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Letter from our Chaplain

Dear Family and Friends of St. Andrew's, This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. A significant time in our life as a Christian Community. We all know what it is about. But I want to take a different turn in looking at this time of the year. Especially since we tend to miss the real meaning of this season when we get too caught up in the business of this time of the year preparing for Christmas.

My sermon a while ago spoke of the Saboth as being God's way of taking time out and encouraging us to do the same. The Jewish/Christian saboth has us follow God's example of taking one day in seven to rest and reflect about life and our relationship with God and each other. When I was growing up Sunday the Saboth was a family day . We went to Church and came home for Sunday Dinner which often included guests and rested. We took time off for each other. Our Saboths needn't be just a day but they may include time during the days when we give ourselves time out to rest and reflect. But back to Advent.



This time of the year may also be referred to as the Winter Solstice. A time of going inward spiritually and taking time to recharge. I came across this article by Jessica Boehman (who also did the illustration) which I would like to share with you:

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.

Editors

The winter solstice time is no longer celebrated as it once was, with the understanding that this is a period of descent and rest, of going within our homes, within ourselves and taking in all that we have been through, all that has passed in this full year which is coming to a close... like nature and the animal kingdom around us, this time of hibernation is so necessary for our tired limbs, our burdened minds. Our modern culture teaches avoidance at a max at this time; alcohol, lights, shopping, overworking, over spending, comfort food and consumerism. And yet the natural tug to go inwards as nearly all creatures are doing is strong and the weather so bitter that people are left feeling that winter is hard, because for those of us without burning fires and big

festive families, it can be lonely and isolating. Whereas in actual fact winter is kind, she points us in her quiet soft way towards our inner self, towards this annual time of peace and reflection, embracing the darkness and forgiving, accepting and loving embracing goodbye the past year. "Winter takes away the distractions, the buzz, and presents us with the perfect time to rest and withdraw into a womb like love, bringing fire & light to our hearth". .. and then, just around the corner the new year will begin again, and like a seed planted deep in the earth, we will all rise with renewed energy once again to dance in the sunlight Life is a gift.

♥ a Happy winter to you all...

David Bruce , Chaplain



Services December – February

DECEMBER 22, Advent 4

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Eileen Korczak

DECEMBER 25, Christmas Day

LA: Gisela Barnard, Sam Champannil
Prayers: Andrew Korczak

DECEMBER 29, Christmas 1

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Sam Champannil
Prayers: Gisela Barnard

JANUARY 5, Christmas 2

9.30 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Eucharist
LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

JANUARY 12, Epiphany 1

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

JANUARY 19, Epiphany 2

LA: Gisela Barnard, Sam Champannil
Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

JANUARY 26, Epiphany 3

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Sam Champannil
Prayers: Jeanette Munro

FEBRUARY 2, Presentation of Christ

9.30 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Eucharist
LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

FEBRUARY 9, Epiphany 5

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

FEBRUARY 16, Epiphany 6

LA: Gisela Barnard, Sam Champannil
Prayers: Sonya Sunny

FEBRUARY 23, Epiphany last

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Sam Champannil
Prayers: Vongai Laasonen

MARCH 1, Lent 1

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

MARCH 8, Lent 2

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Eileen Korczak

MARCH 15, Lent 3

LA: Gisela Barnard, Sam Champannil
Prayers: Andrew Korczak

Chaplaincy News

St Andrew's Day



Everyone seemed to have a great time, both guests, helpers and entertainers



More dazzling pictures from the events of the day

IT MAY HAVE BEEN gray and unpleasant outside but in the church people were happy and excited to celebrate our patron saint St Andrew whose picture watches over us from high up in the windows. It was a lovely service with the choir singing well with some extra voices.

After the service everyone trooped over to the Haga rooms (Haga församlingshem) where the tables were already laid and a wonderful smell of food was telling everyone that lunch was ready. Many willing hands had been very busy already the evening before and in the morning, so that we all could enjoy the feast. Once people were seated Rev. David said a prayer and all could go and get their plates filled by those good cooks. Delicious! It was a happy atmosphere with people meeting up with friends and exchanging news while enjoying the food. For some entertainment the African Vocals sang for us some well-known songs in their special way. But our own choir with Gillian in the lead and Patrick at the piano did their good work and had us

joining in with their songs. It was fun.

But it was not just food and singing, Eileen and Sharmin were looking after a table with lots of goodies like cake and marmalade etc. for sale, as well as raffle tickets for a gingerbread house made by Eva (like every year), a basket with sweets and guess the weight of a Christmas cake. The gingerbread house had been looked at with great enthusiasm and longing by Ron's grandson, Emma's son Luke. When it came to the draw the winner was Rev. David who had observed Luke and had great pleasure in presenting Luke with the house. Very generous. Everyone was very happy, not least Luke.

Lastly I would like to thank all those hard working members of our congregation for a wonderful, happy and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you all and God bless you.

Gisela Barnard

INCOME FROM THE EVENT

79 lunch coupons were sold and the revenue earned was 7900 Kr

The revenue earned at Christmas table was 1570 Kr

A Big Thank you to all who helped

The church committee would like to thank leadership of Ann, Jeanette, Gisela and Sonia for organizing St. Andrews Lunch by selling tickets, organizing lunch, organizing Afro vocals and making the necessary arrangements.

Special thanks to Sonia for coordinating with church members a simple and delicious lunch, we thank you and the

people who supported directly and indirectly.

Thanks to Jeannette for providing us with Salmon, Chicken drumsticks and prawn mix.

Thanks to Sonia, Sherin & Jansi for providing us with Chicken curry.

Thanks Sonia for providing us with Rice.

Thanks Ivy for providing us with meat balls.

Thanks Gisela for providing us with Bread, marmalade and cake.

Thanks Sharmin for providing us with Cheese.

Thanks to Jeanette and Steffi for providing us with salad.

Thanks to Ann for providing us with potato sallad.

Thanks Rev. David for providing us with wine.

Thanks Steffi for providing us with soft drinks.

Thanks to Eileen for providing us with ice cream.

Thanks Esther for providing a Vegetarian dish.

Thanks Eva for providing us with Ginger bread (house model).

Thanks to all the volunteers from India in facilitating us by getting the Hall, Kitchen, utensils & plates cleaned after the program.

Thanks Ron, Mikael, Willi, Mathew and Mebin for assistance extended in arranging the tables at hall on Saturday evening.

Thanks to Eileen and Sharmin for sale of items at Christmas table (marmalade, cake, Ginger bread etc) and sale of Raffle tickets.

Thanks Steffi for assisting Ann in selling lunch coupon tickets at venue and consolidating the total sale of tickets.

Thank Rev.David for his leadership and Support.

Thank GOD for his mercy and enabling us to have a good fellowship during St. Andrews Lunch.

Note : Kindly apologies me incase I have missed out any person's name and kindly incorporate their name and let us all know.

With Best wishes and Warm regards,

Sabu

Secretary St.Andrews Church

CHOIR AT THE CAROL SERVICE - TWELVE LESSONS AND CAROLS



A real live crib outside Domkyrkan – only four minutes walk from St Andrew's



Amnesty International

Nearly 20 years ago we had a very active local Amnesty Group at St Andrew's comprised not only of our own church members but also of enthusiasts from other denominations. We used to go out in the streets regularly to collect money for this good cause, we put up exhibitions, including a fantastic one at the city Library, and we wrote letters on behalf of a series of s.c. cases worldwide. In 1991, on the 30th anniversary of the organisation – we planted the cherry tree in our church garden in memory of the "Disappeared", especially the ones in Chile.

Gillian Thylander

What has happened to our plans to provide space for a Sunday School each week for our children?

In the magazine for September 2018 the church committee printed an appeal in order to be able to build a room behind a glass partition in order to provide a space where the Sunday school could meet every week during the service. This idea came into being while we had a wooden partition built to protect the church during the building of the new toilet. We used the space behind, which the builders were using as storage, as a Sunday School. This was so popular that we even

asked if we could keep the partition temporarily – but this was not allowed. The original appeal is shown below. So far we have collected 55 680 kr and in addition been offered a grant of 100.00 kr. This grant will soon be terminated due to lack of action on our part.

Since the original appeal *the church committee have done almost nothing to promote this scheme* and are planning at the next Annual General Meeting to ask permission to *close this*

Appeal in order to build a Glass Partition at the back of the church

We are starting a plan for securing the necessary financing of a glass wall at the back of the church, which will enable us, among other things, to hold a Sunday School every Sunday. We have also applied for a grant that may help us. But we cannot afford to wait on possible grants since we consider it to be URGENT that we start the Sunday School as soon as possible. We have commissioned the arkitekt to produce a more realistic cost analysis of the project and to produce drawings for the same. The analysis shows that the total remaining cost ought to be about 440 500 kr. minus the 55 250 kr. already debited for the sketches needed for a preliminary approval by Länsstyrelsen.

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appeal and use the money for other purposes.

Some of the members of the congregation have been attending and worshipping at our church since the fifties. Many families with children have attended our services throughout the years, but due to the lack of space, when we have not been able to provide a regular Sunday School, we have lost them. Two years ago we had many families with children and an attendance of about 70 people each Sunday. The partition during the building works and its use in providing a temporary Sunday School raised our hopes. Since then many of these families have left us, and some are even now

contemplating going elsewhere. We have had a dream for many years of making it possible for children and younger people to make our church their home from home, with not only Sunday School but many other activities (choir, youth groups and so on).

Every month people have been putting money into the scheme. We hope that the committee can reconsider their decision and begin to seriously support the scheme. We feel assured that the glass partition (seen in the picture below, will not only make some of this possible but also be a beautiful addition to our church room.

Alan Taylor



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

List of forthcoming concerts January – March 2020

25. January Lunchtime concert:
Trio Joar Henriksen clarinet from Norway will play with Herman Henri Cellist and August Holmgren Pianist. The concert is to be centred around the Clarinet Trio op. 114 by Johannes Brahms and some other pieces.

31 January Lunchtime concert:
John Sarafian, classical guitar, is planning to play pieces by Villa Lobos, Bach, Sor, Tarrega and possibly Taube, Stanley Myers and others.

21. March Lunchtime concert:
Simon Kempston based in Edinburgh, singer-songwriter, acoustic fingerstyle guitarist. He plays folk and blues songs and material with the aim to perform as part of the 2020 live music programme. His latest album 'Broken Before' (engineered and produced by Ian McCalman of the McCalmans)

Lunchtime concerts start at 12.15 and finish 13.00. Entrance is 60.- (40.-for pensioners and students free)

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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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