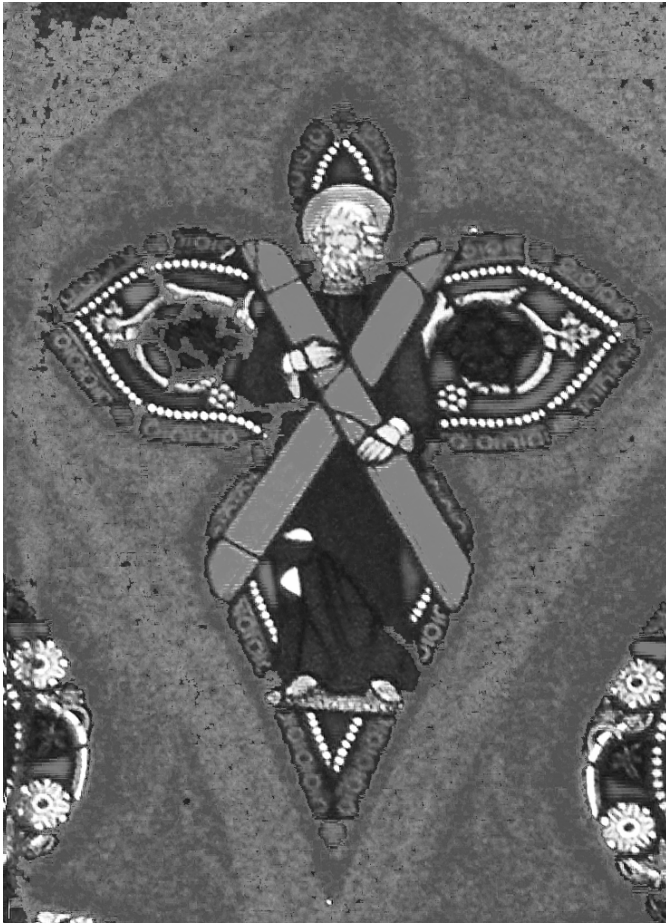


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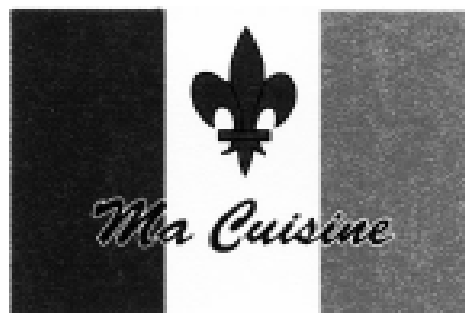
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Stena Line



Letter from the Chaplain

Make this Door wide enough

One of the unexpected challenges of the last year was to work out how to comply with the Fire Brigade's regulations for a public building. Visitors to the church have got used to the green emergency exit signs. More recently, the wooden panel containing the door from the church into the vestry was removed, remodelled and replaced. We are still waiting for the new wood to be painted; because we are a listed building, this has to be done by experts.

The picture on the right, taken by Diocesan Communications Officer Paul Needle when he was here for last year's Deanery Synod, shows the door before it was widened.

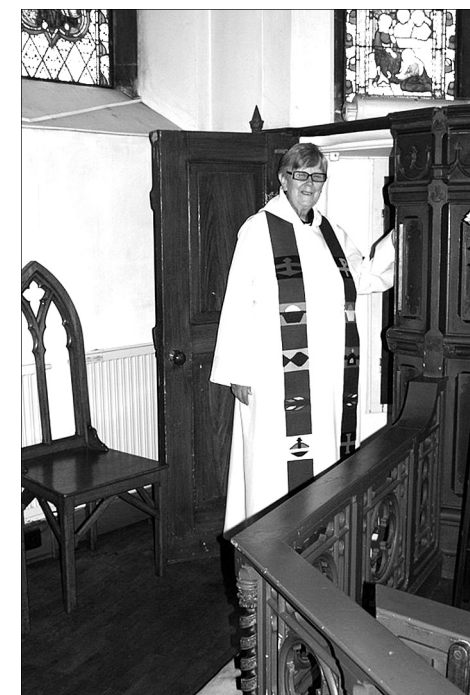
This brings to mind the old prayer by Bishop Thomas Ken (1637-1711), which may be seen on the wall of St Stephen's Church, Wallbrook in London.

O God, make the door of this house
wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship;
narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make its threshold **smooth enough** to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet,
but rugged and strong **enough** to turn back the tempter's power.

God make the door of this house
the gateway to thine eternal kingdom.

A wide door means a welcoming building, and a welcoming building needs a welcoming community. This particular door in our church may be more important for going out than for coming in, but our life as a church is also about taking God's love out into the wider community.



This is a prayer of vision, for a church that not only welcomes, but also protects; a church that not only meets people where they are, but points beyond, as a gateway to Christ's kingdom.

I mentioned St Stephen's Church, Wallbrook, which is in the city of London. When I looked on the internet for a picture of its doorway, I found instead a picture of a telephone, donated to the church by Post Office Telecommunications to honour the founding of the Samaritans by the Vicar, Chad Varah. As those of you who have lived in England probably know, the Samaritans is a national voluntary organization providing telephone support to those in trouble, especially to those contemplating suicide. The presence of the memorial telephone in the church is a reminder that this electronic age has given

a new meaning to the word 'gateway' - and through this gateway, too, many have found shelter in the storms of their lives, the hospitality of a listening ear, and protection from danger. St Stephen's is a fine building, with many historic monuments; but it is not content to live in the past. Chad Varah brought its mission up to date.

Shortly after the door was replaced, we held our annual meeting. The new door



Ron Jones showing the new door, as yet not painted.

reminds us of some of the things that have preoccupied and distracted us over the few past years – the difficulty and expense of maintaining our beautiful and historic building to twenty-first century standards. We now need to move on, to ask ourselves, what is the mission of St Andrew's today? What is our vision for the future?

Before the Annual Meeting, members of the congregation were invited to be part of the discussion, by writing their thoughts on a post-it note and sticking it on a notice board under the heading "This is our church." You will find their comments listed and summarized in the centrefold of this magazine. The next stage in the discussion will be after the service on Sunday 10 June. Why not come along and join in?

Barbara Moss



Wedding

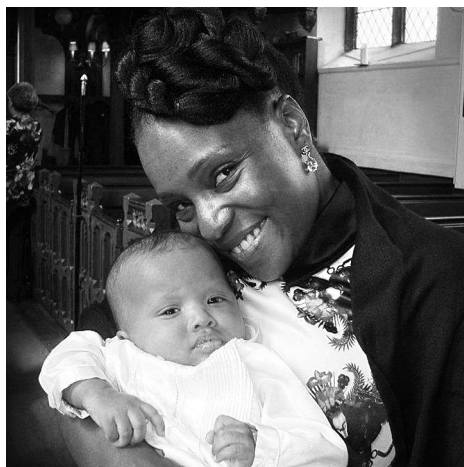
April 27th
ALSED VINCENT BRISCOE and
ÅSA LISELOTTE MOLLJÖ
at St Andrew's Church

Baptisms

April 15th
HAYLEY ELEANOR JOHNSTONE
Born 1 January 2010

April 28th
APRIL ELLINOR ROBIN MARIA JONSSON
Born 10 June 2011

May 20th
MASAI MONROE ELON LAASONEN
Born 31 January 2012



Masai with his mother Vongai

Welcome to my ORGAN CONCERT

Dávid Magda
organist

winner of several national organ competitions

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J. S. Bach: Air
Vivaldi-Bach: a-minor Concerto I., II.
A. Guilman: Pastorale
Zs. Gárdonyi: Mozart changes
J. Rheinberger: Organ Sonata in g sharp minor II.: Skandinavisch
J. S. Bach: d-minor Toccata and fugue
and
Improvisation on the melody of Göteborg

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Services: June – August

The 11.00 Sunday service will be Parish Communion unless otherwise stated.

JUNE 3, Trinity (Jubilee weekend)

10.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Service

JUNE 10, Trinity 1

LA: Molly Macgregor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Opeoluwa Adebayo-Omolade

followed by discussion: "This is Our Church"

JUNE 17, Trinity 2, Proper 6

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

followed by Lottery Draw

JUNE 24, St John the Baptist

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Barbara Moss

JULY 1, Trinity 4, Proper 8

11.00 Family Communion

LA: Alan Taylor, Jeanette Munro

Prayers: Gillian Thylander

JULY 8, Trinity 5, Proper 9

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Amy Delmendo-Bock

JULY 15, Trinity 6, Proper 10

Lars van der Heeg presiding and preaching

LA: Alan Taylor, Molly MacGregor

Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

JULY 22, Mary Magdalene

LA: Gisela Barnard, Göran Molin

Prayers: Diana Walters

JULY 29, Trinity 8, Proper 12

Irene Ungelheim presiding,

Roger Ponsford preaching

LA: Alan Taylor

Prayers: Roger Ponsford

AUGUST 5, Trinity 9, Proper 13

11.00 Family Service

Roger Ponsford, Alan Taylor

AUGUST 12, Trinity 10, Proper 14

11.00 Family Communion with Baptism

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Heather Wray

AUGUST 19, Trinity 11, Proper 15

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Molly MacGregor

followed by Church Committee Meeting

AUGUST 26, Trinity 12, Proper 16

LA: Gisela Barnard, Göran Molin

Prayers: Diana Walters

SEPTEMBER 2, Harvest Festival

11.00 Family Communion

Irene Ungelheim presiding and preaching

LA: Alan Taylor, Jeanette Munro

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

SEPTEMBER 9, Trinity 14, Proper 18

Andrew Wingate preaching

LA: Molly MacGregor

Prayers: Ron Jones

✦ This is our church

- first steps towards a Strategic Review

We have initiated a process of understanding how better to serve out God, our Faith and our Community.

We would like to attract and involve in this process as many people from our congregation as possible. We aim to be inclusive and to take note. We aim to develop a short-list of

realistic ideas which will then be thoroughly analysed with a view to being implemented in practice.

At the recent Annual Meeting we have invited the members of the congregation to come forward with ideas. Their comments are listed on page 10 and summarized below.

We are now inviting the congregation to reflect further on this issue and to participate to 'This is Our Church' meeting on 10 June

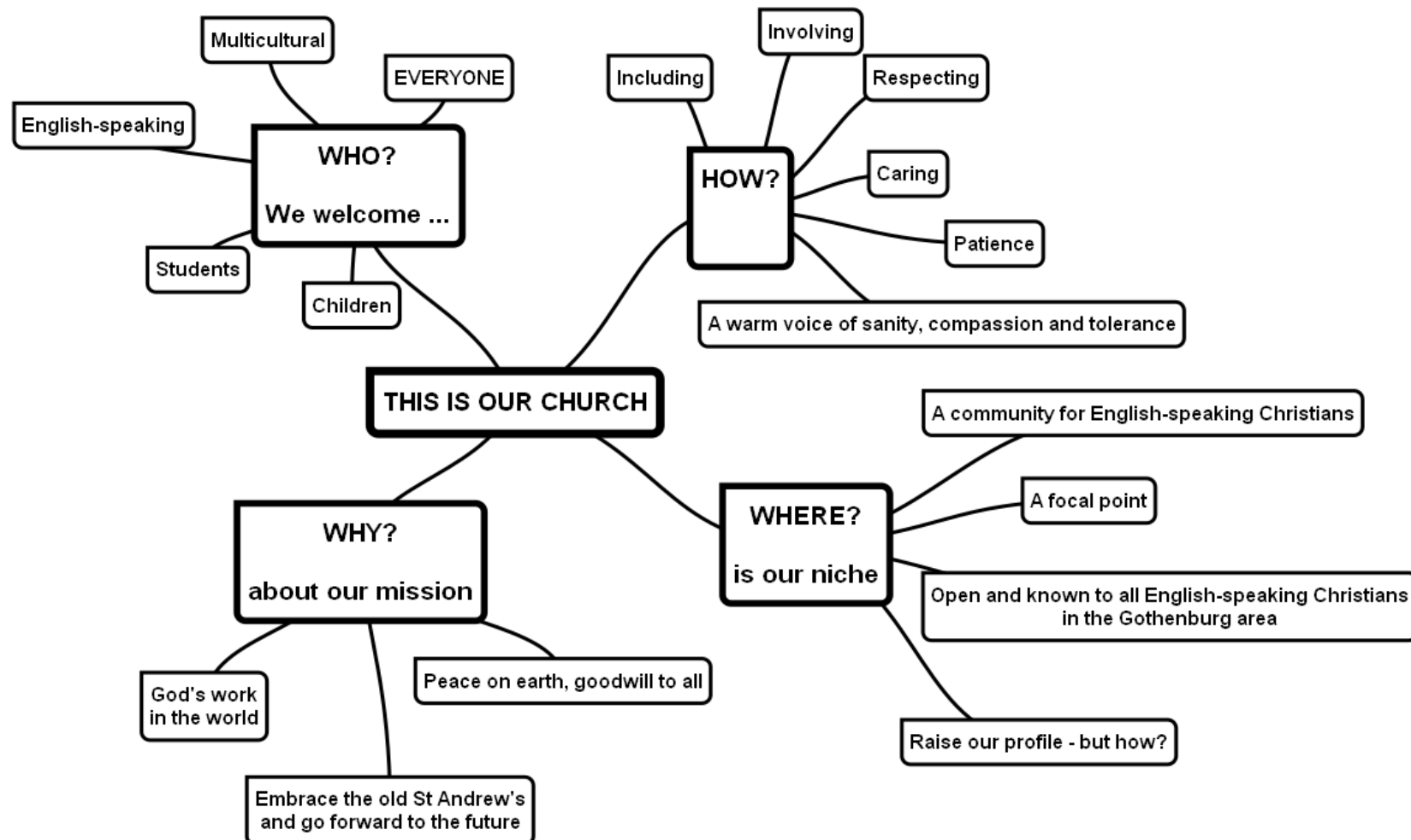
2012 after the 11am regular service at St Andrew's.

We kindly ask the congregation to bear in mind that any initiative/action/change/ etc that may emerge from this process will have to be matched by effort and involvement from the congregation. We also highlight that at the same time we need to address the rather serious financial shortfall that St. Andrew's is experiencing every year and which cannot

continue.

To keep in touch with future developments, see our web site www.svenskakyrkan.se/goteborg/st.andrews. For further reference, the Stockholm Chaplaincy is conducting a full Strategic Review – see the link on our web site.

Cristian Stoian



These are all the comments written on the post-it notes. Sometimes one post-it note made several points, and I have divided these up.

Being a place of beauty – both to the eye and the soul!

It should be a welcoming church – and everyone should hold out a “welcome hand” first

Kindness to the people

More fun

Children -> active youth group promoting faith and church e.g. a Christmas play as part of the service

Strong fellowship

After service sermon discussion

We should make children feel at home

A friendly welcoming church open to all

We do care

Keep trying to involve younger members whether students or children in the family

To be friendly and welcoming in church but also to be really interested in a deeper engagement with those who need / ask or even shy away from too much involvement , give them respect and care

Nurturing congregation patient tolerance

Make new people feel welcome

Sunday School or youth club

Children's choir Children's band

Local broadcasting

A church filled with ambition to do God's work in the world

Good will to all peace on earth

Activities that include more people that are not usually active

More multicultural activities

Open and known to all English-speaking Christians in Gothenburg area

Raise our profile but how?

A community for English-speaking Christians. A focal point.

A greater sense of community and commitment to St Andrew's

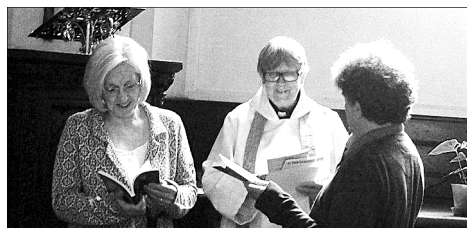
Embrace old St Andrew and go forward to the future

To reflect our diversity in creative ways

Meditation

Spread a warm voice of sanity, tolerance and compassion in English

Special invitation to students studying English at the University of Gothenburg



The institution of the new wardens



Charity Ezeilo (right) also in the church committee

Perhaps this diagram can summarize those areas which we consider of interest for our future development.



Barbara Moss, Heather Wray, Jeanette Munro, Marie Lygonis, Keith Barnard, Ron Jones, Gisela Barnard, Therese Svanberg, Toun Ayoade and Opeoluwa Adebayo-Omolade from the church committee

Good Friday



Gathering after the service at the chaplain's flat for hot cross buns



The Bazaar

We were blessed with a wonderful day. As always the bazaar takes a lot of hard work and preparation. The tents were raised and tables set up and all the preparations were done by a fantastic group of people. It was heartwarming to see the younger and older generations working together with such harmony, joy and respect. Everyone was in high spirits, and thus it remained so all day long.

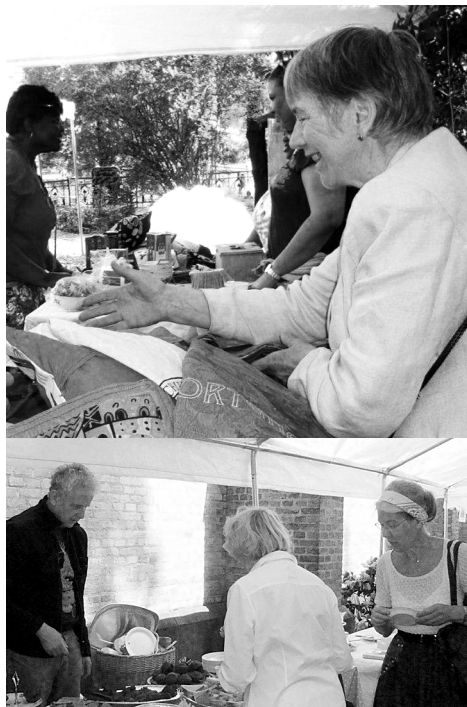
There was a constant stream of visitors, but it is also an enjoyable social event, when we meet old and new friends, giving us time to catch up on each others lives.

We also celebrated the birthdays of two of our ladies, Gisela and Hilkka.

We raised ca. 18.000 kr - Everyone well done. Thank you.

Ann Gustafsson





❖ Our Environment

Cooperation and hope or competition and destruction?

I have undertaken to do my usual piece on the environment, but everybody can read the paper for themselves, or watch television programmes, about drought and famine, torrential rainfall and floods, rising sea levels and melting glaciers and icecaps, violent hurricanes, the destruction of forests to make room for oil palms or sugar cane, huge, barely controllable fires and desertification. We are quite likely to reach the dangerous 2-degree level of global warming much faster than we want due to, for instance, the continued use of and search for fossil fuels, the ambition of all Indians and Chinese to own a car in addition to their legitimate demands for fresh

water and electricity in their homes, and our continued high consumption of meat.

It is depressing that not one person has ever commented on any of my church magazine articles on the environment, or on questions I have raised about what we can personally do about our own carbon footprints. St. Andrew's has a diligent caretaker who removes all the unsavoury rubbish in the churchyard and recycles our plastic mugs, paper and bottles, but what are we doing about the social misery caused by inequality, pure vice and greed, which has led to abuse, and environmental hazards?

We can pray and we can sing our pretty hymns about Nature, but is that enough?

Sorry, I am not going to write about this any longer.

Gillian

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Chapel Leaves at Botaniska

This year's "guest garden" at Botaniska is Lövkapellet (the chapel of leaves) by British gardener Simon Irvine. Simon will be presenting his garden, which is just inside the main entrance, on 4 July and 8 August at 17.00 (price 50 kr, pay at shop), or you can see it from 15 June to 30 September.

Barbara

We also have the following lunchtime concerts booked:

1 June Benedikt Melichar

8 June Lisa Fröberg

15 June (to be confirmed)

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is now on-line: www.angloswedish.se

Members of St. Andrew's community are invited to apply for membership of the British Club.

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www.britishclub.se

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