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Our Vision for St Andrew's
*Seeking God's will through
prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community*



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Letter from our new Chaplain

Dear Family and Friends of St. Andrew's Chaplaincy,

First of all let me say thank you for the warm welcome you gave me on Sunday and since I have been here. The Service of Inauguration went very well and was full of a positive spirit which is encouraging as we embark on our future work together. I want to thank all who participated in the service and gave so much of their time to make it happen. If I were to start naming names I would be afraid to miss someone. So thank you one and all for making it a special day.

You most likely noticed that a free standing altar was placed on the sanctuary steps. This was done to allow for more inclusiveness in the celebration of the Holy Communion with all the chaplains and to make the action of the liturgy more visible to the congregation. This form of celebration which goes back to the early church and emphasizes the celebration not just being the prerogative of celebrant but an action in which we all take our part. I will speak more of this in a future sermon or article. This style of celebration is in general use throughout the church. I would like to continue to use this form of celebration at least for the present as it is in general use throughout the Church. I would appreciate your feedback.

The frontal was recovered from the choir loft and is very old. Perhaps 19th century. You can see it on the high altar in the post card of the sanctuary. The colour is red which was appropriate for the day which celebrated the ordained ministry. Red is the color used for Pentecost and it symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. In the Sarum Rite of Salisbury England it is the colour of



this season as in that tradition the Sundays of this time of the year are dated from Pentecost. The high altar and vestments will continue to be green on ordinary Sundays as is proper.

The university chaplains met today to plan for the return of the university students this month. The different faculties return over the next two weeks. Tomorrow will be the welcoming fair of the international students and as I am the chaplain to the international students I will be on hand to welcome them and work with the other chaplains to make them aware of our presence and the services we offer. I will be handing out flyers with information about St. Andrew's including our services.

Our own parish will be celebrating

Harvest Festival next month as well as other events so please be aware of notices on Sunday morning and in the Round Robin as to upcoming events. I will be at Synod next month from the 6th to the 12th. A priest will be brought in on the Sunday that I will be away.

Christian Education will be starting up soon. I take this aspect of my ministry seriously as I believe it is critical to the future of the Church. Our future lies with the young people and we need to see that they are equipped to carry on the Church's life and work. The first place I have in this process is at the altar rail where they may start receiving communion regularly with their families. I also feel that the primary tasks of CE are to teach them to pray and to teach them the stories of the Bible. This is just not limited to Sunday school but may become a tradition in the family to pray together and read and learn the Holy Scriptures together. I leave it to you. Sunday school is now organizing and if you would like to help out please get in touch with Jeanette Monroe if you are interested. I hope to be starting up a group who are interested in confirmation or just want to review their understanding of the faith. If you are interested in this please let me know.

I hope I have covered everything and I look forward to our continued life together as we seek to do God's work in this part of his vineyard.

Every blessing,

David Bruce

Papal confession!



As he often does during unscripted moments -- particularly papal news conferences -- the Pope spoke expansively, saying the church should seek forgiveness for a number of historical slights committed in its name. "The Church must ask forgiveness for not behaving many times -- when I say the Church, I mean Christians! The Church is holy, we are sinners!"

"I believe that the church not only should apologize to the person who is gay whom it has offended," he added, "but has to apologize to the poor, to exploited women, to children exploited for being forced to work. It has to ask forgiveness for having blessed many weapons."

"I repeat what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: that they must not be discriminated against, that they must be respected and accompanied pastorally,"

Francis said all this at a press conference aboard the papal plane returning from Armenia earlier this year.



Services: September — November

Unless otherwise stated, there is just one service on Sunday: Parish Communion at 11.00

SEPTEMBER 11, Trinity 16

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Heather Wray

SEPTEMBER 18, Harvest Festival

Trinity 17

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Ron Jones

SEPTEMBER 25, Trinity 18

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Jeanette Munro

OCTOBER 2, Trinity 19

Family Service

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

OCTOBER 9, Trinity 20

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Clifford Elliott

OCTOBER 16, Trinity 21

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

OCTOBER 23, Last of Trinity

Ecumenical Service at the German Church.

No service at St Andrew's

OCTOBER 30, All Saints Day

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Keith Barnard

NOVEMBER 6, 3 before Advent

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Family Service

Prayers: The Willy Family

NOVEMBER 13, 2 before Advent

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

NOVEMBER 20, St Andrew's Day

Christ the King

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

NOVEMBER 27, Advent Sunday

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

DECEMBER 4, Advent 2

Peace and Justice Sunday

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Family Service

Prayers: Gillian Thylander

DECEMBER 11, Advent 3

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Family Service

Prayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

Midweek Mass/Onsdagsmässan

19.30 Wednesdays

Chaplaincy News

Term start for the Choir

We had a great start to a new term of choir practice at Gillian's house. She was as usual a wonderful hostess supported by her husband Stig. Good food and a relaxing atmosphere. The only disappointment was the weather. We were not able to admire the beautiful garden Gillian had worked so hard in and where we usually held our party. Sorry Gillian, but thank you for a wonderful afternoon.

Gisela Barnard



The Licensing of David as our Priest in Charge



Our churchwardens present David for Archdeacon Colin Williams



The Archdeacon with David and our guest priests

After nearly five months without a permanent priest David Bruce came to us at the end of May to be our Priest-in-Charge. On the 21st August we celebrated his Institution and Licensing with our Archdeacon The Venerable Colin Williams as the principal celebrant. It was a grand occasion with several members of the congregation involved in the ceremonies like the presentation of symbols of our faith and some readings.

To finish the festivities, we had refreshments in the garden, the food having been provided by some of our ladies in the congregation. As a final gesture Lars van der Heeg presented David with a book in Swedish about working as a university chaplain.

Gisela Barnard



Members of our congregation offer symbolic gifts to David representing his various ministries among us



After the service there was a lunch provided by many members of the congregation

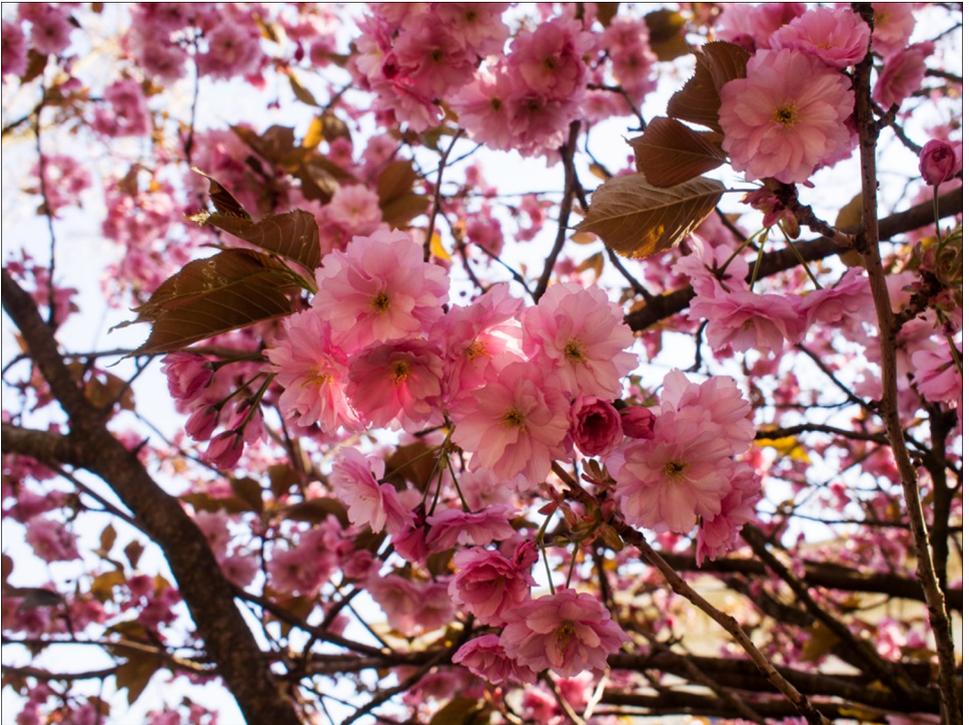
The Chile Tree

There are two cherry trees in the church garden, one to the right of the vestry door, donated by the Ladies Guild, and one planted by our very own Amnesty Group twenty-five years ago. I asked Paul Skirrow to photograph the latter when he was here, as he was obviously highly professional and the blossom was magnificent back in May. How many of you saw it, and how many of you have read the inscription on the block of limestone beneath? It is easier to read now as the plaque has recently been replaced.

On March 5th, 1987, Lisbeth DiFelice, our first secretary, received a letter from the Swedish Section of Amnesty International in Stockholm that we were being introduced as Group 343, the English-speaking group.

We started working in earnest on our first dossier, a prisoner of conscience in South Korea, the following January, a case also taken up by a group in Australia. As these dossiers are handed out for limited periods, and we also took part in various campaigns, we corresponded with the authorities in many parts of the world in the years to follow. In some ways, our connection with human rights defenders in Colombia was the most exciting, as some of them came to visit us here.

It was not just a question of writing letters, but of raising 5000 kr a year for the work of Amnesty, attending district and national meetings, and answering calls for Urgent Actions in the case of, for example, people about to be executed. There was obviously



a big campaign about China after the incident on Tiananmen Square, and every year there was, and still is, an Amnesty Week in December around the time of the Declaration of Human Rights, December 10th. We still observe Peace and Justice Sunday around that time, with the sale of amnesty cards and candles. In addition, we were expected to do our bit for the annual Amnesty Bazaar in Haga and take turns at cleaning the Amnesty Rooms. Our collection days often included a stint at weeding the church garden.

Before telling you more about the cherry tree, I would like to boast about a fantastic exhibition we put on at the main town library – with the title “Liberty is a precious thing”. It lasted eight days, and there was a programme of poetry readings in which well-known members of the British community and the University English Department took part. This was back in October, 1988, and John Ashton’s interesting collection of readings are on file.

Later we had another exhibition along the church fence – the faces of some of the “disappeared” in Chile during the Pinochet regime, about whom we all wrote in 1990 - 91. The idea of planting a tree in their memory 30 years after the founding of AI, was put forward by our dear friend Claire Elmquist, and we were encouraged by the chaplain at the time, Graeme Hancocks, who held a service in the churchyard, at which Diana Hall, played her lovely viola.

When Isabel Allende came to give us a talk during “bok- och biblioteksmässan”, she spent a few emotional minutes by the tree, which some of her compatriots in the Chilean Association here had hung with those sad faces mentioned above.

Do try and imagine all this when you stand by the tree next time! If you wish to know about Ai, look at their website – amnesty.se. It is much easier these days to obtain information and take part in any campaign or support Urgent Actions of interest.

Gillian Thylander

Important Information about the Ladies Guild

The Guild has been struggling for some time to keep up the attendance at our meetings so I believe the time has come to think again about what we will do in the future. We don't want the “Ladies Guild” to disappear after 73 years of being a part of our church so I suggest we reform ourselves into the “St. Andrews International Ladies Guild” and continue to meet on the second Thursday in the month. However, we will not be meeting in the Haga Församlingshem as before but in the café of the Smyrna Church which is situated near the tram stop by Haga Church. We will be buying our own refreshments and can therefore choose to have whatever we

like. I suggest we meet at a drop- in time of between 11 00 – 14 00 and I will try and be there whenever possible. We can meet on October 13th and November 10th. However, I have booked our usual room in Haga on December 8th in case we decide we would like to have the Guild Christmas Pot Luck lunch there as we have had in previous years.

I do hope someone will be able to drop in occasionally and come along for a chat and exchange news and views. Please support the new Ladies Guild and contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

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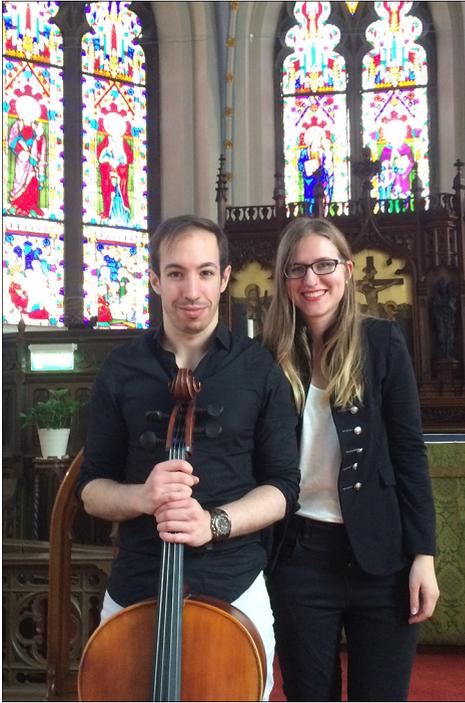


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12.15-13.00, Friday 19 August, 2016

PianoBasso Meditative Concert. - At the Friday lunchtime concert on 19th August Thomas Gustavsson was playing very gently and meditatively on the piano. He was sensitively accompanied by Andreas Gustafson on the double base. It was a truly wonderful concert lasting 45 minutes. It was their second time with us. Let us hope we will hear them again soon.

Pedro Miguell and Marie



Electric Minimalism - Music in quite a different vein had been performed in June by Pedro Miguell and Marie Caves, so called Minimalistic sound. A very interesting experience.

Gisela Barnard

Riccardo Gnudi



Forthcoming Lunchtime Concerts 2016

with Riccardo Gnudi

12.15 -13.00

16th September

30th September

7th October

11th November

2nd December

Tickets 60.- kr, pensioners 40.- kr, students free

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www.angloswedish.wordpress.com

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