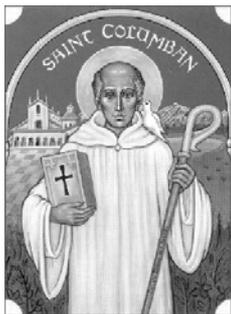


Saint Columban's Newsletter



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"Peregrinari pro Christo"

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Southern Africa on the Anglican Communion

The Synod of Bishops of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, during its recent meeting, reflected on the position of the Anglican Communion and the present tensions within the Communion.

In affirming their desire for the unity of the Anglican Communion to be maintained, the Bishops want to extend to the Communion a message of hope. St Paul in his first Letter to the Corinthians talks of faith, hope and love, with faith and love being either side of hope. The recent reflections by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the response to those reflections by the Archbishop of Cape Town speak eloquently to the concepts of our shared faith and tradition as Anglicans and of our need for a deep sacrificial love towards one another. Such love and faith find their fullest expression in the grace and truth revealed in Jesus Christ.

Our own journey as a Province within the Anglican Communion tells of a desire for unity amidst the diversity of this region as an essential part of the struggle for liberation of the six countries, Angola, Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mocambique, that with the island of St Helena, make up our Province. In our life, worship and witness we have learned, and will continue to need to learn, how to live together with our differences and conflicts. We know from experience that unity is a divine given but requires constant effort to be realised; a journey that requires tolerance and grace so that no-one should be hurt and all should feel that they belong. Our own journey continues to remind us of the need for a generosity of spirit and the respect for diversity. This life together has resulted in our church showing considerable growth with a high level of involvement by young people.

As Bishops, we remain convinced that within the Anglican Communion what unites us far outweighs what divides us. Our Spirituality and Worship with the daily reading of Holy Scripture within the Eucharist and the Daily Office unites us. Our experience has been that this has maintained and deepened our unity with each other. The Lambeth Quadrilateral has provided a framework for Anglicans for over a century and the Instruments of Unity as they have developed have played an important role in the unity of the Communion. We believe that the role of the Anglican Consultative Council ought to be strengthened as it best reflects the synodical governance of our churches. The Anglican Communion continues to unite us through the Cycle of Prayer, the networks it has established as well as through its work in the fields of Ecumenism, Theological Education, Mission and Canon Law. We look forward to the consultation needed towards the proposed Covenant and believe that it will further strengthen our unity. We remember with gratitude the support given by the Anglican Communion to the countries within our Province during our struggle for liberation and recognise the positive effect the Communion can have in situations of conflict and human need.

We urge the Anglican Communion to choose to remain united in accordance with the will of the Triune God whom we seek to serve. We understand that, given the situation in which we find ourselves at present, there is no simple or quick solution to the difficulties we face. We urge every part of the Anglican Communion to recognise, in one another, our common sanctification in Christ and to seek steps that, in time, will lead to reconciliation and the unity and peace that Christ wills for his Church. We pledge ourselves to continue to pray and work with all concerned for such reconciliation and unity and are ready to assist in this process where appropriate.

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Bishop's Visit in Advent

The Right Rev. Pierre W. Whalon D.D., Bishop in charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, will visit our Mission on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, December 17. He will preside and preach at our service, and be available to all members of the Mission for questions, suggestions, or whatever. As that is our last service in this year (save our usual joint service with the Old-Catholics at Christmas Eve) we plan to stay

together after the service for an appropriate pre-Christmas celebration. **Please, indicate whether you will be able attend, as soon as possible!** Thank you!

Service of Carols and Lessons

The Joint Service of Lessons and Carols together with the Anglican chaplaincy of Strasbourg and the Lutheran congregation of Baden-Baden, as we celebrated it in former years, is planned to take place on the 2nd Sunday in Advent (December 10) in *St Johanniskirche* (the former English Church of All Saints), Baden-Baden, at 3.30 pm. Anyone who needs a lift or is not sure to know the way is invited to approach the Priest in Charge as soon as possible.

Bethlehem in Karlsruhe

Faten Mukarker, a Palestinian Christian lady, will come to Karlsruhe again, and speak (in German) about what it means to live in Bethlehem, surrounded by what some euphemistically call a “security fence”, Sunday, October 8, at 7 p.m., in the parish house behind St Thomas Protestant Church in Daxlanden. Attending would express our support!

R. I. P. Martyn Taylor-Emminghaus

Monday, August 21, we laid Martyn Taylor-Emminghaus to rest on the cemetery in Rüppurr. A substantial congregation, family and friends, members of our Mission and of the Old-Catholic parish, had assembled to say good-bye to a good old friend. Martyn had attended the services of our Mission almost from their beginning. In most cases he was the first one to arrive and take his seat on the left corner of the first pew. Always ready to help, he read a lesson more often than not. He was a good listener, and a knowledgeable partner in conversation. He endured his terminal illness with great courage and patience, and finally, having received the sacrament of unction in the morning, passed away peacefully in the afternoon of August 16. His friends, and there are many of them, will keep him in grateful memory.

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?

Stewardship Appeal

All members and supporters of Saint Columban’s Mission will these days receive our annual Stewardship Appeal. Our Mission and its work totally depends on the voluntary contributions of its members and friends. Particulars of our work are set out in the Appeal letter. If you don’t have received it by the end of October at the latest, and think you should, or would like to have it, don’t hesitate to send an e-mail to the Priest in Charge, or ring him up at any time.

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.

They are very useful for study groups, but also for private reading. All members and friends of the Mission are invited to make use of these opportunities. It would be great if we could form a group meeting regularly, and working their way through one of these books. Perhaps, we will be so fascinated that we decide to continue with another one. But this decision can of course be made only when we have finished the first book. The members of

the group will decide which book to take first. If you are interested to be part of this, contact the Priest in Charge.

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.

“The Eagle and the Dove”

Anyone who would like to know more about our Patron Saint might look into “The Eagle and the Dove – The Spirituality of the Celtic Saint Columbanus, by Katherine Lack, Triangle SPCK, 2000, £6.99 + shipping. Ask the Priest in Charge how to get this most valuable little book.

Our Services

Our regular services in Karlsruhe are held, if not indicated as otherwise, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. in the chapel of *Luisenheim*; in the 4th quarter of 2006 i. e.:

October 1 — Trinity 16: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
October 15 — Trinity 18: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
November 1 — All Saints Day: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
November 5 — Trinity 21: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
November 19 — Trinity 23 (and commemoration of St Elizabeth of Hungary): Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
December 3 — Advent 1: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
December 17 — Advent 3: Holy Eucharist (Rite I). **Bishop’s visit see p. 2.**

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, usually. 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
Oct 1	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29	19:7-14	James 4:7-12	Mark 9:38-43, 45,47-48
Oct 15	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	90:1-8,12	Hebrews 3:1-6	Mark 10:17-27
Nov 1	Eccl-cus 2:7-11	149	Ephes 1:15-23	Luke 9:28-36
Nov 5	Deuteron 6:1-9	119 ;1-8	Hebr 7 :23-28	Mark 12 :28-34
Nov 19	Daniel 12:1-4a	16:5-11	Hebr 10:31-39	John 6:53-59
Dec 3	Jere 33:14-16	25:1-9	1 Thess 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Dec 17	Zeph 3:14-20	Canticle 9	Philipp 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18

Known Birthdays in October, November and December

October

- 29. Annegret Lingenberg (Rev.)
- 27. James Andrew King

November

- 1. Ulrich Zülicke
- 10. Christiane Hermann

- 16. Betty Hinz

December

- 2. Maria Engelhardt
- 4. Benjamin Erik Fiedler
- 13. Meredith Colleen Skelton
- 23. Mathilda Duthie

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: 1st Thursday of the month from 19.45, Ratskeller, Pforzheim

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

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

English Speaking “Stammtisch”: 2nd 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.