

Autumn News Bulletin

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Make every Sunday the Lord's Day

Low Mass at 8:30 am



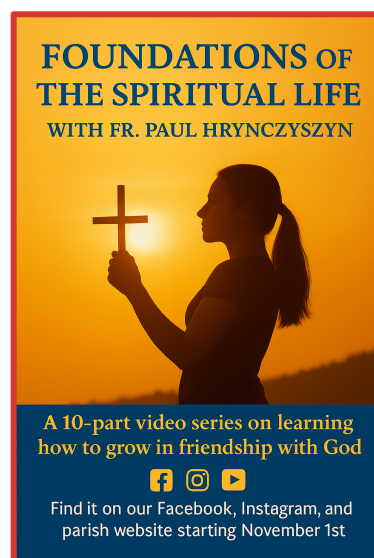
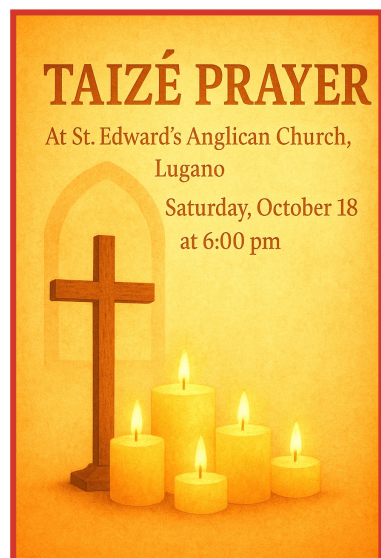
Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

Celebrating the Feast of St. Edward the Confessor

With our "Giving Campaign" 2025-26

On the Feast of St Edward, our Patron Saint, we launched our annual Giving Campaign, just as we did last year. Following on from our Harvest Service of Thanksgiving to God for all His gifts, it seemed an appropriate time in our church life for us to renew our pledge of gifts to sustain His Church, here in this lovely corner of southern Switzerland.

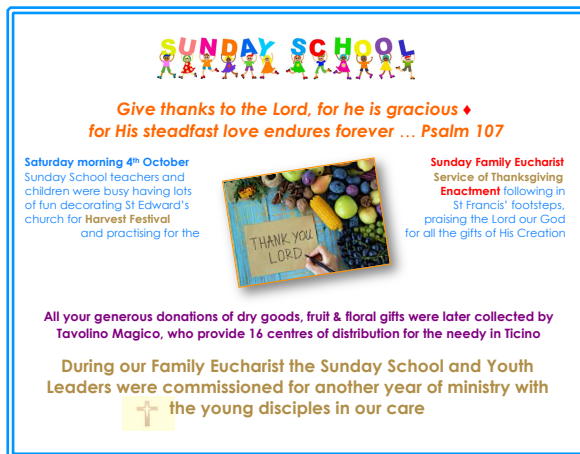
There are various ways to support St Edward's ministry and we are extremely grateful for all those who have already signed up with a regular monthly direct debit bank payment. However, we really do want to reach out and include the greatest number possible from our church community because without your support we cannot continue to grow. And we really have been growing over this last year. Our Chaplain now celebrates Mass at three different times each week, including our **Wednesday midweek Mass at 10:30 am**.



We have the opportunity to bask quietly in God's presence and reflect in the healing warmth of our **Taizé Evening Services**. Different age groups – **Sunday School, Youth, Young Adults** - have access to their own tailored ministry. And we all have the blessing of online weekly Reflections ... in-depth study of Scripture and in-person retreats to help us put down deep spiritual roots ... with God's grace.

An extract from Father Paul's Homily for the Feast of St Edward the Confessor

Let's ask God to give us Edward's faith, not a dramatic or loud faith, but a steady one, built on prayer and trust. Let's build this community the way Edward built his kingdom: on worship, forgiveness, and love. And may our little church of St Edward's in Lugano stand, like Westminster Abbey once did, as a house of peace, a place where God is honoured, and people find hope. May we live in such a way that when others see us, they too may say, "Here are people who belong to God."



As our young disciples said in their Enactment for Harvest Thanksgiving ... it is exactly in giving that we receive ... **we give freely** in sharing our resources, **for we have received freely from the Lord our God.**

Here are some figures for you to consider, as it might help your planning:

The total sum of the donations received so far in the year 2025, from the 1st of January to the 30th of September, is 106'000 francs. The total sum of our expenses for the same period is 107'500. And based on last year's total costs, our Estimated Budget for 2025 is CHF 145,000. This means that for the 3 remaining months we need roughly 40'000 francs in order not to run a deficit.

Please do note the new UBS Account Name and Number below.

Another way to provide support is to remember before God those we knew and cherished with **a brass name plaque in memory of a loved one.** And of course you can "top-up" your donation via the contactless Payaz device at the back of the church or add a little cash in the Sunday collection plate.

Another initiative this autumn will be a Leaflet containing information about **Legacy Gifts.** By leaving an endowment to St Edward's Chaplaincy you would make a lasting impact on the ministry of this church, which has been our Anglican Light on the Hill since the foundations were laid well over a century ago in 1902.

In fact a new project to repaint the church façade in the courtyard is being planned. When the last estimates have come in, a special fund raising effort will be launched to cover this necessary maintenance work. Father Paul has provided some images on the next page. We pledge our commitment in working hard to maintain this beautiful historic building as a prayerful place of worship where all God's children can flourish ... we need your help, your kind and generous financial support to do this because we are all brothers and sisters of the same Christian family. May God bless you.

Diana and Lester, Churchwardens

Please note our new bank details below

Your contribution is vital for St Edward's Church, as we are entirely self-funded

- Your generosity covers the running costs of the beautiful church where we worship
- Pastoral, liturgical, and social initiatives for the Christian growth of children and adults
- Outreach to charities both local and international
- Your support will enable our Anglican "Light on the Hill" to continue burning brightly, as we look to the future

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