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<b>6th</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Acts</i> 8    26 – 40 <i>John</i> 15   1 – 8 <i>Preacher: Archdeacon Jonathan LLoyd</i>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>
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<b>17th</b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> <i>Acts</i> 1    1 – 11 <i>Ephesians</i> 1    15 – end <i>Luke</i> 24   44 – end <i>Preacher: The Very Revd Dr John Arnold</i>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Acts</i> 1    15 – 17, 21 – end <i>I John</i> 5    9 – 13 <i>John</i> 17   6 – 19 <i>Preacher: The Very Revd Dr John Arnold</i>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>
	<b>Aarhus</b> <i>Preacher: The Revd Gottfried Grünewald</i>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>19.00</b>
<b>27th</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b> <i>Acts</i> 2    1 – 21 <i>Romans</i> 8    22 – 27 <i>John</i> 15   26 – 27, and 16, 4b – 15 <i>Preacher: Archdeacon Jonathan LLoyd</i>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>10.30</b>

**NOTES:**

WEDNESDAY SERVICE	Holy Communion	10.30
SUNDAY SCHOOL	meets every Sunday at	10.30
REFRESHMENTS	are served after the	10.30 Sunday Service

CHOIR PRACTICE takes place every Sunday morning before the Parish Eucharist.

New choir members are always welcome. Contact Peter Rohling: 33 25 00 74.

**Dear friends,**

*Lo, a thousand years before us,  
barb'rous Danes assailed this land:  
homesteads, boroughs, churches, abbeys,  
pillaged by a plundering band;  
and the people suffered deeply  
from the cruel heathen hand.*

These words were sung at Southwark Cathedral in South London on 19 April, as the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the murder of St Alphege was commemorated. Alphege was made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1005, and before that he was Abbot of Bath and Bishop of Winchester. His austere life and generous almsgiving made him a revered and much loved man. In 1001 when the Danes overran south-east England and sacked the City of Canterbury, they took Archbishop Alphege prisoner and demanded a ransom of £3000. I don't know how many kroner that is today, but certainly a huge amount! Alphege refused to pay it and forbade anyone from doing so, knowing that it would impoverish the ordinary people even more. On 19 April 1012 he was brutally murdered by his captors at Greenwich, being clubbed by ox bones after a drunken banquet, on the spot where St Alfege Church now stands (in the centre of Greenwich, not far from the Cutty Sark: 37 000 people ran past it on Marathon Day!).

A thousand years on, the bishops of Bergen and Southwark signed a twinning agreement. Archbishop Rowan Williams got down on the floor to explain to local schoolchildren that people who once killed each other are now friends. That peace and reconciliation can happen and does happen. There was a wonderful pilgrimage down the Thames on a boat to St Alfege Church, and our new relationships in the Gospel were celebrated and joyfully proclaimed at a special Eucharist with Christians from both sides of the North Sea.

As we continue through this Easter season, let us remember that reconciliation and healing are vital parts of our Christian journey and responsibility. As Christians we are an Easter people, our calling is always to strive towards peace, healing and reconciliation. There are many broken relationships in today's world – between faiths, between nations, between individuals – yearning for healing.

We now move towards Ascension Day on 17 May, when we remember Jesus returning to his Father, and Pentecost on 27 May, when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Church was born. These incredible events remind us that we are now the Church. The only hands and feet that Jesus has in the world are ours. We are called to be God's agents of transformation, through our lives and journeys of faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Not just saying our prayers, but being a prayer. And changing the world.

Grace and peace,  
Jonathan

## Jubilee Picnic Sunday 3 June

You are invited to a Picnic Lunch  
to celebrate  
**Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee**  
**on Sunday 3 June**  
**at 12.00 noon**  
in Churchillparken

Bring your own picnic and bubbly and we will all eat lunch together and raise our glasses to the Queen. Games and races will be organized for the young and young at heart, weather permitting.

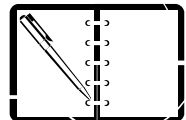
### Dates for your diaries

To help with forward planning, we have some dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 8 May	20.00	125 Anniversary Concert Roskilde Choir
Sunday 13 May	12.15	Sunday Organ Recital - Malgorzata Skrzypek, Organ Scholar from University of Mainz
Friday 1 June	18.00	Auction of promises
Sunday 3 June	12.00	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee picnic
Friday 8 June	20.00	125 Anniversary Concert Concordia Chamber Choir from London
Sunday 24 June	10.30	St Alban's Day Eucharist, followed by Parish Summer Lunch at the home of Jonathan & Sue
Saturday 18 August		St Alban's Summer Fete
Saturday 1 September	20.00	125 Anniversary Concert Cantate Community Choir from Bishops Stortford
Sunday 2 September	10.30	Deanery Synod will join Parish Eucharist. Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell will preside
Sunday 16 September	10.30	125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Alban's Church, followed by Anniversary Brunch at The Marriott - more details to follow

Please pray for those being married at St Alban's this summer:

2 June	Brian & Kristel
30 June	Catherine & Stephen
4 August	Sarika & Lars
11 August	Michael & Christine
25 August	Sophie & Giuliano
8 September	Ross & Camilla



## 125 Anniversary Concert programme

Friday 8 June at 20.00

Concordia Chamber Choir, from Dulwich, South London, directed by Dan Ludford-Thomas, sing a celebratory selection of Tudor anthems, the Byrd Mass and songs by Eric Whitacre.

[www.concordiachamberchoir.co.uk/](http://www.concordiachamberchoir.co.uk/)

Saturday 1 September at 20.00

Cantate Community Choir from Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire

Other events in connection with the anniversary year can be found in the dates on the previous page.



### Roskilde Choir / Roskildekoret 125 Concert



at St Alban's Church, Copenhagen,  
Tuesday 8 May 2012  
at 20.00

**Conductor: Roger Munck-Fairwood**

The programme will include a selection of English and Danish works by Byrd, Elgar, Rutter, Gade, Weyse and others

**This promises to be a very special event  
Everyone is welcome!**

## **A daily prayer**

**YOU**

*in whom we live and move  
and from whom we have our being,  
who dwells hidden and silent  
in unapproachable light  
and yet are very near,  
who are who You are:*

*May your justice and gentleness prevail  
and all that you delight in unfold  
in our world  
as in the world to come.*

Give to all bread enough for each day,  
and keep us from coveting or seizing more.  
Forgive us our open and our secret wrongdoing,  
as we forgive and embrace those who have wronged us.  
Save us from being overwhelmed in the approaching time of trial,  
and deliver us from all that destroys life.

May we act justly,  
Love faithfully,  
and walk mindfully with You  
day by day:

*For from You flow, to You point,  
and in You are gathered up  
all order, all energy and all fruitfulness –*

*unceasingly*

## **An Emmaus blessing**

The God of life burst open our tombs and raise us up,

The risen Christ walk with us on our road and make our hearts to burn  
within us,

The rushing Spirit disturb our fearful hearts and open our eyes to  
recognise the Way, the Truth and the Life,

The Three in One bless us and make us messengers of peace.

**John N. Eastertide 2012**

## Windows Phase Two/Three

After a long winter away since August 2011, the West windows are now back. To avoid having to put them back in November (when in previous years we have had snow) and to allow us to seek further funding for the project, their return was delayed and they now sparkle all the more brightly in the afternoon sun. The true skill of the craftsmen who painted them can be clearly seen in the details, and it is wonderful to see the embroidered painted jewelled edgings sparkle in the light.

Mid-April saw us *yet again* preparing the church for the next phase of our 125 window restoration project. After the service on 15 April Frazer Thomas, Carsten Clausen and Alastair Hay-Campbell spent a good hour and a half covering the organ with protective plastic sheeting, to ensure that no dust from the work on the windows would enter the organ chamber. Frazer (who has a head for heights) ran up and down the ladder, carefully taping a second protective layer of plastic sheeting round the organ loft.

The altars were stripped, the sanctuary was cleared and protective blankets and padding were put over the altar and railing, before everything down from the altar to the pulpit was covered in plastic sheeting. The tiled sanctuary and chancel floors were covered with protective felt, before the floors including the aisle were covered with paper. The next day a tall protective box was constructed over the reredos, and scaffolding was then erected at both the east and west ends of the church, externally and internally. Walking into the church on that Thursday evening, the plastic rustled gently and there was an eerie expectant calm.



Terry Devlin and David Plummer with their team of Tyrone, Ryan and Chris started to replace the west window on Friday 20 April. With a forecast threat of rain every day throughout their stay, they worked long hours to get the four lancet windows in and secure on their new saddle bars, and the tracery windows in and mortared in place with a lime-based mortar. In the event, other than a brief shower on the Monday, there was no rain to speak of during their stay. When putting windows in, there is a danger that the lime mortar can get washed out by rain if it does not have the chance to set in the first 24 hours.



Work started simultaneously on phase three, taking out the windows at the east end of the church and in the choir vestry, as well as the remaining ones in the porch. The very strong cement used when the windows had been put in, and the fact that originally almost all the windows had been made too wide for the openings, yet again proved a challenge, particularly so with the east window, where the fillet board is painted. It was found that the craftsmen who had originally installed the windows in 1887 had had to chip into the stone to deepen the stone frame by a good half inch in order to get the windows in. The windows were held in place with the glass embedded into the cement, which called for great care in taking them out. (A clear lead trim should be visible round the window, as can now be seen in the nave, narthex and west windows.) The windows were removed and packed in a specially constructed wooden case, to be taken back to England for cleaning and conservation.



The conservation and re-leading process involves detailed photography and tracing of each panel before work starts. The panels are then taken apart and each pane is carefully cleaning using squirrel hair brushes; where there is a build-up of particularly stubborn dirt, glass fibre “pens” can be used, but only once it has been established that the painted surface is stable and that this will not damage it. Once the glass is clean, the panels are reconstructed with reference to the original tracing. In the case of the east window, as with the nave windows earlier, a slightly thinner cored lead came may be used – this does not weaken the window in any way but will ensure a better fit. The panels are then secured and made watertight by lead-light cement

Enormous thanks have to go to everyone who helped cover up and uncover the church for this phase. While I had realised that this particular part of the project was going to be the most invasive to the church routine, I don’t think until we started that I had visualized the disruption and the dust and dirt that this phase would create. Thanks go to Alastair, Carsten, Frazer, Charles, Claire, Charlotte, Isabelle and Chris O, who took the plastic down, for all their help and to our cleaners for all the extra hours to get the Church back to normal for the 29th.

Thanks also go to Ulla Monberg, who took the service on April 22 totally unfazed by the fully scaffolded and dust-sheeted church. Using the narthex table as an altar in the chancel, her poise, calm and presence in the situation made it a very special service, with a strong spiritual feeling of the Word. Thanks, lastly, to Peter and the choir for their adaptability and for leading our singing from the nave, and as always to Jane for taking the disruption in her stride.

The windows will be back later in the summer (exact dates will be confirmed shortly). If anyone finds themselves in East Anglia and would like to visit the workshop near Norwich to see the windows, I am sure a visit could be arranged (a car is needed, as it is a bit off the beaten track). If you are interested in doing this, please get in touch with me ([katie@st-albans.dk](mailto:katie@st-albans.dk)) and I can give you the contact details.

Katie Robson

## 125 Windows Restoration Appeal

The overall objective is to restore the Victorian stained glass windows to their original condition and to conserve them for the next 125 years.

As part of our 125 anniversary year, we have launched an appeal to raise Dkr 3 million for the restoration of the windows.

Starting last year, we spent Dkr 1.2 million on phase one, which included the gift from a legacy and support from the Aarhus congregation, as well as increased donations to the church during the summer months.

We now in the process of raising funds for phase two (Dkr 700 000) and phase three (Dkr 950 000). Supported by the Lindholm fund and the Cray-Jensen fund, we are making progress and we are very grateful for a recent generous anonymous donation that has helped us get on our way to raising the further needed.

You can chart our progress as the picture of the window in the outside notice board changes colour. If you would like to support this project, please contact the Hon. treasurer Nils Mortensen at [treasurer@st-albans.dk](mailto:treasurer@st-albans.dk)



*The newly restored St George from the west window (St George's day is 23 April).*

## St Alban's Bridge Benefit

We would like to thank Erica Archer for graciously hosting the St Alban's bridge benefit at her home in Gentofte on Friday 27 April. The sun shone and, with the garden coming out into flower, everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

A delicious tea was provided by Erica, Lilly, Jean and Katie. The money went towards the 125 Windows Restoration Appeal, and we would like to thank Erica very much for hosting this event on our behalf for the last three years.

Jean, Val and Katie

## Auction of promises 2012

This time our auction will be in the summer – Friday 1 June at St Ansgar's Church Hall.

Auctioning promises is, when you first hear about it, an odd concept. You promise a small service, or to donate an item of value and it is literally auctioned off to the highest bidder. We have tried this twice before, with great success.

This year St Alban's is celebrating 125 years and there are exceptional expenses (new stained glass windows) needing exceptional fund-raising activities, so do put this in your diary.

People who made successful bids last time have had really enjoyable times together (at a promised dinner, promised driving, or even promised gardening, etc.). Those who won beautiful, hand-painted glass goblets are delighted with them.

Our list of promises has nearly reached the target (36 at the time of writing), but there is still room for a few more, so do give it some thought and get in touch with us. If things need to be collected or you would like to hear a little more about the event, please send an e-mail or ask us in church.

The list of promises is constantly updated on the web site and there is a special noticeboard in church, showing what is on offer. There will be a "flyer" available for you to take home and plan your bidding. And tickets will be available for sale (DKr 40, including food) at the same time. St Ansgar's Church Hall can only take 80 people, so don't miss this chance to help raise funds for our church.

The evening will begin at 18.00 and end around 21.00 or when the bidding is completed. We will sit in the comfortable church hall of St Ansgar's, very close to St Albans, and eat a light supper and buy drinks at very reasonable prices first.

With only a month to go, why not put the date in your diary now, and donate a "promise" by sending an e-mail to [auction@st-albans.dk](mailto:auction@st-albans.dk), or by putting your name on the list which is on the noticeboard in the Narthex.

Remember, if you cannot be there, you can make a "sealed bid". This involves giving us the lot number and the maximum you are prepared to bid for the item, either by e-mail (as above), or in a sealed envelope with your name.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Pauleen Bang and Chris Osborn

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## **Registrar's report**

### ***Confirmations***

24 March 2012

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MARY JEAN CABAUATAN

ALENI DUNCAN

CASPER ENGELBY

OLIVIYA FERNANDEZ

ELISA HANSEN

ANDY IZUIKE

ANGUS LARSEN

JANE PASSANT

KATE POWER

5 April 2012

ANNA COX

LAUREN COX

EMMA PARKER

### ***Funerals***

30 March 2012

MARY ELIZABETH MØLLER

14 March 1915 to 21 March 2012

14 April 2012

BARBARA MAE MELDAL

14 June 1939 to 30 March 2012

## Summer Fête meeting

We will have a meeting for fête volunteers after the service on **Sunday 6 May**.

If you are new to St Alban's, this is our big fund- and "friend-raising" raising event of the year, which takes place in front of the church and involves the whole of our church community in a day of fun and games with stalls, refreshments and a coming together of old and new friends. Hard work? Yes. Fun? Yes – being one of the volunteers brings together the true spirit of the St Alban's community with people contributing what they can, when they can, so yes, it is fun!

This year Mary Pay and Angela Hansen have stepped forward to coordinate the event and make sure that everything runs smoothly on the day. Experience has shown us that if shared this is not a massive task, but more a case of being there to answer questions, running down a check list to make sure various permissions have been sought and generally making sure that all bases are covered.

As in previous years, various entertainers have been in touch and are interested in come back to join us on the day. The Mother's Union is getting involved in the home produce stall, used books are finding their way to us, and people are starting to turn out attics and cellars for unwanted things for the white elephant stall and items for the gift stall.

Whether you are here or not on the day, however much time you can give beforehand or on the day, this is a special day for St Alban's and we hope that you will be able to join us. Please do consider coming along on Sunday 6 May to learn more about the fête, sign up on the special notice board and, most importantly, mark **Saturday 18 August 2011** in your diaries.



If you miss the meeting, don't worry – you can talk to Mary or Angela any time, and there is a special fête notice board with names of stallholders. All you have to do is sign up!

Come and join us to make this year's fête a special event in this anniversary year, and don't forget –

**Your church needs you!**



## St. Alban's Church personalities – John Nielsen [1898–1989]

Johannes Nielsen (John Nielsen) was born in Copenhagen in October 1898 and first came to St Alban's Church in about 1918 to improve his English. He evidently enjoyed his meeting with the "English Church" and became a regular member of the congregation. His first mention in the Church records is in 1943, where the Newsletter maintained by Anthony Woolrych records 24 members of the "Fellowship Meeting" who met regularly during the Second World War (also recorded are Margit Heine, George Screeton, Mr & Mrs John Ambrosen and Jessie Harvey, all of whom made valuable contributions to the life of St Alban's Church). John Nielsen was also a member of the Danish Resistance and, as recorded below, was imprisoned on suspicion of taking part in illegal activities.

After the war an enlarged Church Council replaced the Church Committee, and John Nielsen was an elected member for more than 30 years (at that time, there was no limit on how long one could be a member of the Council). In the 1960s he served as Churchwarden together with Geoffrey Woolrych. In 1969 the Council minutes record that John Nielsen was in negotiation with the Danish Ministry of Finance to have St Alban's Church recognised as a charitable organization. This move was successful in 1970, such that from 1971 individuals paying Danish tax and using the envelope scheme could claim tax concessions against their contributions. This valuable concession continues to be enjoyed by the congregation today.



One of the results of the Stewardship Campaign of the 1980s was the formation of two Bible Study groups. A northern group run by Graham Caie was hosted by Hans and Frances Nordentoft, and a greater Copenhagen group was hosted by John Nielsen in partnership with Melise Wagstaff and later Chris Halliwell. John Nielsen was also Church Registrar for a period from 1983 and a regular member of the choir, where he often led the procession carrying the cross. A silver-haired gentleman with an upright distinguished bearing, he looked the part. (He was not without humour – observing that I often arrived at church just as the procession was going in, he remarked that I was "punctually late".) Peter Rohling recalls that he had a good voice, although he could not read music.

During the 1980s he had several spells in hospital, and perhaps conscious of his advancing years he would emerge from the choir vestry after the Sunday service and accost any members of the congregation who happened to be passing with the words: "Have I told you about the greatest event in my life?" He wanted everyone to know the reason for his strong Christian faith. John Nielsen died in 1989 a few days after his 91st birthday. Fortunately, John Nielsen wrote an account of this "greatest event" in his reminiscences, and this was printed in the November 1995 edition of St. Alban's Church Newsletter. It is worth placing on record again here.

### ***The greatest event in my life***

*Having been in jail for about three weeks I was one day called down for an interrogation. To my surprise and joy it was, however, my wife who had obtained permission to talk to me for ten minutes – under close surveillance.*

*Until then I had been able to keep up my spirits through studying my Bible and having long periods of intercession. Two days later, on Thursday 15 June 1944, I woke at 3 a.m. I was lying on a mattress covered by two blankets on the stone floor. Taking a close view of my situation, I realised that should THEY find out what I had been doing (Gorma Haraldsted and I had been smuggling Jews to Sweden to save them from being sent to the Nazi death camps and gas chambers) I would be shot. What would then happen to my wife and our two daughters whom I loved dearly? My whole inner resistance collapsed. I was really bowled over and at my lowest spirits.*

*Suddenly a wonderful light shone in the cell and in the centre stood THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. He looked lovingly at me and in a deep beautiful voice said:*

*Aren't you willing to carry the burden I have placed upon you?*

*After a rather prolonged interval I whispered with a lump in my throat: Yes – of course.*

*Then the vision vanished – and the inner strength and power to face whatever the future held in store returned. This experience was so wonderful that it took me many, many days before I was able to tell anybody about it.*

*John Nielsen*

P.S. Margit Heine, who attended the "Fellowship Meetings" in 1943, as mentioned above, was one of the more than 7000 Danish Jews smuggled to Sweden in October 1943. In June 1947 she was baptized in St Alban's Church at the age of 40, and served St Alban's faithfully as a choir member on Sunday mornings and playing the organ for the Sunday "Evening Prayer" service.

Tony Higgins



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## **BJØRN'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

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The Danish and English departments are frequently combined so there is constant interaction between the students in both departments.

Please feel free to contact the school and arrange a time for a visit. We would be happy to answer your questions and show you the school.

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**Bjørn's International School  
Gartnerivej 5  
2100 Copenhagen Ø**

**Phone: (country code 45) 39 29 29 37**

**Fax: (country code 45) 39 18 38 42**

**School Leader: Pia Drabowicz**

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## Good news – Tax-deductible and tax-claimable giving 2012

As from 1 January 2012, Danish tax law has changed: the good news is that you can deduct a maximum of Dkr 14 500 for the tax year 2012, and for the first time there is no minimum donation. So, if for example your total donation is Dkr 1500 in 2012, the Danish tax authorities (SKAT) will deduct Dkr 1500, making your tax-deductible donation Dkr 1500.

### ***So, how can we use the change in Danish tax law?***

In 2012, we introduced a ***Direct Debit scheme*** in which you are able to set up a direct weekly or monthly debit directly from your account to ours. The advantage of this system is that it helps with your own personal budgeting. Especially if you are travelling or unable to attend church on a weekly basis, it also maintains your contribution to St Alban's.

For those wishing to use the ***Direct Debit scheme***, forms are available to pick up in the Narthex or from the Stewardship officer.

***Envelope scheme*** – a box of envelopes with your own personal number is supplied annually to members, in which weekly contributions are made in individualized envelopes and placed in the collection bags during the service. If you miss a Sunday or two it does not matter, you can always put several envelopes in the next Sunday. The advantage of this system is it allows you to give what you can each week.

**Additionally**, for those of you who are involved in the envelope scheme and purchase supplies such as flowers, Sunday school supplies and Sunday coffee morning supplies, you are encouraged to submit your receipts as a donation if you wish.

Joining either scheme not only benefits you, it also helps St Alban's – in particular, the Direct Debit scheme allows the church to budget more accurately. For those who are United Kingdom tax payers, we are able to claim the charitable tax benefit. You will probably be familiar with the "yellow Gift Aid envelope scheme". Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be filled out as directed and placed in the regular collection or put in the wall safe.

St Alban's charitable status allows you as a Danish tax payer to reclaim tax on your contributions to St Alban's and possibly enables you to give a little more.

N.B All information regarding donations goes direct to the authorities, where your account will be credited automatically. The strictest confidentiality is kept at all times.

Questions regarding any of the schemes, or other planned giving such as bequests and donations, should be directed to the Stewardship Officer, Christopher Parker on [stewardship@st-albans.dk](mailto:stewardship@st-albans.dk).

Questions regarding particular gifts should be directed to the Hon. Treasurer ([treasurer@st-albans.dk](mailto:treasurer@st-albans.dk)).

## News from the Deanery

In Finland there is one chaplaincy with several congregations in different cities – Helsinki, Espoo, Tampere, Turku, Vaasa, Kuopio, Rauma/Pori, Salo and also Tallinn in Estonia.

This article is about Tampere, where the Internal Congregation of Christ the King (ICCK) is found. It is a joint ministry and cooperation between the Lutheran parishes in Tampere and the Anglican Church in Finland, based on the Porvoo agreement. Tampere is in fact the most active in this diocese with respect to implementation of the Porvoo agreement. The Lutheran pastor-in-charge is Reverend Kati Eloranta. On the Anglican side is Reverend Tuomas Mäkipää from St Nicholas Congregation in Helsinki and Reader Emmanuel Eneh, who has kindly given me lots of information about Tampere. They worship every Sunday at 16.00 in the Old Church (see photo) located in the central square of Tampere city (Keskustori), with Sunday school for children.



Tuomas Mäkipää from Helsinki visits Tampere ICCK every other first Sunday of the month, during which there could be a bible study, a council or congregational meeting, if need be. Reader Emmanuel Eneh has continued the tradition of making every first Sunday of the month an “Anglican Church Sunday”. He gives the sermons on the other first Sundays of the month, as well as assisting the local Lutheran priest during Holy Communion on other Sundays.

At the moment Tampere ICCK is in good hands, because the Tampere Lutheran parishes continue to support and sustain its congregation with all the resources they can muster. The music in the services is provided by about seven different pianists /musicians from the Lutheran parishes, together with their music group led by Grahame Weston.

Members of the congregation come from different denominational backgrounds. ICCK aims at welcoming everyone, irrespective of their denomination or mother church, making everyone feel at home and having a feeling of belonging to God’s family.

They also have a Facebook page, through which they can easily keep in touch with those who have “dropped out” from their regular services, and this year they have started a monthly two-page newsletter, mainly with information about activities in the congregation and other churches in the city of Tampere.

ICCK is very much part of the ecumenical activities throughout Finland. This includes taking an active part in the ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Just as in Copenhagen, this is held every January, during which all the different church denominations come together and offer prayers in different churches and congregations in Tampere area. ICCK is also actively involved in the International Church Days Festival. This is an annual three-day festival, packed with activities including lectures and seminars given by well-known speakers from all walks of life, both locally and from abroad, which brings together participants from most of the various congregations in different cities in Finland where services are offered in English. And, last but not least, ICCK continues to work together with the Finnish-British society in Tampere on organizing the Christmas Carol service every year.

My grateful thanks to Reader Emmanuel Eneh for all the wonderful information.

Pauleen Bang

## **Thanks from Danner**

The Mother's Union has received a lovely thank you collage of photographs and drawings from Danner, following the delivery of chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies to the home just before Easter. The leader thanked St Alban's for their "continued interest in the children staying at Danner. We had a lovely Easter period in the house - full of traditions. The Easter eggs were a big hit." They asked us to "to thank the church members for their kindness". A copy of the collage is up on the notice board in the narthex.

The Danner home is currently in temporary accommodation while their building is being renovated. It should be ready after the summer, and they are looking forward to getting back there in the late autumn.

Mary Pay

## **Newsletter news**

The next Newsletter will be the June 2012 issue. The deadline for material to reach me is **15 May**. We always welcome contributions and content ideas from the congregation.

If you would like to be on the newsletter team or have any questions, please contact the editor.

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Sundays and Wednesdays at 10:30

All are welcome – we have a Sunday School for children

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