

Dear Friends of Saint Edward's Church in Lugano

This is, I feel, a good season to write to all of you who care about our community here, gathered as it is around the Church, but not limited to it, as we respond to the call to 'love and be loved' after the model of Our Lord and Saviour.

Advent is a time of beginnings: it is the season for the beginning of the Church's year after all, and it is about the great thing that God does for us in Jesus beginning for us with his Incarnation, but of course with a great deal of preparation for that decisive moment in the history and fate of the world. Theologians like to write that the whole of the history of the world turns around that moment.

It is right therefore that the Church in her worship should bear witness to that sign, symbol and sacrament of God's love for us and so this is a good moment for me to write to you as your new Chaplain here with a copy of our [News Bulletin](#) attached, primarily with details of our services over Advent and Christmas. The Collect of the First Sunday of Advent reminds us of themes of light and darkness and that this is the time to 'cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light'. Do print out the News Bulletin and display it if you would like to.

This News Bulletin will, we hope, be the beginning of a more regular reaching out to those of you who receive this email with news of how this community is doing its best to bear witness to God's love in this place, with news of services and of our life together. Be aware, however, that this is still a work in progress and a good place to catch up with our news is still via our website [www.stedwards.ch](http://www.stedwards.ch) Best of all, do try to join us in person in Church on Sundays and Wednesdays at 10.30 am for worship, the "raison d'être" of the Church, as she proclaims the Kingdom of God amongst us here and now. The website will re-assure you of the times of these services and will point out that sometimes there will be the occasional Wednesday when we will not be able to gather for the Eucharist if there is no priest here.

I add my contact details here and am very happy to be contacted by you, especially if you would like to meet for a coffee and a chat. It would be appreciated, in the first place, if this contact could be made by email. To be honest, unless it is something urgent, it might also be wise to leave that to the New Year, as this time before Christmas always seems to surprise us as to how busy it is!

Pace e bene (the lovely greeting of Saint Francis: "Peace and a blessing")

Fr Richard Harrison



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**



# ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

An Anglican / Episcopal  
Christian community in Lugano

# News Bulletin

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December 2022 – You are warmly welcomed to join us for worship and fellowship at our  
Advent and Christmas Services

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 10:30 Sung Eucharist**  
**TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE WITH READINGS – 5PM**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 10:30 Sung Eucharist**  
**CRIB SERVICE WITH NATIVITY PLAY – 4PM**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - 10:30**  
**Sung Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord**



*O Come all ye faithful, O come let us adore Him, born this happy morning!*

## ADVENT SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6pm for circa an hour**  
**Led by Father Richard Harrison on zoom**

**To sign up please contact the Chaplain:**

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**Or Churchwarden: [lecrico@gmail.com](mailto:lecrico@gmail.com)**

## SERVICES IN THE NEW YEAR



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January – 10:30**  
**Service of Morning Prayer**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January – 10:30**  
**Sung Eucharist**  
**Family Epiphany Service**

This year the Ecumenical Service, which begins the  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Ticino will be held at

**St. Edward's Church**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 – 4:30 p.m.**

We welcome you all to come and join in prayer with our ecumenical brothers and  
sisters ... we saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him (Mt 2:2)