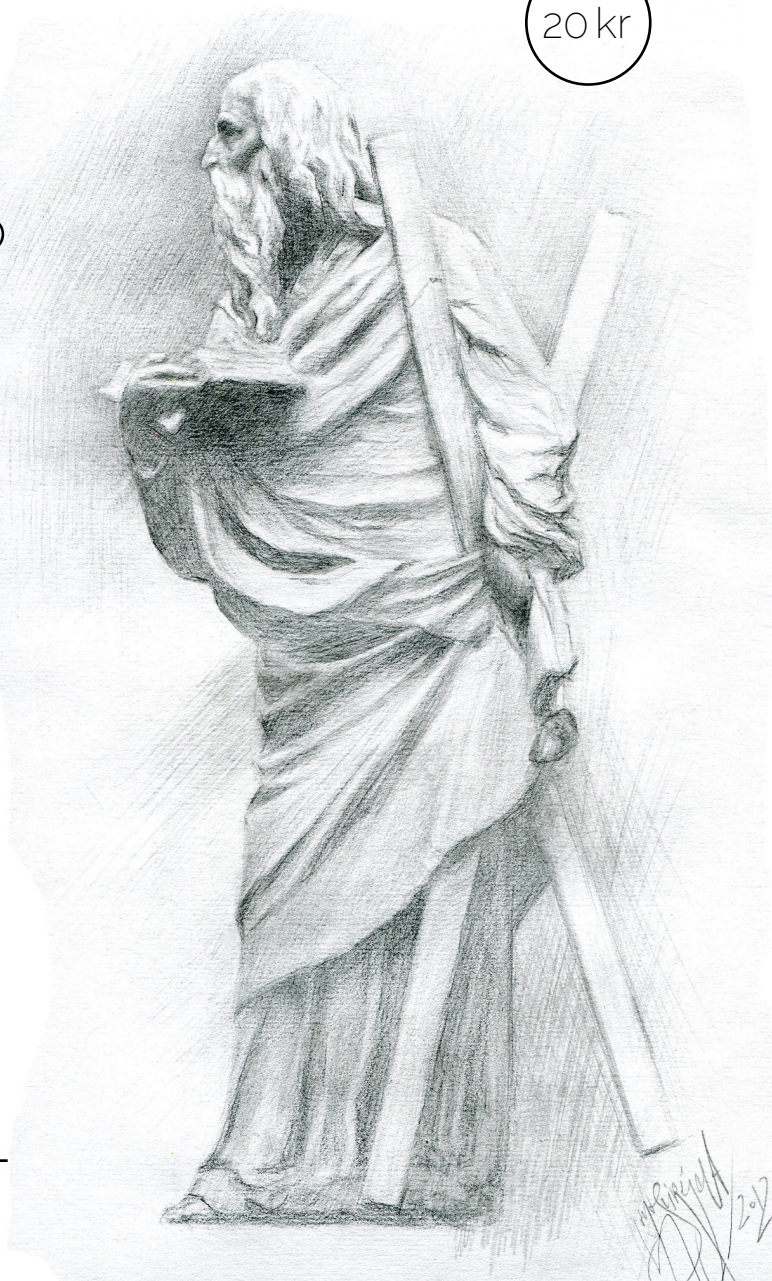


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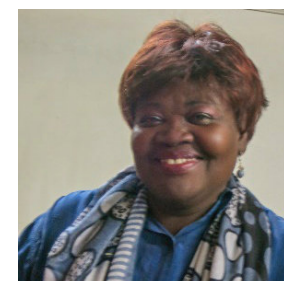
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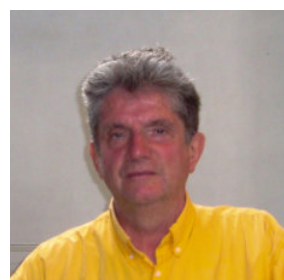
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## Letter from our Chaplain

"O give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious and his Love endures forever"  
Psalm 136 v1

Sunday the first of September we will gather as we do each Sunday for the Eucharist a word which we use to designate the Holy Communion. It is from two Greek words meaning "to give thanks and praise." Indeed this is the season of the harvest when throughout Christianity we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of his bounty in creation and we are reminded by the psalmist that his love and mercy endures forever.

I was once told that there are two prayers that are essential to say every day. In the morning "Help me" and at the end of the day "Thank You." It is not that all other forms of prayer are non essential but these two simple phrases sum it up. The Lord's Prayer says pretty much the same thing with the phrases, Give us this day...for yours is the Kingdom. To give thanks to God we acknowledge his love for us and we reap a harvest of thanksgiving and the bounty of his goodness.

I knew a person who was chronically ill and felt destitute and abandoned. She wondered what she had to be grateful for and realized that no matter how bad things were she should find something. So she looked at herself and realized that she could move her toes so she gave thanks. She realized she had her sight and hearing so she gave thanks. The more she thought of it she realized that while she had an illness that there was much that was right about her. The



more she gave thanks the more she realized what she had to be grateful for. The good outweighed the bad.

Let us come to this season of Thanksgiving with a spirit ready to harvest all the good in us as God's love is from everlasting to everlasting.

I leave you with this poem by the Russian writer Dostoyevsky:

Love All Creation  
The whole of it  
And every grain of sand.  
Love every leaf,  
Every Ray of God's light.  
Love the animals, the plants,  
love everything.  
If you love everything,  
you will perceive in all things  
The Divine Mystery.

David Bruce

## Magazine articles please

Have you anything you would like to say or draw our attention to, or perhaps you have some interesting experiences that you would like to tell us about.

If that is the case please take contact with us.

*Editor*

## A village square for the 21st century!

In my youth we would share news and information in our village centres. Nowadays we often rely on social media. To this end a few of us are working to make the St Andrew's page on Facebook more active.

To make this work we need your help. If you use Facebook then can you please

like the page. Then for every post please like them. This helps to share the information.

For events please feel free to share to your pages and groups.

Should you wish to share any news or photographs please send them via the pages mailbox or post directly.

*Thank you. Eileen*



## Services September – November

### **SEPTEMBER 1, Harvest Festival**

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Eileen Korczak

### **SEPTEMBER 8, Trinity 12**

LA: Gisela Barnard, Sam Champannil

Prayers: Andrew Korczak

### **SEPTEMBER 15, Trinity 13**

Celebrant: Alan Taylor

LA: Sam Champannil, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

### **SEPTEMBER 22, Trinity 14**

Celebrant: Alan Taylor

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Sam Champannil

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

### **SEPTEMBER 29, Trinity 15**

Celebrant: Andrew Wingate

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

### **OCTOBER 6, Trinity 16**

Celebrant: Andrew Wingate

LA: Sam Champannil, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

### **OCTOBER 13, Trinity 17**

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Jeanette Munro

### **OCTOBER 20, International Sunday**

**Ecumenical Service at the German Church. No service at St Andrew's.**

### **OCTOBER 27, Trinity 19**

LA: Sam Champannil, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

### **NOVEMBER 3, All Saints Day**

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Sam Champannil

Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

### **NOVEMBER 10, Remembrance Sunday**

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: The Willy Family

### **NOVEMBER 17, Trinity 22**

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Sam Champannil, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Eileen Korczak

### **NOVEMBER 24, St Andrew's Day**

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Andrew Korczak

### **DECEMBER 1, Advent 1**

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Gisela Barnard, Sam Champannil

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

### **DECEMBER 8, Advent 2**

LA: Sam Champannil, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

## Chaplaincy News



*Margaret Chinyere sings a nigerian song unacompanied at our Family Service in August*



*Harvest Festival auction of produce after the service but before the ploughman's lunch*

## Fellowship time

### **Coffee and tea served after our morning services**

Many years ago, one of our chaplains, *Bill Lister* together with his wife *Cathy*, said something that has stayed with me. It was that "the service does not end with the minister giving his blessing - *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*, and the reply - *In the name of Christ. Amen*. But it carries on

afterwards with a period of fellowship."

Here we maybe meet a new face, or an old friend revisiting. Just a few words and maybe a laugh, perhaps even a hug goes a long way.

Hope to see you all after the service,

*Ann Gustafsson*



## Lunchtime Concerts in Aid of St Andrew's Church

In the last few months we have been able to listen to a number of very good artists in St Andrew's Church. But two were rather special. Not only were they very accomplished, they also were very generous in that they donated their art to the well-being of St Andrew's Church,. Martin Apple, a guitarist, gave a very sensitive concert of classical music.



Patrick Holming, our very own Musical Director and organist, gave both a Lunchtime concert and an afternoon performance of pieces by Beethoven, Bartók, Wagner and Liszt, played beautifully. Together they raised SEK 6 660. For this they have our heartfelt thanks.

*Gisela Barnard*

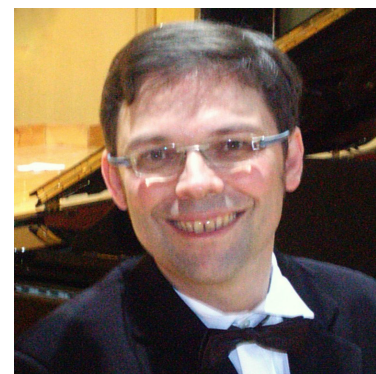


## Meet our new Music Director

**Patrick George Sonny Holming** was born in Harwich, England as the first of three children. His parents, father Hans Uno Holming from Finland and Mother Fay from England, settled however in Sweden and came soon to Gothenburg where Patrick grew up and received his formal education.

When Patrick was 4 years old, his parents bought an upright piano for 500 Swedish crowns at an auction. He immediately started to play on it... Soon after, he enjoyed his first instruction at the instrument. At twelve years of age, he bought a record with Beethoven sonatas.

This became one of the peak-experiences of his life... From that moment, this music did not leave him alone... He now wished to have a grand piano. With the aid of the saved children allowance, Patrick got a Yamaha grand piano. Until his 14th year, the young Holming wanted actually to study natural sciences; however, after two trial weeks at a lab, he discarded the idea. He sought out a Swedish pianist of repute: Ingemar Hedvall, and took lessons from him. He also enrolled for music courses that were then offered at the Swedish church and took lessons in organ and music theory, notably from Lars Nordh (Oscar Fredriks Church) and John Lassbo (Carl Johans Church).



He continued his musical studies in Austria where he studied at the University of Music and Dramatic Arts in Graz, studying piano with Chung Lee and Annamaria Bodoky-Krause. He also studied harpsichord, accompaniment and ancient music at the Johann-Josef-Fux-conservatory in Graz with Margret

Bogner. He has participated in several master classes, notably with Robert Riefling and Rudolf Kehrer. His piano teaching (1997) and Masters degrees (1998) were both awarded with distinction by the University of Music and Dramatic Arts in Graz.

In Graz, Patrick Holming was the organist of the Liberal Catholic Church and a substitute organist in Evangelical Churches.

Further, he has taught piano at music-schools in Austria, researched piano performance and lectured various groups of pianists and piano pedagogues. From 2005 till 2016 he taught piano in Bangkok first at Chulalongkorn University and then at College of Music, Mahidol University.

He has performed as a pianist in several countries (e.g. Finland, Croatia, Malta, Austria, Sweden and Thailand).

Currently, Patrick Holming is Director of Music at St Andrew's Church and teaches piano at music schools in Stockholm.

## List of forthcoming concerts

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

12.15 - Lunchtime concert  
Ryan O'Reiley and Hayley Reardon  
18.00 - concert  
Ryan O'Reiley and Hayley Reardon

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

18.00 - concert  
Richie Ros singer, "Odyssey Tour"

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

17.00 - 'Absolutely Fabulous'  
Presenting British Choral Music:  
Hammarö Kammarkör  
under Charlotte Nelsson  
Helena Strömberg: Piano and organ

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## The AngloSwedish Society

The Anglo-Swedish Society Program is on-line at [www.angloswedish.se](http://www.angloswedish.se)

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](http://www.britishclub.se)



The annual fee per family is 100.00 SEK. Anyone interested should contact Gisela Barnard (031 147101) or send an email to [membership@britishclub.se](mailto:membership@britishclub.se) to request more information.

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