



LCiGB Women's Group Annual Retreat 2008



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# **LUTHERANS** UP NORTH

The Newsletter for St. Luke's, St Matthews and St. Martin's Congregations



## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2008**



Over the past few years the annual retreat held by the Lutheran Women of LCiGB has used themes connected to Advent, as it usually held during, or just before the Advent season. This year our weekend was concerned with journeys and pilgrimages, and Maggie Pickford began our Saturday morning session by asking us to think about the journey that Mary and Joseph took to get from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a distance of about 70 miles as the crow flies. What preparations would they have to make, who would they go with, how long did it take?

Food for thought as we began our weekend together, and as it continued we had ample opportunity for recreation and worship, time for reflection and learning, and the chance to interact with God and members of other congregations. Our time together ended with a Eucharist Service

conducted by Pastor Jana Jeruma-Grinberga, Bishop-elect of our Church, at which Pastor Libby delivered the address about our Christian life and journey.

Yes, Advent is a good time to think about journeys, to reflect on our own spiritual life and where we are on our journey of faith, and also to think about the journey our Church, our community of faith, is making, especially at this time of change as Bishop Walter gets ready to hand over the reins to Pastor Jana.

Please remember them both in your prayers as Jana prepares to take on the responsibilities of Bishop, of LCiGB and Walter takes up his new role as Bishop Emeritus of our Church. Our blessings go with them both.

## NEWS

Bishop Walter hosted a visit from the Europe Secretary of LWF, The Rev. Dr. Eva Vogel-Mfato who chaired the international workshop at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. Eight representatives of Lutheran churches in Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Hungary, Romania, France, Germany and England discussed materials on the theme 'Church and State in XXI Century'.

The meeting from 6-9th October was a very useful event. On Tuesday 7th our guests met St. Luke's folk at St. Luke's for evening worship and Reception. Thank you to Heidi and Tina for all their work. Thanks to Peter Sandeman and Eryk Martin for showing our guests the centre of Leeds.

Dr. Vogel-Mfato took part in worship services

on Sunday 5th October in Leeds, Bradford and Manchester.

On Tuesday 25th November Bishop Walter, together with Bishop Arthur, Bishop of Leeds, delivered a lecture in the series of lectures on the legacy of St. Paul., organized by the Trinity and All Saints College, Horsforth.

Both Bishops spoke on the theme of 'Justification by Faith in Legacy of St. Paul'. Bishop Walter quoted at length from the document 'Joined Declaration on Justification by Faith', signed by churches of the LWF and the Roman Catholic Church on 31st October 1999 in Augsburg, Germany. Next Year both churches will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the signing.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR YEAR B

### Second Sunday of Advent Dec 7, 2008

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (13)  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### Third Sunday of Advent Dec 14, 2008

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 (3) or Luke 1:46b-55 (52)  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec 21, 2008

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:46b-55 (52) or Psalm 89:1-4,  
19-26 (1)  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

## Christmas

### Nativity of Our Lord Dec 24, 2008 Set I – Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96 (11)  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

### Nativity of Our Lord Dec 25, 2008 Set II – Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97 (11)  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

### Nativity of Our Lord Dec 25, 2008 Set III – Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98 (3)  
Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]  
John 1:1-14

### First Sunday of Christmas Dec 28, 2008

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148 (13)  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

### Second Sunday of Christmas Jan 4, 2009

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12  
Psalm 147:12-20 (12) or Wisdom  
10:51-21 (20)  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

### Baptism of Our Lord Jan 11, 2009 (Lectionary 1)

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29 (3)  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

### Jan 18, 2009 (Lectionary 2) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (1)  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

### Third Sunday after Epiphany Jan 25, 2009 (Lectionary 3)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12 (6)  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Feb 1, 2009 (Lectionary 4)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111 (10)  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Feb 8, 2009 (Lectionary 5)

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (3)  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Feb 15, 2009 (Lectionary 6)

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30 (2)  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

### Transfiguration of Our Lord Last Sunday after Epiphany Feb 22, 2009

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6 (2)  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### Ash Wednesday Feb 25, 2009

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17 (1)  
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Welcome to all the folk who have joined St. Luke's over the past few months. It is particularly good to have the twins, **Kari** and **Tsitsi** join our Junior Church and Confirmation Class.

It is also good to have **Winifred** back with us, together with her new husband, **Graham**, who is also attending Confirmation classes in preparation for our Confirmation Service during the Easter season.

It was lovely to see **Jan** and **Ron** at St. Luke's again, even if it was only for a flying visit!

### Church Council

We will next meet on February 8th at 12.00 noon.

## BISHOP'S DIARY

### December

- 7 Installation of Pastor John Evenson
- 10 Attending WYEC Christmas Dinner

### January

- 8 Northern pastors' new year lunch
- 10 Travelling to Mexico to attend LWF meeting
- 17 Consecration of Bishop Jana in London

### February

- 4 Attending ecumenical meeting at Welwyn Garden City organised by the Focolare movement

## EVENTS

### Advent

Please come along and join us for mulled wine and mince pies as we decorate the church in readiness for Christmas at our Advent Evening on December 18th at 7.00 pm.

### Parish Dinners

Chefs wanted for the next Parish Dinner on Saturday January 31st. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you!



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday over the next few months!

### December

- 08 Julie Martin
- 21 Elsa Dmoch
- 22 Roman Martin

### January

- 28 Sonja Martin
- 31 Joan White

### February

- 01 Nev Mosey
- 25 Libby Toomsalu
- 28 Livija Upmalis

## NEWS

On Thursday 27th November Bishop Walter attended the annual joined conference of clergy of Evangelical Lutheran Church of England and Lutheran Church in Great Britain. Bishop Walter chaired the conference and the chairman of ELCE was the Chaplain. The theme of the conference was 'Models of Authority in XXI Century Lutheran Churches'.

On Saturday 29th November the Kay family treated 15 St. Lukians to a marvellous dinner. Thank you Katrina and Colin!

On Sunday 16th November the people of St. Martin's, Manchester, celebrated the anniversary of the Reformation together with the German congregation. Bishop Walter presided and the sermon was delivered by the new German pastor Rev. Dirk Strobel. Pastor Dirk serves Lutheran German congregations in Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Bradford and Sheffield. We welcome him and his wife to the North of England.

St. Matthew's, Bradford parish celebrated its 60th anniversary in September. It was a great day. Special guest Bishop Janusz Jagucki of Poland preached the sermon. St. Matthew's chairman Halina Martin was in charge of arrangements together with Kristina Slater. Bishop Walter has served St. Matthew's since 1966. He recalled in prayers Pastor Teodon Stoy, founder of the parish. St. Matthew's resumed regular services in Edinburgh four times a year.

On Sunday 7th December 2008, St Mark's, Birmingham, celebrates becoming a full congregation of the church at 11.00 am at St Francis Hall, University of Birmingham Main Campus. Bishop Walter will install Rev. John Evenson as the pastor.

### WYEC Carol Service

WYEC will be holding a special carol service with and for asylum seekers and those who support asylum

seeker sat 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th December, Bradford Cathedral. This will include an exciting variety of musicians from many cultures, some powerful Christmas readings, and the opportunity to sing some traditional carols. Everyone is invited to bring some finger food (carrot sticks, biscuits, nibbles etc.) to share in the service, served by church leaders, and also to bring some tins and packets for distribution to local asylum seeker support groups.

### Consecration of new Bishop

On Saturday 17 January 2009 at 2.00pm, Rev. Jana Jeruma-Grinberga will be consecrated as the new Bishop of the LCiGB at St. Anne's Lutheran Church London.

If you would like to attend the service we will arrange for a coach to take us. Please sign the list outside the office. More details of time, cost etc., will be announced when we know the numbers involved.

### LCiGB Women's Group Annual Retreat

This year our retreat took place at Launde Abbey in Leicestershire, once owned by Thomas Cromwell, and now a retreat centre for the Anglican Dioceses of Leicester and Peterborough. We arrived from late afternoon onwards and after supper we enjoyed a relaxed evening getting to know each other, before sharing in the Abbey service of Compline. We spent Saturday exploring the idea of journeying and pilgrimage, including a fascinating presentation about mediaeval pilgrimages to Jerusalem, and hearing about Pam's moving and challenging journey to a Sue Ryder Hospice in Albania, one of the poorest countries in the world. On Sunday we met to discuss future events, including next year's retreat and possible LCiGB pilgrimages.

# CALENDAR

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2008



### DECEMBER

#### St. Luke's (Leeds)

04	Advent Prayers	7.00 pm
07	Advent 2 Morning Service	10.30 am
14	Advent 3 Holy Communion Confirmation Class	10.30 am 12 noon
18	Advent Evening and decorating the Christmas tree	7.00 pm
21	Advent 4 Service Carol Service with our Anglican hosts at St Peter's, Harrogate	10.30 am 6.30 pm
24	Candlelight Carols and Readings	7.00 pm
25	Christmas Day Eucharist	10.30 am
28	Holy Communion	10.30 am

#### St. Matthew's (Bradford)

07	Advent 2 Service at St. Matthew's Chapel	12 noon
14	Advent 3 Service at St. Luke's	9.30 am
24	Christmas Eve Holy Communion at St. Matthew's	4.00 pm

#### St. Martin's (Manchester)

07	Advent 2 Service	4.00 pm
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### JANUARY

#### St. Luke's (Leeds)

01	New year's Day prayers	7.00 pm
04	Morning Worship	10.30 am
13	Holy Communion Confirmation Class	10.30 am 12.00 noon
15	Moment for Peace	7.00 pm
18	Matins Holy Communion at St Peter's, Harrogate	10.30 pm 5.00 pm
25	Holy Communion Junior Church & Confirmation Class	10.30 am 10.30 am
31	Parish Dinner	7.00 pm

#### St. Matthew's (Bradford)

04	Worship Service at St. Luke's Worship Service at St. Matthew's	9.30 am 12.00 noon
25	Ecumenical Service with Polish Catholic Parish at St. Luke's	2.00 pm

#### St. Martin's (Manchester)

04	Worship Service	3.00 pm
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### FEBRUARY

#### St. Luke's (Leeds)

01	Worship Service	10.30 am
05	Evening Prayers	7.00 pm
08	Holy Communion Church Council Confirmation Class	10.30 am 12.00 noon 12.00 noon
15	Matins	10.30 am
19	Moment for Peace	7.00 pm
22	Holy Communion Junior Church	10.30 am 10.30 am

#### St. Matthew's (Bradford)

01	Worship Service at St. Luke's Worship Service at St. Matthew's	9.30 am 12.00 noon
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#### St. Martin's (Manchester)

01	Worship Service	3.00 pm
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