



## March 2018 Special AGM Issue

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## Parish Newsletter



Dear Faithful and Friends of St. Augustine's,

We had our Annual General Meeting last month, and while up to 59 members attended, not everyone could be there. For this reason, this edition of the Newsletter will be an "AGM special," and will include (in an abridged form) the wardens' and treasurer's reports ... and mine too!

The Rector's Report is not a report about what the rector has been up to, but a report by the rector about the whole community. In many ways, 2017 is not a year I want to repeat – I am referring to my health and my bout with prostrate cancer. But it was still a good year for us as a community and for our mission.

**Worship:** Our Wednesday services – Eucharist or Morning Prayer – are now supported by some dedicated lay leaders. They were vital in continuing these services during my stay in hospital and Reha. Graham Elliot is trying out new forms of prayer ministry. In addition to our monthly prayer meetings (last Monday of the month, 6 pm), there is an opportunity for prayer every Sunday at 9:30 am before the service. Family services now take place roughly once a month. Over the year we had 10 (9 in 2016) baptisms, 3 (2) confirmation/reception, 5 (0) weddings and I officiated at 3 burials, sadly two of members of this congregation. That makes a total of 140 services last year, with an average Sunday attendance of 92 (97) people. We are still getting new members and worshippers, but due to the transient nature of our congregation, sadly many also move away.

**Formation:** Our Wednesday Bible Study "Coffee and Scripture" is well attended and attracts non-members. Friday Formation continues, though numbers are low, and last year's topics were the Apocrypha and the Book of Common Prayer. During Lent, 12 parishioners joined me on our annual retreat. We also had two pilgrimages last year – Canterbury and Wittenberg. Sunday school is popular and continues to grow, and we introduced and new crèche/nursery facility for infants. Our youth groups are still work in progress: we need at least one more adult volunteer to get the junior youth started.

**Ecumenical/Episcopal:** I don't need to remind you that we hosted the Convocation Convention last year. It went very well, you were great hosts and I'm told a hard act to follow. We are still waiting for a written lease agreement from the Church of England for the building (essential if we need a loan to finance the last projects) and for their clarification on jurisdiction.

Ecumenically we are very present and active: Dorothee Dziewas is a member of the ACK Wiesbaden Vorstand, together with Frankfurt we recently joined the regional

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- Madeline Bohr
- Rev. Chris Easthill
- Elaine White

Remember—this is YOUR Newsletter!

## **„Dear Faithful and Friends of St. Augustine’s“ (cont’d)**

ACK, and I am on the board of the national ACK (which got me a trip to Rome and a – brief – encounter with Pope Francis). Our local activities included the wonderful Geistreich pilgrimage walk, as well as invitations to take part in the Reformation celebration service and the “12 minutes with God” Advent series at the Marktkirche, two Prayer for Peace related activities at the Bonifatiuskirche, and the annual ecumenical Christmas Eve service at the Hauptbahnhof.

**Outreach:** We continued our cooperation with Rev. Dorothee in Romania, this is her last full year there and we are trying to organise a mission trip. Our refugee ministries have changed with circumstances. Once the American Arms centre closed, Music Night was discontinued. Instead Deborah Cole organises German Folksong singing sessions at the Hans Bredow Strasse site. It is vital that continue to advocate for protection and asylum for those who have had to flee conflict and persecution, this is mandated by our Christian faith. Our building is also used quite extensively by and for others: local schools, annual AIDS service, NA group, other churches, now including an Ethiopian Orthodox congregation.

**Community and Pastoral Care:** We cared for one another and you certainly cared for me! Your Vestry is very much part of this ministry. One thing I planned – building up and training a bereavement support team - lost out to my illness last year.

We had more events – both community building and fundraising – here than I can mention. They would not be possible without many hands, but I especially want to thank the Nelsons, Whites, Richards, Erika, Ivan, Deborah, and Madeline.

Every year Vestry and I have an away day, a retreat to pray and worship together, bond, especially new members, and to agree our projects and priorities for the year(s) ahead. Last year we looked at our vision and mission and over the course of the year developed concrete actions to further our goals in the following eight areas:

1. Be an open, friendly, welcoming, and inclusive Christian community.
2. Offer (mainly) English-speaking worship in the Anglican tradition enhanced by high quality music.
3. Welcome and engage the community outside the church
4. Play an active role in our local community supporting local concerns financially, with hands-on outreach, and by using our building as a resource and asset.
5. Grow in number, in faith, and in love for one another. Set an example for love and acceptance with worship, teaching, prayer and common life that is attractive.
6. Contribute where and how we can so the wider community we belong to (city, state, country) continues to be a good example for handling critical issues and crises.
7. Acknowledge many people’s fears of loss of identity and culture, recognising the need for safety and security, while rejoicing in our hope for peace and tolerance.
8. Be a beacon of hope, meeting the fear of the stranger with a model of openness, kindness, and acceptance. Bear witness to our faith by our lives and actions

At the AGM, the last four members elected at our very lively 2014 AGM rotated off. The circumstances were not auspicious. The special “save the church” slate of candidates was potentially divisive at a time when this church was already suffering from conflict and division. It could all have gone dreadfully wrong. It didn’t because they and the others who had rotated off the vestry in previous years understood the “save the church mandate” holistically: Saving the church as community (NB: the last part of that word is “unity”). Saving the church as God’s mission to those outside our doors. And also saving the church as place and base for mission, and as a landmark for this city. They were willing to work with me, they were willing to compromise, they were willing to ground their actions and decisions in reflection and prayer.

What is ahead of this year? More of the above! Personally, I have taken on a lot of extra governance responsibilities this year, most of them temporary. I am a member of the Council of Advice (the bishop’s „vestry”), co-chair of the Convocation Transition Committee, and a delegate to General Convention in July. I can only do this because I am well supported: by the Vestry, by Douglas, by all our staff, by my wife, and by all of you.

Yours in Christ,  
Chris+



### Senior Warden's Report 2018

John Richards

Whilst thinking back over the past twelve months and therefore what to say in this report, the first thing that came to mind was the joy and blessing that I have personally had whilst serving this splendidly diverse community.

I have long held the strong believe that a church is nothing if it is not proactive amongst itself and its own parishioners. I believe it is true to say that with the unstinting and spirit lead leadership of Fathers Chris and Douglas we are doing just this, and, in so doing, are moving most positively forward.

Our Lord tells us to love and care for one another and our various outreach programs such as the Teestube, and A Right to See are active signs of this love in action. The Nearly New, The English Book Shop and Kaffeeklatsch are also splendid opportunities for outreach as well as providing us with much needed income.

During Advent last year we opened our doors for several hours on a Wednesday and we are currently doing so again during this Lenten season, thus helping us to be an accessible place of prayer and peace for all.

This and much more is the result of a vibrant and active Vestry whom I also have had the honour to serve with these past 4 years. My deepest thanks for your hard work, candid and honest discussions and support over this past year. I especially want to thank my two "strong right arms" Nina and Susan for their unstinting energy and commitment. My deepest admiration and thanks to you all. I know this will get me into trouble but I'm risking it anyway! Jim White is not only a cherished friend with whom I spend far too many Saturdays, he is a tirelessly committed member of our church and I have been honoured to work alongside him. Well he's up for another round, some people just never seem to learn!

Our treasurer has reported in detail regarding our financial status and also our current planned expenditures. All this will only be possible with your continued support; so I ask all of us to again prayerfully look at our financial commitment to our beloved church. This year saw the passing of three former rectors including Father Karl Bell who was our priest for 10 years, we thank Almighty God for their lives and service to our community.

It would be remiss of me not to mention dear Fr. Chris's health issues this past year. With the grace of GOD and dedicated expert medical help, we continue to pray for his full recovery. I will never forget the moment he announced his condition to the Vestry, huddled as we were in the Sacristy. While it was a deeply moving and humbling reminder of our mortality, it was also a visible demonstration of our love for one another.

## Annual General Meeting (cont'd)

### Senior Warden's Report 2018 (cont'd)

John Richards

A Church is only as strong and effective as its congregation and that's each and every one of us. I would like therefore to make my last act as your senior warden, one of a call for continued action. So, with renewed vigour, and charged with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us set ourselves new goals that will surely make us a beacon of his love here in Wiesbaden.



St. Augustine's congregation at this year's AGM (Annual General Meeting) on 24 February 2018

### Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting

Jim White, Treasurer



My fellow parishioners and friends,

I am pleased to be able to stand in front of you today and report that we remained financially solvent throughout 2017. This is, of course, solely due to your generous financial support, hard work and is a sign of your personal commitment to St Augustine's and I thank you.

As of 31 December 2017, our account balances were as follow:

Deutsche Bank 00 Account (Operating Account)	4,783.65€
Deutsche Bank 01 Account (Endowment Fund)	11,295.49€
Deutsche Bank 02 Account (Organ Fund)	8,879.45€
Deutsche Bank 03 Account (Capital Campaign)	49,909.02€
Investment (Endowment Fund Bonds)	33,793.52€
Loan Receivable	541.72€
Board of Foreign Parishes (Dollar Account)	\$4,804.38



### Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting (cont'd)

2017 has seen us take on numerous challenges with financial impacts – the largest being the continuation of our Capital Campaign. This year, we saw the completion of several major projects, the new bathroom, the underfloor heating in the office, and the refurbishment of the exterior doors. Only the money from the doors came from the German authorities, everything else was paid for by your generous support of the Capital Campaign and of our fundraising activities.

Looking ahead, 2018 will see us tackle the biggest project of our renovation efforts with the replacement of the heating system. While we have ~70% of the projected cost of 100,000€ on-hand or pledged, we must raise the remaining balance or we will lose the €25,000 worth of grants from the city, NASPA bank and Convocation. As a sign of our personal commitment to our community, Elaine and I will give an extra pledge of 5,000€ towards the project and I hope you will see fit to donate as well.

This year, the Vestry continued their actions to streamline our financial management practices and increase transparency. Among them are our use of standardized accounting forms for fundraising events, dual counting of the Sunday plate collection, and strengthened oversight on reimbursement procedures. While these may seem like “administrivia,” they are important measures needed to document our financial position. They are also necessary to ensure that the German tax authorities continue to recognize our non-profit status.

While I believe these are all positive trends, I also think that we must not become complacent. As an example, I think one of our basic financial goals should be the ability to cover our operating expenses through our pledge income. Unfortunately in 2017, pledges only made up 56% of our total income and would have covered around 58% of our total expenses. At best, I think our current level of pledging is stagnant. Therefore, I strongly urge all members to seriously consider, or reconsider, your pledge to the church.

Across the spectrum of our activities, our fundraising efforts continue to be a bright spot, and the funds generated by them are a vital component of our budget. This year, our fundraising activities brought in 19.6% of our total income. I have to congratulate everyone on your generous support to our fundraising activities as they bring in the needed revenue, which allows us to operate. However, we must also be mindful of the income limits authorized by the German tax authorities.

In closing, the past three years have seen a significant improvement in our financial position and this fact is entirely due to your continued generous financial support and hard work. As your treasurer, I remain committed to a basic fiscal outlook of paying our bills on time, reducing our expenses where appropriate, and saving for our future. Finally, I cannot thank enough the Vestry, Christine, Wendy and Heidi for all of their efforts on our behalf – their assistance and support is simply put - invaluable. Thank you all.



Thank you („Merci“) to the retiring members of the Vestry. From left to right: Susan Pinnells (Secretary); John Richards (Senior Warden); Nina Scheicher (Junior Warden); Andrea Noble; Karen Onders; Rev. Chris Easthill.

At our Annual General Meeting last Saturday the following were (re-)elected to the six vacant positions: Madeline Bohr, Collin Clibon, Graham Elliot, Kristin King, Robert Vukovic, and Waseem Zahoor.

They join continuing members John Adams, Deborah Cole, Juliana Fiedler, Andy Pickersgill, Simon Sarrafi, and Audrey Shankles.

At the constituting Vestry meeting immediately following the AGM, the new Vestry elected their officers for the 2018/19 term. They are:

- Sr. Warden:** Deborah Cole
- Jr. Warden:** Audrey Shankles
- Secretary:** Collin Clibon
- Treasurer (ex officio):** Jim White



Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Rector's Cross for their commitment and involvement at St. Augustine's. From left to right: John Richards, Roxane Richards, Rev. Chris Easthill, Deborah Cole.

## The Pancake Supper

Elaine White

Our annual pancake supper at St. Augustine's, as in most other Anglican parishes, marks the end of the season of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. We always do it up right, with lots of food, costumes, games, and frivolity.

Our traditional Mistress of Ceremonies, Jeanne Nelson, was preparing for the change of church seasons at home by removing the last of the Christmas decorations from the living room, but unfortunately this did not go as planned. As most of you know, Jeanne fell from her perch and broke her leg quite badly. This was both a catastrophe for Jeanne and a big blow to the pancake supper, as Jeanne is always the moving force behind this celebration—so much so that we briefly considered canceling the festivities!

But ultimately, we decided this would be letting Jeanne, and the parish, down—so we marshaled our forces and organized it based on previous years. We managed to produce the food and even some of the games, including bingo and pass-the-pancake, and if the table settings were not quite as impressive as usual, that was to be expected.

We consumed amazing amounts of pancakes, sausages and bacon, which left us fortified to face the challenges of Lent. We are glad to say that Jeanne is now recovering and healing at home, and we hope to see her back at church soon.



### Capital Campaign Report

*Based on Nina Scheicher's Junior Warden's Report at the AGM*

Looking back to **2014**, when we started preparing for our Capital Campaign, much major work has been done:

- Preparatory work in 2014 (electrical, roofing, fire protection door, lightning conductor): € 8,000
- 2015: Refurbishment Facade / Portal: € 80,000
- 2016: Interior: plastering, renovation entrance area (vestibule partition, plastering and painting, new furniture) € 27,000
- 2017: Renovation toilet and office (underfloor heating), main and tower door: € 23,000.

For **2018** our plans are to tackle:

- New church heating system: minimum € 100,000
- Minor repairs and improvements:
- Securing undercroft window and door lintels (corrosion): € 8,000
- Window bars in sacristy: € 1,500
- Crack monitoring above door to sacristy: tbd
- Window in side altar storage room (done)
- Rain-pipe western façade: € 2,800

Longer term (**2019ff**) projects include:

- Eastern façade (mostly roofing work): € 30,000
- Remove old chimney (perhaps restore façade/window): € 20,000+
- Apse roof repair: € 20,000
- Surface finishing of west wall in nave (interior): tbd
- Long term:
- Further work on south and west façade (cornices, window sills, gables) and tower entrance façade
- Repaint church interior (DIY!)
- Stairwell to undercroft
- Drainage
- Electricity and Lighting
- Ramp/barrier-free access
- New WC and kitchen in undercroft.

Since starting the Campaign – until the end of 2017 – we have managed to raise €266,000 .... and spend € 195,000. We should be looking to raise at least another €50,000 in 2018 – to add to our current balance of €70,000.

We can be very grateful to the Ortsbeiräte of the City of Wiesbaden, our Convocation, and the NASPA who together provided €25,000 in grants for the heating project.



**Eine Kur für die  
Englische Kirche:  
Be part of it!**



### **Santa Maria a Ferrano Retreat Center 2018 Santa Maria a Ferrano, Pelago (near Florence), Italy**

- March 26 - 31: "The Wind Blows Where it Wills" (John 3:8), a pre-Easter Retreat to deepen our understanding of God's presence with us - a time to rediscover the gift of new life in Christ, in the dynamic reality of God. A visit to Florence and art will be part of the retreat.
- June 21 - 24: Meditation Retreat with Berta Meneses, Zen meditation teacher and Roman Catholic religious from Barcelona - for all who want to deepen their meditation practice.
- July 29 - August 12: Work Retreat: a time to contribute to the care of Santa Maria with others from different parts of the world. We begin the day with meditation, scripture reading and a shared reflection, dedicate the first part to work and the rest of the day to recreation.
- August 26 - 31: Colori e Sapori, a Painting Course with Belgian artist Dora Seaux - for all who enjoy creating beauty with colors, for beginners and experts alike!
- August 31 - September 2: The Art of Small Steps - Connecting to our Full, Human Potential, interactive seminar with Christine Gruwez, Belgian philologist and author on contemporary spirituality. We will investigate practical ways to move beyond a dualistic perception of the world ("either ... or") to the possibilities opened up by recognizing polarities ("both... and"). Gentleness and an open spirit are key elements of this process. Included will be art exercises.
- September 21 - 28: Called into Loving Relationship - living foundation of our faith, community and ministry. An opportunity to take time with God and ourselves, to reflect on how God calls us into loving, responsible and nurturing relationships with one another, God, ourselves and all of creation. Biblical texts will guide us. A visit to Florence and art will be part of the retreat.
- September 28 - 30: Stories of Ancient, Feminine Wisdom, storytelling seminar (in English and Italian) with Giovanna Conforto - director of the Italian Storytelling Center and teacher at the International School of Storytelling (Emerson College, England).

Please inquire for more information about the events that interest you: [ars.ferrano@gmail.com](mailto:ars.ferrano@gmail.com) [www.santamariaferrano.it](http://www.santamariaferrano.it)



### News

Rev. Chris Easthill



On Sunday, 18th February I was invited to attend and participate in the installation of Stephan Da Re as Pfarrer of the nearby evangelische Johanneskirche. It was an ecumenical celebration. Stephan's good friend and Roman Catholic colleague Joachim Wichmann also took part, and shared the sermon. Pfarrer Da Re is also a good friend of St. Augustine's and a regular visitor at Evensong.

On Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Augustine's and Christ the King, Frankfurt jointly became members of the regional Council of Churches, the ACK Hessen/Rhein Hessen. As part of the Council of Anglican Episcopal Churches in Germany, we are already represented at national level and – as you can read below in Dorothee Dziewas' annual report, are also very active locally.



### Ecumenical Activities

Dorothee Dziewas

In 2017 our ecumenical activities have been many and joyful and included the following:

- The annual World day of Prayer in March, traditionally attended by representatives of the Women of the Church and organized by our Old Catholic friend Christine Rudershausen (who would love to get more women involved, by the way, so maybe this is for you!)
- „Geist-reich pilgern“ – a Pentecost pilgrimage from the Friedenskirche to the Neroberg with different churches providing stations with typical liturgical elements on the way (Thanks to Ivan and other enthusiastic singers who contributed to ours); it was a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow Christians from different traditions!
- The Night of the Churches – always a highlight and a very public contribution from our Anglican/Episcopal church
- „Friedenslicht von Bethlehem“ – a prayer for peace involving several churches just before Christmas, Fr. Chris and I taking part from St. Augustine's
- Joint services with our Old Catholic brothers and sisters, twice a year

As official delegate to the ACK, the „Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen“ (Council of Christian Churches) and board member I organize and take part in meetings with delegates from now 15 other churches in Wiesbaden (Esther Onwubuariri is a substitute, and Fr. Chris is a pillar of this work). We plan ecumenical events, help new migrant churches to find a building to worship in, and generally learn more about our different traditions of the catholic, protestant and orthodox denominations. Unfortunately, our current chair, the Roman Catholic priest

**Ecumenical Activities (cont'd)**

and deputy city dean, Stephan Gras, will be leaving in May to take over the German parish in Barcelona, so there is another change in staff ahead.

Fr. Chris, as the Anglican delegate to and now board member of the national Council of Churches (ACK Deutschland), has been very active during the reformation celebrations and most recently at the ecumenical worship service in Augsburg marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On many more occasions he is networking among his colleagues in Wiesbaden, being a brilliant ambassador for our congregation and our denomination!

Ending on a personal note, I would like to say how much I enjoy working with Christians from other churches in Wiesbaden (and beyond) – such a culturally and spiritually enriching experience! It may not always be visible from your seat in the pew on Sunday mornings, but there is a great and diverse Christian community outside our own church doors! I would like to encourage all of you to make good use of the various opportunities in 2018 to benefit from this fact.

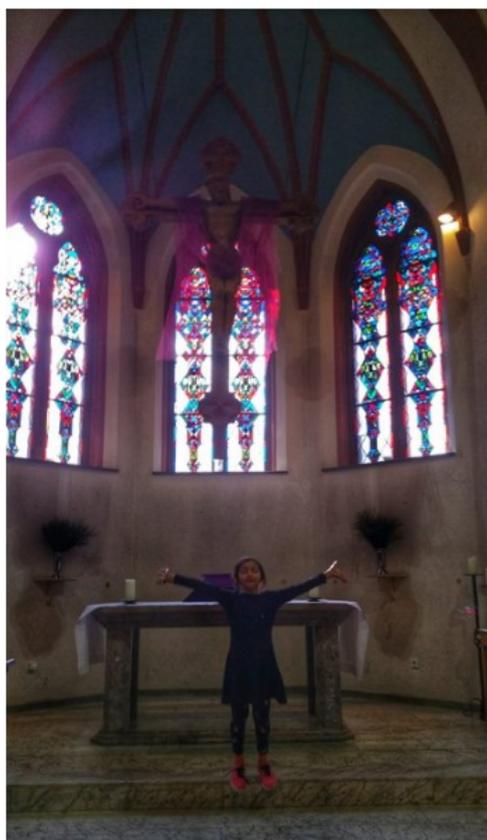
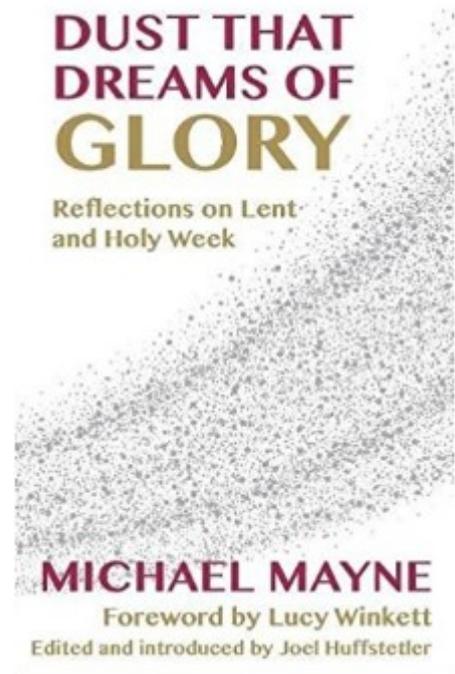


Photo of the Month, Gaby Onders  
photographed by Lisa Planz

This month's selection is my Lenten book, a collection of sermons by the late Michael Mayne, an Anglican priest and former Dean of Westminster Abbey. The title comes from a sermon on Ash Wednesday when he reminds us that we are 'dust,' "but dust that dreams of glory. Dust that has been claimed by God." How Christ redeems our lives, and our weaknesses, and in Mayne's case even the illness that eventually took his life, is a guiding theme. Michael Mayne was once asked: 'What should I give up for Lent?' He replied: 'Felling guilty!' And I suggest that you take this book on as a Lenten spiritual discipline.

As always, you are welcome to borrow this or any other of my "picks."

Father Chris



## Burns Night Supper

John Richards



“Let auld acquaintance be forgot...”



Thus ended another joyous and memorable Burns Night Supper at St Augustine's, and indeed I am sure many other such celebrations of the great Scottish Baird around the world!

More than 20 years ago Roxane and I came up with the idea to have a Burns Night celebration as a fundraiser for St A's. We had had such evenings in our house in Scotland. A long time then passed before we again decided to offer the idea to our vestry, the rest, as they say, is history!

This year in January we had our third such evening, offering 50 places for paying guests and 10 complimentary places for the contributors at the top table.

So many joyous and intriguing aspects go to make this evening such fun for all concerned. For Roxane and me it is the culmination of several months of planning and organizing, followed by ten days of very intense food preparations. We make it as “authentic” as possible, which entails bringing much of the raw ingredients from Scotland, including around 12 kilos of Haggis. As I write, I have not had to explain my self to the German Zoll (customs) and I pray the Lord will keep it so!!

A chance meeting between Fr Chris and a delightful German Doodlesack-Spielerin (Female Bagpipe player) has provided us with live pipe playing on the night. I really want to add here what a joy and blessing such occurrences are. Kirsten has become “Our Piper,” and during the course of this year's celebrations said to me most happily that she would come at any time during the year and play for us if we so desired!



The evening is seldom without its dramas! I will personally never forget our first one, when I decided to cook everything in our church kitchen-- all proceeded well until I attempted to use all four power rings and the oven simultaneously! Bang! And out went the electricity. PANIC!!! The solution was my old compadre Jim White standing at the fuse box upstairs waiting for the next holler from below to turn the power back on! (We cook ahead at home now...) Illness precluded our dear piper one year, and again JW stepped into the breach with a bagpipe recording, which we played through our sound system to pipe in the Haggis.



Following eating, drinking, and speeches, we end our evening with traditional Scottish dancing. So far this has all gone off extremely well with no need for hospitalization or resuscitation!

## Events (2)

Another St A's tradition here is a dance rehearsal called on the Saturday preceding the event. Woe betide those not attending, as no mercy is given on the night!

I hope this has whetted the appetite of those of you who have yet to book tickets for this event. God willing and, as Jim would add, "the Creek don't rise" we will be holding our fourth BNS next January 2019.



Country dances including „Strip the Willow“



Many thanks to John, Roxane and their team of trusty helpers who helped make the event such a success.



Piping in the Haggis



Our very own „Scotswoman“  
from Edinburgh, Jillian  
Süssner



Elaine White

Recently we were invited to lunch, and were served this excellent Smoked Salmon Soup. Before **Kaffeeklatsch starts up again on 17th March**, we'd like to share this recipe with you to enjoy at the end of a long winter.

### Smoked Salmon Soup

#### Ingredients

- 1 knob of Butter
- 2 Leeks, halved and sliced
- 1kg. Potatoes diced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 litre Chicken or Veg. stock
- 100 mls double cream
- 200g smoked salmon, cut into strips

#### Method

- Heat the butter in a large pot , add leeks & bay leaf, cook over a low heat 8 - 10 min. until leeks are really soft.
- Stir the potatoes through until coated in butter,
- Pour stock and cream over the vegetables and bring to simmer for 10-15 min.
- Add two-thirds of smoked salmon, stir through and season with salt and pepper.
- Serve the soup with remaining strips of salmon.

Submitted by Jillian Süssner



## Outreach

### Outreach News

Fleur and Wolf-Dieter Donecker

The Outreach Committee meets every two or three months to discuss which projects St Augustine's should support and how any ongoing support is progressing. We have a considerable annual budget of €2,400 which goes quite a long way to do something for others less well off than we are. We also receive a number of extra donations for various projects which make our budget go further.

The committee is made up of John Adam, Deborah Cole, Fleur and Wolf-Dieter Donecker, Dorothee Dziewas, Fr Christopher Easthill, Monika Ehrentraut, Justice Onuoha and Theo Patsios.

At the moment, we support:

1. The Teestube which is part of the German protestant church's work for the homeless. We will provide and help with two breakfasts this year, one in August and one in October. We also provide and serve brunch on Christmas Eve. This includes a brief Christmas service, sitting with the guests and talking to them, not always easy because of various language barriers, but we try.
2. Our four Pakistanis – John and Deborah have done a great deal to support them in all sorts of ways, including legal aid. The four of them have become real members of St Augustine's who take part in many activities, including providing delicious food at the Christmas bazaar.
3. Romania: We support the Rev Dorothee Hahn, a missionary in Romania, in her work there by sending over-the-counter medication that is very difficult to come by in Romania and by financing at least in part the transport of the Christmas boxes to Romania. There is a tentative trip to Romania to possibly help with various projects there planned for later on this year. Anyone interested in this idea please speak to a member of the Outreach Committee.
4. Malawi: St Augustine's started supporting the German organisation Hilfe für Malawi some twelve years ago when the founder of the organisation asked if St Augustine's was interested in helping support an Anglican hospital in Malawi. Our then priest Mother Martha Hubbard jumped at the opportunity. Two young Malawian MA students used to come to services at St Augustine's regularly while they were working on their masters' theses in Idstein. Both of them have moved on in their special field of interest - public health – and have obtained PhDs since then. Paul is working now in the medical research department of Merck, Darmstadt, and Jacob has returned to work for the government in Malawi.

In 2016/17 our financial help for Malawi was concentrated on providing essential medicines to the NdiMoyo palliative care centre in Salima/Malawi and for further training of St Anne's staff in palliative care.

5. Hildastift: This is a home for old people not far from St Augustine's. A group from our church visit people at the Hildastift who do not often have visitors of their own. We also arrange to sing Christmas carols at the Hildastift.

## Outreach (2)

### Are you adventurous, flexible, willing to help ...

If your answer is yes to all three, then you are someone who will enjoy the trip to Romania being tentatively planned by St Augustine's. For ten days between the 25<sup>th</sup> June and the 8<sup>th</sup> July this year a small group, not more than ten, will travel to Husi in Romania to help with a building project or to teach English or German. For details please talk to Fr Chris or anyone on the Outreach Committee.



Rev. Dorothee Hahn visits St. Augustine's from Romania on 4 March 2018



### UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

Kay Hollis, UTO Coordinator

The United Thank Offering (UTO) Spring Ingathering will be held on Sunday, 24 June 2018. The UTO is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It is the sum of our daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives--for good weather, happy times, a job opportunity, and unexpected visits--there are so many things for which we can be thankful. We can be thankful to God for blessings and take action by putting coins in our Blue Box; you can make it fun for the children in the family by having them use the Blue Box as a "piggy bank" and place a coin in the box each time they want to thank God for His blessing(s).

The United Thank Offering is an organization founded by women in 1889 and originally supportive of women missionaries. It has become a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church--for men, women and children throughout the world.

The power of the Blue Box is unlimited. Your prayers and offerings have built churches and schools, made needed renovations, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless and have provided care and support for those with physical, mental and emotional challenges. We will forward our collected offering to the UTO Offices in New York City where it becomes part of a fund within the Episcopal Church which supports Mission Projects all over the world.



If you would like to know more about the UTO, please ask me. We need you! Regular, intentional thanksgiving can make a difference in your life, as well as in the lives of those who receive your offering.

You will find the UTO Blue Boxes, envelopes and brochures on the tract-rack at the back of the church. Please remember to bring your Blue Box (or, Blue Envelope) to church with you on 24 June!



51. For a Birthday

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From *The Common Book of Prayer*

March	17	The Rev. Douglas Robinson
	19	Victoria Clibon
	20	Andy Pickersgill
	22	Gabrielle Vogel
	22	Sofia Rosales
	25	Erika Le Roux
	25	Robert Milan
	27	Jan Milan
	28	Shirley Blenkinsop
	29	Leena Eilitta

April	1	Eric Dillenberger
	2	Nicole Tjarks
	2	Renate Selkirk
	6	Theo Patsios
	8	Harrison Williams
	8	Asher Masih
	12	Sean Long
	14	Ibran Masih
	15	Emmanuel Onwubuariri
	16	Dave Onwubuariri
	20	Gaby Marahrens
	26	Zoila Kornrumpf
	27	Marian Oshyra
	29	Leena Eilittä



## Upcoming Events

- March 2: Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm
- March 2: Lenten Course 7.30 pm
- *March 2 – 4: Parish Lenten Retreat: “Feeling the Spirit: Examining our own Lives”*
- March 4: Holy Eucharist with Sunday School 10.00 am
- March 7: Holy Eucharist (10.00 am) and Bible Study (11.00 am)
- *March 8 – 10: CAECG Meeting in Berlin*
- March 9: Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm
- March 9: Lenten Course 7.30 pm
- March 11: Holy Eucharist with Sunday School 10.00 am/Rev. Dorothee Hahn visits
- March 11: Outreach Committee Meeting 12.00 noon
- March 14 Holy Eucharist (10.00 am) and Bible Study (11.00 am)
- March 16: Music Section (Worship Committee) 10.00 am
- March 16: Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm
- March 16: Lenten Course 7.30 pm
- March 17: Spring Clean-up Day (9.30 am)
- March 17: Kaffeeklatsch/Nearly New/Book Sale 11.00 am – 2.00 pm.
- March 18: Joint Service at the Old Catholic Church at 11.00 am!!
- March 21: Holy Eucharist (10.00 am) and Bible Study (11.00 am)
- March 22: Vestry Meeting 6.30 pm
- March 24: Kaffeeklatsch/Nearly New/Book Sale 11.00 am – 2.00 pm.
- March 24: First Aid Training 2.30 – 4.30 pm
- March 25: Palm Sunday: Eucharist with blessing of the palms and procession at 10:00am
- March 28: Tenebrae 8:00pm
- March 29: Maundy Thursday: Soup supper 6:00pm, Eucharist and foot washing 7:00pm, All-night Vigil 8:00pm – 7:00am
- March 30: Good Friday: Good Friday Liturgy 7:00am, Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 7:00pm
- March 31: Great Vigil of Easter 9:00pm
- April 1: Easter Sunday: Eucharist with Flowering of the Cross followed by Easter egg hunt 10:00am



## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

### **St. Augustine of Canterbury Frankfurter Straße 3, 65189 Wiesbaden**

- Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross at 7pm
- Palm Sunday 25th March: Eucharist with blessing of the palms and procession at 10:00am
- Wednesday 28th March: Tenebrae 8:00pm
- Maundy Thursday 29th March:
  - Soup supper 6:00pm
  - Eucharist and foot washing 7:00pm
  - All-night Vigil 8:00pm – 7:00am
- Good Friday 30th March
  - Good Friday Liturgy 7:00am
  - Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 7:00pm
- Saturday 31st March: Great Vigil of Easter 9:00pm
- Easter Sunday 1st April: Eucharist with Flowering of the Cross followed by Easter egg hunt 10:00am