

NEUCHÂTEL CHURCH MAGAZINE – JUNE 2009

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IMPORTANT!!!!!!

JUNE 14th 2009 10.30 am

Our service will be at **All Saints Church, Vevey**, when Emma Packer, a member of our church, will be confirmed by the Bishop. After the service, we shall have a meal together – Mieke will reserve a table(s) for us, so can you let her know by June 7th if you would like to be there. 032 730 5183

We shall meet at 8.50 in the Migros Peseux car-park where we can maybe leave a few cars. Departure at 9am. If you need a lift, please contact Roy.

NO EVENING SERVICE AT CHARMETTES ON THAT DAY

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Message from Roy and Mieke

Thank you for all who came to the Annual General Meeting in April; I have heard from several people that they thought that this was one of best in recent times. We certainly covered a lot of ground and made some very significant decisions about the life and future of the church. For me it was wonderful that the most animated discussion ranged around how to give away the surplus funds (~1000 Fr) that weren't already committed. What a generous church and long may it continue.

One of the decisions we made was to re-associate ourselves with the Intercontinental Church Society, which is one of the mission bodies of the Church of England, through them we shall receive much prayer support and will appear in their Prayer Diary each month on the 24th day.



We need to devote ourselves to prayer and spreading the good news of the gospel, if the church is to be viable in the future years it must grow and spread out from the base it has at the moment [just look at the powerful growth of the vines at the moment]. We may have to change the times of the services to fit

in with the patterns of families or even change the way we do things, all this needs much prayer and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As I write this, we are preparing for the $\frac{1}{2}$ day away at Cénacle on the 17th May, and the results of that 'Time to Think' should inform our discussions over the summer and beyond.

As I have said to several members over the past few months 'pray your socks off' or in a more spiritual form 'pray continually' (1Thessalonians 15¹⁶⁻¹⁷).

18 members attended the "Time to Think" morning on May 17th enjoying hospitality at the beautiful Cénacle Community house in St Aubin.

Dear John,

Just returned from Le Cénacle, named after the upper room in Jerusalem where you all waited for the enabling of the Spirit. The letter to the angel at Neuchâtel seems to have gone missing from your Revelation, so we prayed for the Spirit's guidance that we might see our strengths, weaknesses, threats and possibilities as He would see them. We were commended for our ecumenism, our stickability in hanging in over the past, and reminded that our prayers have been answered by Roy and Mieke becoming resident in the area. However..... we need to act NOW to adapt to the needs and expectations of those who have yet to join us. Our means are small but our vision is enormous. So we must take seriously the promise of our Lord "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no-one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." Rev. 3 v. 8 May the Lord bless the little strengths that each of us have to offer, and may we offer them willingly, that the light of His truth may burn ever brighter among the English-speaking community in Neuchâtel.



There will no doubt be official reports of the day and positive action should start soon, but I thought you'd be glad to hear about the general mood of the morning, embellished by the glorious sunshine and the peaceful welcome of the sisters who shared in our short time of worship and communion before lunch.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all God's people.

Rosemarie