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Letter from our Chaplain

Dear Family and friends of St. Andrew's Church,

Lent is upon us and we face it with a mixture of feelings from a sense of gloom and foreboding to outright denial and apathy. But have we ever stopped to consider lent as an opportunity for growth and renewal and new found happiness? I found the following article and ask that you read it as I think the meaning and purpose of the season is explained well and then let us consider what this season may mean to us spiritually.

Lent (**Latin: Quadragesima:** (Fortieth)) is a solemn religious observance in the [liturgical calendar](#) that begins on [Ash Wednesday](#) and ends approximately six weeks later, before [Easter Sunday](#). The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through [prayer](#), doing [penance](#), [repentance](#) of sins, [almsgiving](#), [atonement](#), and [self-denial](#). This event is observed in the [Anglican](#), [Eastern Orthodox](#), [Lutheran](#), [Methodist](#), and [Roman Catholic](#) Churches.^{[1][2]}

^[3] Some [Anabaptist](#) and [evangelical](#) churches also observe the Lenten season.^{[4][5]} Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of [Holy Week](#), marking the death, burial, and [resurrection of Jesus](#), which recalls the tradition and events of the [New Testament](#) beginning on [Friday of Sorrows](#), further climaxing on Jesus' [crucifixion](#) on [Good Friday](#), which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on [Easter Sunday](#) of the [Resurrection of Jesus Christ](#).

In Lent, many Christians commit to [fasting](#) or giving up certain types of [luxuries](#) as a form of penance. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a [daily devotional](#) or praying through a [Lenten calendar](#), to draw themselves near to God.^{[6][7]} The [Stations of the Cross](#),



a devotional commemoration of [Christ's carrying the Cross](#) and of [his execution](#), are often observed. Many [Roman Catholic](#) and some [Protestant](#) churches remove flowers from their altars, while [crucifixes](#), religious statues, and other elaborate religious symbols are often veiled in violet fabrics in solemn observance of the event. Throughout [Christendom](#), some adherents mark the season with the traditional abstention from the consumption of meat, most notably among Roman Catholics.^[8]

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of the [forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert](#), according to the Gospels of [Matthew](#), [Mark](#) and [Luke](#), before beginning his [public ministry](#), after which he endured temptation by [Satan](#).^{[9][10]}

The lenten program this year will take a slightly different shape. Starting with Ash Wednesday we will begin with the Service of the Imposition of Ashes and each Wednesday will look at a program entitled "The best Lent ever are you sabotaging your Happiness? It will be based on the book by Mathew Kelly "Resisting Happiness" A true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams and lack the courage to simply be ourselves...&how to start choosing happiness again! You may go online and download the program at Dynamic Catholic and go to the series "Best Lent Ever". Starting with Ash Wednesday you will receive a daily devotional video. You may also purchase the book at this site for free with a charge for shipping and handling. Each Wednesday we will meet for a simple eucharist at the Church with discussion based on the videos we received that week. Keep watch in the Round Robin as to time of the service. I want to put it out to see which time would suite most people's needs.

A couple of other things, the Imposition of Ashes will be observed on the First Sunday of Lent as well as Ash Wednesday and we will refrain from decorating the church with flowers during the Season as is customary in keeping with the nature of Lent. You may make a donation to the Flower Fund and donate flowers for Easter as a thanksgiving of memorial.

All the Best in Christ, for a blessed and prosperous Lenten tide as we go forward to greet our Risen Lord on Easter Morning.

David Bruce
Chaplain

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES and Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be observed again on the first Sunday of Lent. We will refrain from putting flowers on the Altar during this time in anticipation of Easter when you may donate to the flower fund in thanksgiving or as a memorial to a loved one.

Let us pray that this Lent will be a time of reknewal and refreshment of ourselves body and soul as we approach our risen Lord with Joy.

Yours in Christ,
David

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Services: March — May

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

MARCH 12, Lent 2

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

Sunday School meets during the service

MARCH 15, Lent Mass and Bible Study

MARCH 19, Lent 3

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Gillian Thylander

MARCH 22, Lent Mass and Bible Study

MARCH 26, Lent 4, Mothering Sunday

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Jeanette Munro

MARCH 29, Lent Mass and Bible Study

APRIL 2, Lent 5

10.00 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Eucharist
LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

MARCH 5, Lent Mass and Bible Study

APRIL 9, Palm Sunday

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

Sunday School meets during the service

APRIL 13, Maundy Thursday

18.00 Eucharist

APRIL 14, Good Friday

11.00 The Way of the Cross

APRIL 16, Easter Sunday

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Clifford Elliott

APRIL 23, Easter 2

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Keith Barnard

Annual General Meeting after the service

APRIL 30, Easter 3

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: The Willy Family

MAY 7, Easter 4

10.00 Holy Communion
11.00 International Service
LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

MAY 14, Easter 5

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

Sunday School meets during the service

MAY 21, Easter 6

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Gisela Barnard

MAY 28, Easter 7

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

Sunday School meets during the service

JUNE 4, Pentecost

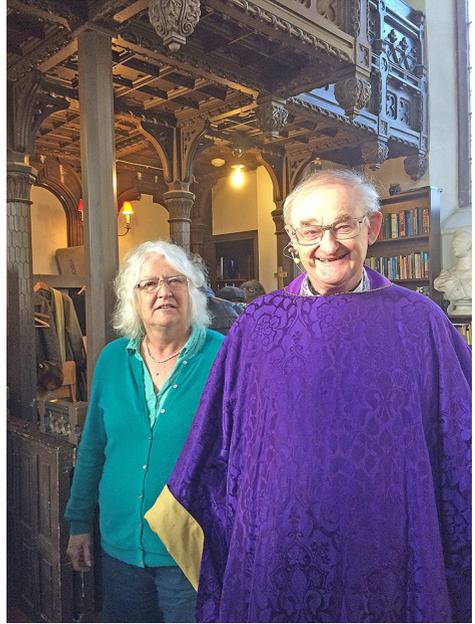
10.00 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Eucharist
LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Alan Taylor

Visitors from Oslo

The Venerable Brian Russell and his wife Pam visited us on 11th December for our Peace and Justice Sunday celebration. They were here on an exchange with David. It is always nice to meet clergy from the other Scandinavian countries, as indeed it was on this occasion.

CAROLS 2016 and an appeal for more choir members

It feels strange to report on our carol services on St Valentine's Day, when I heard the first great tit (talgoxe) singing in one of the bushes lining the path to the swimming baths. However, it is important to acknowledge our great debt to the lovers of Christmas



carols who came along to five practices and two services to support the few remaining members of our church choir.

Just how many of the congregation actually attended the two Festivals of Nine Lessons and Carols last December I wonder? They are something that is expected by the Swedish population surrounding us – they usually fill our church to the brim, and recently it has been necessary to turn some away because of the fire safety regulations. Thirty years ago or more maybe people had to sit round the altar as we had so many, while twenty or more choristers rather dangerously filled the choir loft.

Though not quite so full as usual the carol services went splendidly thanks to our friends from other choirs and the offer of help with playing the organ from Bo Kenneth Bäck. We had eventually mastered a new carol from the Middle Ages and, of course, relied on help from the congregation with old favourites. Some old choirmembers there said they really enjoyed themselves and one photographed our lovely altar and the Christmas trees set up by Ron Jones. Thank you to all who read the lessons so well.

The traditional appeal was made and money was collected for Syrian refugee families in the Lebanon. Together with the collection made at the English School Carol Service, we were able to raise 7088 kr.

Finally, I suppose I should mention Carols round the Crib on the Friday between the main carol services. David welcomed the children and they looked at our lovely crib and the traditional figures it contains. I started with the song “Little Donkey”, and then the families present chose the other carols. Three or four choir members supported us and coffee and biscuits were available.

Unfortunately, we no longer hold a carol service in Uddevalla – partly due to the demise of our very good friend up

there Ronald Trimming. Nor was there any participation in the carol service at Hakarp, near Jönköping. Maybe we should reach out to the people concerned in the coming year.

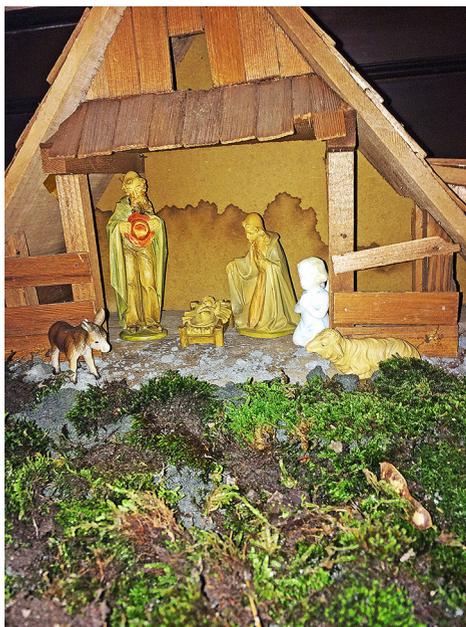
THE CHOIR

Several years ago we lost a lovely row of sopranos due to important life changes like marriage, the need for education or a living, and sadly one demise. Last year we lost several old-timers who claimed to have lost their voices. **Thank you** for sticking to us for so long!!

The good news is that our numbers have recently risen to NINE, including myself. As the range of voices is rather skew, though, we are appealing for **more sopranos and especially altos!!!**

We prepare the hymns for every Sunday and special songs or anthems for festivals. And I think members would agree that it is FUN!!!

Gillian Thylander – choirmistress



The crib



Baptism

26 February 2017

KANSIRIOCHI MICHELLE UZOMA

Passiontide to Easter Special Services

Sunday 9 April at 11:00
Procession of Palms and Passion Gospel

Thursday 13 April at 18:00
Maundy Thursday Eucharist with
Footwashing

Friday 14 April at 11:00
Good Friday: The Way of the Cross

Sunday 16 April at 11:00
Easter Day Family Communion

Special Sundays

Annual General Meeting
Sunday 23 April at 12:30

International Family Service
Sunday 7 May at 11:00

Bazaar/Garden Party

Saturday 27 May
11:00-15:00

ST. ANDREW'S GREAT ANNUAL LOTTERY 2017

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 Church Committee, I informed the members that I could no longer be held responsible for running the lottery in any way. I have been involved with it since its start in 1991 and have been trying to hand over this task for the past three years at least. Now it is high time to collect prizes if the tickets are to be ready for sale by Easter at the latest. This is the last possible date since two months are required for selling the tickets, and this needs to be completed before the holiday season.

I am able to inform you all that Tomas Fredén on the CC has heroically offered to take over the organization of the lottery. But that does not mean that everyone else can sit back and let him get on with it!! He is a very busy person. He needs a team of helpers. First of all, please look at the list of donors at the back of this magazine. We could do with some new and interesting shops, restaurants and hotels. At one time we picked up a lot of books in the February sales. Someone might like to donate a picture or tablecloth. What sort of thing would YOU like to win?

Once we have enough prizes, an official list has to be drawn up, approved and the tickets printed. Last year Therese Svanberg very kindly drew up the list and printed the tickets at her own office. There is a computer program designed by Stig Thylander for producing the tickets. Once the packs of 25 tickets are ready, another person could be in charge of finding sellers and keeping a record of sales and payments. The official manager of the lottery is our treasurer Steven Wray. He deals with the contacts with the "lotteri kontrollant" and reports on the results.

If you accept a packet of 25 tickets, do not be afraid to approach your family, friends, classmates or strangers. Swedish people are happy to have a go – especially when they see what lovely prizes we have! Maybe a family member can help you. My daughter Anne sells one pack amongst her colleagues at Mölndal's hospital. I usually give my godson Martin 10 tickets every year, and so far he has won a guitar, a lovely glass bowl and a book! I like giving tickets as birthday presents as well.

DEAR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION
OVER TO YOU!!!

Gillian Thylander

Concerts

Lunchtime concerts, Fridays 12:15

MARCH 17	RICCARDO GNUDI	ORGAN
MARCH 22	DAVID MAGDA	ORGAN
(Wednesday)	MARGIT HEGYESI HUDIK	SOPRANO
MARCH 24	RICCARDO GNUDI	ORGAN FLUTE
APRIL 21	RICCARDO GNUDI	ORGAN SOPRANO
APRIL 28	JUNGHYUN B LINDERHOLM YUKI TASHIRO JONAS OLSSON	CELLO VIOLIN PIANO
MAY 5	KARIN BIRGERSSON	PIANO VIOLA
MAY 12	RICCARDO GNUDI	ORGAN FLUTE SOPRANO

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Remember your Spirit



Life is an adventure and a journey into the unknown. I have been on my journey for 80 years. My path has taken many a turn, but through the grace of God I have enjoyed life's many blessings on the way.

I was born in South Africa, and I never dreamt of one day visiting Sweden. 51 years ago my friend and I were chosen to work as au pairs for a diplomatic family. We were able to travel to so many exciting places and we have seen and done so many wonderful things.

I would like to pay a tribute to my mother, and thank her for sending me off with her blessings and these wise words: Give your children roots, but also wings so that they can experience life. Her generosity made it possible for her, many years later, to visit me and experience so much herself.

One of my many joys, besides my work as a nurse, has been our Church. We have had so many people, mainly contract workers, from all over the world during the years. We got to know many wonderful friends, and some we still have contact with. I always felt so sad having to say goodbye when they left. I realized afterwards that we are all on our individual journeys. So now I embrace the people I meet in a completely different way, and am thankful that they have touched my life.

These last few years the church has been blessed with many young families, with lots of children. These have been mainly from Africa and India. They have filled the air with lots of laughter and joy.

Thank you all
Ann Gustafsson



The St Andrew's Ladies Guild

THE ST ANDREW'S LADIES' GUILD IN GOTHENBURG

The original "Ladies' Guild" was founded in the early 1930's by Dr. Frew, who was at that time Chaplain of St Andrew's Church in Gothenburg. We paid a small subscription and met regularly. In the early 1940's we were approached by Mrs Lithander, an English lady married to a Swede, and living in Gothenburg. She suggested that we start a branch of the British Red Cross and that we should all join together and work for war charities. Many garments were both sewn and knitted.

The first meeting of the reformed St Andrew's Ladies' Guild, Gothenburg was held on Tuesday October 12th, 1943, in the Anglo-Swedish Society's rooms, Arkivgatan. The Guild worked actively in helping with the repatriation of British soldiers who had been prisoners of war - providing both hospitality and clothing.

Towards the end of 1944 there was an exchange of prisoners of war on a very large scale. Three ships were then in action "Arun-delCastle", "Drottningholm" and "Gripsholm".

During the afternoon before the PoWs left, we were able to meet many of them, where they were quartered in a school in Majorna. We were all given tea and at a sing-song the chief favourites were "Take me back to dear old Blighty" and "Roll out the barrel". The day before they left we were able to go aboard and wish them Good speed. It was a happy occasion in many ways - and a tragic one too. Those of us who went below deck and spoke with those who were too ill to be up could never forget the tragedies of broken lives.

Many of them were too ill to speak much, but were grateful for a friendly word and a press of the hand. Many were the photo-

graphs we were shown, worn and fingered, of their loved ones - wives, children and parents. It brought home to us very clearly the uselessness of war.

Mary C. Boorman

The Ladies' Guild also knitted and sewed many hundreds of garments which were sent to London for children from the bombed areas, to Danish refugees, to Norway, Finland, Russia, Poland, Holland and later on to Greece. Money was also raised for many charities such as the Red Cross and King George's fund for Seamen.

Over the years the Ladies' Guild has taken part in many fund-raising activities for St Andrew's. The Guild manned the Church Bazaar tea-stall for many years. The Guild has provided Alter Linen and Cloths, an Alter Book to commemorate the Coronation, new vestments from the London School for church embroidery and a red carpet for the main aisle and pew cushions were donated by Margaret Lind. Money has been raised for various appeals as well as for the restoration of St Andrew's stained glass windows and the Marcusson organ. The Ladies' Guild has also donated a candle holder for the celebration of special occasions and a votive candlestand

Each summer the Guild celebrates with a special lunch outing.

Sources: Articles by Margaret Lind - one of the original members - and Gunvor Otter, former Secretary of the Guild.

Nancy Fjällbrant

At the last AGM it was announced that the Ladies Guild, due to dwindling numbers, could no longer continue in the way it had for so many years. I decided to try something new. A monthly meeting of The New International Ladies Guild, meeting once a month in

the café of the Smyrna Church. It's early days yet so I can't say if it is going to be successful or not, but will give it a try.

The final gift from the old Ladies Guild will be a green chasuble to be donated this February 2017. I hope when the congregation see our priest wearing it they will remember some of the older members of our church

who have worked and prayed gladly side by side to make St Andrews a happy, welcoming and loving church. It is their donations that have made it possible for us to have given these gifts.

*Marie Lygonis
President Ladies Guild
1995 - the present day*

Some donations to St. Andrews from the Guild, *from 1980*

Plants for garden

New felt on return pews

Domestic items

Candleholders for Advent candles

Dried flowers, Christmas trees

Items replaced in the flat

New poppies for Remembrance Day vases

New red Altar frontal (1982-83)

Vestments Electric kettle Service booklets

2500 kr. donation to Restoration Fund

New lawn mower Flower stand Stainless steel tray

Nave Altar Frontal and Vestments for use at Family Service (sewn by Kristine Ahvenainen)

Large cooking pot for the flat

Advent Candlestick and special candles 2000kr.

St Andrews Fund 1500kr.

New tables and chairs

Vases

New office chair.

Complete new carpeting for the church and renewal of pew seats.

Choir Robes.

Catering size thermos, and new refrigerator.

Votive Candlestick

Complete set of New Testament writings in Swedish (C.D)

A donation towards the wrought iron notice board outside church

A donation towards a new chasuble

2 new slates for the church

Computer software accounting programme

Donation to the organ fund

Flowers for all occasions.

There may have been other gifts, but these have been recorded in the A.G.M reports of the Guild.

St Andrews International Ladies Guild

We will meet in 2017 on Thursday April 6th and Thursday May 11th in the café of the Smyrna Church near the Haga tram stop. I'll be there between 11 00 – 13 00 if anyone would like to drop in for a chat and

a cup of tea/coffee.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Marie Lygonis Tel.0705 9208 77

Email marie@lygonis.com

Friday Lunchtime Concerts

It has been a very good start of the year with 5 lunchtime concerts and varying instruments. Riccardo Gnudi has continued to give us the pleasure of more organ concerts from the classical period on the Marcussen organ. Next Gabrielle Kaufman gave a beautiful performance on the solo cello. The wonderful duo of Pianobasso, piano and double bass, made a return visit and inspired us with classical composers played in a very sensitive, meditative way.

The following day we had, as an experiment, a Saturday Shoppers Lunchtime Concert with vocal and a lute, a new instrument for us. This resulted in our largest audience so far. We should consider repeating this on other occasions. Lastly on Friday



Anna Thunström sopran och Wezi Elliot lute the 24. February, it was good to welcome back Samuel Runsteen with the viola da gamba after a long absence.

Gisela Barnard



Samuel Runsteen viola da gamba and Arvid Nero vocals and guitar

The Anglo-Swedish Society Program is now on-line:

www.angloswedish.wordpress.com

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

Membership benefits include an active social programme.

www.britishclub.se



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