

Every Sunday Morning Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am  
Additional short 40-minute "Low" Mass 8:30 am  
Sundays – 15<sup>th</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January

December 15<sup>th</sup> Service of Carols and Lessons – 5 pm  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School Nativity Play – 4 pm

Parties & Presents ?

A far better thing ... our gift from heaven, Our Saviour King

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve - "Midnight Mass" at 10:00 pm  
with traditional Carols at 21:30 pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Sung Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord

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



# News Bulletin

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## Memorial Donations



St Edward's has dedicated our first memorial plaque to our dear late Ernest Jaeger, Treasurer for nigh on 40 years, who practiced quiet but great generosity to sustain the ministry of this church. Each name plaque in memory of a loved one will be fixed to one of the blue chairs in St Edward's Church where we sit to pray, worship and ask for Our Lord's blessing ... where we remember before God those we knew and cherished. We are confident that Ernest would approve this initiative for us all to share in building God's kingdom here, whilst witnessing the lives of those we loved. *If you are interested in donating a plaque, please contact the churchwardens.*



- Your memorial gift will
- Help maintain this beautiful church where we worship
- Provide pastoral, liturgical and social initiatives for the Christian growth of children and adults
- Help our outreach to charities both local and international

- Your solid brass plaque will be in place for a minimum of 10 years, which can then be renewed
- The total cost of each memorial plaque, including purchase, engraving, postage and your Gift to the church is CHF 580-
- We kindly ask for your donation to be made via bank transfer / payment slips

Bank: UBS AG, CH-8098 ZÜRICH (Donations are tax deductible: please contact the Treasurer)



Account name: THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Account number: 80-2-2 IBAN: CH34 0024 7247 3032 49 L1 A

- Our Monthly Pledge Letter is another way to Support your Church and our Ministry.
- We also have a Payaz device at the back of the church for contactless donations via your credit card, or smart phone.
- St Edward's is completely self-supported and relies entirely on your generous contributions.

**Advent, Christmas 2024 and New Year Edition**  
Join us for worship and fellowship every Sunday at our 10:30 Mass.  
Sunday School closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> December with the Nativity Play, we'll be back 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, we are called to a time of reflection and preparation. Advent invites us to step away from the busyness of life and turn our hearts toward the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a season of hope, where we remember God's promises and prepare to celebrate the birth of His Son in Bethlehem. Advent also reminds us to look forward with anticipation to Christ's return in glory. This dual focus of past and future encourages us to live with watchful and joyful hearts, ready to receive the peace and salvation only He can bring.



At St. Edward's, we will journey together through this holy season, and I am excited to invite each of you to deepen your faith in a special way. Beginning this Advent, I encourage you to delve into the Word of God through an online Bible study on the Gospel of Luke, which I have prepared. This series, available on our website, Facebook page and my YouTube channel, will guide us through the rich and inspiring story of Christ's life, ministry, and message. The Gospel of Luke offers profound insights into God's love, mercy, and call to discipleship, making it a perfect companion for our Advent and Christmas journey.

As we prepare our hearts, let us also remember the meaning of Christmas: Emmanuel, God with us. In the birth of Jesus, we witness God's love made manifest - a love that transforms our lives and renews our hope.

This season, let us come together as a family of faith, whether through our Advent liturgies, the singing of carols, our nativity play, or quiet moments of prayer. May we be inspired to share God's love through acts of kindness and compassion, bringing the light of Christ to those around us.

I pray that this Advent will be a time of spiritual renewal for each of you. Let us open our hearts to the Word of God, allowing it to guide us, inspire us, and prepare us to celebrate the joy of Christmas with renewed faith.

With every blessing for a peaceful Advent and a joyful Christmas,  
Fr. Paul Hrynczyszyn, Chaplain



## Christmas Greetings from the Churchwardens

As St Edward's celebrates its first year with our Chaplain, Father Paul.

Building God's Kingdom - Our Communications team is making a visible impact



St Edward's website, with the Chaplain's innovative touch and courtesy of drone technology, has a "bird's eye view" of the church, video glimpses of the Liturgy and all our updates ... also available on Facebook and Instagram platforms ... Bible study is soon to go live on Fr. Paul's own Youtube channel 😊 tune in and find out how God's word impacts our spiritual growth.

New ways and times to worship 😊 every first and third Sunday Low Mass at 8:30 am for those who cannot attend our mainstream 10:30 Sung Eucharist, which is attracting more and more new members, especially in the university and young adult demographic.

Starting in the New Year, Fr. Paul will be launching a Young Adults Group for those aged 20-30. This group aims to bring young adults together to grow in faith, share their experiences, and build meaningful connections with like-minded Christians.

St Edward's Youth Group, led by Afua and Sebastian, has been diving into a regular monthly series entitled "Life Lessons" based on Jesus' parables, which is designed to help the youth find meaningful connections to modern life. By inviting reflection on biblical principles in a safe, welcoming environment our young disciples can find the tools to build lives grounded in Christ. Together with all age groups of our church family, they have joined Fr Paul's evening Taizé Services in a time of quiet reflection and spiritual refreshment.



Sunday School is flourishing – the Diocesan priority is to double the number of young disciples in each chaplaincy throughout Europe – this year we have 21 participants in the Sunday School Nativity Play, including new families with youngsters, who have joined our lessons this year. See the Flyer in our Noticeboard above - join us on 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm as we travel back to Bethlehem



During the summer we welcomed a good number of visitors, amongst whom distinguished guests from Shakespeare's parish of Southwark, Bishop Alastair and his wife, Kay ... a delightful coincidence, as they came to worship with us on the Sunday we celebrated Mary's birthday. There have been plenty of fun fellowship events this year from the traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, to bowling and hotdog Sundays. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our Services in 2025 😊

With every blessing to you and your loved ones as we joyfully await the Advent of Our Emmanuel  
Lester & Diana



We pray that they may  
Be filled with the  
HOLY SPIRIT

The Right Revd. Dr Robert Innes, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe

Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle - Service of Confirmation

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November



Francesca  
with Father Paul and Bishop Robert, our Good Shepherd in the Diocese in Europe  
Iona  
Tyla



Bishop Robert came for an overnight stay with his wife, Helen and also spent time chatting with the church council over a fellowship luncheon.



Diocese in Europe

Retiring Collection in church during the first 3 Sundays of Advent

Bishop's Advent Appeal - Ras Morbat Eye Clinic, Yemen

The work of the clinic is supported by our neighbour the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Bishop Robert recently participated in the consecration of their new bishop, +Sean Semple, "while I was there my attention was drawn to the work of the clinic. Supporting Ras Morbat not only helps many marginalised people in Yemen, it also strengthens the ties between our dioceses."