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## Letter from the Chaplain

I have just enjoyed a surprise addition to my summer programme. Last month I received an Email from Bishop Geoffrey's Chaplain asking me if I would represent our Diocese at a Diocesan Study Conference in Visby. Having checked that it was just possible to travel there and back between a church committee meeting and the following Sunday's service, I agreed to go, and looked forward to my first visit to the island of Gotland.

The link with Visby comes about because that diocese is responsible for the Church of Sweden's overseas chaplaincies, and there is an interim link between our dioceses.

Swedish dioceses are required to hold regular Study Conferences. In Visby, this is interpreted as a meeting every six years. The theme was teamwork in the church, and the conference was so structured that the first day was for priests and deacons, the second was for all employees, and the third, which I was unable to attend, included voluntary workers and members of church committees.

We started in Visby Cathedral, "anything but a ruin" according to the tourist guide, where there was a stunning exhibition of texts and photographs on the subject of bullying. This is a travelling exhibition from Västerås, so perhaps it will come to our Domkyrkan in due course. Unfortunately there was no time to explore Visby further, as we were taken off to our conference centre, a *herrgård* 9 km to the south.

The main speaker, Per Anders Sandgren, who is the Church of Sweden chaplain in Melbourne, claimed that different perceptions of the church's role are responsible for a number of workplace disputes. In order to work together effectively, we need a common understanding of the common task. The biblical model he found most helpful comes from St Paul's first



letter to the church in Corinth, about the diversity of gifts the Holy Spirit gives us, so that we work together like the different parts of a body (1 Corinthians 12).

The speaker's book had only arrived a few days before the conference, and the clergy who had been asked to respond – two from Gotland, one from Mallorca – made a virtue of necessity by not trying to summarize the whole book but speaking from their own experience. One spoke about his dogs competing for their master's favour, ending up by saying "I am not just a dog-owner, but a dog eating the crumbs that fall from my master's table"; the others talked about some of the frustrations of a hierarchy suppressing the initiative and enthusiasm of volunteers. This got me thinking – do I really welcome the opportunities given by all the different gifts people bring to St Andrew's, or do I think first of the difficulties?

We then split into ten groups – there must have been about 100 of us clergy. My group, not having read the book, spent the time comparing experiences between working in Sweden and overseas. We heard from the

chaplains in Berlin, Jerusalem, Los Angeles and Costa del Sol – just a few of the many places where the Church of Sweden is active. Even a small chaplaincy may have the equivalent of three and a half paid staff, as well as the many volunteers who keep the church running, organize the worship centres, and welcome visitors.

After that, it was time for elections, so I disappeared for a peaceful walk through the fields and woods. Then we had a splendid formal dinner, with toastmasters and drinking songs.

Sandgren's presentation on the second day was more informal and relaxed, and the respondents were the head of Gotland's churchyard administration, who was concerned with employers' rights and obligations, and a very impressive youth worker who showed more zeal for her faith than any of the clergy present.

The afternoon was spent in workshops. A priest-and-deacon couple gave a slideshow of their various postings in Hamburg, Brazil, Egypt, Brussels, Croatia and Liverpool, interjecting the word *medarbetare* (colleague/colleagues) with each photograph of smiling faces, and even one of their dog, to show that this workshop was relevant to the theme of the conference. Then I went to "The folk church from Svea Svensson's viewpoint" which looked at the encounters a typical middle-aged woman

might have had with the church during her life, against a background of statistics. I suppose the English equivalent of "Svea Svensson" would be "Jane Smith" – a fictitious Ms Average. Svea Svensson had had more church contact than many English people; both she and her elder child had been confirmed, and she had attended a church-run training course on the ethics of healthcare. But she had never been a regular worshipper, and the speaker's question was how the church workers, both paid and voluntary, could acknowledge, welcome and encourage Svea Svensson's church membership. The third, and most popular, workshop I attended was on body language.

That was the formal programme for the first two days. But the purpose of my being there was networking. I passed on best wishes from Bishop Geoffrey and his chaplain, as well as from Karin Burstrand, the Dean of Gothenburg Cathedral who was formerly Chaplain in Paris; met a number of chaplains and other visitors; and had a good conversation with Bishop Lennart in the lunch queue. I very much appreciate the hospitality shown to me by the Diocese of Visby, and am delighted to have had this opportunity to meet them.

Barbara Moss

## Bishop's Blog

Bishop David Hamid, suffragan bishop of the Diocese in Europe and lead bishop for our archdeaconry, has started a blog at [www.eurobishop.blogspot.com](http://www.eurobishop.blogspot.com). This is a welcome addition to the news coverage provided by the diocesan website and *The European Anglican*, and includes notes on what Bishop David is reading.

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Sung Eucharist at 11.00 am each Sunday except where stated below.

For latest information about our church services, see GP every Saturday, or consult the web site [www.svenskakyrkan.se/goteborg/st.andrews](http://www.svenskakyrkan.se/goteborg/st.andrews) *Lay Assistants and Intercessors who are not able to attend, please arrange an exchange or replacement and notify Barbara or Alan Taylor.*

**SEPTEMBER 6,** *Trinity 13*  
11.00 *Harvest Festival Communion*  
**LA:** *Gisela Barnard, Jeanette Munro*  
**I:** *Moragh Randall*

**SEPTEMBER 13,** *Trinity 14*  
**LA:** *Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard*  
**I:** *Jennifer Andersson*

**SEPTEMBER 20,** *Trinity 15*  
**LA:** *Alan Taylor, Göran Molin*  
**I:** *Cecilia Klevedal*

**SEPTEMBER 27,** *Trinity 16*  
**LA:** *Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor*  
**I:** *Gillian Thylander*

**OCTOBER 4,** *St Francis of Assisi*  
*Church leaders have asked us to make this a Day of Prayer about Climate Change, in preparation for the European Summit Meeting in Copenhagen in December.*  
10.00 *Holy Communion*  
11.00 *Family Service*  
19.00 *Evensong: Celebrating creation*

**OCTOBER 11,** *Trinity 18*  
**LA:** *AnnGustafsson, Gisela Barnard*  
**I:** *Diana Walters*

**OCTOBER 18,** *St Luke the Evangelist*  
**LA:** *Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson*  
**I:** *Alan Taylor*

**OCTOBER 25,** *United Nations Sunday*  
11.00 *International Service at the German Church. No service at St Andrew's*

**NOVEMBER 1,** *All Saints' Day*  
11.00 *Family Communion with*  
*Lars van der Heeg*  
**LA:** *Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard*  
**I:** *Ann Gustafsson*

**NOVEMBER 8,** *Remembrance Sunday*  
11.00 *Service of Remembrance with Holy Communion*  
**LA:** *Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor*  
**I:** *Gisela Barnard*

**NOVEMBER 15,** *Second before Advent*  
**LA:** *Alan Taylor, Göran Molin*  
**I:** *Jennifer Andersson*

**NOVEMBER 22,** *Christ the King*  
**LA:** *Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson*  
**I:** *Cecilia Klevedal*

**NOVEMBER 27,** *Friday*  
16.00 *Prayers for St Andrewstide at Open Church*

**NOVEMBER 28,** *Saturday*  
19.00 *Evensong at Haga Church with*  
*Bishop Geoffrey*

**NOVEMBER 29,** *Advent Sunday*  
11.00 *Confirmation with Bishop Geoffrey*  
*Followed by St Andrew's Day lunch*

**DECEMBER 6,** *Peace and Justice Sunday*  
10.00 *Holy Communion*  
11.00 *Family Service*

**DECEMBER 13,** *Advent 3*  
**LA:** *Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard*  
**I:** *Gillian Thylander*

# Chaplaincy notes

## Traditional joint Open-Air Service in Slottskogen

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July St. Andrew's Church participated for the third year in an Open-Air Service together with the Haga Church. I think it now can be counted as a tradition which we really enjoy taking part of. It was held as usual in the lovely nature park of Gothenburg, Slottskogen. There is an outdoor Church, which is called *Friluftskyrkan* with an altar and wooden benches. The Service started at 17.00 and many people attended and among them some persons from the English congregation. We were lucky with the weather – lovely sunshine, no rain at all and the smell coming from people grilling not so far away. Could we have asked for a nicer summer day to enjoy an out- door – Service, no!

Barbara Moss, St. Andrew's Church and Kai Lundberg, Haga Church held a Service

together. This Sunday was celebrated in the Swedish Church as the Transfiguration of Jesus. The readings were 2 Peter 1:16-18 and Matthew 17:1-8. The hymns were the Swedish hymn "*Guds kärlek är som stranden och som gräset*", which is very beautiful.

Another hymn in Swedish was "*Kristus är världens ljus*" (translation of Fred Pratt Green's hymn "*Christ is the world's light*"). The last two hymns "*Tis good, Lord, to be here*" and "*Sorlet har dött*" were special hymns for the Transfiguration.

Kim Lundberg ended the Service by playing a lovely Swedish piece on the piano – synthesizer beautifully.

Afterwards there was the traditional coffee and various homemade cakes in the wooden cottage *Dalslandsstugan*.

It is definitely worth having the joint Service in both English and Swedish again next summer for the fourth time and keep up the tradition.

*Cecilia Klevedal*



## Claudia's baptism



## Kayleigh's baptism



## Baptisms

Sunday 31 st May

CLAUDIA JOSEFINE KELLY

Sunday 14th June 2009

KAYLEIGH VICTORIA BROWN

## Christmas and Carol Services

*Wednesday 16 December and Sunday 20 December: 18.00.* Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. A traditional English carol service. Admission free; please come in good time to get a seat.

*Friday 18 December: 16.00.* Carols round the Crib. A shorter, informal service for families, shoppers and others.

*Friday 25 December: 11.00* Christmas Family Communion



## Tunde's confirmation



Tunde Ayode was confirmed on the 28th June in Frölunda Kyrkan after months of preparation, and together with thirty other young children. The church was packed to capacity and filled with their excitement, mingling with the glorious sounds of music.

They had finally arrived to that very special day in their church lives.

Tunde had the love and support of his family, friends and our own priest Barbara.

We wish him God's blessing.

*Ann Gustafsson (Godmother)*



## Outing to Öckerö

On Saturday 15. August a group from St. Andrew's Church went on an outing to Öckerö under guidance of Barbara Moss. Unfortunately the weather left much to be desired and the intended walk along the sea-front was abandoned. However, we went to see the old church on the island, which dated from the 18th century and had started as a wooden building in the 15th century. The inside is small but beautifully decorated. Well worth a visit. One of the reasons for visiting the Old Church was to see the allied and German war graves in the cemetery as mentioned in the previous Magazine. From there we went to the museum, which is also worth seeing. Some of us however, made our way

home as the skies opened leaving the rest to brave the elements.

*Gisela Barnard*





On Sunday 16 August it was lovely to see Anna-Stina and Roger Ponsford and also Diana Hall visiting St Andrew's Church. They had been faithful parishioners for many years until they moved back to the UK.



The choir, including - lovely surprise - Emma and Luke, started the autumn term by having a party in Gillian's and Stig's garden in Möndal.

## 70th Birthday

In Ely on Saturday June 13th our former pastor John Askey celebrated his seventieth birthday at "The Cutter Inn".

Representing St Andrew's and invited from Sweden to say a few words of congratulations was the undersigned, who knowing John's penchant for costume presented the septuagenarian with a safari topi, which head gear John gamely wore walking to mass at Ely Cathedral the next day.

Happy Birthday John, and many, many more to come.

*Michael Schollin*



John Askey on safari in Ely



## Farewell to the Katakombs

Many of us were very sorry to see the Katakomb Group leave our church for another venue, and they also felt sadness as we each went our separate ways. We have over the years had a good and profitable contact with each other, and we thank their chaplain Kjell Burman for his support over the many years we have had contact with one another.

Several of us were present at their last service with us, and after the service we enjoyed a pleasant time together over the coffee table.

*Alan Taylor*

## Forthcoming events

Our *Harvest Festival* will be on Sunday 6 September, and, as usual, we shall travel to Bärby Självplöck the day before to gather vegetables. Meet outside St Andrew's at 10.00.

On Friday 25 September we have our annual *Book Fair* speaker. This year, the Chilean novelist Isabel Allende will answer questions about her work from 19.00 to 19.45 in St Andrew's. You can read more about her in Nancy Fjällbrant's article in this magazine, and borrow her books from the public library or from church in preparation.

After a break of a couple of years, the *Auction of Time and Talents* is back. This will be held at Haga Församlingshem on Saturday 10

October. Details will be announced later, but in the mean time, you might like to think of what *you* can offer for auction.

Finally, *Bishop Geoffrey* will be visiting us for the Advent/St Andrew's weekend, with a Confirmation on Sunday 29 November followed by the usual St Andrew's Day lunch.

## Taizé Services &c

The university chaplains try to arrange a Sunday evening service every week at one of our churches, with students in mind. This term's programme includes three Evensongs (two at St Andrew's, one at Haga) which are in our service list, and Taizé masses at Haga church on 20 September, 18 October, and 6 December, as well as a Taizé weekend in Hammar-kullen on November 6-8. You may also be interested in Gospel Train at Betlehem kyrka on 13 September, 25 October and 22 November. For times and up-to-date details, see the University Chaplains' web site [www.studentprasterna.se](http://www.studentprasterna.se), or the noticeboards inside and outside St Andrew's.

## Pilgrim walks

During the summer, we have had two church visits: to Åh and Resteröd (see my article on page 12), and to the old church and graveyard at Öckerö. I am planning to follow this up with a monthly pilgrim walk, with varying degrees of physical and spiritual exercise. The provisional programme for the autumn is:

*September 19: Jonsered* – nature reserve and lakeside

*October 17: Vrångö* – a "listening walk" round the northern part of the island

*November 14: Mölndal to Botaniska*

Further details will be available in church, or join the Email list.

*Barbara Moss*

## An “English” church in Bohuslän?

*Resteröd church, between Ljungskile and Åh in southern Bohuslän, may have been built by English stonemasons to serve a congregation founded by Vikings who had been converted to Christianity on their travels in England.*

Eight members of St Andrew’s visited Åh and Resteröd on Thursday 23 July to take advantage of the Swedish Church’s summer programme. Three of us walked from the Resteröd bus stop on the old main road; the others came by car. Åh stiftsgård was full of confirmation candidates, and when we visited the church, we discovered a group of talented young musicians improvising, while two girls danced with joy and enthusiasm.

We then followed the bright blue waymarks of the new Bohus coast path round the Åh peninsula. Nobody wanted to stop for a swim; the rain ensured that we were wet enough already. The path rejoined the road for the last path of the journey to Resteröd church, where we heard a fascinating talk by Jean-Gunnar Johnasson with the intriguing title: “Resteröd kyrka – minst 900 år gammal.” (Resteröd church – at least 900 years old).

That was where we learned about those Vikings, who could have been among the first Christians in Sweden – even before the mission of St Sigfrid and the baptism of King Olof at Husaby. They probably worshipped in farmhouses or out of doors, before building their own stone church. The style of the building shows the influence of English stonemasons, and the font, at least, has been dated to the eleventh century (though the original is now in Göteborgs Stadsmuseum).

The church still has its original triumphal arch between nave and chancel, celebrating the passage from death to life through the

resurrection of Jesus. At the time, the church had very small windows, and none on the north side, traditionally associated with the devil. The entrance was from the south, until a new organ was purchased which, even when taken to pieces, would not go through the medieval doorway, and a porch was added at the west end.

Like many Swedish churches, Resteröd was decorated with paintings on the front of the organ loft. One panel appears to depict the pilgrim from John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*: a bit of a mystery, since the book had not been translated into Swedish at the time of painting.

A bishop’s visitation in the nineteenth century threatened to close the church down unless it was restored and redecorated – covering the pulpit and the roof painting in white paint according to the fashion of the day. A hundred years later, fashions had changed, and the white paint was painstakingly removed, the restorer being commissioned to paint the chancel ceiling also to match the style of the nave.

The determination of this tiny village community to preserve its church is an inspiration. Even the old church path, along which the inhabitants of Ulvesund 4,5 km to the south walked to the church before a shorter coast road connected them to Ljungskile, has been preserved – as part of the Bohus coast path, and an interesting “pilgrimage through time” for today’s pilgrims, as the day’s second speaker, Stefan Bergendahl from Båve, told us in a lively and interesting talk which began, even before the Vikings, with tombs from the iron age.

*Barbara Moss*



# Isabel Allende

Isabel Allende was born, in 1942, in Lima, Peru, of Chilean parents. She grew up mainly in Chile, moving briefly to Bolivia and Lebanon, and returned to Chile in 1953 where she met her first husband Miguel Frias, from an Anglophile family. They were married in 1962 and had two children Paula (1963) and Nicolás (1966). Isabel Allende worked for the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) from 1959 to 1965, first in Santiago and later in Brussels and Europe. On returning to Santiago she worked as a journalist for a feminist magazine, becoming a well-known TV-personality and dramatist.

In September 1973, the military coup, which brought Augusto Pinochet to power, took place in Santiago. Chile's president Salvador Allende was killed in the Monedo Palace. Isabelle was related to the president, though not his direct niece, and she became involved in helping people on the "wanted lists" to find an escape route. When she and her family were added to the lists, she fled to Venezuela, where she and her family remained for thirteen years. She worked as freelance journalist for *El Nacional* in Caracas from 1976 to 1983 and as an administrator of the Marrocco School from 1979 to 1983.

Isabel Allende met her second husband, attorney Willie Gordon, during a visit to California in 1988. She became a United States citizen in 2003 and now lives in San Rafael, near San Francisco. Most of her family (the clan) live near her.

For further information see Isabel Allende's own web-site:

(<http://www.isabelallende.com/>)

Isabel Allende's debut novel - *The House of the Spirits* (1982) - an absorbing Chilean family chronicle about four generations of the

Trueba family - brought her immediate success, and since then she has written 14 novels, as well as 3 books for children and young adults. Her books have sold more than 50 million copies worldwide and been translated into over 30 languages.

In December 1991, Isabel Allende's daughter Paula, became gravely ill in Spain, sinking into a coma which lasted many months. The book *Paula* takes the form of a story, written for Paula, it describes the "legend of our family", starting with "a robust Basque sailor" and leading down to Isabel and her family - combining autobiography, intertwining destiny and politics, with pain, sadness and humour. It is a profoundly moving book. It ends with the description of her daughter's death, a beautiful chapter filled with intense sorrow combined with spiritual light. On a rainy day in December 1992, Isabel Allende and her family went to the redwoods forest near their home north of San Francisco, to scatter Paula's ashes.

Her latest book *The Sum of Our Days* (published in 2008) has been translated into Swedish by Hanna Axén - *Summan av dagarna* - and published by Norstedts in 2009. This book is a memoir in the form of a letter to her daughter Paula, bringing her up-to-date with the happenings that followed her death. In this book Allende describes daily and dramatic happenings in her large Latin American family in an unsentimental, candid and humorous fashion. We are able to follow the wildly eccentric "tribe" through their joys and troubles. She opens the door to her own writing process with some of the stories that are behind her books. In this she reveals her warmth, loving care and wisdom, both in helping and sustaining her family and

in providing for women and children who are suffering.

Isabel Allende started the **Isabel Allende Foundation** on December 9, 1996 “to pay homage to my daughter, Paula Frias. Paula’s untimely death in 1992 broke my heart. She was only twenty-eight years old when she died, a graceful and spiritual young woman, the light of our family.”

“During her short life Paula worked as a volunteer in poor communities in Venezuela and Spain offering her time, her total dedication and her skills as an educator and psychologist. She cared deeply for others. When in doubt, her motto was: What is the most generous thing to do? My foundation, based on her ideals of service and compassion, was created to continue her work. The foundation is guided by a vision of a world in which women have achieved **social and economic justice**. This vision includes **empowerment of women and girls and protection of women and children**. I support select nonprofits in the **San Francisco Bay Area and Chile** whose missions are to provide women and

girls with:

- Reproductive self-determination
- Healthcare
- Education
- Protection from violence, exploitation and/or discrimination

Seed funding for the foundation came from the income I received from *Paula*, a memoir I wrote after her death. To this day, I get innumerable letters from people touched by Paula’s spirit. Since 1996, I have contributed to the foundation annually with income from my other books.”

*(<http://www.isabelallendefoundation.org/>)*

Latin America’s most well-known and successful woman author is to visit the Göteborg Book Fair this year from 24th-27th September. She will answer questions about her work at St Andrew’s Church, Hvitfeldtsplatsen 2, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 19.00.

This is an event jointly sponsored by St. Andrew’s Church, Norstedts, and Studentpräster i Göteborg.

Come and meet Isabel Allende at St Andrew’s.

*Nancy Fjällbrant*



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# Countdown to Copenhagen

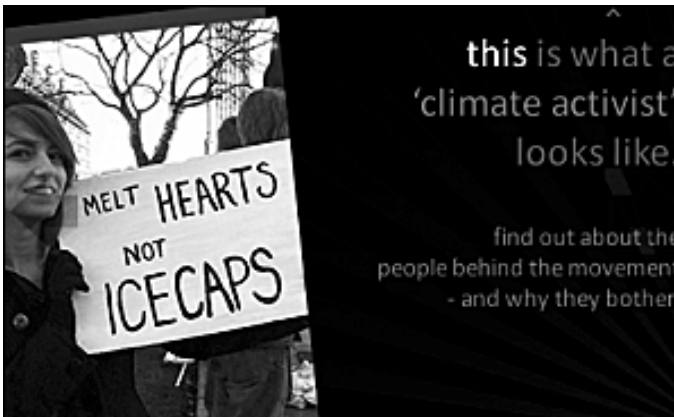
For two weeks in December this year more than 15,000 officials, advisers, diplomats, campaigners and journalists are expected to attend the Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen, joined by heads of state and government. The talks will be the fifteenth in an annual series of UN meetings that trace their origins to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio, which aimed at coordinating international action against climate change.

However hard we all try to change our habits and improve our awareness of our own impact on our immediate environment, we are left with a sinking feeling about the lack of agreement between and within the developed countries and the developing countries. Developed countries are expected to take responsibility for their historical cumulative emissions and current high per capita emissions to change their unsustainable way of life and to substantially reduce their emissions. Developing countries obviously want to catch up. Alternative energy sources are being developed, but at the same time there is a scramble for the world's remaining mineral and fuel reserves.

On the one hand, we see the Swedes (and others) hastening to sell their technical know-how in the search for new export markets. On the other, we see the hordes of Chinese peasants deprived of their land in favour of new dams, factories and mega-cities with fashionable Surrey broker-type suburbs for the new rich, requiring an ever-growing fleet of cars.

The lure of showing you have made it by possessing a vehicle is one of the roots of the trouble. An Indian carmaker recently claimed that they would be able to offer every citizen a cheap car soon. Look at the recent patching-up of the car industry despite the fact that we really know that there are too many car factories in too many countries. I think we have merely postponed a much wider worldwide crisis.

Well we shall soon see just how far the various countries are prepared to go when it comes to reducing emissions, to putting the idea of sustainable development into practice, to treating all people as members of the global village. We remember all too well when President George Bush rejected the 1997 Kyoto protocol arguing that the 5% reduc-





tions required by Kyoto would “wreck [the American] economy”. I read today that the “oil lobby” in the US is to fund a campaign against Obama’s much more favourable climate change strategy.

*I will end this little contribution by referring to the Uppsala Interfaith Climate Manifesto of 2008, a full report on which you will find on the Swedish Church website. It is stated there that the world religions are a source of empowerment for change in lifestyles and patterns of consumption. This poses the question: what empowering are we doing at St. Andrew’s?*

*Gillian Thylander*



## Anne’s boat-trip lottery win

We drove up to Oslo last Tuesday and wandered around a bit but stayed overnight in an excellent youth hostel in Borre near Horten. On Wednesday we walked in the national heritage park nearby with numerous Viking graves and then went on to Åsgardsstrand, “Norway’s Skagen” with Edvard Munch’s house, where Anne swam. We took the 5 p.m. boat from Sandefjord, famous for its whaling monument and museum.



Gillian with daughter Anne and grandson Alex studying the tourist map in Sandefjord before taking the Color Line ferry to Strömstad.

## NKMR Symposium at Scandic Crown 22 August

Ruby Harrold-Claesson has often told us about the Nordic Committee for the Human Rights of the Family, but no one gets so engrossed in the sad cases where children are taken into care unnecessarily, often under traumatic circumstances, as Ruby herself.

I would just like to mention the highlight of the symposium - a direct link to Nancy Shaefer in Georgia, USA. Apart from being a beautiful woman and a magnetic personality, her report on the following theme “*The corrupt business of Child Protective Services*” was highly appreciated. She lost her seat in the Senate due to her interest in pursuing this matter. She hopes that the powerful American press will get interested though at a meeting to be held in September in Memphis, I believe.

See her on being interviewed on U Tube.

*Gillian Thylander*



Janes shop has now opened at Nordenskiöldsgatan 30 (nearest tramstop Olivedalsgatan).

For more information, please call her on 0708 558650 or e-mail: [info@janesplace.se](mailto:info@janesplace.se) to join the mailing list. There is a 10% discount to all members of the English church, just quote “St. Andrews offer” when ordering. The 10% discount will then be donated to the church.

# Remembering your Spirit

## Thoughts for the day

*"The presence of love has a healing power."*  
This is a strong statement by L'yanla Vanzant

*We have all been given free will.*

*Are we always aware of the divine intervention? I know I'm not.*

*There is only one thing we can do better than anyone else, and that is to be ourselves.*

May I share this evening prayer with you? It is taken from the book "Psalms for the Road" by Joy Cowley.

## Evening Prayer

I give thanks for this day  
which covers me like a patchwork quilt,  
a day made up of many small pieces,  
some colourful and full of celebration,  
some patches plain or subdued  
and others a bit frayed around the edges,  
all of it blessed by the God of Abundance.  
Piece by piece, I offer my gratitude,  
for the times I noticed the beauty around me,  
for smiles given and smiles received,  
for the goodness of sun and rain,  
the freshness of bread and water,  
and the great comfort of friends  
who see not pieces but the whole.  
For the mistakes in my day,  
the patches that need mending tomorrow,  
I give God my fullest thanks, for these  
are the learning parts of my life  
open to growth through infinite grace.  
I hold each error with heartfelt gratitude,  
and seek ways to make repairs.  
It is such a comfort to know  
that I am still growing.



And finally another thought expressed in the hymn:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy  
One is here;  
Come bow before Him now with reverence  
and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy  
ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy  
One is here.

*Ann Gustafsson*



Psalms for the Road

## LOTTERY 2009 – IN AID OF THE ROOF

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has kindly donated prizes for this year's lottery and to the people who are busy selling the tickets. Some say that it is easier to sell the tickets this year as the prizes are so good. Well there's quite a lot of work behind that, on the part of church committee members and friends, and we hope that everyone will buy at least one ticket so as to take part in the fun on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the day of the draw.

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