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Zurich, Protestant Churches, and the Gospel

What has Zurich to do with London? Politically and religiously, we might answer: 'nothing at all'. But if so, we would be mistaken. Whenever a city council meets to make decisions about its locality and people, it is adopting and adapting the Zurich model. Whenever in an act of worship the bible is read and preached in one's own language in sequence, and whenever the Lord's Supper is celebrated with bread and wine with an everyday cup and plate (pictured) in a plain church building, we are continuing the reforms begun by Huldrych Zwingli at the Great Minster (Grossmünster) in Zurich.



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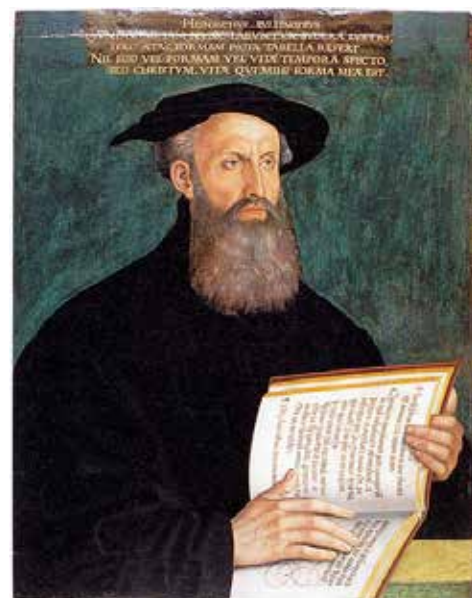
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Kloster Kappel



Heinrich Bullinger



I recently travelled to Switzerland as a representative of the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe in a consultation with the British and Irish Anglican Churches. We met at Kloster Kappel, a former Cistercian monastery and Protestant School, now a Conference Centre and Guesthouse of the Protestant Church of the Zurich Canton.

Kappel is upland from Lake Zurich and is the location where the Second Battle of Zurich, 1531, took place between Protestant and Catholic armies in which Zwingli was killed, beheaded, and hacked into four pieces.

One of Zwingli's original protests was about young Swiss men being employed as mercenary soldiers in a variety of European battles, resulting occasionally in young men from the same Swiss village fighting on opposing sides in foreign



Huldrych Zwingli

battlefields and killing one another. It was both tragic and ironic that Zwingli was killed by his fellow Swiss (it made me think about young men and women fighting today in Syria and Iraq in that complex and brutal inter-Islamist conflict). Zwingli's successor, Heinrich Bullinger, was previously head of the school at Kloster Kappel before he was

called to be Head Minister (Antistes) at the Great Minster at Zurich.

Bullinger has an often unrecognised significance for England, since from 1550 to 1560 there were circulating in England 77 editions of Bullinger's Latin "Decades" and 137 editions of their vernacular translation "House Book", a treatise in pastoral theology. Bullinger corresponded with monarchs Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Elizabeth I. Some historians count Bullinger together with Martin Bucer as the most influential theologians of the English Reformation. The Second Helvetic Confession, authored mainly by Bullinger, was adopted by Reformed Churches in Switzerland, Scotland, Hungary, France, and Poland.

When I sat down with with Protestant and Anglican representatives to talk about how we might pursue the goal of the "full visible unity" of our churches, I realised that the fact that we were able to do so peacefully and respectfully was something not to be taken for granted. We face common challenges of secularism and materialism and cultural fragmentation. The consultation resolved to encourage our churches to work together to counter competitive models of church life and develop Christian confidence in the gospel. The gospel message of the relationship that God offers us in Jesus Christ is the Church's distinctive gift. It is a message of grace: we cannot earn it, only receive it. It is a message of reconciliation: requiring us to work at living peacefully with God and with others. It is a message of good news: God loves us and calls from us an answering love.

Julian Templeton

Fellowship September Meeting

Richard Selby Middle Row, Chipping Barnet & Katebrigge, East Barnet

It was good to welcome back local historian Richard Selby to talk to us on 17 September. Firstly he gave us a most interesting history of Middle Row, which stood on land to the south of the church of St John the Baptist Chipping Barnet, originally a smaller building with an extensive cemetery. Middle Row included shops and market, plus a cage or 'lockup' prison cell for minor felons. Richard showed us slides of many early paintings and photographs depicting various periods in the life of Middle Row, including the devastating fire in that portion of the Row adjacent to the church and the remaining structure's subsequent removal. Its site, the first location of the War Memorial later removed to its present site in the churchyard, is now, as it has been since the trams and trolley buses arrived, a traffic feature and pedestrian refuge.



'Middle Row by Richard Selby'

The second part of Richard's talk was about Katebrigge – the bridge in East Barnet village crossing the Pymmes Brook which runs into Oak Hill Park. The name apparently derives from 'cattle bridge', which sounds more plausible than 'Cat Hill Bridge'. The crossing was originally very narrow and allowed only single lane passage for carts

and small carriages. Richard also told us about the various large houses in the area and again showed many early photographs to illustrate his most interesting and entertaining talk.

Patricia Picken

CHRISTMAS Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th November
10.30 am – 12 noon

Our last Coffee Morning for this year

No admission charge but there will be a plate for donations shared between the North London Hospice and church funds

Table stalls will give the opportunity to purchase small gifts and cards to support both national and local charities.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND COME TO SUPPORT US

David Paul

Thanks to everyone for their support for the collection for the **Miriam Dean Fund** taken on Sunday 28 September when we heard from two of the trustees, Andy and Sheila Moore, speaking about the work of the Fund. The sum of **£238.70** was raised.

Margaret & Trevor Barrowcliffe are now proud Grandparents. Their daughter, Jacqui, and her husband Franc, have a baby boy **Max Barrowcliffe – Vizcaino** Born on Sept 11th.

Calendar

November 2014

November	Saturday 1st	6:00pm	Winter Shelter
	Sunday 2nd	7:00am	Winter Shelter - Breakfast • All Souls Day
		11:00am	Worship with Memorial & Communion- Revd Julian Templeton
	Wednesday 5th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
	Thursday 6th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon - Vestry
	Saturday 8th	6:00pm	Winter Shelter
	Sunday 9th	7:00am	Winter Shelter - Breakfast
		10:45am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Worship - Led by Revd Roger Orme
		6:00pm	Highgate URC - Service with Bob Dylan Gospel songs
		8:00pm	Soul Food - Cancelled
	Tuesday 11th	8:00pm	Elders Meeting
	Wednesday 12th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
	Thursday 13th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon - Vestry
	Saturday 15th	10:30am	Coffee Morning - Large Hall
		6:00pm	Winter Shelter AT ST PETER'S this weekend only
		7:00am	Winter Shelter - Breakfast AT ST PETER'S this weekend only
	Sunday 16th	10:30am	Messy Church
		11:00am	Worship - Led by Revd Julian Templeton
		12:00pm	Church Meeting
	Tuesday 18th	3:30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting
	Wednesday 19th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
		8:00pm	Fellowship - Cruising by Train - Talk + Slides by Mike Peryer
	Thursday 20th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon - Vestry
	Saturday 22nd	6:00pm	Winter Shelter
	Sunday 23rd	7:00am	Winter Shelter - Breakfast
		11:00am	Worship - Led by Richard Harvey & Brenda Sandford
	Tuesday 25th	8:00pm	Prayer and Discussion Group - 37 Greenhill Park
		8:00pm	Justice & Peace Group
	Wednesday 26th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
		8:30pm	Men's Group
Thursday 27th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon - Vestry	
Saturday 29th	6:00pm	Winter Shelter	
Sunday 30th	7:00am	Winter Shelter - Breakfast	
	11:00am	Worship - Led by Roz Douglas & David Paul	
		1st Sunday in Advent (No Causeway today - Next Sunday instead)	

Calendar

Dec 2014 – Jan 2015

December	Wednesday 3rd	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club	December
	Thursday 4th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon – Vestry	
	Saturday 6th	6:00pm	Winter Shelter	
	Sunday 7th	7:00am	Winter Shelter – Breakfast	
		11:00am	ADVENT 2 Worship – Led by Revd Julian Templeton	
		3:00pm	Causeway Service	
	Tuesday 9th	8:00pm	Elders Meeting	
	Wednesday 10th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club	
	Thursday 11th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon – Vestry	
		8:00pm	Men's Group – Curry Evening	
	Saturday 13th	6:00pm	Winter Shelter	
	Sunday 14th	7:00am	Winter Shelter – Breakfast	
		11:00am	ADVENT 3 Worship – Led by Helen Snider & Andrew Summers	
		8:00pm	Soul Food	
	Wednesday 17th		No Weds 4 Kids Club	
	Thursday 18th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon – Vestry	
	Saturday 20th	6:00pm	Winter Shelter	
	Sunday 21st	7:00am	Winter Shelter – Breakfast	
		11:00am	ADVENT 4 Worship – Led by Revd Roger Orme	
		4:30pm	Carol Service – All Visitors Welcome. St John's Choir will be joined by singers from Highgate URC for this Special Service	
Wednesday 24th	11:30pm	CHRISTMAS EVE Carol & Communion Service led by Revd Julian Templeton		
Thursday 25th	10:30am	CHRISTMAS DAY All Age Carol Service, led by Revd Julian Templeton		
Saturday 27th		Copy Deadline for next edition of Church Record		
	6:00pm	Winter Shelter •		
Sunday 28th	7:00am	Winter Shelter – Breakfast		
	11:00am	Worship – Led by Alison Bond • No Causeway service this Sunday		
January	Saturday 3rd	6:00pm	Winter Shelter	January
	Sunday 4th	7:00am	Winter Shelter – Breakfast	
		11:00am	Worship – Led by Revd Julian Templeton	
	Wednesday 7th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club	
	Thursday 8th	12:00pm	Prayer at Noon – Vestry	
	Saturday 10th	6:00pm	Winter Shelter	
	Sunday 11th	7:00am	Winter Shelter – Breakfast	
		11:00am	Worship – Led by Paul Elsdon & Meg Hardie	
	8:00pm	Soul Food		

My Famous Appreciative Pupil

Several of the congregation at St. John's will know that in September 1960 I started teaching at Southaw School for Girls in Russell Lane, Whetstone, now sadly a block of flats. I was in charge of music and as well as the usual lessons of singing, music appreciation and recorders I ran the choir. Every Christmas we had a carol service and in the summer performed adaptations of operas.

Soon after I started teaching I noticed a small enthusiastic girl called Elaine Paige who had a clear tuneful voice. As well as singing solos in choir concerts, her first acting role was as one of the slaves in "Papageno" an adaptation of "The Magic Flute", followed by Barbarina in "The Marriage of Figaro" and finally before she left Southaw to go to The Ada Foster school she starred as Bastienne in Mozart's opera "Bastien and Bastienne" which he wrote aged twelve.

Elaine kept in touch with me when she left school and I was one of the surprise guests on her "This is Your Life" after she found fame in "Evita". She had to wait a long time for her success, doing secretarial work in between chorus parts. She has been most generous in sending me tickets and taking me out to dinner to celebrate a special birthday.



On October 20th she invited me to the Royal Albert Hall where she was performing to celebrate "50 Years in Show Business". The BBC Concert orchestra accompanied her and she sang the songs she has made famous from the shows; Evita, Cats, Chess, Sunset Boulevard etc. A large screen was in front of the organ and during the song "Friends" photos were shown, Elaine with Elton John, Freddie Mercury, Paul McCartney and then Ann Kirby. I was so surprised.

After the show we were invited backstage and she was so generous with her praise and thanks as I was to her. She said singing to an audience of nine thousand in China was scary.

I keep in touch with several talented old pupils, (some of whom have their bus passes) and even some young ones like Sarah Harvey! I found being a teacher most fulfilling.

Ann Kirby



On Sunday 19 October, Sarah Beaumont was inducted to serve a further term as Elder. The Minister and Elders prayed for God's blessing on her.

Credo: The response of faith

Wise is the congregation
 in which the proclamation of the gospel
 is accepted as the word of God,
 which is at work in you who believe (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
 leading to both confession and praise,
 both repentance and a commitment to service,
 both compassion and a passion for justice,
 both personal and communal actions,
 both new obedience and profound gratitude.
 Blessed is the congregation
 that invites believers to testify to the goodness of God
 by expressing the faith of the church
 that transcends and forms our individual experiences
 and unites us with believers across cultures and centuries,
 and by testifying to the work of God
 in the life of the local community.

From 'Worshipping God' a collection of proverbs on the practice of worship across the many cultures and contexts of the Reformed Church.

Valerie Mills

SUNDAY NINTH NOVEMBER

FEATURING THE GOSPEL SONGS OF

BOB DYLAN

EVENING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 6PM

POND SQUARE CHAPEL

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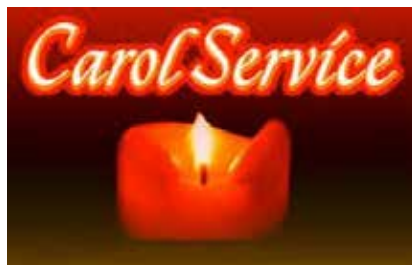
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Advent and Christmas Services

Sunday 21 December

11:00 am Advent 4

Worship led by Rev'd Roger Orme



4:30 pm Carol Service

with Combined Choir from St John's and Highgate URC's with

All Age Nativity talk led by Rev'd Julian Templeton



Christmas Eve

11:30 pm

Carol and Communion Service



Christmas Day

10:30 am

All Age Carol Service

28th December

First Sunday of Christmas

11.00 am Worship led by Alison Bond

Revised Common Lectionary

- Nov 9 Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13
- Nov 16 Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30
- Nov 23 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
- Nov 30 Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
- Dec 7 Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
- Dec 14 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
- Dec 21 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
- Dec 24/25 Isaiah 9:2-7/62:6-12; Psalm 96/97; Titus 2:11-14/3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20/John 1:1-14
- Dec 28 Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
- Jan 4 Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- Jan 11 Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11



Thank you to everyone who supported the Gaza Crisis Appeal. Members and friends of St John's raised £557, £290 of which was Gift Aided, adding a further £72.50 to the total.