team to load or unload bazaar goods on Friday morning beforehand from 8.00 to 10.00 is especially needed. If you can work a shift at one of the stalls during the day, that also contributes importantly to the success of this major Christ Church fund-raising and community activity.

Donations: We can still use donations especially for the tombola and raffle, and also for the white elephant and used clothing stalls. Please get in touch right away with the coordinators if you have items to donate.

**PRAYER
MINISTRY**

It is good to be able to report that the Prayer Ministry is growing. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 20 November at 19.00 hours. The meeting is open to people who are interested in joining the group. Please contact the Chaplain if you have specific prayer requests that you would like us to include in our time of prayer.

**SUNDAY
BIBLE
STUDY**

If you are interested in studying the Bible with others, you might consider joining the Sunday morning Bible study group. Coordinated by Claus Vogl, the group meets in the Church Office at 9.00, and finishes in time for the 10.00 service. Please contact Claus for further information on 06991/1048747.

**ALPHA
COURSE**

Alpha is a course developed by Nicky Gumble of the parish of Holy Trinity, Brompton (HTB) on the basics of the Christianity as a living faith. Over the last twenty years the course has spread throughout the world helping many to come to faith or to deepen their faith. We meet at 19.00 hours for a light meal followed by one of the Alpha presentations and discussion beginning at 19.30. We finish with a short time of prayer.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 1938
KINDERTRANSPORTE**

On Thursday, 7 November at 19.00, Christ Church in conjunction with the Coordinating Committee for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Austria is hosting a one-off event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the transport of refugee children (Kindertransporte) to the United Kingdom in 1938. Some ten thousand Jewish children were brought to Britain in the months prior to World War II.

Gerda Hofreiter, M.A. has written a book on the subject entitled *Allein in die Fremde* (Alone into a foreign land). She will provide the historical background. Fred Gruber, a member of Christ Church, will speak to us from the vantage point of a Zeitzeuge (contemporary witness). The event is being advertised as Kindertransport: Lending a hand to survive. This is the second event Christ Church has organised this year with an eye to 1938. On 18 May, a plaque was unveiled commemorating the baptism of some 1,800 Jews at Christ Church by the Reverends Hugh Grimes and Fred Collard.

The 7 November event at Christ Church is part of a fuller programme to mark the 1938 pogrom in Austria centring on Kristallnacht, the Night of the Broken Glass. The full programme and further information can be found under the following link. <http://www.ruprechtskirche.at/new/index.php?id=10> under the heading Mechaye Hametim. The evening will conclude with a reception in the Church Centre.

A TASTE OF HEAVEN



by Rosalind Shakespear

Stepping into the splendour of a Baroque church is, according to the conception at that time, a foretaste of Heaven. As we turned off the Autobahn the landscape of Steiermark corresponded more readily to my picture of Heaven and would be Paradise itself for millions of people on our planet. That we were enormously blessed for the Parish Outing was felt by each one of the 40 or so members and friends of Christ Church who were part of the group this year, visiting the area in Styria where our organist, Emanuel Schmelzer-Ziringer grew up.

Our first stop was the Augustinian Monastery at Vornau, atop a plateau between the Wechsel mountain range to the north—where gathering clouds testified to the aptness of the name—

and the Masenberg in the south. Our guide was a young Gymnasium student enjoying a holiday job; but Claus Vogl put some additional information our way, reminding us that in the wow-factor Baroque church not more than two kilograms of gold would have been used, and that what we were looking at was first and foremost victory over the Reformation itself, with many symbols of the Counter-Reformation, such as the Assumption of Mary, all around.

The superb Baroque organ had been recently restored—part of a 2 million euro renovation project paid for largely through proceeds from Monastery-owned forestry—but had kept its original pipes. That Emanuel was able to play the organ in each of

the churches we visited was one of the great joys of the day. So a Bach Fantasia filled that gilded interior and in the extraordinary chromatic final section one was reminded of just how contemporary Bach is.

We moved into the Sacristy where the windows cast light on the ceiling fresco depicting Heaven, with Jesus seated on a rainbow, reigning supreme. In contrast, the chaotic and monstrous world of Hell was painted on the end, unlit wall. Among the Seven Deadly Sins we picked out Avarice, Adultery and Gluttony and wondered if the open book held by one of the creatures might represent the sin of reading the wrong kind of literature.

“Come in unhesitatingly and be pleased about the peaceful hours: be busy and come in, you will receive wisdom.” Taken from the Book of Proverbs these words, in Latin, hang above the entrance door to the original Baroque library. The ornately carved bookcases hold about 17,000 books, with more than that number again in other rooms or safes. Apart from books there were two beautiful globes representing Heaven and Earth and honour was satisfied when Hyacinth found Jamaica, albeit firmly positioned on the Earth globe. An unusual curiosity also attested to the fact that the Library had been a place of scientific research. At each end of the room was a large hemisphere, one of which would have been behind the desk of the librarian. When the



priests at one end of the Library had a question for the librarian they had only to whisper the words into the one hemisphere, without disturbing the others, and the librarian could hear it at his desk. We tried it out – it worked!

From Vorau we drove through soft landscape to Pollauberg. Near the road fruit trees bent under the weight of scarlet apples and blue-purple plums and the church we were heading to stood out mistily on a distant



hill. It wasn't long before we were driving into the pretty village dotted round the church. With extensive views all round it was quite a spot for the shared picnic lunch we were more than ready to enjoy.

The basically Gothic church holds one of the most important Baroque organs in Steiermark. Built in 1681 and unrestored since then, we sat and listened to a piece Emanuel chose to play that brought out its soft, voice-like tones. The hikers among us then made their way down the hill to Pollau and enjoyed the cool of the woods, while the rest of the group descended again in the bus. No day trip in Austria is complete without a stop at a Konditorei and we could not have been better accommodated at the one Emanuel had found in Pollau. The cake slices filled the plates but were of the lightest possible consistency so it wasn't difficult to leave empty plates behind us.

There was a wedding that afternoon in the Basilika in Pollau, the second



The pumpkin ice cream in lieu of cake was a great hit

largest church in Styria and built on the same ground plan as St. Peter's in Rome. From Herr Zenz, a friend of Emanuel's, we learnt that the church had remained completely unchanged since its construction between 1701 and 1711, an astonishingly short space of time. Rather astonishing also was to learn that the vibrant Italian-painted frescoes all around us had been cleaned every 100 years with... Brot! High up on a side wall Herr Zenz pointed out St. Gregor, an open book beside him. The writing was not Latin, but German, and, propelled by curiosity, a scaling of the heights had revealed a rough, modern-day translation: "We bet that none of those down there will be able to read what is written up here" – an unexpected example of Baroque humour! Emanuel played for us for the last time that day and then we stood around outside for a short while, looking at the groups



Our shared picnic lunch

from the wedding party. Some of us were struck by the bride's dress – not the traditional white for a church wedding but green and black – the style that goes back to the story of Anna Pochl and the Dirndl that she made famous. Thanks to Gabi Ertl we were given a snippet of Styrian history...

Born in 1804, the daughter of a post-master and his wife, Anna Plochl met her future husband, the Archduke Johann and brother of the reigning Austrian Emperor Franz 1, when she was 15, at Toplitzsee. They had to wait 6 years for the Imperial consent to marry after which Anna's was a life of devotion to her husband and both were much loved in Steiermark. Even after the death of the Archduke in 1859 Anna remained committed to the needs of the Styrian people—for example, she built the Anna-Kinderhospital in Graz—before she herself died in Aussee, aged 81.

From the Basilika we drove to Hartberg and walked up the main street to the Karner Church, a Romanesque Charnel House alongside the main church. In the semi-light we sat and stood in the circle of the ancient building for our evening service. There was of course no organ and the simplicity contrasted sharply with the opulent interiors we had seen all day.

September evenings quickly shed the warmth of the day but the light was beautiful when we arrived at the home of Emanuel's parents, and the charm of their garden felt at its best as we sat down outside at long tressle



Josef and Berta bewitched us

tables, glad to come to rest at the end of our day of exploration. Cider that tasted of apples, delicious wine and Saft of the palest pink was served to us before a buffet of salads and hot food was brought direct from a local restaurant. It was dark by the time we stood to take our leave but there was a further gift to us all as Josef and Berta stood in the light of the doorway and sang a few songs in perfectly balanced two-part harmony. Music runs deep in Emanuel's family and Josef himself was a church organist. Our own musical response was to sing the doxology, *O God from whom blessings flow* before walking out to the bus and looking up to see the swathe of the Milky Way high above us in an unpolluted night sky.

I have not mentioned that in Herr Dragan we had an excellent driver, steady on the Autobahn and a calm manoeuvrer of our coach on the small Styrian roads. He joined us in everything we did and, I would surmise, enjoyed the day as much as we did. †

WAYS TO PRAISE

Experts say that it takes about six weeks to change our habits: breaking bad ones and tricking our minds into accepting good habits as the new norm. Although we are not really supposed to think of Lent as merely a time of self-improvement, it is tempting! It has been the tradition to give up something, however in recent years we have been encouraged to consider taking up something new as well that might help us in our spiritual growth.

Last year in Lent I decided to take up attending the 8.30 Morning Prayer service on a Tuesday mornings in church. I figured I could last six weeks. Needless to say, those six weeks did the trick and I still turn up on Tuesdays with a small group of regular Morning Prayer enthusiasts. Sitting in the silence of the early morning, watching the light pouring through the stained glass windows is very meditative.

One of my Facebook buddies is Bishop Anthony Burton of the Church of the Incarnation in Dallas. Some of you may remember a youth group from their church came here a number of years ago to do some work projects at church and at the Vienna Christian School. Tony and his team have made some videos for Lent which you can look at on their website (www.incarnation.org/lenten-series). In a video entitled *Daily Offices: The Life of a Prayer* Tony talks about the history of the

daily offices as found in the Book of Common Prayer. It is a spiritual system which has formed the spiritual lives of the great theologians of the English Church, as well as ordinary men and women down the years, providing support in times of joy and sorrow. There is a reading from the Old Testament and the New Testament for each service as well as readings of the psalms.

If you follow the lectionary of readings as found in the Book of Common Prayer for one year you will have read the entire Old Testament once, the New Testament (without Revelation) three times, Revelation one time and the Psalms 12 times. This is an amazing way to read the entire bible in one year in an ordered fashion. For those of us on the run who have access to iPads etc there is an app called iPrayBCP available at iTunes. Also, anyone with access to a computer can find the daily services on www.churchofengland.org. Click on Prayer & Worship/ Join us in daily prayer. There you will find all the services for the day with the readings, so that you don't have to figure out what readings you need for the day. You can even choose between traditional BCP or contemporary Common Worship services.

Everything is available online however if you are interested and need a prayer book or bible, please ask in the church office about how to get a copy. †

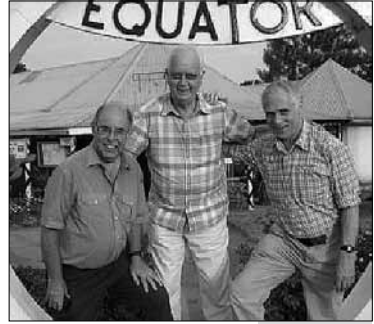
NEWS FROM A VISITOR

I am Brian Wakelin (left in photo), Assistant Minister at Christ Church, Winchester, England and an irregular visitor to Christ Church, Vienna. Patrick asked me to write about a trip to Uganda that I made in June this year to visit our partners. I travelled with a recently retired headmaster (right) and a pensioner (centre) in his 80s who had prayed for Uganda for the best part of 60 years but never visited. First stop was Kalerwe, a high density area in the centre of Kampala with people living in tightly packed one or two room dwellings and prone to bad flooding in the rainy season. Families in Christ Church partner families in Kalerwe; we acted as postmen for letters to and fro. Financial support provides school and medical costs of those partnered making a primary school and medical centre viable. At the parish level we regularly exchange visits; the parish priest and his wife visited Winchester last year.

Despite the living conditions, Kalerwe is a community of hope. An example is the refurbishment of the church building. In floods earlier this year it provided a safe and dry haven for 200 people, something that would have been impossible in the badly broken building I saw four years ago. The work was primarily paid for by St. Nicholas and the Kampala diocese, with some input from Winchester.

From Kampala we travelled south west over the equator to North Kigezi diocese. Bananas of many types are part of the staple diet in Uganda but the plants have been decimated by

banana wilt. A diocesan project seeks to maintain disease-free plants so that the tubers can then be re-planted. In the past we have been involved with children's missions in the diocese that have multiplied under the guidance of the diocesan youth officer.



Next stop was over the mountains to the diocese of Muhabura on the Rwanda/Congo border. Over the past year we seconded two teachers to local schools under the auspices of the Bishop, so we were able to see what they were doing. We also attended an ordination service where my Vicar conducted the retreat. The diocese had 38 priests; a further six were ordained in the service, alongside 10 deacons. We are hoping to send a team of young people to work with Ugandan counterparts in summer 2014.

Thank you for your interest and welcome whenever I visit Christ Church! ✚



by Revd. Brian Wakelin

ON BEING A STRANGER

On World Refugee Day 2013, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: “As Christians, now more than ever, we must be ready to offer the love of Christ to all those enduring the tragedy of being a stranger.” To be a migrant can mean being a stranger. If you have a look at the statistics you will see that the number of migrants worldwide is higher than ever before in history. It is said that migration is the key phenomenon of the 21st century.

In Austria, migration is similarly part of the public discussion. Statisticians predict that the rate of immigration will continue to grow. The result is an increase in diversity, which, as you can imagine, has two sides, opening up new opportunities but at the same time creating fresh problems. It can be a source of economic, social and cultural growth, but it can also lead to poverty and violence. The challenge is to discover how we can live peacefully together within this growing diversity. Archbishop Welby’s quote is just one statement within Christianity and shows that the Christian churches have begun to recognise the phenomenon.

On 1 July, I started a new job at the University of Vienna. It was both a surprise and joy to me that they had invited an Anglican to the Faculty of Catholic Theology within the Department for Practical Theology. My joy was even greater because the office is located in Schenkenstraße

where the British Embassy was located before the construction of the Burgtheater and where the first Anglican services were held. What a coincidence! Within the department, I am involved in a project entitled “Religion in the context of Migration”. It is about the challenges migration holds for religion, especially for the Christian churches in Austria.

If you look at the statistics you will see that 49 per cent of international migrants are Christians. In many cases churches of migrant communities are the first point of contact for migrants in a new country. There migrants find people who speak the same language and have had similar experiences. This in turn has an impact on theology. The Bible is full of migrant stories. Think of Abraham, the Exodus or Jesus and his parents as refugees in Egypt. Migration is a major theme in the Bible, something that churches are discovering with the growing migration.

From the perspective of society one may ask what the contribution of the churches is to the acculturation of migrants in a society or more specifically, what role of Christian churches in Austria play in the context of migration and inclusion into Austrian society. The Roman Catholic Church in Vienna, for example, faces many challenges with the growing diversity of its members from Croatia, Poland, and African countries to name a few. This is a question for

the churches of the Anglican Communion as well, and in particular for Christ Church Vienna. Christ Church is a multi-ethnic, multi-generational and international community and it is a great joy for me to be part of it.

One of the questions I am interested in with reference to migration is the connection between mission and migration. What is the impact of migration on churches—especially Christ Church—that think about mission and how they act in the context of mission?

Bishop Michael Doe, a former General Secretary of the Anglican mission agency the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, wrote in a book about mission in the Anglican Communion: “I want to say that mission is the lifeblood of the Church, and our understanding of it is crucial not only for how we belong together in the Anglican Communion but for what we present to the wider world.” (cf. Doe, 2011) Mission is a central theme for the church and I remember well the retreat of this year, which was entitled “Cultivating God’s mission in us”

But what does my question have to do with you? The project will be based on qualitative research i.e. interviews and group discussions around the topics of mission and migration. I hope that some of these interviews will be conducted with members of Christ Church Vienna.

I am sure that Christ Church has much to offer Austrian society and in particular Vienna. It is a gifted community with expertise and knowledge especially in the area of migration in the present time. It would be helpful to call on this pool of experience. The idea behind the project is to begin a process of reflecting about the understanding and practice of mission in the context of migration in Vienna. If you like to know more about the project do not hesitate to contact me in church or at frank.g.sauer@univie.ac.at or 1-4277-31912. †

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In and Around Christ Church



First Communion



On Sunday, 13 October, Christ Church celebrated the First Communion of William and Rebecca Leslie who had been carefully prepared for this important step in their spiritual lives by Alexandra Schmidt, who presented their candidatures to the Ven. Patrick Curran.

From the Church Registers



On 30 June, Charlotte Amelia Rose Stacie Foster and Tess Nicolls

On 18 August, Naomi Chisombia Osondu



On 13 October, William Leslie and Rebecca Leslie



On 29 June, Carole Alston and Clemens Oppolzer

On 13 July, Dagmar Buschta and Torsten Meintz

On 27 July, Amy Williams and Philipp Radlsberg

On 24 August, Miya Komori and Michael



On 30 July at Christ Church, Nicole Hertford-Scheiber



On 23 July, memorial service for Alison Dunlop

On 9 September, memorial service for Monika de Brouwer

On 30 September, memorial service for Nicole Hertford-Scheiber

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Nov 1 (Fri) | 10.00 | All Saints Sung Eucharist |
| Nov 3 (Sun) | 18.00 | Choral Evensong. |
| Nov 6 (Weds) | 18.30 | Church Council meeting |
| Nov 7 (Thurs) | 19.00 | Commemoration 1938 Children's transport |
| Nov 10 (Sun) | 10.50 | Remembrance Service |
| Nov 11 (Mon) | 10.50 | Remembrance Service Klagenfurt |
| Nov 14 (Thurs) | 18.30 | Reading Group <i>Billy Budd</i> by H.Melville |
| Nov 16 (Sat) | 10.30 | Advent Bazaar |
| Nov 20 (Weds) | 19.00 | Prayer Ministry |
| Nov 27 (Weds) | 18.30 | Church Council meeting |
| Dec 1 (Sun) | 18.00 | Advent Carol Service |
| Dec 8 (Sun) | 16.00 | Christmas carol sing-along in aid of a charity |
| Dec 11 (Weds) | 19.00 | Prayer Ministry |
| Dec 15 (Sun) | 10.00 | Family Eucharist and children's nativity |
| | 18.00 | Service of Nine Lessons and Carols |
| Dec 21 (Sat) | 16.00 | Christingle Service |
| Dec 24 (Tues) | 22.45 | Midnight Mass |
| Dec 25 (Weds) | 08.00 | Said Eucharist |
| | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist with carols |
| Dec 31 (Tues) | 16.30 | New Year's Eve – Said Eucharist with carols |
| Jan 6 (Mon) | 10.00 | Epiphany – Sung Eucharist |
| Jan 29 (Weds) | 18.30 | Church Council meeting |
| April 2, 2014 | 19.00 | Annual Church Meeting |



Christ Church Advent Bazaar,

Saturday 16th November 2013

10:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Bundesamtsgebäude,
Radetskystrasse 2, 1030 Wien

The Christ Church Annual Advent Bazaar attracts over 3,000 visitors every year from Vienna and surrounding towns and members of the large international community. They enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere of this traditional event that they see as the signal for the start of Christmas time and an opportunity to beat the Christmas shopping rush.

Items on sale include

- Clothes, either new or second hand in good condition,
- Toys and children's books
- Jewellery, linens, ornaments, paintings
- A vast choice of English books for all ages and tastes at very reasonable prices,
- DVDs and CDs
- Traditional British jams, chutneys, marmalades and Christmas fare
- Christmas crackers

Sample Scottish whisky and have a drink at an English pub!

Our entertainment programme includes a Scottish Piper, the Royal Scottish Country Dancers and Christmas Carols sung by the Christ Church Choir.

Children can visit Santa Claus in his Grotto to make their Christmas wishes and have their photograph taken with him or have their faces painted and buy an animal balloon

The African, Asian and European restaurants cater for all culinary tastes and the Coffee Shop serves delicious home-made cakes throughout the day.

There is also both a Tombola where every ticket wins a prize and a Raffle where prizes range from restaurant vouchers to the star prize of an iPad Mini!

There is something for every age group, every interest and every pocket and we invite everyone to come and see what is on offer!

Bei Unzustellbarkeit an Absender zurück:

Return address if not claimed:

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