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Editorial

Dear reader,

Are you happy? A friend of mine said that if you ask yourself this question too often it is probably a sign that you are not happy. I'm not sure whether to agree with that as I found it quite uplifting to reflect on that very question and to learn more about happiness. During that process I realised how happy I am about so many things in my life and I now have a personal "this makes me happy list" in my head. This issue of the Swiss Church News invites you to learn more about this very subject and to discover your own personal ways of being happy.

So now you are probably curious to know what made me happy during the past few months? For example to sing out loud during a church service because we had the choir to help us sing with confidence. Or it made me happy to see many familiar faces on the Swiss National Day Celebration and to have a chat with many of them. I also felt happy to enjoy a warm summer's evening, having a barbecue with the members of the Consistoire. And it also makes me happy to see that our Concert Series is being well attended. So you see there are many reasons to be happy at the Swiss Church. And I therefore dare to hope that you will feel happy when reading this new Swiss Church News issue.

Yours sincerely,



Belief is one of the seven causes of Happiness

The following article gives you an insight into the seven causes of happiness and shows why being part of a church can make you feel happy.

The other day I stumbled across a sentence in the magazine "bulletin", which is the press organ of the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches. In an interesting article about different ways of ageing Ivana Bendik writes: "Christian theology has since its very beginning never been interested in happiness, but instead in peace and justice, and this is probably where its slightly demure and dry character is rooted." I was baffled to read that Christian theology was supposedly never interested in happiness. Is this really the case? - I doubted it. It seems that to some extent every religion must be interested in contributing to the

happiness of its followers otherwise it would be very hard to find people who were prepared to join it. Especially since every person wants to be happy, as Richard Layard claims in his book "Happiness - Lessons from a New Science". So how is it that our Christian tradition should not be interested in

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From the Organ Loft

Minister's report



The enjoyable summer months lie behind us, which was a very busy time for the Swiss Church as the following report shows.

In May I joined the Mothers Group on their outing to the Wetlands. It was indeed a wet day – as we had quite a few showers. But equipped with good raincoats we had great pleasure of discovering this beautiful area, where nature has the possibility to flourish and many different birds find a home. It was a brilliant day out!

For Pentecost on the 23 May we celebrated an additional service, which was followed by a nice lunch that was prepared by Cécile Mistry. The service was well attended despite the church outing the day before, where we went to Petworth House. We spent a beautiful day out which was very well organised by our Youth and Parish Worker Nicole Jakubowitz. Urs Heiniger, who is a



The Mother's Groups explores the Wetlands

minister in Arth-Goldau, Schwyz, joined us on both days to get to know the Swiss Church during his sabbatical year. He has written a report about the outing, which you can read on page seven.

In June we had two baptisms at the Swiss Church. The first one was for Emilia Mollin, whose parents David and Salomé Mollin are very active members

of the Swiss Church. As they are both arts teachers they are quite involved with our Cultural Programme. David has recently also become a member of the Consistoire and I wish him all the best for his new task. Just a month later we celebrated Conrad Mosimann's baptism on the 4th July. It was particularly nice to have Conrad's baptism during the family service so the other children could witness this. The wonderful flowers, donated by the Mosimann family made this service very special. I wish both children God's blessings.

For the family service we had different music from the usual organ music: James Cave and Ewan Kings raised our spirits with their Jazz band. James converts church hymns into jazz hymns, so that they can be played with a piano, contrabass and percussion instruments and accompanied by jazz singers. Eventually they dream of touring to different churches throughout Europe with their band.

Another highlight in June was certainly the screening of the three Swiss World Cup matches that we showed on our new big screen. For the third and last game an estimated 200 Swiss found their way to the Swiss Church to watch the match with their compatriots. This proves that if there is really the will to find the Swiss Church there is a way! The event took place in collaboration with the City Swiss Club and the HSG Alumni and it was great to work together with other Swiss organisations in London.

Also in June the AGM of FOSSUK took place at the Swiss Embassy and was followed by a leaving reception for the Ambassador Alexis Lautenberg and his wife Gabrielle. It was an excellent

opportunity to meet many people from all the different Swiss societies even though it was of course also sad to say good-bye to the ambassador and his wife and I wish all the best for their future.

I'm also a member of the Music Group and as such I have now founded a "facebook group" which is called "Culture at 79 Endell Street". So if you would like to support us in our aim of fostering Swiss Culture in London do join our group!

As it is the tradition two barbecues took place at the vicarage: One with the Frauenverein and one with the Consistoire. Both events were blessed with excellent weather so we could enjoy the wonderful vicarage garden. My thanks to all of you who contributed to making these barbecues possible.

Rev Nathalie Dürmüller



Emilia Mollin

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From the Organ Loft

News from the Consistoire



We hope that you had a relaxing summer break and were able to take time for yourself be it at home in the UK or abroad. Summer allows us to slow down a bit and to gain new perspectives.

We have experienced a busy time in June and July at the Swiss Church with baptisms, a Family service, the World Trio concert, transmission of the FIFA World Cup matches of the Swiss national football team, the AGM, and last but not least the celebration of the Swiss National Day where the Swiss Church actively participated. At the Swiss National Day, Nicole Jakubowitz and her team of volunteers organised a well received children's programme, Rev. Nathalie Dürmüller represented the Swiss Church on the Swiss National Day Committee which was co-chaired by Margrit Lyster. We also said farewell to the Ambassador Mr Alexis Lautenberg and his wife Gabrielle. The Ambassador was the Co-Chair of the Renovation Project Committee and both have actively supported the Swiss Church

On July 18 the AGM of the Swiss Church took place. The Trustees Report and Financial Statements were approved. The Church activities showed a loss



At the AGM 2010

of £4,380, overall we had a net income of £1,336,232. The high incoming resources were because the "Fondation pour la Renovation de L'Eglise Suisse" had donated the income collected from Swiss donors over several years to the Swiss Church in London during 2009. Though in reality we have spent this huge amount of incoming resources to pay for the renovation, for accounting purposes we had to capitalize £1,551,387 of the expenditures. These capitalized expenses will be depreciated over the coming 50 years.

Some further progress has been achieved



Family Service with baptism of Conrad Mosimann

with regard to the renovation project, but still not enough to move our offices back to 79 Endell Street. Revised drawings of the air handling unit have just been approved by the Planning Officer at Camden Council and hopefully the air handling unit which also provides air conditioning for the offices can shortly be completed... In the meantime, the air ventilation and door closers in the basement and the audio visual equipment throughout the building have been installed. Training on the latter will take place at the beginning of September.

Unfortunately after a particularly heavy downpour on May 2nd, we had, water penetrating the building as the capacity of the downpipes was not able to deal with



Speech at the Swiss National Day

the huge amount of water that came down in a short period. Before making good the damage to the floor in the entrance hall and the walls, we have to redesign the roof drainage system.

This year the Swiss Church Christmas Fair will, after a two-year interval, take place on Thursday 18th November from 6pm to 10pm and on Saturday, 20 November from 11am to 4pm. We are very grateful to Lisa Hall who, with the support of many volunteers, will organise this major fundraising event for the Swiss Church. Please let me or Lisa Hall know in case you have any ideas for innovative Swiss products, good connections to companies, or would like to help hands-on during the two days.

The Consistoire decided at its last meeting to increase the working week of our secretary Martina Schwab by six hours. This will enable her to take more time to promote and to administer the letting of the Swiss Church and to be present in the Swiss Church office for four days each week that is from Monday to Thursday.

The Consistoire sadly took notice of the resignation of Hilary Davan Wetton who will be leaving at the end of the year. We will be advertising for a new organist in September. Wishing you many blessings in the months to come.

Ursula Jost

From the Organ Loft

Youth and Parish Worker's Report



It has been almost six months since I moved to London and started to work for the Swiss Church. Recently somebody pointed out to me that each month after first ar-

riving here still makes a difference, when settling in. I can say that I already feel more familiar with the rhythm and the way of life in this big city now, than I did three months ago, when I wrote my first report as a Youth and Parish worker.

The last few months have been very intense, rich and busy at the Swiss Church. In May a coach full of parishioners set off to Petworth House, and thanks to the weather and the beauty of the places we visited, everybody seemed to have a nice time. I loved that moment when a majority of us spontaneously came to get our ice creams and enjoyed them together, sitting on the pavement. For most of us it was the first ice cream of the year!



The first ice creams of the year

Parish Outing is described by Urs Heinger on page 7.

The two concerts in May and June were certainly highlights of the last few months. The outstanding pianist Marc Hunziker, who was joined by the singer Jessica Berry, attracted an audience of about 70 people, and demonstrated that

Jazz music appeals to people of all ages. We will make sure that there will be a Jazz concert in the next series starting in 2011. The World Trio with two marimbas and a singer performed classical music, combined with folk music and even hip hop elements in a creative way.

Silvio Wey used a drum during a tango



The Audience is waiting for the concert to begin

piece, which contributed to the atmosphere of a tango dance. The group managed to fascinate about 50 people with inspiring music, including a piece which combined hip hop and opera music.

Nathalie Dürmüller already mentioned the use of groups connecting via the internet for the advertising of our concerts. With Citysocialising, I established a link with another network of people who are meeting in London, according to their interests, engaging in outdoor and cultural activities.

During the absence of a Youth and Parish Worker, at the beginning of the school term in 2009, a group of au pairs founded a Facebook Group. This helped them to stay in touch via the internet and to organise outings together. I was impressed by their initiative in organising all sorts of activities together. Through my work I now accompany less connected au pairs and I organise activities which enable them to meet people from Citysocialising, such as a walk from Greenwich to Canary Wharf, a trip to Crystal Pal-

ace Park and rowing and pedalling on the Serpentine. It was nice to see a few young people involved in the organisation of the Swiss National Day celebration. A qualified make-up student helped us with the face painting for the children. It was her first time and she enjoyed the two hours of painting children's faces.

During a reception, I lately came across a little boy who pointed at the sky saying "tüüt tüüt". His father explained to me that his son was attempting to pronounce the Swiss German word "Flugzüg", which means aeroplane. This family had only just moved to London from Switzerland. There are a lot of planes to be seen in the skies above London, which are bound to attract the attention of any toddler, whilst in Switzerland the sky is somewhat emptier. It was interesting to talk to the parents of the boy, and I also mentioned the Toddlers Group to them.

Some families who have recently shown interest in the Toddlers Group originate from two or even more countries. Their children grow up in a multilingual environment, not only speaking Swiss German and/or French and English, but also Chinese, Finnish, Japanese or another third/fourth language. In these families it is the father whose origin is Swiss and who speaks Swiss Dialect to the child. The mother who is attending the Toddlers Group does not necessarily speak a Swiss national language. I have great respect for these mothers who engage with the Swiss community, allowing their children to get to know the language and the culture of their father. Sometimes the parents plan to move back to Switzerland at some point, and seek to prepare the child in this way.

Nicole Jakubowitz

Belief is one of the seven causes of Happiness

happiness but instead be focussing on peace and justice only? According to the Bible it seems to be true that Jesus never explicitly asked his disciples to be happy – instead he asked them to be just, to do good and to follow him. Therefore Bendik’s statement that Christianity in its beginning was first and foremost about finding the truth and about spreading the word of God’s kingdom has a point. But then as a result of this behaviour the disciples, who followed Jesus must have experienced something that we would describe as happiness otherwise they would have hardly been prepared to leave everything they had behind. But this is of course just an assumption, as the Bible does not talk about the question of whether the disciples were happy or not.

As we don’t have any information about the happiness of the first Christians, it might be worth having a look at how Christian belief affects people’s happiness today. What one can observe is that when someone becomes a Christian or when he or she experiences a kind of conversion they tend to say that they are feeling as happy as they have felt for a long time (or ever before). “It’s like falling in love,” is how some people describe it. So there seems to be a link between finding truth, living according to Christian values, joining a Christian community, and feeling happy. This thesis is supported by some recent research which seeks to understand the causes of people’s happiness. Layard writes: “...one of the most robust findings of happiness research: that people who believe in God are happier.” So there we are: Faith makes people happy. But belief is of course not the only factor that affects people’s happiness. Layard mentions six other causes of happiness:

family relationships, financial situation, work, community and friends, health and personal freedom. This combination of reasons for our happiness shows very well that “Happiness comes from without and within” as Layard puts it. Meaning that it depends on our life circumstances such as health and personal freedom, as well as on our inner selves, that is for example cultivated through friendships and faith. For obvious reasons it is sometimes very difficult or impossible to change what affects our happiness from the outside, but are we able to influence how we are feeling inside? And to what extent are we actually able to control our inner feeling of happiness?

We all know people who seem to be just



naturally happy and others who are more of a depressive nature – so where is this tendency rooted? To find answers to these questions quite a lot of brain research has been done recently. One aim was to try and understand whether different parts of our brain are responsible for us feeling happy or unhappy. The astonishing outcome of these experiments is that there are indeed specific parts in the brain that are activated when we are feeling happy and other parts when we are feeling low. And with certain actions and thoughts we can actively stimulate one part or the other in our brains. Therefore there

must be ways of directly influencing our feelings: If we do and think things that are good for us we will also feel good as a result. That is the good news, but on the other hand observations on identical and non-identical twins have shown that one’s capacity for happiness is also determined by the genes to a certain degree and therefore passed on from the parents to their children. For example the tendency for depression or for alcoholism are often passed on from one generation to the next. Both of these research results show again: Happiness comes from without and from within.

Obviously we cannot change our genes nor can we transform many of the outside conditions of our lives, but what we can try is to work on our inner self. Let us therefore explore some of the ways that Richard Layard suggests in his book in order to positively influence our feelings. It has been mentioned before that being part of a religious community is a good way of improving one’s feeling of happiness. The reason for this is that the person who believes in a greater power is better at controlling his or her inner self and has in general more and better relationships with others. Also to meditate and to follow certain values in life help to foster the aim of being happy. Maybe that comes as a bit of a surprise as many people in our society seem to believe that not religion and spirituality but wealth increases our happiness. Why else would so many spend most of their time trying to increase their income and status? But a long-term study showed that people in the United States are not any happier now than they were in the 1950s, even though their living standards have more than doubled. Of course if someone is living on the fringe of

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starvation or is not able to pay for health services, money will increase happiness in a substantial way. But for most of us living in Europe we have to find other ways of pursuing happiness than just to make more money. There is one sentence in Layard's book that sticks out and shall serve here as a kind of conclusion: "Physiologically, we know that simply smiling improves people's hormones." So why don't we just all try and smile a

little more as well as trying to find ways to make ourselves and people around us a tiny bit happier every day.

Rev Nathalie Dürmüller

Book recommendation: Richard Layard, "Happiness. Lesson from a New Science"

Consistoire

Introduction of the new Consistoire member David Mollin

My earliest experience of religion was via my grandfather who was the Baptist minister at Holton road Baptist church in Barry docks. However my father, being a medical professor, did not when I was growing up, go to church or pass his religious upbringing to us directly. As a result my religious education came from school assemblies rather than from my home-life. However, despite the fact that we did not go to church as a family, my father's way of talking to us as children and his ethical position was imbued with Christian values, which he himself had experienced as a child, and I gained much courage from what he would tell me during challenging moments of my life. As an adult I studied Fine Art Painting both at the Royal Academy of Arts in London as well as at the Düsseldorf Kunstakademie. It was during my 30's that I struggled to find something more in my life spiritually, ethically and morally and found some faith and belief, that came from the small spark

that I had been given by my father during my growing up. Later when studying for my PhD, for which I was researching pamphlets made by Cranach and Luther during the reformation, I began to think



about attending church myself – quite an act of faith for someone who had never been to church before. The main reason for my desire to attend church, and in particular a protestant church, was a desire to have a faith that was grounded in service and participation in a Chris-

tian community. It was at this point that my wife Salomé, who herself had been brought up a protestant in Switzerland, wanted a Christian basis to our son's life, and to have him christened at the Swiss Church. We started shortly after that to attend the Swiss Church, first at the Dutch Church and then at the opening of the Swiss Church at Endell Street, myself in charge of face painting while my wife made bricolage with the children. I was very happy, when approached to help develop the culture programme for the church and felt privileged to be invited into the Consistoire.

This has given me a great opportunity to be of service to the Swiss Church, to make good use of my artistic experience for the church and to join in fully within its community. It has so far been a wonderful experience and it was a great joy to have our daughter Emilia christened at the church a few weeks ago.

David Mollin

As we are a *Swiss Church* we would like to celebrate the fact that people from different language backgrounds are part of our church. We therefore introduce this readers' page! If you, dear reader would like to send us your text in German, French or English or your photos for the next *Swiss Church News* please do so by the 15 October 2010. We shall hopefully be able to publish your contribution.

Ein pfingstliches Parish Outing

Der folgende Bericht über das Parish Outing vom 22. Mai 2010 wurde von Pfarrer Urs Heiniger verfasst der im Rahmen seines Studienurlaubs die Swiss Church kennen lernen wollte und sich deswegen für den Ausflug und den Pfingstgottesdienst anschloss.

Der Morgen ist noch frisch an diesem Pfingstsamstag und gespannt treffen die Reiselustigen bei der Swiss Church ein, um bald eine kleine Rundfahrt ins Blaue zu erleben. Da bekanntlich viele Wege nach Rom führen, fuhr uns der Chauffeur leicht im Kreise herum. "Erwarte stets das Unerwartete," kommentiert Nathalie trocken. Am ersten Ziel angekommen beeindruckt uns die Mauern der Waverly Abbey heute noch; sie erin-

nern mich an unsere vorreformatorischen Wurzeln und etwas erweitert an den zu achtenden Zusammenhang allen Lebens. Das alles fand bei unglaublichem Kaiserwetter statt, ein Gruppenfoto drängt sich da natürlich auf.



Beim Treffpunkt vor der Kirche

Weiter geht es zum Petworth House. Natürlich besuchen wir die Gemäldeausstellung, wo mich besonders Hieronimus Busch's „Adoration of the Kings“ fasziniert. Da protzt und stre-

itet die Welt im Hintergrund, während im Vordergrund Friede eintritt als die Könige (und sogar der Papst seine Tiara?) ihre Kronen zur Anbetung des Christkinds absetzen. Was ist mit unseren Kronen, frage ich mich. Das Petworth House überrascht mich auch wegen der dazugehörigen Anlage. Mitten in einem Park geniessen wir Lunch in einer antik anmutenden Rotanda. Die grossartigen englischen Pärke haben es mir definitiv angetan. Den frühen Nachmittag füllen wir mit einem Gang in vielfältigen Kreisen rund um den schönen Teich herum. Und dann geht es wieder zurück, der Chauffeur findet – diesmal pfingstlich gleitet? – den Rückweg und wir verabschieden uns bereichert. Ich komme wieder, sagen manche Augen.

Urs Heiniger

Activités familles

Juste avant le début des vacances d'été, nous avons célébré la Fête Nationale Suisse. Cette belle et conviviale journée a été organisée par le comité du Swiss National Day London. Celui-ci nous avait demandé si nous pouvions nous occuper des activités pour les enfants. L'ambiance était très agréable et décontractée. Les gens s'y sont sentis bien accueillis, les enfants ont adoré et en gardent d'excellents souvenirs. Beaucoup de familles ont participé aux activités proposées. Les grands favoris étaient la création de lampions, le face painting et des jeux pour les tous petits. Une autre attraction pour les adultes comme pour les enfants, celle-ci plutôt rare, résidait dans celle de pouvoir essayer de sortir un son d'un cor des alpes, ... pas facile !



Face painting pour les enfants

J'aimerais remercier toutes les personnes qui ont été impliquées dans les activités pour les familles, et en particulier : Chris et Erika Dyke, Fiona Kinsman, Marlies Davies, Nicole Egli, Nana Kwama, Kezia, Armin Lötscher, Evelyne Thoenissen et Nicole Jakobowitz. Au nom de l'Eglise Suisse, un grand merci aussi à tout le comité du Swiss National Day de nous avoir invités à organiser ces activités, ainsi que pour leur accueil et leurs

préparatifs qui nous ont permis d'avoir à notre disposition tout ce dont nous avions besoin.

Le programme famille de l'Eglise Suisse reprendra en septembre. Le Toddlers' Group se rencontrera deux fois par mois dès le 8 septembre. Une journée sportive pour enfant de tout âge aura lieu le 26 septembre, suivi du Punch & Judy Festival en octobre, et d'une fondue, du Parish Weekend et de la Swiss Christmas Fair en novembre. Une crèche a lieu pendant chaque service. Les « family services » auront lieu les 3 octobre et 19 décembre. Soyez les bienvenus à chacune de ces activités !

Valérie Lehmann

Swiss World Cup matches

A few pictures



Music @ 79 Endell Street

The New London Children's Choir

The New London Children's Choir will be performing a concert in the Swiss Church on the 25th November. The music of the opera "The Ice Mountain" was composed by Ronald Corp, who is also the conductor of the choir. Andrew Cumine, Promotion & Development Director, gives us an introduction to this coming concert:

When Ronald Corp's new opera for children, 'The Ice Mountain' received its world première performances at St Stephen's in Hampstead in March this year, the press said: "...Ice Mountain inspired impressive singing from the New London Children's Choir, which must be the best big children's choir in London these days ... disciplined, alert, with a well-focussed, fresh and centred sound..." The commission for The Ice Mountain was initiated by a generous donation by the Naef/Bertele Family, who were inspired by their Swiss origins to propose

the adaptation of a Swiss folk legend. The libretto for The Ice Mountain was adapted by Emma Hill from the folk tale entitled 'Die Allte Frau und die Toten'. The opera is in four short acts lasting about an hour, and incorporates elements of Swiss folk music as well as liturgical chant. The libretto makes reference to various poets including John Clare and Friedrich Hölderlin. The composer, Ronald Corp says of the work – 'the tale is a haunting one and very poignant and I was drawn by the mystical element in



The choir at a performance

the story; I think my music for the opera reflects this'.

The New London Children's Choir is

one of the busiest and most successful children's ensembles in the country. The choir has commissioned more than 40 new pieces and has premiered numerous other works. It has performed regularly at the Proms, made a number of film soundtrack and TV recordings, and been engaged for concerts and recordings with all the major London orchestras and opera companies.

Ronald Corp is founder and Artistic Director of the New London Orchestra and the New London Children's Choir. He also holds a number of Musical Directorships. He has recorded extensively for Hyperion. His many compositions include a Symphony and a Piano Concerto, now recorded on CD by Dutton Epoch, two String Quartets (on Naxos).

Andrew Cumine

Music @ 79 Endell Street

Concerts in 2010 at the Swiss Church in London

On the last Thursday of each month, at 7.30 pm

Sixty minutes of music and a glass of wine with the opportunity to meet the musicians after the concert.

Tickets are available at the door from 7pm. Booking by phone: (020) 7836 1418 or by email: info@swisschurchlondon.org.uk
Entrance: £10, concessions £8.

Series of 6 concerts: £40, concessions £32.

For more information, visit our website: www.swisschurchlondon.org.uk

30 September 2010 Organ recital

Recital by organist Joachim Schwander from the Royal Academy of Music, London. This concert will feature a varied programme with an international repertoire, from the Baroque period to the 21st Century.



Joachim Schwander

28 October 2010 Medea Trio

The Swiss piano trio is one of the young rising ensembles. Recently in 2009, they won the Migros Award where they received the title Migros Kulturprozent Ensemble 2009. They will present a programme which includes a piece by the Swiss composer David Philip Hefti.



Medea Trio

25 November 2010 New London Children's Choir - "The Ice Mountain"

Ronald Corp's opera, "The Ice Mountain", with a libretto by Emma Hill, is based on the Swiss folk-tale 'Die Alte Frau und die Toten'. The opera was given its world première performances by the New London Children's Choir in March 2010, and we are delighted to welcome the composer and cast members for what promises to be a memorable occasion.



New London Children's Choir

Events @ 79 Endell Street

Forthcoming Events at the Swiss Church in London

14 October 2010 A poetic evening with Zoe Jenny and Christoph Dentoh

Zoe Jenny will be reading from her latest novel "The Sky is Changing" and Christoph Denoth will be playing solo guitar works by Fernando Sor, Isaac Albeniz and Franz Schubert. This promises to be an inspiring evening with two talented Swiss artists, who are based in London and Oxford.

Date & Time: 14 October 2010, 7.30pm (doors open from 7pm)

Entry Fee: £10, concession £8



Zoe Jenny



Christoph Denoth

8 - 10 October 2010 Parish Weekend / Uplands House

Set amidst beautiful Chiltern countryside and landscaped gardens overlooking the Hughenden Valley, Uplands House combines a classical mansion house with purpose-built contemporary buildings and 18 acres of grounds to explore. Our Minister and our Youth and Parish Worker are organising a Parish Weekend Away from Friday evening 8th to Sunday tea time 10th October. This weekend will be an occasion for relaxation, spending time with friends and getting to know better others in the Church community. The programme will offer an opportunity to explore our Christian faith and also to learn more about the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, which will be the theme of the weekend. Please feel free to bring friends and relatives along! There will be a special programme for families with children.

To make this weekend available for everyone we have lowered the prices from last time, and are therefore hoping that many more of you will be able to join us. If you need financial support please contact the Minister Nathalie Dürmüller on 020 78361418.

18 and 20 November 2010 Swiss Christmas Fair

Once again the Swiss Church opens its doors for the popular Swiss Christmas Fair! We will be selling Swiss products, some homemade specialities and of course different types of Swiss food. There will be a Children's Corner and a raffle with fantastic prizes.

Join us on the 18 November (6-10pm) & 20 November (11-4pm) at the newly renovated Swiss Church at 79 Endell Street, WC2H 9DY, London.



Baking for the Christmas Fair:

We will be having a cake and cookie stall again. Any contributions of home baked cakes, tortes, Zöpfe and Christmas-biscuits are gratefully received. Cakes can be brought along on Thursday evening and or Saturday or a few days beforehand. Please label the cakes; thank you. Biscuits need to be in church by Wed, 10th November. They will be sorted and packed into special bags by a team on that day.

Many thanks indeed to all you 'home-bakers'. Great baking!

Announcement

Bangladesh Evening at the Swiss Church September 23, 2010 at 7.30pm

Albert Mehr, Consul General in London (1988-1991) and Chargé d'Affaires a.i. in Dhaka (1991-1996)

and

Ruth Zumbühl, Swiss Embassy London (since 2006) and Swiss Embassy Dhaka (1991-1995)

Albert Mehr will read some stories from the chapter "Bangladesh" from his book "Spuren".

Ruth Zumbühl will talk about her unique



Bangladeshi women of the TARANGO project

encounter with Bangladeshi rural women in a project called TARANGO.

TARANGO, a secular non-profit organisation, was founded in 1986 with the goal of assisting Bangladeshi rural women in the following fields:

- Handicraft programme
- Women's entrepreneurship development programme
- Organisational development programme

Ruth Zumbühl focused on helping these women to gain access to local and foreign markets to sell their jute handicraft articles. What started off in 1991 with the sale of a few hundred jute bags and baskets in Germany developed into a real success story with more than 300 shops



The women present their work

selling TARANGO articles in the UK alone. More than 1600 women are now producing articles for TARANGO. Their income benefits them, their families and their societies.

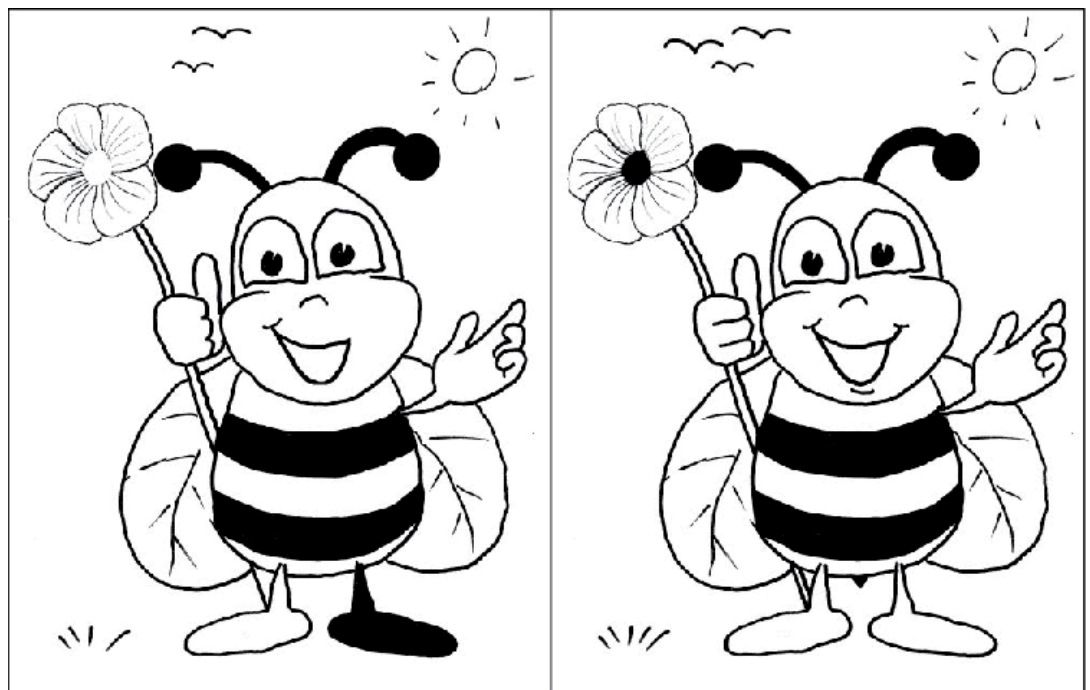
Needless to say, Ruth was fully supported by Albert Mehr and his wife in her endeavour. You are all invited to come and listen to their stories.

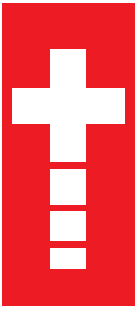
Ruth Zumbühl

Kids Corner

Spot the differences

There are 10 differences - can you find them all?





Swiss Church in London
Eglise suisse de Londres
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How to find us at the Swiss Church

From Tottenham Court Road Tube Station

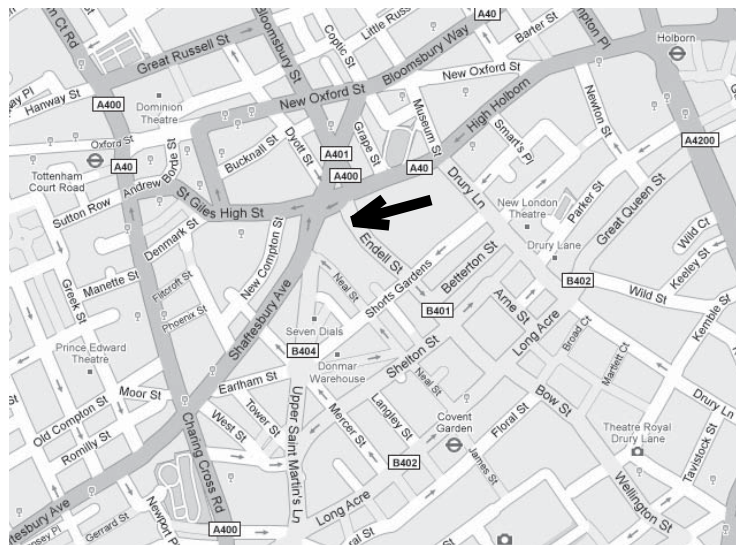
Walk along New Oxford Street towards the east
Turn right into Bloomsbury Street
Cross High Holborn. Endell Street is situated opposite.
Walking towards the south, the Church is on the right side.

From Holborn Tube Station

Walk along High Holborn towards the west.
Turn left into Endell Street.
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From Covent Garden Tube Station

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