

# Saint Columban's Newsletter



Saint Columban's Mission

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## **Church growth and evangelism challenge: Does your church initiative pass the Ten Tests?**

The English Diocese of Liverpool has set ten 'tests' for any proposed initiatives to help churches avoid doing anything that might hinder the work of God's mission.

The diocese, which has 250 churches in both rural and urban settings in the north of the country, is said to be working towards "a sustainable, led and transforming Christian presence in every community in the diocese to enable all to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God."

Liverpool's Church Growth Team Leader Linda Jones explained that as part of this its synod agreed that Ten Tests should be set and used to measure the worth of any proposed initiatives:

Does each area of work or initiative:

1. Encourage growth numerically or in spirituality?
2. Support and reflect the church that we wish to become?
3. Affirm mutual support and collaboration within the diocese?
4. Strengthen relationships between parishes?
5. Recognise the ethos and the characteristics of the diocese particularly highlighting issues peculiar to the diocese.
6. Take appropriate account of the sustainability and viability issues of church buildings and congregations?

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7. Provide for accountability throughout every step of the initiative within the diocese and beyond?
8. Present an appropriate stewardship challenge?
9. Provide appropriate support for local decision-making?
10. Is the proposed system or process transparent and easily understood?

"We are now in the process of applying these 10 tests to any initiative that we are thinking about," explained Linda. "Hopefully by doing this it will encourage us to think collaboratively, look wider, and apply the concept of subsidiarity to enable us to be good stewards of God's giftings for the building up of his kingdom."

The need for such strategic, critical thinking cannot be underestimated when you take into account that the diocese stretches across a region that is both rural and urban, stretching from Southport in the North to Widnes in the South, from Liverpool in the West across to Wigan in the East, serving a population of 1.53 million in an area of 389 sq miles.

Linda added, "Ultimately we are aiming to see healthy churches at the heart of healthy communities; excellent church schools promoting Christian education; Christian disciples growing in faith, hope and number; outstanding Christian leaders for today and tomorrow; and vibrant and inclusive mixed economy churches in and from all traditions.

"We think that, with God's help, the ten tests will help us achieve just that."

Linda is also a member of the Anglican Communion's Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative that is a network of people across the world who together work to promote church growth and evangelism in Anglican and Episcopal churches across the globe. Information about Liverpool Diocese's Ten Tests and many other projects, initiatives and ideas for encouraging church growth and evangelism can be found in its latest newsletter *Witness* 6.7 here:

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/newsletters/2011/june/index.cfm>

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## **EICS Academy for Parish Leadership: Conference on Stewardship**

From April 8-10 Saint Columban's bishop's committee members Roger Duthie and Todd Phillips attended the second annual European Institute of Christian Studies (EICS) Academy for Parish Leadership conference at Fürstenried Castle retreat house in Munich. This year's meeting was entitled "Stewards of God's Bounty: Models for Year-Round Stewardship".

The main speaker this year was Terry Parsons, an inspiring speaker and organizer who has worked as a magazine editor, marketing consultant to small businesses, director of development for a not-for-profit agency, and developed a training program for women executives.

With Terry's gentle direction, the delegates from Episcopal churches and missions all over Europe had a chance to share ideas about giving, finances, fellowship and how they can work together to help our congregations reach their goals. The seminar explored secrets to "Amazing Stewardship" as well as identifying "hierarchies of need" in response to churches' giving behavior. As Terry reminded us, no matter what our size, we can with God's help find ways to overcome obstacles and reach goals.

There was of course plenty of time for fellowship at the stately, spacious retreat house, which was once a seminary in which a certain Joseph Ratzinger once resided. The weekend concluded with a spirited service at the Ascension Church in Munich at which Bishop Whalon delivered the sermon.

As Terry concluded after a discussion of Jesus's miracle of feeding the 5,000: "Hey, we can do it. We can do anything. We're the bread and fish people!"

## **Services Resume at the Old-Catholic Church**

As of February we have moved our regular Sunday services back to the Old-Catholic *Church of the Resurrection* (see below), currently at 11:30 a.m. the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. This move is welcomed by many members who recall our past services in this lovely building. We are now privileged to also have an organist playing at our services and access to the church's fellowship hall for coffee and conversation immediately following.

## **90 Evangelism Resources Now Available to Anglicans Online**

Anglican Communion members worldwide with access to the Internet can now take advantage of 90 evangelism resources on the Communion's website [here](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/resources/index.cfm): <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/resources/index.cfm>

The resources were pooled after the Kuala Lumpur meeting of the Communion's Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative's core organizing body. That the resources were selected by practitioners working in very different contexts in different countries means core group members are certain that visitors to the website will find some resources appropriate for their context.

"This is certainly not a definitive list," explained Anglican Communion Mission Director, John Kafwanka, "but it is a good start. The intention is to gather more resources and regularly update the list to keep it relevant."

The ECGI core group convenor, the Rt Rev Patrick Yu, Bishop of York-Scarborough in Toronto diocese said, "I am very pleased with the work the Core Group have done in Kuala Lumpur.

"We collected 90 resources from members: books, websites, organizations and activities which will be shared with people all over the Communion. What is more, we sorted them into broad biblical and evocative categories of 'Jerusalem', 'Judea and Samaria' and 'the ends of the earth' to help people make better use of them according to the contexts with which they best identify. Since some resources fit in more than one category, we have over 120 entries."

Much of [Witness6.7](#), the March 2011 edition of the newly renamed ECGI newsletter features articles related to the core group meeting and a fuller report of the meeting also appears on the web [here](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/documents/index.cfm): <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/documents/index.cfm>

To become part of the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative and regularly receive the newsletter, complete the registration form [here](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/index.cfm): <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/index.cfm>

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## First Communion Materials

The Mission has purchased several copies of the Anglican first communion guide “I Belong”, including children’s workbooks and resource material for parents and leaders. Several families in our congregation have been working through the material with their own children, and Father Hanns (officially retired, we should not forget) has graciously agreed to conduct the final meeting with the candidates for first communion before they partake in the ceremony.

Anyone interested in the “I Belong” materials is encouraged to contact Todd Phillips (see page 8).

## “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, usually about £5.50 + shipping. Ask the Priest or Todd Phillips how to get this most valuable little book.

## Our Services

In **Karlsruhe** our services are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:30 in the Old-Catholic *Auferstehungskirche* (Church of the Resurrection), Ökumeneplatz/Röntgenstr.1 (beside Südl. Hildapromenade near Mühlburger Tor), unless otherwise indicated; in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011, i. e.:

July 3           — **Trinity 3**: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
August 7       — **Trinity 8**: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
September 4   — **Trinity 12**: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

You reach the Church of the Resurrection by public transport using trams to *Mühlburger Tor*. Cross Kaiserallee in northward direction (to the side of the red *Christuskirche*) at *Rathaus West*, and walk into Südl. Hildapromenade. After a short distance, you will see the church building before you (entrance from the west side

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

## Readings and Psalms of Forthcoming Services

Day	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
July 3	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	45: 11-18	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
August 7	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 or 1 Kings 19:9-18	105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b or 85:8-13	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
September 4	Exodus 12:1-14	119:33-40	<u>Romans</u> <u>13:8-14</u>	Matthew 18:15-20

## Congregation Birthdays in July, August and September

<u>July</u>	<u>September</u>
11. Henry Jameson Phillips	14. Kristina Zülicke
<u>August</u>	15. Mietek Hunt
10. Arlyn Caldwell-Nichols	18. Peter Kerby
25. Killian Raith Goodale-Porter	19. Nana Amma Opoku-Boadu
25. Sophie Bickerton	20. James Hunt
	26. Steven Miller
	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, the laying on of hands 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 most sincerely invited to their (German language) services (Holy Eucharist: Sunday at 10 a.m., Tuesday at 7.10 a.m., Thursday at 7 p.m.) in the *Auferstehungskirche* (see above p. 5).

## **Clubs**

English speaking clubs and groups in our region where our members and friends are always welcome are, according to our latest information:

**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 practice 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](mailto:RCL.Branch001@T-Online)).

*Should any of our readers have updated information on the status of these meetings, the newsletter editor would be grateful to receive it!*

## 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 Episcopal 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 is a member of 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 may be contacted in case of pastoral emergency at any time. 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*

*Josh Dalzell, Tel. (0721) 860 16 57*

*Newsletter editor: Todd Phillips, Tel. (0721) 75 65 80*

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*The Blessed Sacrament is reserved permanently 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 avail themselves of them, by arrangement with the Priest*

*Information about preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage can also be obtained by telephoning the Priest.*