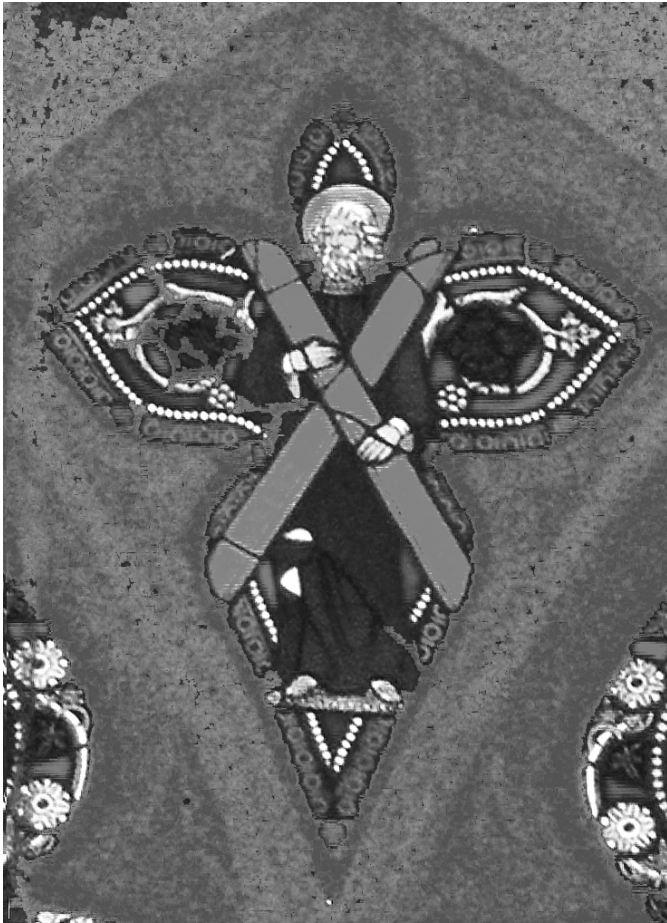


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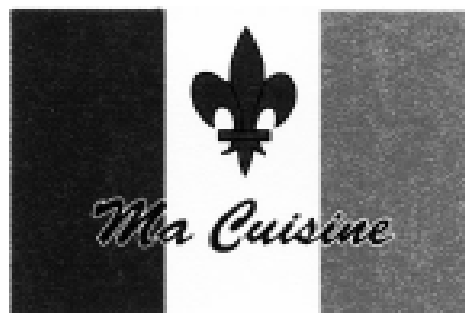
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Letter from the Chaplain

On 3 February, I took the Theology Bus to Uppsala, which was about 10 degrees colder than Gothenburg that weekend. 35 of us from the Gothenburg area were travelling together to take part in the third biennial Theology Festival. This year's theme was "so that the world may live", so there was a major emphasis on the environment, as reflected in Stefan Edman's paper which you will find translated on page 12 of this magazine.

Stefan Edman's talk that evening gave us his view of what our fellow-species on earth might want us to do, for their survival and ours, and ended with a magnificent film of some of the birds, animals and insects who share our environment.

Saturday morning and afternoon were devoted to workshops. The topics on offer included

- The world as a garden – a lifestyle for earth's survival
- Cultivating the inner garden
- Faith and politics
- Faith and science

I chose the only workshop on offer in English: "For the Life of the World – Challenges from Feminist Theology". As well as the language advantage, it had more of an international dimension than most of the others, with two speakers from Africa, one from Burma and one from the USA, which gave us an insight into the challenges facing all Christians, not just feminist theologians, in other parts of the world. We also sang together, to lure latecomers into the conference room.

Another high spot was Anna Karin Hammar's talk on Sunday morning, "a voyage of theological discovery round the world" – not so much what she said, but what she presented in filmclips from her contacts in the World Council of Churches – Koreans, a Romanian, a German, and many others. The Roma-



nian is in charge of the ecumenical institute at Bossey, and told of how his students are now asking for courses, not just on Christian Unity and the different denominations, but on inter-faith and on ecotheology, God and the environment. Whoever thinks ecumenism is boring needs to see these films to regain some of the excitement of being among the 2 billion Christians in the world today.

Expressing my appreciation to Anna Karin Hammar afterwards, I asked why the Theology Festival did not reflect the same ecumenical perspective. It was very much a Church of Sweden event. She said that was a good question, and maybe next time ...

We were quite tired on the bus travelling

home, so there was not much theological discussion there – with the exception of one of the children of Canon Theologian Jonas Eek, who asked, in an otherwise silent moment, “Vem är större än Jesus?”

As I returned to the comparative warmth of -6 degrees in Gothenburg, I was not expecting any more conferences this year, apart from the Diocesan and Deanery Synods. But since then I have received two invitations I can't refuse. One to take part in a consultation of the Porvoo churches (the Anglican churches of Britain and Ireland, and the Lutheran churches of the Nordic and Baltic countries) on “diaspora and migration” – immigrant churches, non-Western congregations, and transient populations. The other is also called a consultation, at St George's College, Windsor, where I will be one of the

two representatives from the Diocese in Europe. The subject is “How do you speak about God?” The Diocesan Director of Training, Ulla Monberg, asked if I would be interested in attending, and it was only after sending in the application form that I noticed the small print: “Before coming to the consultation, you will have written a short paper (2000-3000 words).” Ah well, it's not until July, and the paper will be in English.

Plans for Deanery Synod in Copenhagen are beginning to take shape, and I have started a deanery blog in preparation (and as a good way of getting into blogging). The address, in case anyone would like to check it out, is <http://nabamyblog.wordpress.com>

Barbara Moss



Uppsala Domkyrka rising over the town

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✦ Services: March – May

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

MARCH 4, Lent 2

10.00 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Service (Iona style)
- address Alan Taylor

MARCH 11, Lent 3

LA: Gisela Barnard, Göran Molin
I: Ron Jones

18.00 Exploring the bible + Night Prayer

MARCH 18, Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

11.00 Family Communion
LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
I: Opeoluwa Adebayo-Omolade

MARCH 25, Lent 5

LA: Gisela Barnard, Molly MacGregor
I: Kristina Ayoade

18.00 Exploring the bible + Night Prayer

APRIL 1, Palm Sunday

11.00 Family Communion
LA: Alan Taylor, Jeanette Munro
I: Cecilia Klevedal

18.00 Way of the Cross

APRIL 5, Maundy Thursday

18.00 Sung Eucharist and Vigil
LA: Gisela Barnard

APRIL 6, Good Friday

11.00 Way of the Cross

APRIL 8, Easter Day

11.00 Family Communion
LA: Gisela Barnard, Molly MacGregor
I: Gillian Thylander

APRIL 15, Easter 2

11.00 Parish Communion with Baptism
LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
I: Amy Delmendo-Bock

APRIL 22, Easter 3

LA: Alan Taylor, Kristina Ayoade
I: Ann Gustafsson

12.15 Annual Meeting of the Congregation

18.00 Evensong

APRIL 29, Easter 4

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
I: Molly Macgregor

MAY 6, Easter 5

11.00 Family Communion
Preacher: Andrew Wingate
LA: Molly MacGregor
I: Gisela Barnard

MAY 13, Easter 6

LA: Kristina Ayoade, Gisela Barnard
I: Heather Wray

MAY 17, Ascension Day

No service in St Andrew's. Pilgrimage Walk.

MAY 20, Easter 7

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Alan Taylor

18.00 Exploring the Bible + Night Prayer

MAY 27, Pentecost

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Ron Jones

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

✦ Chaplaincy News

Christmas Party together with the German Choir



Our choir were invited to join the German choir for a christmas party. We were royally entertained, and had a wonderful time together with them. With them we hope to

further the fellowship which has been growing between us on every occasion we have a chance to work together.

Alan Taylor



Carols 2011

And did we sing! Not *See amid the winter snow*, which did not seem appropriate in our mild winter at that point, but an interesting range of carols, both old and new, starting with *O come our world's Redeemer*, as a change from *Once in royal* (I have had no complaints about that). Our soloist Leif Sunesson was very moved by *Longfellow's Carol* written at the time of the American Civil War, and managed to convey its message of hope despite strife beautifully. And we practically danced to *God rest you merry* during which the collection was taken. Therese playing the flute during *Silent night* gave

us some lovely peaceful moments before our usual enthusiastic rendering of *O Come, all ye faithful*.

The choir is very grateful to Elisabet Gustafsson, who not only played the organ for the services but helped us to learn our solo pieces! We also thank those who turned up again to swell our numbers, Håkan Claesson, Roger Johansson, Michael Schollin, Diana Walters, Britta Larsson and Elisabeth Page.

We are pleased to acknowledge that, thanks to the eloquent appeal by Gisela Barnard for funds for a hospital in a remote part of Ethiopia and for our own church, we raised

10,000 kronor altogether (with the contribution from the English School).

The best of the two Services of Nine Lessons and Carols, including the readings, which have much improved in recent years, very much thanks to the microphone, may be listened to on our web site: www.svenskakyrkan.se/goteborg/st.andrews.

Here I am only reporting on the traditional Services of Nine Lessons and Carols, but we should

not forget the informal Carols round the Crib on the Friday before, which is attracting more and more people, the English School Carol Service, and the services in Uddevalla and Håkarp. Barbara travelled over to the latter on her own, while I drove up to Båve Church in Uddevalla with Barbara and Gisela. We were pleased to see that many Swedish people had responded to emails sent out by the organist at Uddevalla church and personal appeals by our good friend Ron Trimming.

Gillian Thylander



Amy's FBK Inter-cultural Show. February 11th at Axel Huset Högsbo

Just before Christmas the choir and the Ladies Evening Group were approached by Amy Delmendo-Bock, a member of both choir and LEG, to take part in an inter-cultural event organized by her as the Chair of the Philippine Children and Women's Association (Filippinska Barn och Kvinnoföreningen FBK) and her associates. She was supported by the Kulturförvaltningen, Göteborgs Stad and ABF (Arbetarnas Bildningsförbund - the Workers' Educational Association).

In her invitation to take part Amy explained that the purpose of this event was to give us all the chance to let others see the mixture of different cultures existing in our society here in Gothenburg. More importantly it was to awaken in us tolerance and respect for one another's culture, deepening our sense of identity and security in ourselves. It should make us more broadminded and avoid certain forms of prejudice. It should strengthen in us a deep respect for each other and for human rights in our democratic society.

Since the association was founded 22 years ago and folkdance and folksongs are taught every Sunday afternoon in the same location, it seemed that most people knew each other already. It was quite an eye-opener for us. We

began by singing the various national songs, and then the Ukrainian children and their teachers on the flute and piano made a charming start. Amy and her friends sang love songs in six of the many languages of her country. Amy's girls demonstrated, amongst other things, a traditional hat dance, and also turned into hula hula girls from Hawaii. A lovely lady from Indonesia showed her granddaughter some graceful steps, and an exquisite figure from Thailand did a fascinating dance with candles. Lana has negotiated with her to paint her portrait!

The traditional Swedish songs rendered by the pensioners' choir from Allégården made a solemn contrast, and they were followed by Lana singing prettily in Russian and German. Rather more robust tones came from the col-



Lana Svirejeva singing solo

ourful Chilean group, and the Ex-Pats, as we called ourselves, brought the show to a rather successful close. Emma and Ron started with a traditional ballad and were followed by our old friend Björn Landahl, who sang some of his favourite English and Scottish folksongs to the guitar. The poetry section began with Gisela's endearing rendering of "The Owl and the Pussycat", and most of us took part in our favourite, "The King's Breakfast" by A.A. Milne. The choir with some useful additions ended with three stirring Hymns: Abide with me, Cwm Rhondda

and Amazing Grace and received thunderous applause.

All performers were treated afterwards to a delicious meal with traditional Filipino dishes rounded off with coffee and lots of lovely cakes prepared by the Ladies Evening Group.

Amy certainly had worked hard to get the whole show off the ground and get everyone motivated and involved. Thanks, Amy.

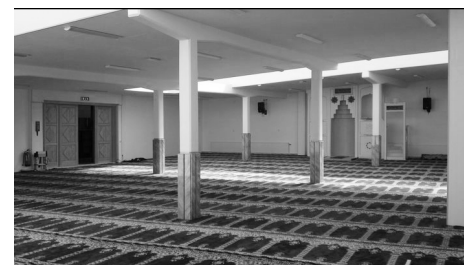
Gisela Barnard and Gillian Thylander (Stig Thylander recorded the show and can make the material available to anyone interested.)



Visit to a Mosque

On Tuesday evening 14th February a party of us visited the new Bosnian mosque at Bellvue, together with Andrew Wingate. There we met their Imam Samir Lalic who talked with us, treated us to a snack, and showed us the premises which are under construction. We all felt very welcome and were soon friends with him. We thank Andrew and Samir for this chance to begin to understand the Islamic immigrant culture.

Alan Taylor



The visit to a Bosnian Mosque at Bellvue

Prayer for the Queen's Jubilee

The following Prayer, written at The Queen's direction by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, will be used in the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 5 June.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have commended it for use throughout the Church of England.

Other churches are also welcome to use this prayer.

*God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;
we give you thanks and praise
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms
and Territories
with Elizabeth
our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you,
her Lord and God
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
and those of the Commonwealth,
now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The World Day of Prayer 2012 – “Let Justice Prevail”

“Selamat datang” – “Peace and welcome!” – is the greeting from the women of Malaysia on this World Day of Prayer. In a country of religious and ethnic diversity, the struggle for justice and toleration is an everyday task. This year’s theme for the World Day of Prayer 2012 is “Let justice prevail”.

Women in Malaysia would like us to pray together with them for all their different communities and religions, when they jointly fight for religious harmony and a just social order. Peace and generosity are needed, when Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Christians and followers of indigenous religions live in the same family or society.

Malaysia is a nation of diversity in unity, where Malays, Chinese, Indians, indigenous people and minority groups are living and working in harmony as one people, though each group retains its own tradition and culture. Islam is the state religion, but freedom of religion is written into the Malaysia constitution. About 7% of Malaysians are Christian. The main denominations are Roman Catholics (the largest group), Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Mar Thoma, Syrian Orthodox and Pentecostals. In 1948 some of the Protestant churches founded a Malaysian Christian Council. One of its subdivisions is a women’s committee, which has organized this World Day of Prayer and put together the programme.

In about 170 countries, from sunrise to sunset, prayers are held. World Day of Prayer services are organized exclusively by women, and it is the only time that some laywomen have the chance to speak, pray and preach. I represent St. Andrew’s Church for the Gothenburg Ecumenical Women’s Group and will attend a World Day of Prayer service on Friday, 2 March, at 12.00 in St. Jakob’s Church at Heden, along with women from other churches in the city centre.

This is a good, rewarding and ecumenical

link, in which St Andrew’s has been involved for a few years.

Cecilia Klevedal

St Andrew’s great Annual Lottery 2012

It should not come as a surprise that we need to continue with both the lottery and bazaar to raise money for the everyday running of St. Andrew’s. At the last meeting of the Ladies Evening Group, I informed the members that even if I remain in charge of obtaining prizes, I needed a team of helpers to draw up the official list, print tickets, find ticket-sellers, keep an account of sales and report to the authorities. And some ladies did, in fact, offer to join the team.

At the moment I am trying to reach our usual donors (see the list elsewhere in the magazine) and think up some new and interesting ones. It is very discouraging if anyone claims that there’s nothing they would like to win!

It would really be great if you all came up with nice prizes as soon as possible – we need to print tickets in the week before easter and start selling tickets on easter day.

Gillian Thylander



Wedding

February 14th
PAUL MATTHEW DAVIES and
INGRID SOFIA MAGDALENA NILSSON
at St Andrew’s Church

Funeral

December 14th 2011
KIRSTY NORA BROWN (9 days old)

Tuesdays in Lent

“Handing on the Cross:
sacred words for a secular world.”

Another in the York Courses series, with input from David Hope, Clifford Longley, Rachel Lampard, John Sentamu and Graham Cray.

Five Tuesdays from 28 February,
18.00 at Alan Taylor’s home.
Contact Alan on 031 42 38 64.

Bazaar and Lottery

Our Annual Bazaar:
Saturday 26 May – 11.00-15.00

Lottery Draw
on 10 June after church

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Leading Prayers

Workshop
for Intercessors and Lay Assistants

Tuesday 24 April at 19.00, in church.

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Friday lunchtime concerts
(12.15-13.00)
on 9/3, 23/3, 13/4 and 20/4
Göteborg Art Sounds concert,
11/5 at 23.00
see web site for details.

Sundays in Lent

Exploring Mark’s Gospel
26 February: Who is Jesus
11 March: Following Jesus
25 March: Endings and beginnings
18.00 in church + Night Prayer

Also:
4 March: Bible at Stadsteater 15.00
18 March: Taizé Mass at Haga 20.00
1 April: The Way of the Cross
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31 March
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Ascension Day 17 May

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at Haga Church
Organized by the University Chaplains.

Sunday March 18,
Monday April 9 (Easter Monday)
Sunday May 13.

Midweek Mass

A short simple service with bible reading and songs in English and Swedish, adjourning afterwards to a local café, on the following Wednesdays at 19.30
14/3, 28/3, 11/4, 25/4, 9/5, 23/5



✠ So that the world may live

— a text for meditation and action

So that the world shall live – a text for meditation and action

We humans are among the youngest of the million species on the planet Earth, our blue-green home in the Milky Way. Together with all other life forms, we are ingeniously interwoven into an ecological tapestry.

We are amazed that our bodies are formed from the stuff of stars, and that the water of the oceans and oxygen from the forests bring strength and renewal to our heart, kidneys and all our limbs. We are overcome with humility when we realize that animals and plants do not actually need us, but that our own lives would be unthinkable without the trees, the grass, and tiny creatures in the earth (earthworms etc).

For these gifts of life, we desire to communicate, in the bread and wine of the eucharist, in our prayers and in our songs of praise, our thankfulness to God, Creator and Life-giver. With the help of science, poetry, music and bible texts, we desire to broaden and deepen our picture of the world, and strengthen the wonder and love which are themselves sources of power in our battle for the life of the world.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

(Psalm 104:24)

Ecological spirituality and ecotheology are one way of reestablishing the link between theology and what is really at stake.

Today, researchers show us that it would need two earths in order for everyone in the world to be able to live like us Europeans. The challenge is not primarily population growth, but the (latest) gadget-crazy economic growth where an already well-

endowed global middle class uses more resources for our pleasure than our planet can recreate. The over-consumption of the last three months has built up a debt to nature and to the generations to come which looks much more serious than the western world's current financial crisis. Our environmental debt, currently about 10% of the world's gross national product, expresses itself in global warming, the critical shortage of fresh water, damage to the marine environment, and impoverishment of biodiversity. These lead to poor health, poverty and mass migration. That means that the present rate of development is totally unsustainable. The brakes must be put on, if the world is to survive.

The earth dries up and withers, the world

languishes and withers;

the heavens languish together with the earth.

The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants;

for they have transgressed laws, violated the

statutes,

broken the everlasting covenant.

(Isaiah 24:4-5)

Changes are urgently needed. All nations must have access to smart, resource-effective technology. But that is not enough. From an in-depth perspective, the environmental and climate crises are a spiritual and ethical question. We who live well in material terms must ask ourselves what is most important in life: more comfort, higher status, or more love, fellowship and solidarity.

God's love and overflowing grace towards us through Jesus Christ should provide the strongest defence against superficial consumerism and waste of the gifts of creation. We are loved just as we are, and do not need affirmation through money, possessions and reputation. Jesus inspires us to contentment:

“Consider the lilies of the field.”

We also long for a change in the one-sided and stupid political focus on economic growth, and an increasing emphasis on justice, ecological sustainability, and true life satisfaction, **so that the world shall live.**

For the creation was subjected to futility ... in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (Romans 8:20-21)

We can all be part of a change – in our homes, our communities, and our parishes, in Sweden and in the world.

Climate change and poverty are issues that concern the world's destiny. Already, hundreds of millions of people are suffering from floods, drought and extreme weather conditions. Women, who support their families and whole villages in many parts of Africa, are especially affected.

It is part of our Christian prophetic responsibility to work for a more caring lifestyle, and for the development of low-energy, low-emission technology for homes, transport, agriculture and industry. This challenges us to speed up adaptation both in our parish and among ourselves, and to inspire many others in the places where we live.

At the same time, we need international political decisions for a just international climate treaty. The market economy must also adopt new policies to penalize the use of fossil raw materials, and to promote renewable ones, to make it profitable for businesses to be “green”, and unprofitable for them to damage the environment, **so that the world shall live.**

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Jesus in Matthew 7:12)

Now in 2012 it is 20 years since the UN's Rio Conference on the environment and sustainable development. Since then, the human race has not only gone in the wrong direction. Many positive things have happened too. Hundreds of millions have been lifted out of poverty to a reasonable standard of living. The average age has increased, and infant mortality decreased by 30%. More children than ever are able to go to school. Many nations have won their struggle for democracy. And the hole in the ozone layer is closing.

All this builds up our confidence. We need to spread the good news, because it gives people hope. Only through hope can we achieve the growth of curiosity and commitment to come to terms with the enormous challenges which face us all.

Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we are born to a living hope, **so that the world shall live.**

Hope has two lovely daughters in the world, Reason and Courage. Reason so that what should not happen does not happen, and courage so that what should happen does happen. (St Augustine)

About this text:

The (Swedish) text was written by Stefan Edman and polished by Elisabeth Gerle, Anna Karin Hammar, Per Larsson, Mats Lagergren and Göran Lindström. It may be used freely, and is available as a Word file on the Theology Festival web site, www.svenskakyrkan.se/teologifestivalen.

This translation was made by Barbara Moss for the St Andrew's congregation in Gothenburg, and corrected by Gillian Thylander.

❖ The Last Dance

Christmas is a time for rejoicing and happiness, but when you get older there is also an element of sadness and worry. You begin to check the cards and e-mail messages for a missing name. Then you say "well maybe it just got lost in the post" but you continue to worry. Tore and I have friends in many countries as we have travelled extensively in the past, and we look forward to hearing about them at Christmas time.

One of our favourite places is New Zealand and we have received return visits to Sweden from a number of visitors, including our dear friend Barbara Guthrey. Last Christmas we missed a card from Barbara who lived at the "top" of North Island NZ, whom we visited as Servas guests. We enjoyed visiting her son's property at Rangiputa Beach where we could bird watch for interesting New Zealand species. We shared common interests in gardening and ecology.

Barbara had many and varied interests, including cookery, reading, and Hardanger embroidery, which decorated the local church. She was also a very keen Scottish country dancer and took part in many competitions. It felt entirely appropriate when we heard that she had died just after finishing her turn with her long-time dance partner for the Montgomeries' Rant – the last dance of the Kaitaia Scottish Society's weekly practice. What a wonderful way to end your life enjoying the moments of the last dance!

We were very grateful to Barbara's daughter Sabrina for sending a letter describing Barbara's death and funeral - and we feel that Barbara has a message for all of us:

"Live each day to the fullest, find ways to serve, fulfil your dreams, and don't miss the last dance."

Nancy Fjällbrant

Look to this day

*Look to this day,
For it is life, the very life of life,
In it are all varieties and realities of our existence,
The glory of action, the splendour of beauty,
The bliss of growth,
For yesterday is only a dream,
And tomorrow is but a vision, but
Today well lived, makes every
Yesterday, a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow, a vision of hope.
Live well for this day, such is the salutation of the dawn!*

From the Indian Sanskrit - translated by Jaya S Upadhyay (Jagriti Vihara)

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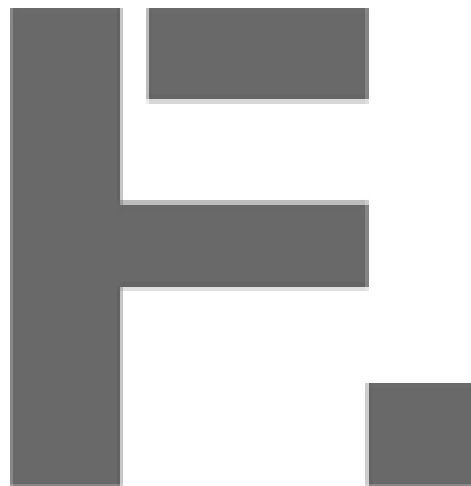
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