



## THIS MOST HOLY AND TERRIFYING OF WEEKS

### *Easter Services*

*At*

*Emmanuel Church*

*4, rue Alfred Vincent*

*Sunday April 4, 2010*

*Sunrise Service 6:30 am*

*Easter Celebration 10:00 am*

*For information please call:*

*022 732 80 78*



Dear Friends,

As Holy week approaches we are given pause to consider the wonderful and terrifying things which happened as Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51). We consider the fear and confusion in first century Palestine which compelled those in power to kill Jesus. We also consider how the world has been radically and beautifully transformed by this event.

The Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn—one of the towering moral and spiritual giants of modern times—lived, and nearly died, in a prison camp. In his great book *The Gulag Archipelago* he writes of his time there. He tells how the camps robbed him of everything that makes life meaningful. He is robbed of his name: he is known only by a number. He is robbed of books and pen and paper—a dreadful deprivation for a writer of his stature. He is robbed of work he can do with dignity. Instead he must labor as a slave. He is deprived of sufficient food and sleep. He gets no letters. He hears no news of his family or the outside world. He is stripped of his own clothes and dressed in rags covered with vermin. He is robbed of his health; he succumbs to cancer.

Solzhenitsyn, robbed of everything, sinks as it were to the bottom, to the very base of being. And then he says something extraordinary. He writes of the day “when I deliberately let myself sink to the bottom *and felt it firm under my feet*”—the hard rocky bottom which is the same for all. I cannot think of any words in modern literature that have moved me more than these.

When we gaze upon the cross we are struck that there is a love which is more powerful than all of humanity’s ability to destroy and dehumanize.

I invite all of you to join me in considering this most Holy and terrifying of weeks. We will gather for worship and prayer several times over these days and, in the process, discover something of this solid ground.

Peace,

John+

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## EMMANUEL NEWS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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### **SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!**

**A new kitchen is being installed upstairs in the Emmanuel Church hall!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 15h00–22h00,**

**we will celebrate with a**

**"FUN RAISING" event.**

There will be bingo, baked goods, Irish coffee, drinks, + Miss Jones's patented chili AND an African dinner plate. We'll play games, then dine and dance. This will be a great community gathering and a means of raising money to help pay for the new kitchen.

If you would like to help organize or volunteer on the day, please contact Catherine Kennedy, 022 752 0555, [jtkennedy@bluewin.ch](mailto:jtkennedy@bluewin.ch).

### **Memorial Plaque for New Kitchen**

There have been several years of fundraising for the new kitchen, and many of you have made donations. We also received a grant from United Thank Offering toward the costs. But the total cost is not yet covered. A memorial plaque (in the same style as the one made for the organ) with the names of the donors and/or people you wish to commemorate will be placed in the kitchen, with the following categories: Gifts of CHF 250–500, of CHF 500–1,000, and over CHF 1,000.

This is an opportunity to commemorate those with whom we have broken bread and who are now dining at the great heavenly banquet.

If you wish to contribute, please contact the church office. Thank you, on behalf of the Kitchen Committee.

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### **Baptism and Confirmation**

The Easter Season has traditionally been a time in which we welcome new members into the body of Christ. If any among you have not been baptized (or if any of the children in your household have not been baptized) and you are interested in considering this, please contact the The Rev. John Beach at the church office: 022 732 8078

There will not be a youth confirmation this spring because we have introduced a two-year program for confirmation preparation. If, however, there are any adults in the congregation who would be interested in being confirmed this spring when the Bishop will be visiting Emmanuel, please contact John Beach at the church office.

### **Church Picnic and Episcopal Visit**

Bishop Pierre Whalon will be celebrating with us on **Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>** and joining us for our parish picnic which will be held on that Sunday afternoon.

### **Annual General Meeting**

For Emmanuel Church

**Sunday, April 18th**

following the 10h service

### **Come learn how to dance**



Sunday afternoon workshop  
in the Parish Hall at Emmanuel

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1–3 pm

#### **Waltz & Rock n' Roll**

Instructions in English  
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CHF 40 /Person

Register before the April 7<sup>th</sup>

Contact: The Rev. John Beach at  
[office@emmanuelchurch.ch](mailto:office@emmanuelchurch.ch)

## KRISTI'S KORNER

During Lent many people try to “give up” something such as chocolates, TV, or other things to help us to remember that Lent is a time for introspection and a time of remembrance of Christ’s ultimate sacrifice for us. I look at these minor things “given up” as small tokens, not difficult to accomplish, as a part of our journey towards a better life with Christ.

A couple of Sundays ago I was visiting the Sunday School classes as part of my job as the Christian Education Coordinator and in one of the classrooms words were written on the white board such as chocolate, video games, T.V. and also naughty. I was curious, so I asked the children why they had written these words on the board and they told me that these words were what they had given up for Lent. OK, chocolate, video games and TV I could understand, but naughty? Then the teacher told me, very proudly, that one boy is trying to give up being naughty for Lent. Now here is a person who in my opinion understands the meaning of

giving up something for Lent. Giving up being naughty is VERY difficult to do, especially for a child under the age of 12 years, and let’s face it; it’s difficult for ANYONE to give up a behavior such as this. How difficult would it be for us to give up gossiping, pettiness, jealousy, and other behaviors that keep us from whom God wants us to be? If we could give up these behaviors during Lent, maybe they would not stay as a part of our persona.

I’m very proud of this boy and I am humbled that he may understand what it is to “give up” something for Lent better than I do. I think that for the rest of Lent this year and next year’s Lent I will give up something in my own persona that keeps me from being the person God intends me to be. Hopefully I will learn more about myself and to truly remember why Lent is important for us as Christians.

*Kristi*

## UTO *Everyday*

This past Sunday was the beginning of Emmanuel's United Thank Offering Drive. In the three years we've participated in the UTO we've been blessed to have raised over CHF 3,000. Many worthy charities have benefited from the UTO Grants, including Emmanuel Church, who received a grant in 2009 for our Kitchen Renovation Project. This is an especially important year for the UTO as there have been many devastating emergencies in the world that will need help. So each time you have something to be thankful for, drop a few coins into your Blue Box.

And remember:

"From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow"



## DISCOVER ISRAEL/PALESTINE



Dear Friends,

Emmanuel Church in Geneva is enriching its spiritual offerings this November with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Pray about joining us.

Certainly the journey promises to be pleasurable: modern buses, comfortable hotels, delightful companions, knowledgeable guides and, best of all, richly exotic—yet familiar—sights.

Yet a pilgrimage is vastly more than a tourist holiday. It is a profound spiritual exercise, with the power to change lives.

Part of a pilgrimage's impact is readily understandable. Your Bible becomes a kind of diary. As you hear it in Church, you don't only imagine: you remember. On Easter listening again of John's, Peter's, and Magdalen's discovery of the Empty Tomb only your spiritual maturity keeps you from whispering, "I was there."

The subtler impact is more easily experienced than described. Standing on the actual sites of events from familiar Bible stories, our inner lives 'de-compartmentalize': 'sacred' and 'secular' are no longer so separate, 'spiritual' and 'material' now overlap. The formerly merely 'religious' is now real.

This deep change gets reinforced by occasions of private devotion and corporate worship on the various sites—and our daily community reflections together.

Pilgrims often offer the journey to our Lord as an intercessory project, an occasion to pray for specific people's wellbeing or for some profound wish. (Crumpling a wad of paper containing an intercession into a crack in the Western Wall can be a startlingly moving act.) Shy pilgrims find themselves eager to read biblical passages aloud at the various places, while the garrulous discover and lay claim to the grace of Stillness. It's wonderful—and it lasts.

Our Israeli tour guide, Doron Heiliger, is a former Intelligence Officer, expert in both the minute details of the country and in keeping his charges safe and merry. Doron also offers a nuanced, non-chauvinistic outlook on current political and geopolitical affairs. He knows and understands the Christian Faith better than many Christians and Christian pilgrims find his presentations and conversations spiritually enlightening.

Please pray about making this pilgrimage and consider asking friends and relatives to join you. Those of us who have made a previous pilgrimage to the Holy Land regard it as among the most significant events of our lives.

In Christ,

The Rev. Canon Gray Temple

The Rev. John Beach

## OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Swiss Archdeaconry Continuing Education Programme (SACEP)

Celtic Inspiration:  
Drawing from the  
Iona Community with John Bell



28th - 30th May 2010  
Guesthouse Nidelbad  
Zürichsee



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## EpiscopalLife weekly

### Christian, Muslim leaders issue call to action for global peace

By Matthew Davies

Christian and Muslim leaders, gathering for a historic summit at Washington National Cathedral, have committed themselves to “appeal to government and community leaders to promote peace and reconciliation efforts worldwide.” The March 1-3 summit culminated in a call to action and a twohour public dialogue featuring 24 leaders from the Anglican, Shi’a, Sunni and Roman Catholic faith traditions. They included Washington Bishop John Bryson Chane; Ayatollah Dr. Ahmad Iravani, president of the Center for the Study of Islam and the Middle East and research scholar at the Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C.; Professor Dr. Ahmad Mohamed El Tayeb, president of Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt; and Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome. The leaders, who had spent the three-day summit meeting strategizing on how to use their influence to promote peace, acknowledged in their call to action that it comes at a time when the world is “threatened by the global economic crisis and inequitable distribution of resources, by humanitarian crises caused by natural disasters, food, water, and energy shortages, and climate change” and when “new and enduring political and religious conflicts are increasing violence at every level.” In particular, the leaders highlighted the unresolved conflict in the Holy Land as being “the cause of permanent instability and dramatic violence imposed on persons and peoples of an entire region of the world.”



John Bryson Chane  
(Anglican)



Ahmad Iravani  
(Shi’a Muslim)

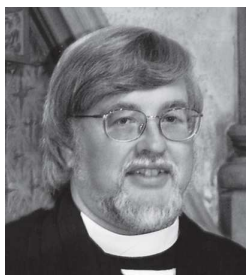


Ahmad Mohamed El  
Tayeb (Sunni Muslim)

The Anglican Communion delegation included Clare Amos, director of theological studies in the Anglican Communion Office, London; Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem Suheil Dawani; Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon of Kaduna, Nigeria; and Bishop Pierre Whalon of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. Two members of the American Jewish community attended the summit as observers. The Honorable Kjell Magne Bondevik, founder and president of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights and the former prime minister of Norway, also joined the Anglican delegation. Bondevik is an ordained priest in the Lutheran Church of Norway.

Expressing “a firm conviction that believers must become active agents of concrete change, making the world a better place for all,” the leaders committed themselves and appealed to fellow believers to develop deeper understandings of their respective religious heritages and engage in practical interfaith programs at all levels. They also committed to promoting religious freedom as an integral part of human rights; fostering education for peace-building in churches and mosques; confronting issues of unjust treatment, violence, and oppression of women and children in many sectors of society; joining with government and community leaders to examine and refine public attitudes, policies, media coverage, and practices based on discrimination against others; and rejecting and condemning attacks on sacred places or using them for armed conflict. “The worship of God who demands serious moral purpose is at the very core of Christianity and Islam; therefore, religious leaders must cooperatively work with each other and the political leaders in their respective countries in response to these crises,” the leaders said, vowing to continue the process of dialogue initiated at the summit. The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson, canon for global justice and reconciliation at the cathedral, had been instrumental in organizing the summit. “Now, more than ever, the global community continues to divide along lines of religion and culture,” he told those gathered at the cathedral. “Religious leaders of all faiths, especially within the Abrahamic traditions, must intentionally and aggressively work in collaboration to seek reconciliation within religious communities and nations that are in disharmony or in violent conflict with one another.” Chane said he will leave the summit continuing to be “clear with those who have been given the authority to lead this country that as we engage in the challenges of the 21st century, we need extraordinary 21st century diplomacy, and that diplomacy can no longer be devoid of the voice of religious leaders since religion is the fault line in so many of the conflicts that really challenge the global community.” Details of a follow-up summit, to which the leaders agreed, have yet to be announced. Further information may be found at [www.nationalcathedral.org/learn/summit2010](http://www.nationalcathedral.org/learn/summit2010)

—*Matthew Davies is editor and international correspondent of Episcopal News Service.*



Pierre W. Whalon



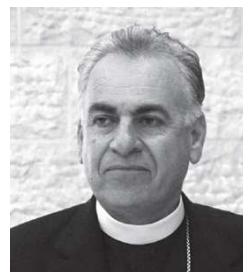
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(Roman Catholic)



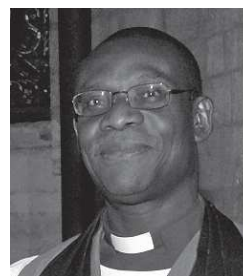
Clare Amos



Kjell Magne Bondevik



Suheil Dawani



Josiah Idowu-Fearon



John L. Peterson

## WORSHIP AT EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Holy Week Worship and Activities, 2010

† Sunday, 28 March 08h30 10h00	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite I Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II	
† Wednesday, 31 March 18h00	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	
† Thursday, 1 April 19h00	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Holy Eucharist and Washing of Feet	<b>At Holy Trinity Church</b>
† Friday, 2 April 12h00	<b>Good Friday</b>	
☸ <i>Saturday, 3 April</i> 10h – 15h	<b><i>Gardening Day of Holy Saturday</i></b> <i>If you are able to join us for an hour it would be a delight</i>	
† Sunday, 4 April 06h30 10h00	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunrise Eucharist Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Followed by brunch

### Contributions to the *Emmanuel Star* invited

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 committed to sharing Jesus Christ's love through celebration  
 and works in our community and in the world.*

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