

# Saint Columban's Newsletter



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## New Presiding Bishop

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of the Diocese of Nevada, was elected the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, June 18, on the fifth ballot cast by the House of Bishops. Her election was confirmed by the House of Deputies, as is required by church canons. She is the first woman to hold the top post in the church's nearly 400-year history. Her nine-year term officially begins November 1st 2006; she will be invested and seated November 4th during a liturgy at Washington National Cathedral.

Katharine Jefferts Schori, 52, was consecrated the ninth Bishop of Nevada on February 24, 2001. Her service to the wider church includes current membership on the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion; the Board of Trustees, Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California; the CREDO Advisory Board; the House of Bishops peer coaching program; the General Board of Examining Chaplains; the Board for Church Deployment; the House of Bishops' Pastoral Development, Racism, and Planning Committees; the Court for Review of a Trial of a Bishop; the Episcopal visitor team for the Community of the Holy Spirit; and the Bishops of Small Dioceses group. 2001-2003 she was a member of the 20/20 Strategy Group, and served as secretary of the House of Bishops Ministry Committee at the 2003 General Convention.

She is the author of "When Conflict and Hope Abound," Vestry Papers (March-April 2005); "Building Bridges/Widening Circles" in *Preaching Through Holy Days and Holidays: Sermons that Work XI*, Roger Alling and David J. Schlafer, eds. Morehouse (2003); "Multicultural Issues in Preaching" in *Preaching Through the Year of Matthew: Sermons That Work X*, Roger Alling and David J. Schlafer, eds. Morehouse (2001); and "The Nag" in *Preaching Through the Year of Luke: Sermons That Work IX*, Roger Alling and David J. Schlafer, eds. Morehouse (2000). Her Maundy Thursday sermon was included in *What Makes This Day Different?* by David Schlafer, Cowley (1998).

At the time of her election as bishop of Nevada, Jefferts Schori was assistant rector at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis, Oregon, where she also served as pastoral associate, dean of the Good Samaritan School of Theology, and priest-in-charge, El Buen Samaritano, Corvallis. She was ordained deacon and priest in 1994. Prior to ordination, she was a visiting assistant professor at Oregon State University's Department of Religious Studies, a visiting scientist at Oregon State University's Department of Oceanography, and an oceanographer with the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle.

She received a B.S. in biology from Stanford University, 1974; an M.S. in oceanography from Oregon State University, 1977; a Ph.D. from Oregon State University, 1983; an M.Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 1994; and a D.D. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2001.

Jefferts Schori was born March 26, 1954, in Pensacola, Florida. She has been married to Richard Miles Schori, a retired theoretical mathematician (topologist), since 1979. They have one child, Katharine Johanna, 24, who is a second lieutenant and pilot in the US Air Force.

## **Archbishop of Canterbury –‘Challenge and hope’ for the Anglican Communion**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has set out his thinking on the future of the Anglican Communion in the wake of the deliberations in the United States on the Windsor Report and the Anglican Communion at the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (USA). ‘The Challenge and Hope of Being an Anglican Today, A Reflection for the Bishops, Clergy and Faithful of the Anglican Communion’, has been sent to Primates with a covering letter, published more widely and made available as audio on the internet. In it, the Archbishop says that the strength of the Anglican tradition has been in maintaining a balance between the absolute priority of the Bible, a catholic loyalty to the sacraments and a habit of cultural sensitivity and intellectual flexibility:

“To accept that each of these has a place in the church’s life and that they need each other means that the enthusiasts for each aspect have to be prepared to live with certain tensions or even sacrifices. The only reason for being an Anglican is that this balance seems to you to be healthy for the Church Catholic”

Dr Williams ... stresses that the key issue now for the church is not about the human rights of homosexual people, but about how the church makes decisions in a responsible way.

“. whatever the presenting issue, no member Church can make significant decisions unilaterally and still expect this to make no difference to how it is regarded in the fellowship; this would be uncomfortably like saying that every member could redefine the terms of belonging as and when it suited them. Some actions - and sacramental actions in particular - just do have the effect of putting a Church outside or even across the central stream of the life they have shared with other Churches.”

Dr Williams says that the divisions run through as well as between the different Provinces of the Anglican Communion and this would make a solution difficult. He favours the exploration of a formal Covenant agreement between the Provinces of the Anglican Communion as providing a possible way forward. ...

“Those churches that were prepared to take this on as an expression of their responsibility to each other would limit their local freedoms for the sake of a wider witness: some might not be willing to do this. We could arrive at a situation where there were ‘constituent’ Churches in the Anglican Communion and other ‘churches in association’, which were bound by historic and perhaps personal links, fed from many of the same sources but not bound in a single and unrestricted sacramental communion and not sharing the same constitutional structures”.

Different views within a province might mean that local churches had to consider what kind of relationship they wanted with each other. This, though, might lead to a more positive understanding of unity:

“It could mean the need for local Churches to work at ordered and mutually respectful separation between constituent and associated elements; but it could also mean a positive challenge for churches to work out what they believed to be involved in belonging in a global sacramental fellowship, a chance to rediscover a positive common obedience to the mystery of God’s gift that was not a matter of coercion from above but that of ‘waiting for each other’ that St Paul commends to the Corinthians.”  
*(from ACNS 4161 of 27 June 2006)*

The texts of the Archbishop’s “Reflection” and his letter to the Primates can be obtained from the Priest in charge by e-mail.

### **Festival of Missions**

In 2007 there will be a Festival of Missions, i.e. of those congregations of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe which do, mostly for reasons of smallness and lack of funds, not (yet) enjoy the status of parishes, e. g. Darmstadt, Royat (France), and ourselves. It will take place from April 20 to 22, 2007, in *St Bernhardushaus*, Rastatt. This is very near to us, and so we hope that a substantial number of our members and friends will be able to participate. Details of the program will be made known later. Who volunteers for the committee by which the meeting shall be prepared?

### **New Church’s Teaching Series**

“The books in the new teaching series for the Episcopal Church attempt to encourage and respond to the times—and to the challenges that will usher out the old century and bring in the new. ... it has no official status, claims no special authority, speaks in a personal voice, and comes not out of committees but from scholars and pastors meeting and talking informally together.’ Its assumed readership are ‘adults who are not “cradle Anglicans,” but who come from other religious traditions or

from no tradition at all, and want to know what Anglicanism has to offer.’ (from the Series Preface of the editor) But that does not mean (at least according to my experience, HE+) that people who have been Anglicans for many years cannot learn a lot from them also. The Mission has bought a number of volumes of the series, dealing with

- Anglicanism,
- the Bible,
- prayer, worship, and the Prayer Book,
- faith and ethics.

Meanwhile, we have obtained two more books, viz.

Welcome to the Episcopal Church: An Introduction to Its History, Faith, and Worship, by Christopher L. Webber, 1999;  
 Dictionary for Episcopalians, by John N. Wall, 2000.

Members and friends of the Mission are invited to make use of these resources.

### Guest Celebrant

August 6 we will have a guest celebrant with us. The Priest-in-Charge travelling abroad, our service will be led by the Rev. Kenneth Dimmick of Stuttgart. Father Kenneth has been vicar of St Catherine’s Stuttgart for some weeks now. He is one of our close Anglican neighbours in this region. It is good to get to know him personally, so soon. As Fr Kenneth has to lead the service in Stuttgart in the morning we have had to transfer our service to 5 p.m. Hopefully, a considerable number of our members and friends will nonetheless be able to attend this afternoon service, to greet Fr Kenneth and to celebrate Holy Eucharist with him,

### Our Services

Our regular services in Karlsruhe are held, if not indicated as otherwise, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. in the chapel of *Luisenheim*; in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006 i. e.:

- July 2 — Trinity 3: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- July 16 — Trinity 5: Holy Eucharist (Rite II) and Baptism
- August 6 — Transfiguration: Holy Eucharist (Rite I) **at 5 p.m.** (see above “Guest Celebrant”)
- August 20 — Trinity 10: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- September 3 — Trinity 12: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- September 17 — Trinity 14: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

You reach *Luisenheim* by public transport using trams to *Schillerstraße* (nearest) or *Mühlburger Tor* (from *Hauptbahnhof*, the direct line is 6). From *Schillerstraße* walk on the north side of *Kaiserallee* in the direction of *Mühlburger Tor* and turn into *Kochstraße*. Enter the gate No 2-4 and turn to the building to your right, showing the inscription “Luisenheim” on the wall facing the street. The chapel is located on the ground floor at the end of the long corridor, last door on the left side. From *Mühlburger Tor* cross *Kaiserallee* in northward direction (to the side of the red *Christuskirche*) at *Rathaus West*, and walk into *Südl. Hildapromenade*. After some steps, you reach the Old-Catholic Church of the Resurrection. The gate to *Luisenheim* (Kochstr. 2-4) is just opposite to the end of *Helmholtzstraße*, the street passing on the south side of the Old-Catholic church,

There is a **children’s group** the time of our Sunday service. It is arranged by a group of parents of young children. So all families with small children can attend the service while the children are cared for. Parents who are prepared to take part in the organisation of this work are invited to approach the Priest in Charge.

For weekday services see “Old-Catholic Church” (below p. 7).

### Readings and Psalms of Forthcoming Services

Day	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
July 2	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	112	2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15	Mark 5:22-24, 35b-43
July 16	Amos 7:7-15	85:7-13	Eph 1:1-14	Mark 6:7-13
Aug 6	Exo 34:29-35	99:5-9	2 Peter 1:13-	Luke 9:28-36
Aug 20	Prov 9:1-6	34:9-14	Eph 5:15-20	John 6:53-59

Sept 3	Deuteronomy 4:1-9	15	Ephesians 6:10-20	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sept 17	Isaiah 50:4-9	116:1-8	James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18	Mark 8:27-38

**Known Birthdays in July, August and September**

<u>July</u> 9. Henry Phillips	15. Mietek Hunt 18. Peter Kerby
<u>August</u> 10. Arlyn Caldwell-Nichols 25. Killian Goodale-Porter 25. Sophie Bickerton	19. Nana Amma Opoku-Boadu 20. James Hunt 22. Edith Bradley 26. Steven Miller
<u>September</u> 14. Kristina Zülicke	30. Todd Phillips

To all of these, blessings and most sincere congratulations! Remember them in your prayers!

We know very well that we do not know the birthdays of all our members and friends. So, if you miss your birthday let us know. Likewise if you know the birthday of any other member or friend not listed, who would not object to being included. If you should prefer your birthday not to be mentioned, do let us know also.

**“If anyone is ill enough to call the doctor...”**

“...call the parson too”. The Church is always available to those who desire her ministrations in time of sickness. But we often do not know who does. So if you know of someone who is sick or otherwise housebound, and would like a priest to visit her or him in order to talk to him or to receive communion and/or anointing (cf. Letter of James 5:14), do let the Priest in Charge know as soon as possible.

**Old-Catholic Church**

The Old-Catholic Churches, which gained independence from papal jurisdiction in the course of time, and especially in the 19th century, are in full communion with the Anglican Churches. We are their guests with our services, and we are most sincerely invited to their (German language) services (Holy Eucharist: Sunday at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at 7.10 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m.) in the *Auferstehungskirche* (see above p. 6) in summer, or in the parish house beside the church, in winter.

**Clubs**

English speaking Clubs and groups in our region where our members and friends are always welcome:

**Anglo-German Club Pforzheim:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 19.45, Ratskeller, Pforzheim

**British Baden Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 8 pm, Restaurant “Prinz Eugen” Malsch (Information: Tel 07246-5992)

**Deutsch-Englischer Freundeskreis Karlsruhe,** Conversation Circle: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm, Jugendheim Anne Frank, Moltkestr. 2a (Engländerplatz)

**English Speaking “Stammtisch”:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 8 pm, Flynn’s Inn, Hirschstr. 70, Karlsruhe (Tel 8303641)

**KONTAKT Karlsruhe** (German-American; opportunity for Germans and Americans to practise the other language): Information regarding time and place from Mr Steven Miller, Tel. 0721-503139.

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 001:** Tue–Fri 4–11 pm, Sat 2–12 pm, Sun 10 am–12 pm, Kirchstr. 9, Rheinmünster-Söllingen (Tel. 07227-991753, Fax: 07227-990979, E-Mail: RCL.Branch001@T-Online.de)

## Mission Statement

Saint Columban's Mission is a self-supporting congregation in the Anglican Communion under the jurisdiction of the Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe (Episcopal Church in the United States of America). It

- offers a spiritual home to all English-speaking residents of, and visitors to, Karlsruhe and the surrounding region,
- makes the Anglican tradition visible in the local Ecumenical environment,
- contributes—together with other Churches—to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in the city and the surrounding region.

Firmly rooted in the Anglican tradition, St Columban's Mission is open to all Christians, regardless of their denominational affiliation. They are most welcome at our Services. The Mission belongs to the Council of Anglican Episcopal Churches in Germany which organizes the co-operation of Anglican and Episcopal chaplaincies and congregations in this country. It is also a member of the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen* (Council of Christian Churches) in Karlsruhe.

*The Priest in Charge may be contacted in case of pastoral emergency at any hour of the day or night. If he is absent or cannot be reached the following persons will be pleased to give all relevant information:*

*Dr. James Hunt, mobile 0172 726 5094  
Todd Phillips, Tel. (0721) 75 65 80*

*The Blessed Sacrament is reserved continuously and always available for the purposes of Holy Communion for those who are sick or housebound.*

*The Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession and Absolution) and of the Sick (Anointing with laying on of hands) are also*

*available for those who wish to make use of them, by arrangement with the Priest in Charge.  
Information about preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage can also be obtained by telephoning the Priest in Charge.*