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## Welcome to The Forum!

One of the issues raised most often by delegates to Synod this year was communication in our Church. It was felt that we do not talk to each other often enough or effectively enough. These days, of course, there are so many media – forms of communication like emails and websites have become a staple part of what all organisations, including churches, do as a routine (I remember the surprise on someone's face back in 1999 when he visited me at St Anne's and discovered that there were computers in the Vestry! "Do churches really use computers?" was the bemused question). The important issue for all Christians, though, is how we work effectively via the electronic airwaves without losing the face to face contact which is at the heart of *koinonia* or the communion of Christians. Perhaps reading about each other in these pages will encourage us to make 'real' contact: perhaps, as we learn about the different ways in which Lutherans in this country express their faith, we will grow also to realise that there is far more that unites us than divides us. We may learn, I hope, that to be a Lutheran here is an exciting challenge that we share with people of many nationalities and cultural backgrounds.

This season after Pentecost (or after Trinity, depending on your particular church calendar) retells the story of the growing Christian church, and asks us to reflect on the ways in which we keep that story going. We are sent by the Lord to live the Gospel, and to proclaim it: and that is all about communicating with each other, and with the people among whom we live. Let us hope and pray that in the pages of *The Forum* we will meet our brothers and sisters; discuss with each other the issues that really matter to us; conduct the business of our church; and all of that will lead us to action in the Name of our Saviour.

And *The Forum* seems a highly appropriate name for this quarterly magazine.

According to the *Collins Essential English Dictionary*, a forum can be:

1. a meeting or medium for the open discussion of subjects of public interest;
2. (in ancient Roman cities) an open space serving as a marketplace and centre of public business; or
3. a pressure group of leaders and representatives.

Whichever of those definitions we look at, it is clear that a forum is a place where people can meet, discuss, do business and take action. The point of this newsletter is just that: a meeting point for all our LCiGB congregations and chaplaincies, a medium in which readers can find out what is happening in our church, and where we can discuss issues that are particularly relevant to us. The content will depend on you, dear reader – we will be looking for articles, pictures, poems, jokes, reflections and news items from all our congregations. So please, do help by sending anything you think might interest other Lutherans in these islands to the Editor.

Finally, let us commit this work to God in the splendid words of the Journalists' Prayer (found in St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, the journalists' church):

*Almighty God, strengthen and direct, we pray, the will of all whose work it is to write what many read, and to speak where many listen. May we be bold to confront evil and injustice: understanding and compassionate of human weakness; rejecting alike the half-truth which deceives, and the slanted word which corrupts. May the power which is ours, for good or ill, always be used with honesty and courage, with respect and integrity, so that, when all here has been written, said and done, we may, unashamed, meet Thee face to face, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

**Bishop Jana Jeruma-Grinberga**

## The LCiGB in the East Midlands

On 16 April 1961, representatives from four independent English-speaking Lutheran congregations gathered together in the Lutheran parish hall in Corby, Northamptonshire, and established the United Lutheran Synod in Great Britain, which, with several changes of name *en route*, is now the Lutheran Church in Great Britain. Two of the congregations, St John's in London (now St Anne's), and Augsburg in High Wycombe, were from the south of England, and two, Holy Trinity at Hothorpe Hall, and St Paul's in Corby, were from the East Midlands. Very shortly afterwards, another English-speaking congregation, the International Lutheran Congregation in Leicester, joined the newly formed Synod. In the mid-1960s monthly services in English were started by the German-speaking congregation in Nottingham and a pattern for English-speaking Lutheran ministry in the East Midlands was completed.

For many years the East Midlands was one of the strongest areas for the LCiGB. There were regular services, resident pastors and church buildings in Corby, Hothorpe, Leicester and Nottingham. Hothorpe Hall, which from 1955 to 1986 was the youth and conference centre of the Lutheran Council of Great Britain, had a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> century chapel and was home to a cosmopolitan and international community ministered to by the director of the Hall. Corby, a bustling town with a substantial population of Lutherans, had a large, modern church, next to which was a parish hall owned by the Latvian Lutheran Congregation.

In Leicester there was a Lutheran Church House with a small chapel. In Nottingham, where the four established Lutheran congregations (Estonian, German, Latvian and Polish) had all worshipped in different churches borrowed from other denominations, the German congregation, with financial help from Germany and elsewhere, bought and refurbished a building to provide a church, a parish hall and a pastor's flat. Within a short space of time, all the Lutheran congregations in the city were worshipping there. Luther College in Decorah, Iowa (USA), which for a long time had sent two students as volunteers to help in Hothorpe Hall, decided to set up an overseas study programme in a house opposite the new church in Nottingham. The English services at the church were started by the German pastor to help minister to them, but soon a lively community of people from many different nationalities was worshipping there regularly. Although always under the wing of the German-speaking congregation, many United Lutheran Synod pastors helped with these services.

Today, at the end of the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the situation is very different. Hothorpe Hall was sold in the mid-1980s, the Lutheran Church House in Leicester was sold at around the same time, the German-speaking congregation in Nottingham gave us its sponsorship of English services early in the 2000s, and the church building in Corby was sold just a few years ago.

Only two official LCiGB congregations remain. St Paul's (Corby) now worships fortnightly in the local Anglican parish church; a pastor, Barnabas Daniel, comes once a month to conduct Holy Communion, and the other service is conducted by David Whyte, who leads the worship and reads a sermon. Trinity (Nottingham-Leicester) still worships in the Lutheran Church in Nottingham, hiring the church twice a month from the German-speaking congregation. Under a similar arrangement to that in Corby, a pastor, who at present is Libby Toomsalu from Bradford, comes once a month to conduct Holy Communion. Marlies Adam, who is the licensed Lay Minister at Trinity, conducts one of the fortnightly services, but is also actively engaged in serving as Lutheran Chaplain to the University of Leicester.

Nottingham and Leicester are big cities which have resident Lutheran populations and, having universities and other centres for higher education, they attract many overseas students, some of whom are Lutheran. They are obviously centres which could support strong Lutheran congregations. Corby, once a flourishing community, has suffered from economic deprivation during the past three decades, but still has a small Lutheran community that has remained faithful, in spite of everything. Clearly there needs to be some thinking about the future, and, in a relatively compact area like the East Midlands, this ought to be done on a regional basis.

English-speaking Lutheran work in the East Midlands can be said to have started with Pastor Lloyd Swantz's famous advertisement in the personal column of *The Times* in early 1955, "Wanted – One small castle"! Out of that grew the work in Corby, in Leicester and in Nottingham. The *castle* may have gone, but there still many of us around who believe that it remains possible for the mighty *fortress* to flourish again in the heart of England.

Rev'd Dr Roy Long

## An Interview with Ellada Titane

LCiGB has a new lay minister in Manchester. Her name is Ellada Titane and she comes from Latvia. She is interviewed here by Marja-Liisa Morgan (St Anne's Lutheran Church, London).

### Where did you live as a child?

I was born in Uzbekistan, then part of the Soviet Union. My parents were Russian communists and consequently I received no religious teaching at home. I knew though that I had been taken by my grandmother to be baptised in the Russian Orthodox Church because I had a crucifix that the church gives to all baptised. It was kept in the bedroom and I was allowed to look at it occasionally but it had to be kept secret. I have no baptismal certificate. I can remember being taken to the church by my grandmother a couple of times and returning with a pocketful of sweets given to me by the nice ladies there!

### How did you become a Latvian?

When I was 8, my parents moved to Latvia, then also part of the Soviet Union. I went to school there and learned Latvian.

### How did you become Lutheran?

It was the time of the Latvian Independence Movement and a time of change from the old Soviet way of thinking. Lots of new ideas were circulating and there was great interest in religion. When I was 17, I had purchased a small New Testament on the black market and read it. Later my psychology teacher had given me a Bible as one of the books to read. The New Testament opened a new world for me. I felt as if I was living in the stories.

I started going to various churches to find out more: Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Adventist. I used to go to the Lutheran Church across the road from the university where I was studying. I liked the building and I liked to listen to the music being played.

I chose the Lutheran church because it had both liturgy and Bible study. I started attending the Sunday services and weekday Bible study. After a couple of years I was baptised and confirmed at the same time in Liepaia.

### What happened next?

I was studying to become a teacher and took an active part in the movement reforming the education system from a Soviet to Latvian identity, but being Russian I was not always welcomed. I became more interested in the Bible than the secular education. It was a tough time but a sense of vocation was forming. I changed to the faculty of Theology and felt immediately at home - this is my place. I fell in love with the church and the new spirit among the people there. Unfortunately this has now changed in Latvia.

### Where did your studies take you?

I got a scholarship to study in the USA in the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. I stayed there for 7 years, the first 2 to learn English and then Theology with an emphasis on Biblical studies.

### Then you went back to Latvia?

Yes, I went back to Latvia to teach in the University. By this time I had 2 children, so I also had several secular jobs, i.e. teaching English. But the sense of vocation was insistent and the Latvian Church does not at the present time ordain women.

### Now you are living in Manchester?

At the present I work in a hotel in Manchester to earn a living. I am hoping to develop the English language services in the Polish Lutheran parish of St Martin. I am also starting as the Lutheran Student Chaplain in the University of Manchester in the autumn. I hope to create a base and spiritual home for Lutheran students at the University. Of course both jobs are voluntary, so I have to keep my secular job, but I am excited about being able to work in and for the church again.



St Martin's, Manchester, after the Licensing of Lay Minister Ellada Titane (standing centre right)

## LCiGB Mission and Outreach Seminar

The Lutheran Church in Great Britain organised a Mission and Outreach seminar which was held on Saturday, 16 May at the International Student Centre in London. The seminar included four presentations showing four very different methods of outreach.

During the seminar, a Deacon from the Methodist Church spoke on behalf of Fresh Expressions, saying that people have a deep spiritual hunger, but Christianity is declining, culture is changing, there is a lack of Christian and Biblical knowledge and the Church is alien to many. Church buildings are traditionally closed for the majority of the week but Fresh Expressions has experimented with thinking outside of the confines of traditional use, with one such example being the opening of churches in the evenings for people leaving night clubs and offering them coffee. This form of outreach shows churches being transformed for our changing world, ministering to where the people are and running in parallel to existing churches. Through Fresh Expressions, many people who have participated have, through example and discussions, joined the church.

Deacon Seija Frears spoke about her chaplaincy work in Leeds. She explained that it is not possible to work in isolation, so co-operation with the university and churches is essential and working very well. Many students come from abroad and suffer from culture shock. Part of Seija's role is to help them settle into their student life. She also runs courses similar to the Alpha course where the lessons have been geared for those who already know something about Christianity. And for those who don't, Seija has modified the programme through a series of Bible studies, to explain the meaning of Christianity. She demonstrated how to illustrate this symbolically using felt shapes on a felt board.

'Five years sentence and extra time for good behaviour' was how Jurek Kolorz, from Christ

the King Congregation in London, spoke about his dedication to the Alpha courses held in Wormwood Scrubs Prison. He told us about the routine undertaken at every session to ensure that prisoners are not 'lost'. Initially the highlight of the sessions, for the prisoners, was the opportunity to have coffee and be able to talk with other prisoners, but over time the content of the course became of interest. A high percentage of those in prison re-offend within two years, so a change in attitude is required to help them stay out of prison. The Alpha course can help this happen. Jurek also spoke about the 'Sycamore Tree' course, which enables prisoners to confront what they have done and develop an understanding from the victim's point of view by meeting them. From here an act of restitution and reconciliation takes place.

Andy Eaves, spoke about Christians against Poverty (CAP). The founder, John Kirkby, saw 'poverty' as a lack of basic necessities but also a lack of knowledge, understanding and a relationship with God. He set up CAP in 1996. Andy told us that currently there are 1 in 9 people in debt, so every day CAP helps many. They advertise locally and this leads to home visits by representatives from the charity who, through a series of questions, discover the size of debt. A repayment plan is created. The charity mediates with those to whom money is owed and comes to an agreement to pay off a regular affordable amount. In return, those asking for help have to destroy their credit cards and are encouraged to budget and save. Through this repayment plan they aim to become debt free within 5 years. If not, then they become bankrupt. CAP does not pay off debts but will help out with daily necessities. They encourage people to talk and many have said how they feel as though they 'belong' and have become Christians.

**Margaret Pickford**  
*Trinity Lutheran Church, Nottingham*

## Poetry

### Holiday

A day that is cloud free.  
A sea of sunflowers, Summer's Cs;  
octave notes of heat, growth.

Crossing by the path,  
through to the church bells ringing call,  
I worship God, in joy!

- by Pete Mathers,  
St Anne's Lutheran Church, London

## St Anne's Lutheran Church Welcomes New Pastor



St. Anne's Lutheran Church in London recently welcomed Rev'd Timothy A. Burkett Dearhamer who was called to be the new Senior Pastor in February.

Pastor Dearhamer comes to St Anne's after serving as Lead Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Yukon, Oklahoma (a suburb of Oklahoma City). The Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is the Companion Synod of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain. In addition to serving Resurrection Lutheran Church, he has served as an Associate Pastor at St John's Lutheran Church, Erie, Pennsylvania, and as a hospital chaplain in Arkansas.

Pastor Dearhamer was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was raised in the greater Tulsa area. He graduated High School from Broken Arrow High School and attended university at Northeastern

State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduating with a B.A. in Sociology. He then attended Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma whilst serving as pastor of Glenpool United Methodist Church. After receiving a M.Div. at Phillips Theological Seminary, he earned a Certificate of Theological Studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and is currently completing a D.Min. at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Pastor Dearhamer and his wife Elizabeth will celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary in January 2010. They are blessed with two daughter's: Grace, age 7, and Mercy, age 2. The Dearhamer family will arrive in London in August after sailing to England on the QMII. The Dearhamers discovered the cost was a bit more than four airline tickets and thought it would be more fun for the girls.

Everyone will be invited to Pastor Dearhamer's installation once the details are confirmed.

## Inaugural LCiGB Annual Pilgrimage

Crowds converged on St Anne's Lutheran church for an LCiGB fellowship day on Saturday, 20 June. The program promised a pilgrimage around sites of historical importance to our Lutheran heritage. There's so much to see around St Anne's. How far will we be walking? Are we really up for this??

The skies were leaden and rain threatened. But after a stiff cup of coffee, a piece of cake, and a prayer inviting the Lord to accompany us, 30 eager pilgrims set off toward Smithfield. Our group was so large we had difficulty negotiating crossings and narrow pavements, but we arrived and huddled together. At each of the 6 stops, we ended with a prayer written in advance for the specific site. The clouds departed, and we were warmed by summer sun.

At our first stop, we clutched our printed directions as well as comprehensive notes that our guide, Rev'd Dr Roy Long prepared for the day's tour. To our delight, we discovered we needn't refer to them – and to our amazement, neither did Rev'd Long! He spoke at length and in detail at each stop, yet made it such engaging listening.

We learned much about Robert Barnes, the first English Lutheran martyr, and remembered where Lutheran books were burned at St Paul's Cathedral. We stood on the site of Trinity Church, the first Lutheran church in GB. We walked further afield through narrow passageways to the banks of the river Thames, and heard about the Hanseatic League and its London merchants, and All Hallows

Church. Our penultimate stop was on the eastern fringe of London's financial district where the Dutch (Deutsch) Church (aka Strangers Church) still exists. Our final stop was a return to St Anne's.

Our 90 minute tour took 2.5 hours—only because we asked too many questions of our knowledgeable guide. Weary feet were rested during lunch. Our informal request to “bring a sandwich” and *perhaps* something to share, blossomed into a veritable feast reflecting our multi-cultural heritage.

Rev'd Tom Bruch, LCiGB Dean, provided supplemental information about our Lutheran heritage during a post-lunch talk. We now know that the “FD” (Defender of the Faith) on British coinage originated during the reign of Henry VIII, a title pronounced by the Pope in recognition for King Henry's treatise against Martin Luther.

Our day was completed with a Eucharist service with Rev'd Bruch presiding and Sarah Farrow, Lay Minister at St Anne's, preaching. A chance for us to worship together and commit our hearts to the next LCiGB fellowship event.

**Sarah Owens**  
St Anne's Lutheran Church, London

*Booklets of the pilgrimage, including Rev'd Long's notes and other materials from the day, will soon be available to purchase. If you are interested in ordering a copy please contact the editor.*

## Lutheran Church in Great Britain Synod 2009

The Annual Synod of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain took place on Saturday, 25 April at St Anne's Lutheran Church in London. The day started with prayers led by the Pastor of the Swahili service at St Anne's, Rev'd Tumaini Kallaghe, and continued with a SWOT analysis of our church. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats – in other words, positive and negative factors, both intrinsic to the church and external influences. To my very great relief, we identified many more strengths than weaknesses, and the 'threats' section was the smallest of all. Here are a few of the most obvious lessons we learnt:

- diversity may be our greatest strength, along with flexibility and faithfulness to our Lutheran heritage;
- weaknesses included our (relatively) small size and lack of financial resources, as well as insufficient communication;
- opportunities mentioned were the fact that most people in the UK have little or no knowledge of Lutheranism, which gives us an opening for teaching and outreach;
- threats included our naturally transient membership and the secularisation of society around us.

After this, we moved on to the business section of the Synod, with reports from myself as Bishop, Financial Reports from the Treasurer, Linda Bruch (who had done marvels with the figures, even to the extent of setting a balanced budget) and so on. Rev'd Tom Bruch (General Secretary of the Lutheran Council of GB) gave us an interesting and challenging presentation on the need for the LCiGB and its congregations to achieve Charity Registration (Pastor Tom has promised to make the slides available for members to consult, so please watch this space).

In between we had an excellent lunch East African style, served by members of the Swahili service (and thank you, Nellie and Uli, for co-ordinating this!)

We also heard a brief report from Bishop Emeritus Walter Jagucki on his last months in office; and then we proceeded to elect our new Dean, Rev'd John Evenson having resigned because of continuing ill-health (we continue to pray for his recovery, and thank God that he is able to maintain the flourishing and growing ministry he has at St Mark's in Birmingham). I am pleased to say that our new Dean is the Rev'd Tom Bruch. We have worked together in various capacities and projects over the years, and this new challenge is one that both of us relish.

We said thank you to several retiring members of council – Marja-Liisa Morgan, Margaret Pickford and Rev'd Paul Chong, as well as newly-retired Bishop Jagucki. New council members were also elected – Clergy Representative Rev'd Mark Hardy from St Luke's in Leeds; and Lay Representatives Angela Gawlikowski (St Anne's), Annette Higgins (St Luke's) and Aklilu Tesfai (Wengielawit Eritrean Congregation).

A particular joy for us at this Synod was the news that a new Mission Congregation has been established in Reading, serving the Swahili speaking community there under the leadership of Pastor Kallaghe; and that the first steps have been taken towards the establishment of another mission to the Polish community in and around Milton Keynes (Pastor Robert Wojtowicz). We also noted the move to renew the Theological Committee with Rev'd Dr Roy Long as its Convenor. And – at least partly in response to the call for greater communication that we heard at the beginning of Synod – we decided also to start this newsletter for the LCiGB.

And the day concluded as it should, with a Eucharist presided over by the Pastor of the Ethiopian congregation of St Anne's, Rev'd Barnabas Daniel, and Pastor Libby Toomsalu preached. During the service our new Dean and Council Members were installed, and our Administrator, Uli Kyusa, was commissioned.

So for me Synod was interesting, stimulating and a great reminder of our faithful past, as well as an insight into our hopeful future. Thank you to everyone who came and participated with such commitment and wisdom; huge thanks to St Anne's for hosting us, and to the Council for much preparatory work. Thanks also to Uli for mountains of paperwork and emailing beforehand, and technical support on the day. Above all, though, thanks and praise to our God, who is so great and loves us so exceedingly.

**Bishop Jana Jeruma-Grinberga**



Photo by Marlies Adam

## Services in Amharic

### London

St Anne's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at St Vedast Church, Foster Lane,  
 London EC2  
 Services every Sunday: 15:00  
 Website: [www.stanneslutheranchurch.org](http://www.stanneslutheranchurch.org)

## Services in Chinese

### London

London Chinese Lutheran Church  
 Services held at The American Church in London,  
 79A Tottenham Court Road, London W1T  
 Services every Sunday: 14:00  
 Website: [www.lclchurch.org.uk](http://www.lclchurch.org.uk)

## Services in English

### Birmingham

University Chaplaincy  
 Services held in the Worship Room, St Francis  
 Hall, University of Birmingham Main Campus,  
 Edgbaston, Birmingham B15  
 Services every first and third Sunday of the  
 month: 11:00  
 Website: [www.chaplaincy.bham.ac.uk](http://www.chaplaincy.bham.ac.uk)

### Bradford

St Matthew's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at 70 Little Horton Lane, Bradford.  
 Services every first Sunday of the month: 12:00  
 Contact: Mrs Halina Martin (telephone 0113 267  
 7679)

### Corby, Northants

St Paul's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at Church of the Epiphany,  
 Elizabeth Street, Corby, Northants NN17  
 Services every first and third Sunday of the  
 month: 11:00

### Edinburgh

St Matthew's Lutheran Church  
 Services held four times a year  
 Contact: Arkadiusz Kilanowski [arkil@poczta.onet.pl](mailto:arkil@poczta.onet.pl)

### Harrogate

St Luke's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at St Peter's Church, 19-21  
 Cambridge St, Harrogate, HG1  
 Services every third Sunday of the month: 17:00  
 Contact: Mrs Joan White (telephone 0113 278 5075)

### Leeds

St Luke's Lutheran Church, 9 Alma Road,  
 Headingley, Leeds LS6  
 Services every Sunday: 10:30  
 Website: [www.stlukeslutheranchurch.org.uk](http://www.stlukeslutheranchurch.org.uk)

### London

St Anne's Lutheran Church, Gresham Street,  
 London EC2V  
 Services every Sunday: 11:00 and 18:00  
 Website: [www.stanneslutheranchurch.org](http://www.stanneslutheranchurch.org)

## Manchester

St Martin's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at Martin Luther Church, 9 Park Rd,  
 Stretford, Manchester M32  
 Services every first Sunday of the month: 15:00  
 Contact: 0161 865 1335

## Nottingham

Trinity Lutheran Church, 67 Homefield Road,  
 Aspley, Nottingham NG8  
 Services every first and third Sunday of the  
 month: 11:00  
 Website: [www.trinitylutheran.org.uk](http://www.trinitylutheran.org.uk)

## Services in Oromoo

### London

Services every Sunday: 14:00 – details to follow  
 Website: [www.lutheranchurch.co.uk](http://www.lutheranchurch.co.uk)

## Services in Polish

### Cambridge

St John's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at St John's Abbey Church,  
 Newmarket Road CB5  
 Services every first Sunday of the month: 12:00

## High Wycombe

St John's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at St John's United Reformed  
 Church, London Road HP11  
 Service second Sunday of the month: 14:30

## Leeds

St Luke's Church, Alma Road, Headingley,  
 Leeds LS6  
 Services every first Sunday of the month: 9:30  
 Website: [www.stlukeslutheranchurch.org.uk](http://www.stlukeslutheranchurch.org.uk)

## London

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
 Services held at Christ Church, Montpelier Place,  
 Knightsbridge SW7  
 Services every fourth Sunday of the month: 14:00

## Milton Keynes

Please contact Pastor Robert Wojtowicz by email  
 at [rowojtowicz@yahoo.com](mailto:rowojtowicz@yahoo.com)

## Manchester

St Martin's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at Martin Luther Church, 9 Park Rd,  
 Stretford, Manchester M32  
 Services every first Sunday of the month: 15:00  
 Contact: 0161 865 1335

## Reading

St John's Lutheran Church  
 Services held at St John's West Methodist  
 Church, 448 Oxford Road, RG30  
 Services every third Sunday of the month: 12:30

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## Quotes...

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess"

- Martin Luther

## Upcoming Events

### ● 14th Bach Festival (21-28 July 2009)

St Anne's Lutheran Church, Gresham Street, London EC2V.  
Tickets are £5-10. For further information and bookings contact: 020 7606 4986 or [www.stanneslutheranchurch.org](http://www.stanneslutheranchurch.org)

### ● LCiGB Women's Day Retreat (10:30 Saturday, 1 August 2009)

Hosted this year by Marlies Adam in Woodhouse Eaves, Leics.  
For further information and bookings contact: 01509 890883 or [marlies@marliesadam.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:marlies@marliesadam.wanadoo.co.uk).

### ● Lutheran Women's Retreat (20-22 November 2009)

The retreat will be held at Bawtry Hall, Doncaster. If you are interested in attending or have ideas on appropriate themes, please contact Pastor Libby Toomsalu, St Luke's Church, Leeds.

## LCiGB Directory Cont

### Services in Swahili

#### London

St Anne's Lutheran Church, Gresham Street, London EC2V

Services every first and third Sunday: 14:00

Website: [www.stanneslutheranchurch.org](http://www.stanneslutheranchurch.org)

#### Reading

Services held at Hexham Community Centre, 1A Bamburg Close, Reading RG2

Services every fourth Sunday of the month: 14:30pm

### Services in Tigrinya

#### London

Eritrean Wengelawit Lutheran Church

Services held at St Andrews, Frognall Lane, Finchley NW3

Services every Sunday: 13:30

Website: [www.wlcl.co.uk](http://www.wlcl.co.uk)



June Confirmation in the Eritrean Congregation  
Photo taken by Bereket Menghistu

Front page photo of members of Christ the King after a farewell service for Rev'd Magdalena Mueller at Christuskirche in Knightsbridge. Photo by Kinga Foeller



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