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A hot summer

It's summer time and the temperatures – even in London – rise to extreme heights. News of high temperatures in Switzerland reached us while we were still enjoying moderate temperatures in the UK. But the heat wave did not stop the other side of the Channel and made its way over to the British Isles. While many of us enjoy the heat, others suffer from it. Mainly elderly and ill people find it difficult to cope and remain inside their homes to stay as cool as possible. In France some twenty people died from the heat, a number which is most likely higher in reality.

Climate experts say that there is nothing unusual about the current heat wave. A warm summer, certainly, but not an unusually hot summer, the statistics reveal. Even the drought which affects the Southern part of Britain and which leads to a hosepipe ban, does not seem to be unusual. Yes, the pundits say, it has not rained as much as it should have, but the culprit to blame for the hosepipe ban is not the weather but Thames Water, the water company which loses so much water because of leaking pipes. Maybe. Still, one does start to wonder if all the pieces of the puzzle – all the hurricanes, floods, droughts, heat waves, storms, the melting of the earth's glaciers – don't add up to show a clear picture, namely that our climate is really changing. What started as an academic discussion with many opposing views has become a reality which can no longer be denied. Global warming is happening and it will change the face of the planet.

As Christians we have a responsibility for our planet. It was given to us from God so that we make good use of it. When God blessed his creation, He said to Adam and Eve: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen 1,28). "Subdue" hardly means "destroy" or "exploit shamelessly", but rather "make sensible and considerate use of it". We are responsible, let us assume our responsibility to protect our planet.

This summer, also another kind of heat, the heat of battle, can be felt again. The unexpected outbreak of the war raging in Lebanon makes us realise how unstable that region still is – and how unfairly so many thousands of people are treated. Thousands flee as Israeli bombs hit Southern Lebanon and the world is watching and talking but not stopping the madness. Whoever started it, whoever is more to blame for it – the radical Hisbullah or Israel – , the excessive violence used by Israel cannot be excused. It is a scandal almost as incomprehensible as the silence of today's major powers. "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth". This Biblical principle wanted to prevent just that: an excessive, uncontrolled and unlimited revenge. Not more than an eye for an eye and not more than a tooth for a tooth is the precise meaning of the rule. What Israel is doing is taking the lives of many innocent people and creating many more fugitives rather than punishing those who are responsible for the attacks on Northern Israel.

Unfortunately there is not much we can do about it. We can only lament the situation and express our disgust and we can pray for peace and for sensible leaders.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.

Rev David Leuenberger

Editorial

Minister's Report

Summer's in the air and the temperature at the Swiss Church is up to 36 degrees baking us in the Organ loft as we write this report. Summer is traditionally a quiet time at the Church allowing us to regenerate and plan our activities for the second half of the year. Plans include a special service on Bettag / Jeûne federal and a series of recent and successful Swiss films to be shown at the Church. During the summer, we will also redesign the layout of the Swiss Church News and make sure that it will be as fresh and appealing as our new website. Let us know what you think about both the new layout (see inside this issue) and the website (www.swisschurchlondon.org.uk). Summer time will also be a good time to think more about the future of the Swiss Church in London and the Consistoire will again hold a special meeting to discuss plans and further development. I was particularly pleased to receive so many positive and constructive reactions to our last front page article "Quo vadis ecclesia Helvetica". It shows that our Church matters to many people and that they share our concerns. Many thanks to all who have written to me or talked to me about this article and the issues mentioned within.

Reviewing the past events shows that we have had a busy time. The football screenings were hugely successful, but also tiring and time consuming. The roof top lights had to be covered in order to dim the light in the Church, food and drinks had to be organised and well over 100 people per game had to be looked after. The National Day celebration in Golders Green took place again and the Church was present with a children's activities stand and a Quiz stall. The main prize, a



Swiss National Day Children's Corner

dinner for two at the St Moritz Restaurant, was won by Mrs Heidi Rego from Barnet. Congratulations to her. At Pentecost, we celebrated our last ecumenical service with Father Joe Buholzer who has in the meantime moved to Jerusalem where he continues to work for his "Pères Blancs" order. We are now looking for a new Roman Catholic partner for our ecumenical services and would welcome your suggestions. Our second "bring a friend" service was well attended, although mainly by

regular Parishioners rather than by their friends (May 7th), and so was our family service on May 21st. At the end of June we were able to celebrate the wedding of Lisa and Lorenz Müller who decided to get married at the Swiss Church. We wish them all the best for their future together! Also in June I had the opportunity to travel to Washington DC for a training course of the Swiss Reformed Churches in Switzerland. The course was about "Churches in the city" and was looking at ways how Churches react to an increasingly urbanised society with its changing values and ways of life.

Lisa & Lorenz Mueller

On July 1st we had a visit from the Chapels Society by some 50 of their members who were looking at churches around the Soho area and especially expatriate ones. They had obviously seen our webpage and put us on their itinerary. They were particularly interested in our early history - even pre 1762 - and also in our vision for the future.

This summer will also be the time to say good bye to two valued members of our team. Both our secretary, Sabine Signer, who is expecting a baby and our Youth- and Parish worker, Beatrice Wälti, who will be returning to Switzerland in the autumn will be leaving us shortly. Beatrice has been with us for over two years and successfully ran the Church's Youth activities. She actively engaged in fundraising events such as the marathon and developed our new family activities. The Sunday crèche was her initiative and together with the ladies of the Parents' and Toddlers' Group she organised many successful events for the little ones as well as for their parents. Beatrice was also in charge of the organisation of our concerts as well as our Parish outings and retreats. Her efficiency and organised manner as well as her enthusiasm and humour will be greatly missed. We express our sincere thanks to both Sabine and Beatrice for their work and commitment.

I wish you all a good summer time and look forward to seeing you at Church on Sunday, September 3rd when our services resume.

Rev David Leuenberger

News of the Consistoire

Dieu de compassion, deconcertés par l'incompréhensible souffrance des innocents, nous prions pour ceux qui connaissent l'épreuve.

Inspire le Coeur de ceux qui cherchent une paix si indispensable pour toute la famille humaine.

fr. Roger, de Taizé, 1915-2005

This prayer is one of 100 short prayers written by Roger de Taizé and was published shortly after his death in a little booklet called "Prier dans le silence du coeur".

May we all pray from the silence of our hearts for those suffering in the war between Israel and Lebanon and for those working towards creating peace between the two countries.

At the last Consistoire meeting the following new Cultural Statement was approved:

The Swiss Church regularly organises cultural events such as concerts, films, talks and exhibitions, often in partnership with other organisations. These events generally have a Swiss flavour and are intended to promote Swiss culture in London. The Church also supports spiritual art and music. Past events include an Appenzeller Jazz formation, the Swiss Klezmer Orchestra "Baith Jaffe" and an exhibition on the "Dance of Death".

The statement aims to set a clearer focus for our cultural events at the Swiss Church. As a Church, we want to promote spiritual art and music, as a Swiss Church, we would like to add a Swiss angle to our events. In this context, the Consistoire welcomed the suggestion by our organist Hilary Davan Wetton to have the Choir sing both at the first, as well as the third Sunday in the month. We are also working on a

new Spring Series of Evening Concerts based on the cultural statement.

The screenings of the four world champion matches of the Swiss National Team were successful. These events fulfilled the Swiss part in our Mission statement, namely to be a meeting place for all Swiss and friends of Switzerland from all walks of life. The Consistoire was pleased to hear that all costs, including the purchase of a beamer, which will also be used again for the planned film series, were covered by generous donations and income from food and drinks. It was fascinating to observe how many other churches in the UK and elsewhere have shown matches, a trendsetting synchronicity.

At the AGM held 19 July we elected a new Consistoire member, Valerie Lehmann. We would like to welcome Valerie and thank her for her willingness to serve the Swiss Church as a Consistoire member. Valerie introduces herself on page 4.

As mentioned in the Minister's report, two members of staff will be leaving us this year. I would like to thank Sabine Signer for her work and her commitment. On behalf of the Consistoire I would like to thank Beatrice Wälti for the enthusiastic, effective and organised manner with which she fulfilled the manifold tasks both as Youth and Parish Worker. We are grateful for her initiatives and her creativity and will miss her down to earth and cheerful personality. I would like to wish both Sabine and Beatrice all the best in their future personal and professional endeavours.

A new secretary, Carine Brendel, has been appointed. She will start at the beginning of September, relocating from Switzerland.

Ursula Jost

Youth and Parish Worker's Report

Sitting at my desk in bright sunshine I would like to look back at the highlights of the last few months which then also have brightened me up. Our outings to the Central Mosque and the Thai Buddha Temple were not only part of the youth programme but also very many parishioners came along. In the Central Mosque Margit Rahman's husband gave us a talk about Islam and we had a look around the prayer centre. Our visit to the Thai Buddha Temple in Wimbledon was guided by a resident monk and we enjoyed his lecture and the peaceful atmosphere in their garden. As these visits were of an interest to many of you, we will surely continue this series after the summer break.

In May and June the Youth programme was out and about. We enjoyed a play at Shakespeare's Globe, had a picnic on Hampstead Heath and went to the seaside resort of Hastings for a cooling sea breeze. The visit to the musical "Les Misérables" rounded up the programme left us very impressed.



Parent and Toddlers' Group, Heidi and Thibaut

The recent youth programme was accompanied by a constant saying goodbye and by July most of them had left and were looking forward to their next big step in life. Many will start to study, get a job, have to find a flat and foremost will have to settle in back home, taking their UK experience with them.

Also in the Parent & Toddlers' Group we had to say goodbye to Sandra Schindler who has led the group from the beginning. We were very thankful for the efforts and enthusiasm she brought with her. Sandra has already handed over to Valérie Lehmann who will now lead the group. Valérie has already extended the programme for families with outings on weekends, as there was a demand for this kind of meeting to match different needs.

Talking about saying goodbye, many of you have already heard that I also will be leaving the Swiss Church at the end of September, as I will be moving back to Basel. I really do hope to see as many of you as possible during September and I would like to thank you for the companionship I have been able to enjoy with you.

Our autumn programme is again full. We will have our Parish Outing, a fabulous Swiss film series, events for families such as a family service and much more. Please check our calendar and do come along.

See you soon, Beatrice

New Consistoire member -Valérie Lehmann

As I have joined the Consistoire to take part in the organisation of family activities, David Leuenberger asked me to introduce myself through a short article. I was born in Geneva and grew up in Grand-Saconnex, which was at that time a village not belonging to the town. We spent almost all our holidays in the wonderful mountains of the Valais. I suppose that's why I always like nature very much and never thought I would one day enjoy so much living in such a big city like London...



After achieving my A-levels, I decided to study Applied Mathematics at the EPF/ETH Lausanne. Not only did I receive my diploma but also met my husband Martin there. Immediately after finishing my studies I moved to his native Germany, where I worked for a software company. We lived for five years in Darmstadt near Frankfurt.

At the end of that time I had very much improved my German.

Our first daughter Laetitia was born in Darmstadt in May 2003 just some weeks before we moved to London. Since that time, I'm working eight hours per day in a company any more, but round the clock at home... Our second daughter Sophie was born in October 2004 here in London. I enjoy very much being with our children!

When we arrived in London three years ago, we didn't know anybody. We were looking to meet other people from Switzerland and that's how we came to the Swiss Church. We felt immediately very welcome, enjoyed David's service and

the warmth of the Community. I soon joined the toddler group, where I made a lot of new friends. Some months ago I started to help Beatrice Wälti at the Crèche during the service, taking care of the children and doing activities with them.

I would like to take the opportunity here to thank in name of all mothers and children coming to the toddler group Sandra Schindler, who created and organised it, and Beatrice Wälti, who arranges activities for the children not only for the toddler group but also during the family-services and the Crèche. Both of them will unfortunately will be leaving us soon to go back to Switzerland.

By joining the Consistoire I hope to be able to welcome other families as much as we were welcomed ourselves when we arrived in London. I am convinced that the Swiss Church is a very good place to meet people. At the moment most of the families coming to the Swiss Church have small children (younger than 4). Most of the toddlers usually leave the toddler group when they start going to school. Therefore I would like to organise activities for both toddlers and older children. We already had a nice toddler-group picnic on the 9th of July, Our next outings are a Family-Picnic on the 24th of September in Hyde Park (near Diana Playground), and a Visit to the Science Museum on the 11th of November. The latter is a nice place for children, because they can play and experiment a lot. Families with children of all ages are very welcome! If you are interested, please take a flyer in the Foyer of the Swiss Church, where you will find details about our activities. Please contact Beatrice (020 7836 1418) or myself (valmart@freenet.de) if you wish to receive the family-program per email or if you need any further information.

Valérie Lehmann

The real winner is ... the Swiss Church

A short review of four unforgettable live coverages

Would Swiss Londoners be keen to get together at all for a common "telly watching" (on a large screen, though) of the Swiss national team? Moreover, would Köbi Kuhn's men be able to present themselves in good shape so that it would not be embarrassing to wear Swiss football gear? And, finally, would it not be slightly misplaced to celebrate the Fifa World Cup in the holy ambience of our Swiss Church? Not to speak of the technical problems, such as a satellite dish which needed to be located on the glass roof of 79 Endell Street.



A real fan!

Question after question had to be answered by the ambitious people in charge of the planned live coverage in the Swiss Church. Those doing all the work really have to be thanked very cordially for their efforts. The four live coverages of SF DRS's programme turned out to be a real audience magnet, as most of the readers might already know. The Rev David Leuenberger – assisted and helped by Beatrice Wälti and Ursula Jost with the members of the Consistoire – organised four hugely successful events. Food and drink were richly available and the mood could not have been any better (not least thanks to the delicious "Swiss Mountain Beer"). The two main clashes in the first round with France (13th June, 0:0 draw) and South Korea (23rd June, 2:0 win) were very strongly attended from the beginning. Due to its early kick-off the match with Togo (19th June, 0:2 win for us) took place in a somewhat more intimate atmosphere, whereas the actual "show-down" (26th June) produced the strongest attendance. Eventually, the 2nd round game against Ukraine ended after a nerve-racking extra-time with an unpleasant 0:0, so that a penalty shoot-out was needed. As most of the readers

may know, our "Reds" left the pitch after having lost the game 3:0 on penalties. What a pity! Needless to say, everybody, whether old or young, London based or just popping in as a tourist, was very depressed and disappointed. Despite the sadness, though, everyone was probably quite happy that Switzerland was able to participate in the Fifa World Cup at all.



Ukraine - Switzerland

A propos Fifa: Far be it from the writers to leave unmentioned that the live coverage became possible only due to very generous financial contributions from Fifa President Josef "Sepp" Blatter and some other Swiss. Thanks to them all and thanks to Ursula, David, Beatrice and the Consistoire – your efforts are very much appreciated. Despite the defeat of our footballers one might proudly say: "The real winner is the Swiss Church". Let's all hope that in two years time when the Euro takes place in Austria and Switzerland the same enthusiasm will seize the Swiss community in London.

Martin Kocher

Brigitte Schwab Kocher



Events Listing at the Swiss Church

Family Picnic in Hyde Park, Sunday 24 September from 11am

We will meet in the south of the Princess Diana Memorial Playground in Kensington Gardens. The children will enjoy a lot of usual and unusual activities in this enormous playground. Kids love the huge climb-on pirate ship set in a sea of sand with ropes to clamber up, the music area, the sandpits, the big climbing frames with ladders/slides/etc, the swings, the wooden houses/cars/horses, the water games, etc. Facilities like café-kiosk, toilets and disabled toilets are directly inside the playground. The playground is a little way north-west of the Round Pond.



Diana memorial playground

Parish Outing, Saturday 7 October

Join us on our autumn excursion to the East of England!

Our Outing will take us to St Andrew's Church, Buckland in Hertfordshire for our first stop. Our second stop is only a short drive away in Cambridgeshire. Wimpole Estate has a magnificent 18th-century house Wimpole Hall. We shall leave from the Swiss Church at 9am and will be back at the church by 6pm.

The cost for the Outing is £27 per person or £22 for National Trust members, which is subsidised by the Swiss Church. The price covers travel, entrance fees, cream tea and croquet. National Trust members must bring their membership card. The deadline for applications is 17th September 2006! Application forms are available at the Swiss Church.

Swiss Film, Thursday 12 October at 7.30pm

Sternenberg (2004), a film by Christoph Schaub, starring among others Walo Lüönd, Matthias Gnädiger, Daniel Rohr, Hanspeter Müller and Sarah Capretti.



Franz Engi returns to the village where he grew up after having lived abroad for over 30 years, only to realise that things are entirely different. The school is about to be closed because now there are only a few families with children living in the village. Franz is shocked. The closing of the school is particularly significant for him: the school's teacher, Eva, is his daughter, but he does not dare to tell her.

In order to help Eva and get to know her better, Franz decides to enrol as a pupil at the school. Although he does indeed become friends with Eva, a lot has to happen before he can tell her who he really is...

Family Service, Sunday 15 October at 11am

During this family service, we will have a children's programme, including autumn arts & crafts activities.

Family Outing to the Science Museum, Saturday 11 November from 10am

The Garden is an interactive area for three to six-years-old, but also proved as suitable by younger children. It is an indoor playground situated in the basement of the museum. The children particularly love the water play area, where they enjoy playing with boats/fishes/etc, turning on waterworks, creating waterfalls, using pumps, etc (waterproofs smocks are provided, but please be prepared and bring a change of clothing). In other areas of the Garden they enjoy playing the builders, climbing frames, discovering music and doing other experiments all by them selves. The playground is great for kids and the exhibition is very interesting for adults, too! Meeting point is on the grass in front of the Natural History Museum (corner Cromwell Road/Exhibition Road).

Swiss Film, Thursday 23 November at 7.30pm

Mein Name ist Eugen (2005), a film by Michael Steiner, starring among others Manuel Häberli, Beat Schlatter, Mike Müller and Sabina Schneebeli.



From the literary classic by Klaus Schädelin, "Mein Name ist Eugen" is a coming of age story set in the 1960s, and tells of 12-year-old Eugen and Wrigley's last summer of adventure. When Wrigley's parents announce their intention to pack him off to boarding school, the boys run away, hoping to find Fritzli Bühler, the "King of Rascals" in Zurich. But then Eugen and Wrigley bump into their Scouts group on the train and feel forced to join them to Ticino. From there they escape again and attempt to cycle back to Zurich, but the boys' disappearance is noticed and their parents get on their trail. As the boys continue their precarious journey over their Alps, they begin to doubt whether Fritzli Bühler really lives in Zurich and whether he actually exists at all.

THEOlogical

Dying with dignity?

What do British people think about Switzerland? Traditionally, these are the answers: clean, stable country, mountains, provincial, banks, money laundering.... Since recently, Switzerland has also come into the news because of its liberal euthanasia laws. People from all over Europe, including the UK, travel to Switzerland to die "in dignity", that is, to end their lives intentionally. – "Dignitas" and "Exit" are the names of two of the organisations which help terminally ill patients to die and which are

Def: "Euthanasia (from Greek: "eu" - "good", and "thanatos" - "death") is the practice of ending the life of an individual who is suffering from a terminal disease or a chronically painful condition in a painless or minimally painful way either by lethal injection, drug overdose, or by the withdrawal of medical support."

co-responsible for the somewhat dubious fame Switzerland is now prided with. Headlines like "Swiss euthanasia charity helps 22 Britons to die" (Guardian, 2.9.04), "Forty Britons end lives in Swiss suicide clinic" (The Sunday Times, Scotland, 13.3.05) or "Swiss charity offers suicide tourists trip of a lifetime" (Scotland on Sunday,

25.8.02) are no rarity. The British media is busily unveiling new scandals and "shocking" news which often have a Swiss connection: "A secret organisation headed by a retired family doctor is illegally providing terminally ill British people with thousands of pounds to enable them to travel to a Swiss suicide clinic, The Telegraph can reveal." (The Telegraph, 8.5.05). The BBC's website has dedicated a whole dossier to the problem of euthanasia and also explains the liberal Swiss euthanasia law on suicide.



It states: "Whoever lures someone into suicide or provides assistance to commit suicide out of a self-interested motivation will, on completion of the suicide, be punished with up to five years' imprisonment". Suicide societies interpret this to mean that anyone who assists suicide altruistically cannot be punished.

Other European countries do not allow euthanasia even if a patient wants to die - as a matter of public policy, the victim's consent does not provide a defence in the UK. Deliberate euthanasia would normally leave anyone assisting liable for murder, though liability can be reduced to manslaughter on the basis of diminished responsibility.

Assisted suicide and other forms of euthanasia are not a mere legal issue. They have serious moral implications, too. And the subject of voluntary euthanasia is far from simple - even the most sympathetic cases raise difficult ethical questions.



The basic question is quite easy: is someone who is terminally ill allowed to end his own life or have his life ended by someone assisting him?

Pro-euthanasia campaigners say it is a matter of personal freedom. As suicide is no longer a crime in the UK, they argue that it is not only just, but also an essential part of civilisation that people can be helped to die in dignity and pain-free. They argue that refusing to help someone is immoral. It could even cause more injury and distress, if the suicide attempt is botched.

Oposing that view is a coalition of opinion. Some Churches believe life is sacrosanct and that only God can decide when to terminate it. Other groups worry that allowing any system of legalised killing would be open to abuse. Recent research from Holland which has the most liberal euthanasia laws in

Europe, suggests that despite that country's strict rules concerning voluntary euthanasia, many doctors are failing to carry out the necessary checks or contact the appropriate authorities. Doctors killing people, some say, is at odds with their Hippocratic oath and undermines people's trust in them. Another concern often expressed is that practising voluntary euthanasia leads to a slippery slope. Invoking the "slippery slope" means arguing that one action will initiate a chain of events that will lead to a (generally undesirable) event later. For example, allowing the killing of terminally ill people who have given their consent may lead to the killing of terminally ill people who are unable to express their will to be killed, too. Once an old taboo (i.e. that killing is in all cases morally wrong) is broken it may be difficult to establish clear new borderlines which must not be crossed. Once it is established that killing can be morally justified a difficult vetting process is set in motion. When and under which circumstances can it be justified?

The theological argument normally goes like this: God himself has given to humankind the gift of life. As such, it is to be revered and cherished. All human beings are to be valued, irrespective of age, sex, race, religion, social status or their potential for achievement. Those who become vulnerable through illness or disability deserve special care and protection. Adherence to this principle provides a fundamental test as to what constitutes a civilised society. A positive choice has to be made by society in favour of protecting the interests of its vulnerable members even if this means limiting the freedom of others to determine their end'.

The Swiss Churches also say "no" to active and direct euthanasia. The Synod of the "Evangelical-Reformed Church of Zurich", for example, states that the Church is opposed to active euthanasia and also to assisted suicide. What is needed is a well developed "culture of dying" where ministers, doctors, nurses and anyone else involved work together and make sure that the person dying can do so with dignity and in peace. This is what doctors are here for: to heal, to relieve from pain but never to kill.

Death should be awaited and not caused. It is a natural part of life we have to learn to deal with afresh.

Rev David Leuenberger

Different kinds of euthanasia:

Indirect euthanasia means the involvement of a clinician (e.g. physician, clinical nurse practitioner, pharmacist) as an agent who participates only by providing treatment for symptoms (for example pain) with a known side effect being an early death. This is different from physician-assisted suicide, in which a doctor purposefully provides the means to a patient in the form of drugs and delivery mechanisms to kill oneself.

Direct euthanasia means the involvement of a clinician as agent in inducing a patient's death. (e.g. administering a lethal drug by injection). Direct euthanasia is only legal in one state of the US (Oregon), but both direct and indirect euthanasia are legal in Belgium, Colombia, Japan and the Netherlands.

Passive euthanasia is usually defined as withdrawing medical treatment with the deliberate intention of causing the patient's death. For example, if a patient requires kidney dialysis to survive, and the doctors disconnect the dialysis machine, the patient will presumably die fairly soon.

Active euthanasia is taking specific steps to cause the patient's death, such as injecting the patient with poison. In practice, this is usually an overdose of pain-killers or sleeping pills.

In other words, the difference between "active" and "passive" is that in active euthanasia, something is done to end the patient's life; in passive euthanasia, something is not done that would have preserved the patient's life.



Obituary

Rosmarie Sarsfield, 1930-2006

Rosmarie Sarsfield was born in October 26th 1930 in Weinfelden (Thurgau). In her early twenties she came to England as an au pair to learn English. She then returned to Switzerland and worked as a receptionist in a hotel. During this time she met an engaging Irishman Tim Sarsfield. They corresponded for a while and eventually got married in January 1959 in a little chapel in canton Thurgau. They were blessed with a daughter called Katherin, who was born a year later.

Rosmarie and Tim bought a house in Hornchurch as Tim worked in the nearby Ford Factory. Rosmarie joined the Frauenverein about twenty years ago and was an active member of that organisation and the Swiss Church, where she often cooked and helped with the lunches.

She dearly loved her garden, which was always full of flowers and in wonderful condition. In her own way she was an artist. She made the most exquisite pictures and cards of pressed and dried flowers from her garden and the ones she collected when walking in the Swiss mountains. In addition to all this, she was

an active member of the local WI, where she taught hand craft to the other members.

Rosmarie always retained her love of Switzerland and spent many holidays with her parents, who lived to the ripe old age of ninety. Their daughter moved to Switzerland, where she worked in a hotel and later at Zurich airport for the Rega. After she got married, Rosmarie and Tim became proud grandparents to Sarah, who later on spent most of her school holidays with them here in England. About four years ago Katherin remarried and they both started a new life in America. But Rosmarie was determined to keep a close contact with her family and got a computer and learnt to send email. It took her a while to take courage to travel all the way to America, where she and Tim spent a fantastic holiday.

Rosmarie had a big circle of friends in England and Switzerland and will be sadly missed by everyone.

Ursula Oscroft

Summer in London



Service on Sunday, 16 July - Fiona and Tabea



Swiss National Day Celebration - Lotte



Swiss National Day Celebration - Preparation for the lantern parade



Swiss National Day Celebration - Lantern parade

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Programm September 06

Spaziergang & Programmbesprechung (Freitag, 15. Sept. 2006)

Wir treffen uns um 1900 Uhr auf dem Parkplatz des Restaurants Guggach beim Bucheggplatz und spazieren dann ohne Eile zum Restaurant Jägerhaus in der oberen Waid. Nach dem Essen werden wir unser Programm für den Winter 2006/2007 zusammenstellen – also unbedingt viele Ideen sammeln und mitbringen!!! Damit ich uns einen Tisch reservieren kann, ist unbedingt eine **Anmeldung bis zum 8. September notwendig**.

Die VEGSIL-Tagung findet am 28./29. Oktober 2006 wiederum in Weggis in der „Lodge Mark & Bein“ (www.the-lodge.ch/lodge) statt. Komm doch auch, geniesse die herrliche Gegend am Vierwaldstättersee und ein ruhiges und erholsames Wochenende!!!

Natürlich sind wie immer alle interessierten „Heimweh-Londoner“ egal welchen Alters oder „England-Jahrgangs“ herzlich eingeladen bei Interesse an unseren Anlässen teilzunehmen !!!

Persönlich würde ich mich riesig freuen, viele altbekannte aber auch neue Gesichter an irgendeinem oder auch mehreren dieser Anlässe zu treffen um mit diesen „England-fahrern“ Erinnerungen aber auch Aktuelles auszutauschen!!!

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Viele liebe Grüsse und hoffentlich auf bald!

Georges Keller

Anciens Londoniens

Programme septembre 06

La 56me rencontre est fixée aux 9/10 sept. 06. Fr. Jacot (63-65) nous entretiendra de son recent pèlerinage a St-Jacques de Compostelle. Il prêchera dimanche sur le verset 9 du Psaume 116 "Je marcherai en présence du Seigneur sur la terre destinée aux vivants".

Dimanche matin J. Sauter (49-51) donnera un aperçu d' un voyage en Syrie entrepris en oct. 05.

G. Genton

Reformation Day – 5 November 2006

The first Sunday in November is "Reformation Sunday" – the day the church commemorates the 16th century reformation and its fathers, Martin Luther, John Calvin and Huldrych Zwingli. To mark the occasion we will celebrate the "birth-

day" of our church family with a special service with the participation of a representative of the United Reformed Church in England. The service will be followed by lunch and by a talk about the Reformed Church in England.



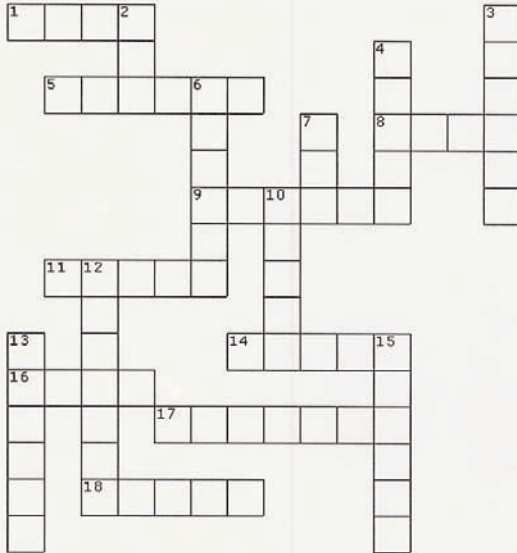
Monument International de la Réformation in Geneva: At the centre of the wall, five meters high, are the four great figures of the movement: Guillaume Farel (1489-1565), one of the first to preach the Reformation in Geneva, Jean Calvin (1509-1564) the "pope" of the reformers, Théodore de Bèze (1513-1605), first rector of the Academy and John Knox (1513-1572), founder of Presbyterianism in Scotland.

Daniel

Hello! Here is more brain fodder for you. You can help Daniel to find his way out of the lions' den, work your way through the maze and try to solve the crossword about people in the old testament. A hint for the crossword: Daniel will be found in it. Bye!

ACROSS

- 1 He was the first king of Israel
- 5 She was a queen who saved her people from the wicked man Haman
- 8 He built the Ark
- 9 He had a coat of many colors
- 11 She was the wife of Abraham
- 14 He killed the giant Goliath with a slingshot
- 16 He was the first man
- 17 He was known as a wise king
- 18 He led his people out of slavery in Egypt



- 3 He won the battle for Jericho by blowing horns
- 4 He was swallowed by a giant fish
- 6 This prophet was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind
- 7 She was the first woman
- 10 The Queen of ___ visited
- 12 He was the father of Isaac
- 13 He was very strong
- 15 He was thrown in a lions' den but survived

DOWN

- 2 He escaped the

Crossword
 1 saul 2 lot 3 joshua 4 jonah 5 esther 6 elijah 7 eve 8 noah 9 joseph 10 sheba 11 sarah 12 abraham 13 samson 14 david 15 daniel 16 adam 17 solomon 18 mooses



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Help Daniel find his way out of the lions den

