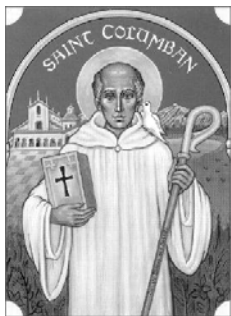


Saint Columban's Newsletter



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“Peregrinari pro Christo”

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Wisdom from the Desert

Abba Pambo asked Abba Anthony, ‘What ought I to do?’ and the old man answered him, ‘Do not trust in your own righteousness, do not worry about the past, but control your tongue and your stomach.’¹

New Website and E-Mail Address

Thanks to the ability and devotion of Ms Alix Hertel, the Mission has a wonderful new website and, accordingly, e-mail address (see above). All readers are invited to visit it, to enjoy it, to comment on it (to the webmistress), and to use the new address.

New Church's Teaching Series

‘The books in the new teaching series for the Episcopal Church attempt to encourage and respond to the times—and to the challenges that will usher out the old century and bring in the new. ... it has no official status, claims no special authority, speaks in a personal voice, and comes not out of committees but from scholars and pastors meeting and talking informally together.’ Its assumed readership are ‘adults who are not “cradle Anglicans,” but who come from other religious traditions or from no tradition at all, and want to know what Anglicanism has to offer.’ (from the Series Preface of the editor) But that does not mean (at least according to my experience, HE+) that people who have been Anglicans for many years cannot learn a lot from them also. The Mission has bought a number of volumes of the series, dealing with

- Anglicanism,
- the Bible,
- prayer, worship, and the Prayer Book,
- faith and ethics.

They are very useful for study groups, but also for private reading. All members and friends of the Mission are invited to make use of these opportunities. It would be great if we could form a group meeting regularly in the course of fall and winter, and working their way through one of these books. Perhaps, we will be so fascinated that we decide to continue with another one. But this decision can of course be made only when we have finished the first book. The members of the group will decide which book to take first.

The Anglican Consultative Council 2005 Resolution, Peace and Justice Network: Palestine - Israel Conflict

A Statement from the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

I have been saddened by much of the response to the debate and resolution on the Palestinian / Israeli conflict at the recent meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), especially among Jewish representatives in Britain. The tone of these responses does little to acknowledge the responsible nature of the debate, and the depth of sadness felt by all members of the Council as they heard of the tragedy of the situation.

The Anglican Peace and Justice Network is a responsible Network of the Anglican Communion, representing 23 of the 38 Provinces of the church world-wide. It met in Jerusalem last September as guests of local Christians primarily to hear at first hand the experiences of the Holy Land. As well as listening to the Christian community at length the group met and heard from 'both Israeli and Palestinian voices for a just resolution to the current conflict', though most voices were Palestinian.

¹ From: The Sayings of the Desert Fathers, tr. by Benedicta Ward SLG, Kalamazoo MI 1975, quoted by permission.

Anglicans make a clear distinction between Jewish / Christian dialogue which they value greatly, and the current policies of the Israeli government. It was these latter policies which were the subject of the debate and subsequent resolution at the ACC. Concern about these current government policies is not confined to Anglicans.

There has been much comment, and not a little misunderstanding, about what the [resolution] said about investments. It did not call for dis-investment in Israel. Instead, it commended the Episcopal Church (USA) for resolving to take appropriate action 'where it finds that its corporate investments support the occupation of Palestinian lands or violence against innocent Israelis' and encourages others to do likewise within the framework of their ethical investment strategies. It further 'encouraged strategies that support the infrastructure of a future Palestinian State', which I understand is Israeli government policy also.

Jewish-Christian relations, especially within Britain, are much valued by Anglicans, who have always been to the forefront of these dialogues, both national and local. At their best, they are characterised by a willingness to listen to each other and to engage with the context of each. No doubt the ongoing violence, death and destruction from which both Israelis and Palestinians suffer, has been discussed on many occasions, as a shared understanding of the complexities of the situation emerges.

I pray for the ongoing work of such contacts, as they continue to carry both Jews and Christians forward into a shared future where recrimination and mutual vilification are things of the past.

[See also <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acc/meetings/acc13/resolutions.cfm#s36>]

Wanted!

Since the dissolution of *Freunde der anglikanischen Kirche Karlsruhe* the assets of our Mission are held in trust by the Old-Catholic Parish, but we have to care for the administration ourselves. As in spite of repeated efforts it was not possible to find a new treasurer, this work is done by the Priest in Charge at the moment. This should not be so. It is not the amount of work, but it does not appear appropriate that spiritual leadership and the administration of our money are in the same hands. Therefore this renewed appeal: come forward and volunteer for this important job!

“The Eagle and the Dove”

Anyone who would like to know more about our Patron Saint might look into “The Eagle and the Dove – The Spirituality of the Celtic Saint Columbanus, by Katherine Lack, Triangle SPCK, 2000, £6.99 + shipping. Ask the Priest in Charge how to get this most valuable little book.

Coming together

There seems to be some interest in the congregation to have a regular meeting between our monthly services, perhaps some weekday in the evening, for those members at least who live in Karlsruhe or in the immediate neighbourhood. This would open a new possibility of coming together for those members who stay in town for work during the week but spend their weekends somewhere in the country. We could begin with a Communion service or Evening Prayer, and then sit together for a discussion of problems of common interest or a bible study or the study of one of the volumes of the New Church's Teaching Series (see above) or whatever else. It might even be possible to have dinner together. LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION IN ANY CASE!

Service of Carols and Lessons

The Joint Service of Lessons and Carols together with the Anglican chaplaincy of Strasbourg and the Lutheran congregation of Baden-Baden, as we celebrated it in former years, is planned to take place on the 3rd Sunday in Advent (December 11) in *St Johanniskirche* (the former English Church of All Saints), Baden-Baden, at 3.30 pm. In order to provide for those who need a lift or are not sure to know the way we will meet at the Old-Catholic Church, Karlsruhe, at 2.15 pm. All members and friends who need a lift or are able to provide one, are invited to let the Priest in Charge know as soon as they can.

Domestic Mass in Obersteinbach

This year's 'domestic mass' of the Old-Catholic community of Alsace took place on the premises of the Klaas family and their neighbours at Obersteinbach September 11. It was a trilingual service (German/French/English) as usual. Our community was well represented by 6 members and friends. It again was a very joyful event. The service began at 11 a.m. It was celebrated, owing to doubtful weather, in the stable (!), and followed by a drinks reception and lunch to which we were, also as usual, invited by Dr Klaas, to whom and to Mrs Klaas our Community and all participants owe sincere thanks.

New Arrangement of Services

From the beginning of October, our services in Karlsruhe will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. In October we will celebrate the services at 12 noon in the Old Catholic *Christi-Auferstehungskirche* (Church of the Resurrection of Christ), Ökumeneplatz (besides Südl. Hildapromenade nr Mühlburger Tor); from All Saints (November 1) we will most probably move to Luisenheim chapel for the winter time. There, our services will begin at 11 am:

- October 2 — Trinity 19: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- October 16 — Trinity 21: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- November 1 — All Saints Day: Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- November 6 — All Saints Sunday: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- November 20 — Feast of Christ the King: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- November 26 — Saint Columban's Day (transf.): Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- December 4 — Advent 2: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- December 18 — Advent 4: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

You reach the Church of the Resurrection of Christ by public transport using trams to *Mühlburger Tor*. Cross Kaiserallee in northward direction (to the side of the red *Christuskirche*) at *Rathaus West*, and walk into Südl. Hildapromenade. After some steps, you see the church building before you (entrance from the west side). The gate to Luisenheim (Kochstr. 2-4) is opposite the end of Helmholtzstraße, the street passing on the south side of the Old-Catholic church. Luisenheim (Kochstr. 2-4) may be reached passing on the left side of the Church of the Resurrection and going on to the end of Helmholtzstraße. The chapel is found in the building to the right of the entrance gate just across Kochstraße, showing the inscription "Luisenheim", on the ground floor at the end of the long corridor, last door to the left.

There is a **children's group** in the Old-Catholic parish house beside the church (from All Saints Sunday in a room in Luisenheim) at the time of our Sunday service. It is arranged by a group of parents of young children. So all families with small children can attend the service while the children are cared for. Parents who are prepared to take part in the organisation of this work are invited to approach the Priest in Charge.

For weekday services see "Old-Catholic Church" (below p. 7).

In **Baden-Baden** no regular Anglican services are held at the moment. It is with deep regret that we decided to discontinue them. Members and friends are invited to look into the *Drei-Eichen-Kapelle* (Weststadt, Rheinstr. 64) where we had, and hopefully will some time in future have, our services. It is usually open all days.

Services at **St Augustine's, Wiesbaden**, Frankfurter Str. 3, are celebrated every Sunday at 10 am. Members of our Mission are always most welcome there (out yourselves when there). The Priest in Charge celebrates and preaches there occasionally.

Readings and Psalms of Forthcoming Services

Day	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
Oct 2	Isa 5:1-7	80:7-14	Phil 3:14-21	Mat 21:33-43
Oct 16	Isa 45:1-7	96:1-9	1 Thess 1:1-10	Mat 22:15-22
Nov 1	Ecclus 44:1-	149	Rev 7:2-4,9-17	Mat 5:1-12
Nov 6	10,13-14	149	Rev 7:2-4,9-17	Mat 5:1-12
Nov 20	Eze 34:11-17	95:1-7	1Cor 15:20-28	Mat 25:31-46
Nov 26	Isa 52:7-10	95:1-3,7,8,10	—	Luke 9:57-62
Dec 4	Isa 40:1-11	85:7-13	2Pe 3:8-15a,18	Mark 1:1-8
Dec 18	2Sam 7:4,8-16	132:8-15	Rom 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38

Known Birthdays in October, November and December

<u>October</u> 27. James Andrew King 29. Annegret Lingenberg (The Rev.) <u>November</u> 10. Christiane Hermann	16. Betty Hinz <u>December</u> 4. Benjamin Erik Fiedler 13. Meredith Skelton 23. Mathilda Duthie
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To all of these, blessings and most sincere congratulations! Remember them in your prayers!

We know very well that we do not know the birthdays of all our members and friends. Besides, we lost some birthdays by computer problems. So, if you miss your birthday let us know. Likewise if you know the birthday of

any other member or friend not listed, who would not object to being included. If you should prefer your birthday not to be mentioned, do let us know also.

“If anyone is ill enough to call the doctor...”

“...call the parson too”. The Church is always available to those who desire her ministrations in time of sickness. But we often do not know who does. So if you know of someone who is sick or otherwise housebound, and would like a priest to visit her or him in order to talk to him or to receive communion and/or anointing (cf. Letter of James 5:14), do let the Priest in Charge know as soon as possible.

Old-Catholic Church

The Old-Catholic Churches, which gained independence from papal jurisdiction in the course of time, and especially in the 19th century, are in full communion with the Anglican Churches. We are their guests with our services, and we are most sincerely invited to their (German language) services (Holy Eucharist: Sunday at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at 7.10 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m.) in the *Auferstehungskirche* (see above p. 6) in summer, or in the parish house beside the church, in winter.

Clubs

English speaking Clubs and groups in our region where our members and friends are always welcome:

Anglo-German Club Pforzheim: 1st Thursday of the month from 19.45, Ratskeller, Pforzheim

British Baden Club: 1st Friday of the month from 8 pm, Restaurant “Prinz Eugen” Malsch (Information: Tel 07246-5992)

Dt.-Englischer Freundeskreis Karlsruhe, Conversation Circle: 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm, Jugendheim Anne Frank, Moltkestr. 2a (Engländerplatz)

English Speaking “Stammtisch”: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8 pm, Flynn’s Inn, Hirschstr. 70, Karlsruhe (Tel 8303641)

KONTAKT Karlsruhe (German-American; opportunity for Germans and Americans to practise the other language): Information regarding time and place from Mr Steven Miller, Tel. 0721-503139.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 001: Tue–Fri 4–11 pm, Sat 2–12 pm, Sun 10 am–12 pm, Kirchstr. 9, Rheinmünster-Söllingen (Tel. 07227-991753, Fax: 07227-990979, E-Mail: RCL.Branch001@T-Online.de)

Mission Statement

Saint Columban’s Mission is a self-supporting congregation in the Anglican Communion under the jurisdiction of the Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe (Episcopal Church in the United States of America). It

- offers a spiritual home to all English-speaking residents of, and visitors to, Karlsruhe and the surrounding region,
- makes the Anglican tradition visible in the local Ecumenical environment,
- contributes—together with other Churches—to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in the city and the surrounding region.

Firmly rooted in the Anglican tradition, St Columban’s Mission is open to all Christians, regardless of their denominational affiliation. They are most welcome at our Services. The Mission belongs to the Council of Anglican Episcopal Churches in Germany which organizes the co-operation of Anglican and Episcopal chaplaincies and congregations in this country. It is also a member of the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen* (Council of Christian Churches) in Karlsruhe.

The Priest in Charge may be contacted in case of pastoral emergency at any hour of the day or night. If he is absent or cannot be reached the following persons will be pleased to give all relevant information:

*Dr. James Hunt, mobile 0172 726 5094
Todd Phillips, Tel. (0721) 75 65 80*

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved continuously and always available for the purposes of Holy Communion for those who are sick or housebound.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession and Absolution) and of the Sick (Anointing with laying on of hands) are also available for those who wish to make use of them, by arrangement with the Priest in Charge.

Information about preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage can also be obtained by telephoning the Priest in Charge.